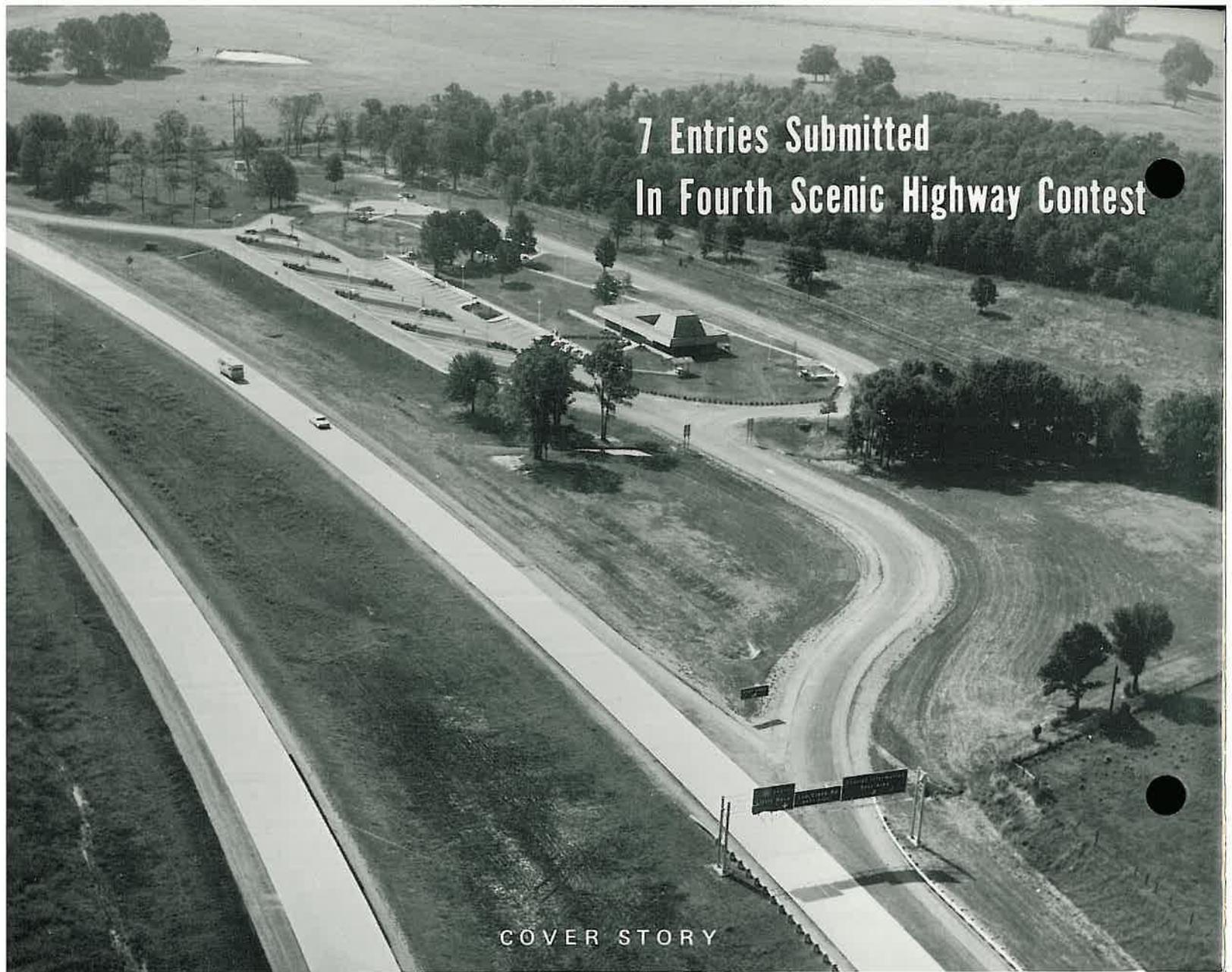


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## 7 Entries Submitted In Fourth Scenic Highway Contest

### COVER STORY

The Highway Department has submitted seven entries in the Department of Transportation's Fourth Annual Awards for Excellence/1971, "The Highway and Its Environment."

The tourist information center and safety rest area on I-40 near the Arkansas-Oklahoma line north of Fort Smith (front cover) was one of the entries. The site was selected because of an abundance of trees and natural topographic features which provide scenic beauty. The architectural treatment was selected to blend with the rustic character of the area.

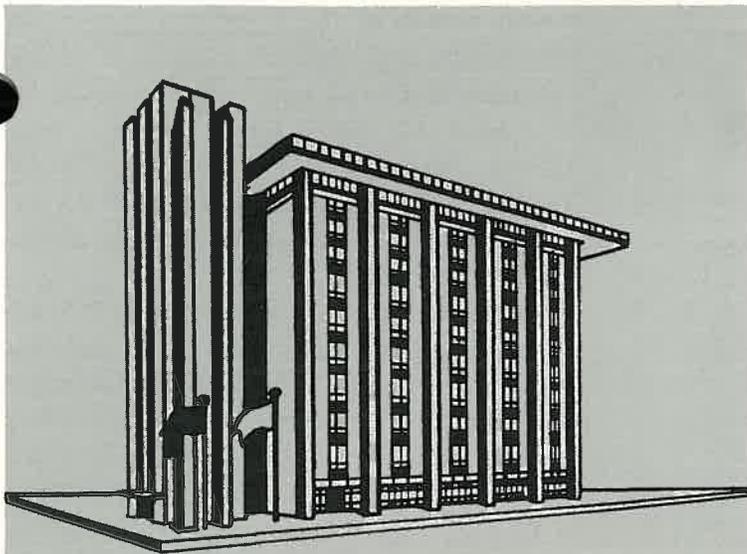
Other entries included: (a) the Dollar Way roadside park on U.S. 65 between Little Rock and Pine Bluff; (b) a relocated section of U.S. 71 at Greenwood which necessitated a 110-foot cut through a backbone ridge (July-Aug. Sept. cover picture); (c) the Highway 186 grade separation on I-40 north of Altus; (d) a view of I-40 looking west, west of Ozark; and

(e & f) looking east on I-40 at two locations west of Ozark.

The Dollar Way entry shows a small portion of the old "Dollar Way" road, a narrow and tortuous route so named because the construction costs for the 9-foot-wide, roadway of 5-inch-deep concrete approximated one dollar per lineal foot when the 24-mile-long road was built in 1913-14.

The terraces, or bermes, on the hogback slopes near Greenwood minimize erosion and add to the natural beauty of the area.

A substructure of corten steel, left unpainted for natural oxidation, gives a rustic look to the Highway 186 grade separation. However, the motoring public will have to wait awhile to see this section of I-40. It is located on the only remaining incomplete section of I-40 west of Little Rock, which will not be opened to traffic until the spring of 1972.



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### OKLAHOMANS VISIT AHD



Four Oklahoma Highway commissioners and the Highway Director visited the Arkansas Highway Department August 25 to observe bid letting and Commission meeting procedures. In the picture are, l. to r.: B. L. Klutts, AHC J. C. Patterson, AHC George Kell; William H. Bell, Hubert Gagg, D. K. Swon, AHC John Harsh and Chester Brooks, the director.



# Texarkana Route Dedicated

*Left to right: FHWA Div. Engr. Charles McMillen; Dir. Ward Goodman; Commissioner Maurice Smith; G. C. Shell (glasses), chairman of the Highway Committee of the Chamber of Commerce; Rep. Charles Wade; C of C Pres. James Morris; Commissioner John Harsh (holding Jennifer Raines), Commissioner J. C. Patterson, Sen. Bob Douglas, Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, Dist. Engr. John Tallant, Res. Engr. Charles Mauk and Pub. Rel. Officer Bill Looney.*

The second section of the Texarkana loop route around the eastern and southern boundaries of the city was formally dedicated and opened to traffic on Thursday, August 12. The 1.6-mile section, designated Highway 245, extends from I-30 to U.S. 67 east of Texarkana. It greatly expedites traffic to the industrial area and to the airport, while easing downtown congestion.

The first section, from Tennessee Road to U.S. 82 and now called Cooper Road because it provides access to Cooper Tire and Rubber Company, was completed and opened to traffic in July, 1969.

Dedication ceremonies for the new four-lane divided urban connection were held at the Highway 245 exit from I-30 at 11:00. Mayor Jack Trigg was the master of ceremonies. Senator Bob Douglas introduced the Highway Commission members and Department officials attending. Representatives David Orr and Charles Wade and several officials of the Atlanta district of the Texas Highway Department also attended.

Little Miss Jennifer Raines, 22-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Raines of Texarkana, was chosen to help cut the ribbon when Miss Texarkana, Cathy Cox, had a last minute conflict. Earl Raines is an assistant engineer with Res. Engr. Charles Mauk's residency at Texarkana. Mauk supervised the Highway 245 construction. The project, which cost \$1,111,975, was built by Reynolds & Williams, Inc. of Little Rock. John Tallant is the district engineer in the Texarkana area.

At noon the Highway officials were honored at a luncheon at Holiday Inn hosted by the Highway Committee of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce. Carlos Shell is the Committee chairman.



*Mayor Jack Trigg, speaking, while Dist. Engr. John Tallant, Hope; Commissioner J. C. Patterson of Lavaca and Sen. Bob Douglas of Texarkana listen.*



*James Ward, member of the C of C Highway Committee, left; C of C Exec. Vice President L. E. Gilliland, center, and Commissioner Maurice Smith.*



*Dir. Ward Goodman, left, C of C President James C. Morris, center, and Luther McClure, a member of the C of C Highway Committee.*



*G. C. Shell, chairman of the C of C Highway Committee, left; Advance Planning Engr. Carl McChesney, center; and Res. Engr. Lawrence Jester, Texas Highway Dept.*

*Res. Engr. Charles Mauk, right, brought along his secretary, Debra Eaton, so she could see what a highway dedication is like. Here she exchanges pleasantries with District Engr. Calvin Peevy of Fort Smith. Commissioner Patterson, left, gets in on the fun, too.*



*G.A. Youngs, district engineer, left, Montie Wade, senior planning engineer, center, both with the Texas Highway Dept. and Asst. Mgr. James C. Evans of the Texarkana C of C.*





*Left to right: Wayne Hampton, Roscoe Brown, Charles McMillen, Lawrence Blackwell, Neil Stallings, Truman Baker, J. C. Patterson, Janie Gardner, John Harsh, Maurice Smith, Bill Clark, Douglas Bradley, B. K. Cooper, Henry Gray, and Sam Smith.*

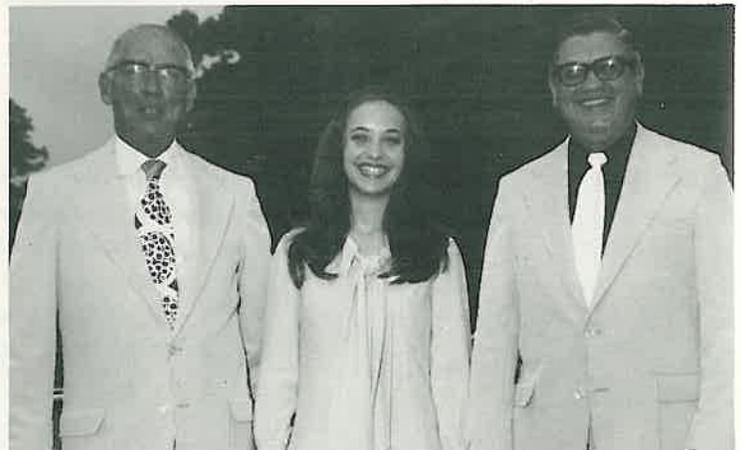
## U.S. 63 Bypass At Jonesboro Completed

Construction of the U.S. 63 bypass along the southern and western sides of Jonesboro has been completed and formally dedicated. The 10-mile-long, two-lane facility greatly expedites through traffic in the city and greatly relieves the congestion of downtown traffic. It was built at a cost of \$4,993,094 by Hadley Construction Company of Humboldt, Tenn. and Freshour Construction Company of Sweet Home.

The projected traffic volume along the new route is expected to reach 15,000 vehicles per day by the end of this decade. Provisions were made in the design for expansion to four lanes when future traffic demands it.

Dedication ceremonies were held at Shady Park on the northwest end of the bypass the morning of August 5. Hosts for the dedication and a luncheon afterward at the Elks Club were Mayor Neil J. Stallings and Craighead County Judge Bill R. Clark. Janie Gardner, first runner-up to Miss Jonesboro, cut the ribbon.

Douglas Bradley, Jonesboro attorney, acted as master of ceremonies at both the dedication and luncheon. Commissioner Maurice Smith of Birdeye introduced the other commissioners and Department officials attending, who were Commissioners John



*Commissioner Blackwell, Miss Gardner and Judge Clark.*

Harsh of Magnolia, J. C. Patterson of Lavaca and Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff, Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper and Pub. Relations Officer Bill Looney of Little Rock, Dist. Engr. M.S. Smith III and Maint. Supt. Darrell Holder of Paragould, and Res. Engr. Claude Parton of Jonesboro.



*Craighead County Judge Bill Clark*



*Commissioner Maurice Smith*



*Jonesboro Mayor Neil J. Stallings*



*Left to right: Howard Beasley, executive vice president of Cherry Valley Bank, FHWA Div. Engr. Charles McMillen, Dist. 5 Engr. J. R. Chaney, Jack Freshour of Freshour Construction Company, and Dist. 1 Engr. Bill Mulhollen.*



*Dist. 10 Maint. Supt. Darrell Holder, left, and Res. Engr. Claude Parton.*

*Left to right: Commissioner Smith, Senator Tom Watson, Commissioner Harsh, Representative Roscoe Brown and Dist. Engr. M. S. Smith III exclaim over the presentation of gold shower heads presented by the Chamber of Commerce.*

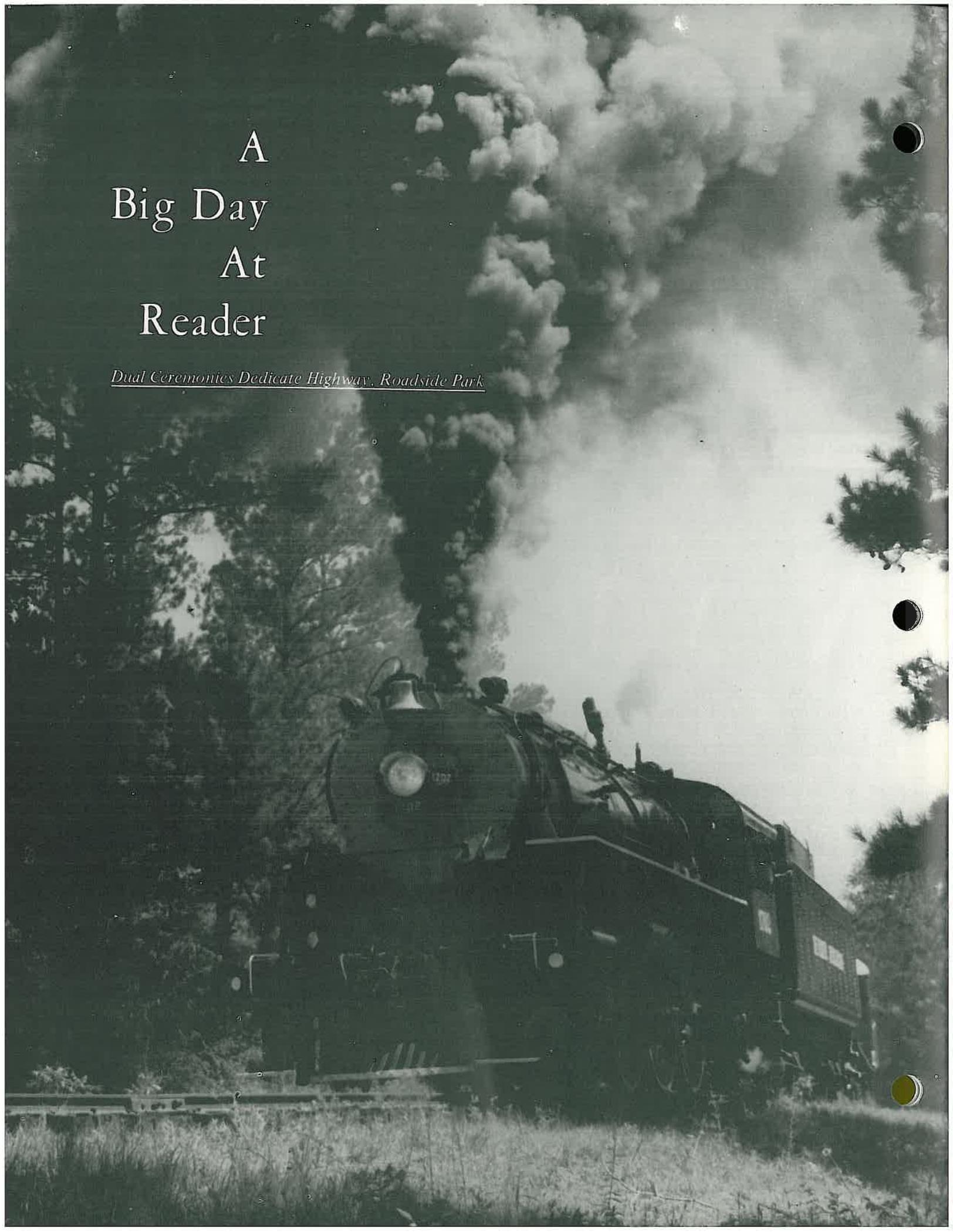


Other distinguished guests included FHWA Div. Engr. Charles McMillen of Little Rock, former Highway Commission chairmen Truman Baker of Searcy and Rep. Wayne Hampton of Bayou Meto, Rep. Roscoe Brown of Jonesboro and Sen. Tom Watson of Monette. Joe N. Martin, president of Home Federal Savings and one of the local citizens who had helped plan the highway dedication, was ill and unable to attend.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, city and county officials and their guests formed a motorcade, travelling the length of the road enroute to the Elks Club. During the luncheon the Commission members and highway officials were presented gold shower heads manufactured at Jonesboro.

A  
Big Day  
At  
Reader

Dual Ceremonies Dedicate Highway, Roadside Park



*Miss Rhonda Harper snips the ribbon to officially open the Lewis Johnson Park and a section of Highway 368 at Reader. With her are left to right, Greg Turner, son of Mayor Ed Turner; Pub. Rel. Officer Bill Looney; Bud Witter, state supervisor of Green Thumb and former R.O.W. employee; Ouachita County Judge Alfred Stinnett; Congressman David Pryor; Senator J.A. "Dooley" Womack; Commission Chairman John Harsh; Dist. Engr. John Tallant (sun glasses); Reader Mayor Ed Turner; Lewis J. "Red" Johnson; Senator Olen Hendrix and Nevada County Judge Ralph Barnes.*



Reader, Arkansas is a very small, very rural community located a stone's throw from the corner where Nevada, Clark and Ouachita counties meet, but on August 7 an estimated 2,500 people made their way to the well-known railroad junction to be part of a gala afternoon of fun, fiddlin' and food similar to the old-fashioned sociables of days gone by.

One of the reasons for the gathering of so many on such a hot Saturday afternoon was to dedicate the last improved section of Highway 368, from Reader westward for 2.8 miles to a junction with Highway 24. The Department improved 4.1 miles of the highway, from its south junction with Highway 24 west of Chidester to Reader, in 1968.

The second outstanding event of the day was the dedication of Lewis J. Johnson Green Thumb Park at Reader. A Green Thumb crew headed up by Foreman J. W. Myrick built the park in honor of Johnson, who comes from Reader and is now president of Arkansas Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company. National Farmers Union sponsors Green Thumb, a federal program designed to provide extra work for low income rural elderly persons. Bud Witter, retired A.H.D. employee, is the state supervisor for Green Thumb.

The five-acre park was constructed with a rustic motif to blend in with its surroundings and Highway 368, the main access route to the park, was construc-

ted to give the impression of a quiet wooded lane. Completion of the park will include approximately forty acres of nature trails, camping facilities and scenic plants found in abundance in the area.

Senator Olen Hendrix, the master of ceremonies, introduced Highway Commission Chairman John Harsh, saying that the Highway Department was one of the State's finest organizations, which accomplished a lot of hard work and got a dollar's worth of work for each dollar expended. The completed highway project is a source of pride to Reader citizens, who took a new look at their community in the early sixties and undertook an ambitious progress movement.

Reader Mayor Ed Turner introduced a group of the distinguished guests, including Tony DeChant, national president of Farmers Union from Washington, D.C.; Congressman David Pryor of Camden, State Senator J. A. "Dooley" Womack of Camden, Representatives Chuck Honey of Prescott and Grady Arrington of Stephens, Ouachita County Judge Alfred Stinnett, Nevada County Judge Ralph Barnes, and Pulaski County Judge Frank Mackey.

Lewis Johnson, Sr. was presented the Green Thumb Citation of Concern by his son, Lewis J. Johnson, Jr., regional director of Green Thumb. After the park

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dedication, Mayor Turner and Miss Rhonda Harper snipped a ribbon officially opening the highway, with the Possum Trot Line Train No. 1 in the background.

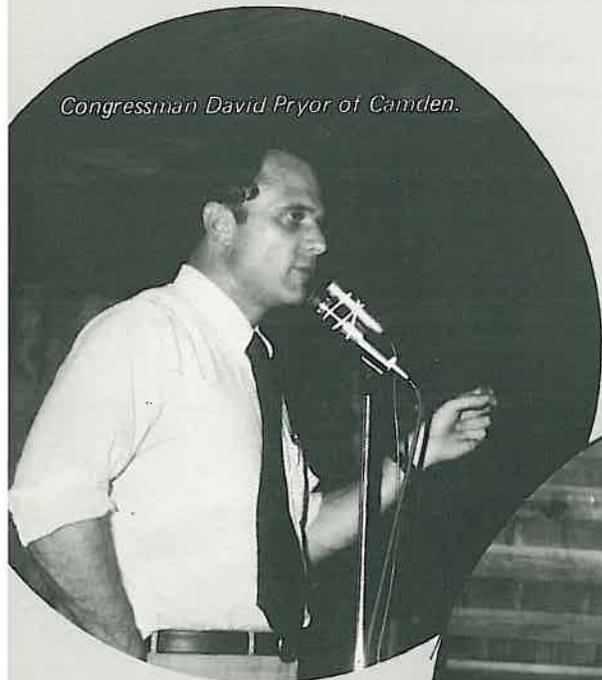
The afternoon's festivities began with a concert of folk music by the Green Thumb fiddlers from Mountain View. After the dedications the public was treated to home-made cake (100 were baked by Reader housewives), watermelon, cantaloupe, ice cream furnished courtesy of Ouachita Valley Dairy and drinks courtesy of Coca Cola Bottling Company of Camden.

The Reader Railroad was granted special permission by the Arkansas Transportation Commission to offer free rides to those attending the dedications aboard the Possum Trot Line and Tom W. M. Long, president and general manager from Shreveport, was on hand to personally handle the controls. People from all over the United States come to Reader to ride the only remaining regularly scheduled mixed (passengers and freight) train powered exclusively by steam.



*Mr. and Mrs. Harsh board the Reader Train. Pres. and Gen. Mgr. Tom Long, left, took over the duties of usual conductor Charles Ost, for the day. The porter is Johnnie Walter.*

*Congressman David Pryor of Camden.*



*State Senator Olen Hendrix of Prescott.*



*Commission Chairman John Harsh of Magnolia.*





# Here, There and Everywhere

**MINNESOTA** — The Hiwayan Choraliers is an a capella group of singers from the Central Office of the Minnesota Highway Department. The organization was first formed in the 1930s. Edward Pasch, the gentleman on the front row, is the director. It is unusual to see a choral group, particularly a voluntary one, which has more men singers than women. The Choraliers sing all types of music and perform at Highway functions, the Minnesota State Fair, the governor's Christmas reception for state employees and the inaugural employee reception when a new governor takes office.



**FLORIDA** — Recently a patrolman pulled up short of the collection point at a toll bridge in the state and motioned for the lady toll collector to go into her booth and turn her head. She obeyed but of course was curious to know why. She later found out that a robbery victim who had lost everything — including his clothes! — was in the police car and the trooper didn't want to embarrass the lady or his passenger.

**NORTH CAROLINA** — The Traffic Engineering Department of the North Carolina Highway Department's charitable side is showing. The employees adopted three children from Taiwan in April of this year, two girls age 8, and one boy, age 12. The boy and one of the girls are brother and sister. Through the aid of North Carolina Highway employees, the brother and sister are able to live at home with their widowed mother who cannot support them alone. The other little girl lives at the Christian Children's Fund orphanage in Taiwan, the only home she has ever known.



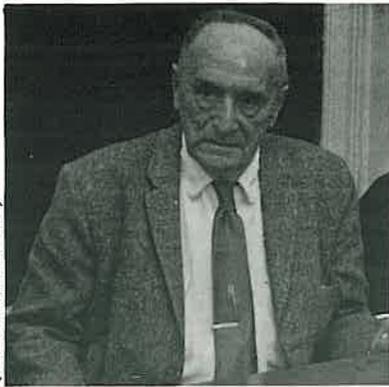
**SOUTH CAROLINA** — The situation above is what might be called a half-accident. The driver of the truck, who came out of it without apparent injury, said he intentionally drove the truck up the backslope behind the abutment, but only after he went to sleep and woke up to hear the rumble of the tires on the gravel-surfaced paved shoulder. Reasoning that it was too late to get the truck back on the highway, he steered it up the slope.

**TEXAS** — Two Texas cities are experimenting with special traffic problems. Two years ago the City of Wichita Falls' Traffic Department installed a unique traffic signal at two locations to aid blind pedestrians. A small solid-state audible signal device was developed and tied in with the "Walk—Don't Walk" signals at two intersections with heavy pedestrian traffic. The device, whose tone range can be varied rather widely by changing a capacitor, gives one tone for north-south crossings and a second for east-west crossings. Response to the signals has been very good and the City has received numerous requests for units to be installed at many signalized intersections.

More recently, the City of Amarillo began an experiment with a way to aid color-blind drivers. Generally, the placement of various colors on traffic signals is standard but at intersections where a signal flashes caution on one side and stop on the other, the color blind driver has a problem, so the city traffic department applied 2" wide strips to the face of the flashers — a vertical strip on the amber lens and a horizontal strip on the red lens.

# Obituaries

## FORMER AHC MEMBER DIES



(Times-Echo Photo)

### One of State's Most Prominent Citizens

Richard Ryan Thompson of Eureka Springs, a member of the Highway Commission when the State Highway Department was in its infancy, died August 28 at the age of 93. He remained active in his business, the Ozarka Water Company, until he sold it in 1967 at the age of 89. Mr. Thompson suffered a gradual loss of vision over a period of several years but his outlook on life apparently remained undimmed, as evidenced by the following excerpt from a letter that he wrote to AHC Chairman Armil Taylor in March, 1968:

*"... Receipt of your letter of March 11 brought me thrills aplenty, although they were accompanied by a pocketful of regrets. The regrets are (a) that I am getting a little too old for today's rush... (b) I began to lose my vision about ten years ago... and while the specialists told me early that I would not go blind, they have almost missed their prophecy... I can't think of anything that would give me more pleasure than to attend this party... I could go on and give you some history that would be entertaining..."*

The party to which Mr. Thompson referred was a dinner given by the Highway Commission in March, 1968 honoring all past commissioners.

Mr. Thompson served on the Highway Commission from March 28, 1917 to

May 26, 1921. At that time the Commission consisted of only three members

Mr. Thompson was a state senator from 1935-1939 and during that time he served as chairman of the Joint Budget Committee. He was an outstanding spokesman for education, sounding almost prophetic when he said in a speech made at Little Rock in 1936 "... If we provide an education for every child, Arkansas will be pointed to as a state desirable to live in..."

Mr. Thompson was born in Fulton, Ky. on January 23, 1878 and came to Eureka Springs in 1908 to "assist in the operation" of Crescent College and Conservatory, an exclusive boarding school for girls and young women housed in the Crescent Hotel. Two years later he became president of the school and immediately set about reorganizing it into a nationally known junior college. He closed the school in 1924 because the owners insisted that he purchase the property at a prohibitive price, or vacate. In 1924 he acquired the Ozarka Water Company and through the years became a major distributor of mineral water in the United States. Ozarka was the only shipper of spring water by the tank carload for resale. He also was the developer of the Lake Lucerne Resort and once owned the Palace Hotel in Eureka Springs.

Thompson was a graduate of Union University and held a master's degree from the University of Michigan. He was honored with lifetime membership in the Elks Club; was a Rotarian and an active member of the Chamber of Commerce for many years; and was a director of the Bank of Eureka Springs for 40 years. He was a member of several Little Rock groups including Quapaw Businessmen. He was an Episcopalian.

In the December 28, 1967 issue of the Eureka Springs *Times-Echo*, Mr. Thompson was one of three citizens in the city aged 89 years and above who were featured in a story because all of them were still active in their businesses.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Johnnie Key Thompson, now of Little Rock; two daughters, Mrs.

Ruth Thompson Nance and Mrs. Nancy Thompson Whitaker, both of Tampa, Fla. and nine grandchildren.



TRAVIS G. ORTON, SR.

Travis Guy Orton, Sr., 62, 3220 Lamar Street, Little Rock, died September 15. He had been a squad boss in the Roadway Design Division since 1936 except during the World War II years, when he worked for the federal government, assisting in the design and construction of Camps Robinson and Chaffee. He had been with the Department 36 years when he took early retirement in November, 1970 because of ill health.

Orton was a registered professional engineer and a member of the state and national engineering societies. Some of the projects his squad designed were the section of I-40 from Big Piney Creek to London in Pope County, the Texarkana-Fulton section of I-30, I-540 from Highway 22 to I-40 in Fort Smith and Van Buren, the U.S. 71 bypass at Greenwood and the U.S. 71 Loop at Fayetteville.

Orton was reared and educated in Fort Smith and was a member of Western Star Lodge No. 2. He was a Baptist.

Funeral services were held in Fort Smith on September 18. Burial was in Rose Lawn cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Wilma Lane Orton; three sons, Travis, Jr. of Russellville, and Donald and Sydney, both of Little Rock; one daughter, Mrs. Wilma (Billie) Faries, Anchorage, Alaska; three brothers, two sisters and 12 grandchildren.



Hey, Hey, Ho, Ho — Arkansas to the Cotton Bowl! As Jackie Gleason would say, “How swe-e-e-t it is!!”

Though the feel of summer persists, the look of fall is getting here. A gum tree which I can see from my window has donned a cloak of rich russet.

We'd like you to meet our new District reporter, Alice Bauer. She started work for Dist. Engr. John Price on August 10 and reported news for the last time. As you can see, Alice makes a lovely addition to the Russellville office and her news is a welcome addition to the magazine.



*Alice Bauer*

Linda Winbury is now the reporter from the Accounting Division and thanks is due her for an interesting and well-written column.

Debra Smith of Van Buren is Res. Engr. Carl Sanders' new secretary and the District 4 reporter. She replaces reporter Reta Fleming who moved to Jacksonville. Lovely Debbie was Miss Van Buren of 1970 and in that capacity, helped cut the ribbon for the Dora information center shown on the cover (story, Apr.-May-June, 1971 issue). Welcome to the highway crew, Debbie.



*Debra Smith*

Sue McKelvey of Weights and Standards received a 5-year pin and certificate

from Weights Chief Roy L. Johnson on September 16. She began her Highway career in the Accounting Division and transferred to Weights and Standards July 1 of this year.



*Sue McKelvey receives a 5-year certificate from Chief Roy Johnson.*

Joy Pewitt, an engineer in the Traffic Division, and Clay Cross, Jr. of Dumas were wed in a ceremony at the home of her mother, Mrs. Harry Pewitt of Watson, on Friday evening, October 1. Congratulations and best wishes for lotsa happiness.



*Mrs. Clay Cross, Jr. (Photo-Greer Lile)*

William L. “Junior” Thompson, Jr. and his golfing buddy, Andy Ryan have been blitzing the links lately. They won the annual Walnut Ridge Golf Club 4-Ball tournament in September and a 2-man scramble tournament in August. Thompson, a Weights officer stationed at the Hoxie weight station, landed a 20-foot putt to win the 4-ball tourney. In the scramble tournament, Thompson and Ryan tied with another team and then

won on the first hole of a sudden death playoff.

Billy F. Prince of Mount Ida, a party chief with the Surveys Division, has completed 20 years of service with the Department and received a certificate and lapel pin on September 13.



*Surveys Engr. Charles Venable presents an award to Billy F. Prince, left.*

Three Materials & Tests employees received 20-year service awards the first of September and the occasion was noted with cake and punch in the lobby of M&T's office. The girls always arrange such a pretty party table, with flowers, tablecloth, candlesticks and the whole works. Frances Roller is a secretary in the office. Neil Roach is a construction inspector and Hayes Medlock, who lives at Plumerville, is a materials inspector. The awards were presented by M&T Engr. Joe Magness. We are sorry to learn that Hayes suffered a heart attack a few days ago and is in a Morrilton hospital at this time. We wish for a speedy, complete recovery.



*Neil Roach, left, Frances Roller and Hayes Medlock.*

Bill Bosley's wife Donna was elected second vice president of Chi Omega Jun-

ior Alumnae Club for the coming year. Bill is a Maintenance Division assistant.

I. V. White, a mechanic who spends most of his time "down under", is one of District 2's best fishermen. He recently caught a 24 pound catfish out of Bayou Bartholomew.



*I. V. White*

Just after the July-August-September issue went to press, two employees correctly identified the Where Is It? as being an old shack on Highway 317 between Millwood Reservoir and the junction of Highway 32 near Fomby in Little River County. They were Little River County Area Foreman Lige Scott and John W. Barham, a maintenance employee at Hope.

Two Highway wives are among the 1971-72 officers of the Auxiliary to Central Arkansas chapter of Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers. Adele Mattox, wife of Operations Engr. Bob Mattox, is the vice president, and Rebecca Daggett, wife of recently retired Pete Daggett, is the secretary.



*Mrs. Mattox, c., and Mrs. Daggett, r. Mrs. Kent Pettit, seated, is the president and Mrs. William J. Driggers, l., is the treasurer.*

## TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Jim Tucker of Maintenance and Bill Headrick of Traffic Division won out over Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper and Jim Barnett of Traffic for the championship of the Highway Department's Scramble tournament played on Long Hills links at Benton October 7-10.



*Tucker, I., and Headrick*

Bob Narrell, Roadway Design, and Marlin Powell, P&R, won the AHD 4-Ball Tournament played at War Memorial in August (July-Aug.-Sept. issue). Among the 80 teams who entered the first tournament held by the new Coulter Lake Country Club were Powell and Headrick, who came out runner-up (one stroke behind) in the third flight.



*Narrell, I., and Powell*

## DEPARTMENT NEWS



### ACCOUNTING DIVISION

by Linda Winburg

It's been a while since we have heard from the Accounting Division.

Our newest employees are Judy Hornbrook, Gina Musick, and Brenda Templeton. Gina is married to Bobby Jack Musick and they have a 4-year-old daughter, Tracy. Gina has several hobbies which include horseback riding, painting and crafts, needlework, sewing, crochet, and playing the guitar! Brenda is from Little Rock and was formerly employed in Computer Services. Her hobbies are bowling, reading, horseback riding and swimming.

Two employees, Linda Winbury and Butch Garner, received their 5-year service awards in September. Butch formerly worked in District 6. Irene Hawkins received her 20-year service award in July. Al, what's this about you receiving a one-year award?

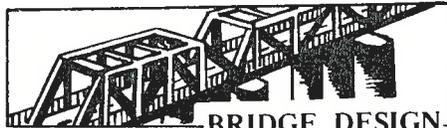
Frank Phillips has a new Chevrolet. As of yet, he hasn't taken us for a ride.

We offer our sympathy to Georgia Cottrell in the death of her brother, Arch Bush.

Vacation season is about over. Lee Wagner took quite a trip in September. He took his daughter back to college in St. Louis, Mo. and from there traveled to Iowa and Denver, Colo. Lately, he has made a couple of trips to Fayetteville. Wonder why?

Mildred Harness must stay active to keep up with her granddaughter. Lisa is in the first grade and is taking dancing lessons. Good luck, Mildred!

Our birthday people the last three months have been Ola Hawkins, Tommy Ellis, and Georgia Cottrell.



### BRIDGE DESIGN

by Willie Whitmire

Hello! Have you looked outside lately? Winter is almost here. By the time this reaches my vast number of readers, there will be hunting stories going from 8:00 to 4:00. Well, enough of the stuff you like to hear and on with the gossip from my division.

Dallas Vire and family spent two beautiful weeks in the Smoky Mountains, seeing all the sights. Each night they found a roadside park and camped. Never failing to capitalize on an opportunity to practice on their musical instruments, each night they entertained the other campers at the camp site. Sounds as if there are still a few people who know how to spend a vacation.

Speaking of vacation, Harry Dinsmore spent his vacation as usual. You see, Harry is one of those marvelous people who spends his vacation at Boy Scout camp each year for you and I. We have a ball on our vacations!

Veral Pinkerton took his family to Six Flags for a short vacation. He was grinning from ear to ear when he returned, so he either had a good time, or was just happy to be away from here (I wonder?).

Jim Matthews was on military leave for a couple of weeks. His wife, daughter and son-in-law went with him and they all visited Mrs. Matthews' grandmother in Old Mexico. Mrs. Matthews had not seen her in about 20 years.

Dale Loe visited his sister in Florida for a week. Wonder what she fixed him up with while he was there???

Welcome back J.P.! Many of you will remember J.P. Sumner, Jr. He was with us some time back, but taught

drafting in Camden last year. We are glad he has returned home.

Wayne Major spent his usual week at El Dorado in the Oil Belt Tournament. I don't think he won anything, but received a consolation prize of one goof ball.

Say, anyone wishing to go cave exploring, contact J. P. Sumner. You see, he is now an expert cave explorer. Last Friday Gary Ashley, Ken Glover, Charles Sherwood, Don Harbour and J. P. started exploring Salt Peter Cave in North Arkansas. They went in Friday night and came out Sunday. I think everyone got lost, as there were so many conflicting stories on just what did happen. Anyway, two or three (or was it four or five) say that they have had enough cave exploring for life! (Wonder what really happened?)

Basil Shoptaw joined our Division on July 1. He is also a previous employee. Basil received an MSCE from the University of Arkansas in May, 1970. He and his wife June moved to Little Rock from North Palm Beach, Fla., where he was employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. They have two children, Mike 6, and Ashelyn 4.

Deer season is just around the corner, so I guess I had better shut-up and start getting my dogs and gear together. So, until next time . . . . .



### MAINTENANCE

by Melba Shepard

Well, vacation time has passed and everybody seems to have settled down to the school routine and weekend football games.

The John Speers football team, as of this writing, is undefeated for the season. Of course, there is a very good reason. Tony Farnam, son of Jimmie Farnam, is helping lead the team on to victory.

Jim and Carol Francis have been attending quite a few Thursday night football games. Their daughter Cheryl is a cheerleader for the Mabelvale Red Raiders and, to date, they are also undefeated.

Ed Rownd, who plays defense for the Arkansas Razorbacks, is suffering from a knee-injury and will be out of action for two weeks. Ed is the son of Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd.

Bob and Frances Fulton and daughters, Cynthia and Patricia, have returned from a trip to Florida. While there, they visited with Bob's parents and brother, and did some sightseeing.

Cake and coffee were served this month in Roadside Development as Raymond Behrens and Bob Fulton celebrated their fifth anniversaries with the Highway Department. Congratulations, Raymond and Bob. It's a real pleasure working with you.



Bob Fulton, left and Raymond Behrens

The employees of Roadside Development and Procurement had a catfish fry September 25, and my daughter, Karla, fell in love with — guess who? Lem Kirkpatrick. Lem really does have such a way with women.

Barbara and Tommy Bonds attended the International Marine Trades Exhibit and Conference in Chicago, September 23-26. While there they stayed at the Playboy Tower Hotel. I asked Barbara what the Bunnies looked like and she said, "Just like you and me, except for . . . well."

Tommy Bonds and Bob Maertens broke the river record from Lock and Dam One to Lock and Dam 18 at Catoosa, Okla. Their time - 11 hours, 44 minutes for 420 miles. The previous record was 15 hours, 57 minutes. They made the voyage in an 18-foot Sidewinder jet boat equipped with an Oldsmobile 455 cubic inch, 390 horsepower engine and a Jacuzzi jet

propulsion system. They used over 220 gallons of gasoline.

Jimmie Farnam entered the hospital Sunday, October 3 for minor surgery. She will be on leave for two weeks and I don't know what the crew in Maintenance will do. We'll miss you, Jimmie, and we wish you a speedy recovery.

J. R. Fowler, an employee with the Heavy Bridge Maintenance Section, received a 15-year service award on August 30. Heavy Bridge Maint. Engr. John E. Hall, presented Fowler's award.



Fowler, left, and Hall

We welcome Crofford Harrison and Lonnie Parsons to the Maintenance Division. They transferred from P&R to work with Bill Bosley on the Maintenance Management Program on a statewide basis.

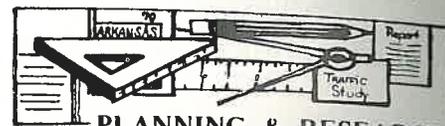
The new face you've been seeing around Roadside Development belongs to Mike Carroll, our new draftsman. He is married, and he and his wife Toni have one child, 17-month-old Maleece. According to Mike she pretty well runs the Carroll household. Mike, we're happy to have you with us and hope you find working in Roadside Development as pleasant as I have.

If anyone needs to borrow any money, just go to Maintenance and ask for Barbara. She just struck it rich on a football pot and doesn't have a place to spend it.

The next time you go to Maintenance, go in and see the neat little contraption Jim Tucker has on his desk, but don't

be too inquisitive because he has a pat answer for anyone who asks too many questions.

One day I sat musing, sad and lonely, without a friend, when a voice came to me from out of the gloom saying, "Cheer up, things could be worse." So I cheered up, and sure enough, things got worse.



## PLANNING & RESEARCH

by Janet Billingsley

Well, soft ball games are over at last and Polly says she doesn't know how to act. She and her husband managed the Salem Senior Girls team.

One of the girls in our office is a new bride. From all accounts, she is adjusting quite well to her new role as a homemaker. Hilda Crabb and David Harris were married at East End Baptist Church on July 9.

Jerry and Nancy Stussy have just returned from a vacation in New Orleans. Seems Nancy spent a considerable amount of time trying to convince Jerry to see all the "sights" on Bourbon Street.

Skating anyone? Larry Anger II is three years old and has been skating since he was two. He is the son of Larry and Shirley Anger of Malvern. Larry is employed in the Research Section of P&R. He and his parents run a roller rink in Malvern, so that probably explains Larry, Jr.'s affinity for the wheels.



"Betcha you can't do this!"

Marlin Powell of Mapping Section and Bob Narrell of Roadway Design won the Department's 4-ball golf tournament. The tournament was made up of three flights with eight teams each. Winners of the three flights played for the championship, which was won by Marlin and Bob. Congratulations!!

Thelma Jones of Current Planning suffered a severe leg break and had to have steel pins put in to help it heal. But now she is back at work and doing fine.

Steve Teague and his wife celebrated their three-week wedding anniversary at Six Flags on July 4 weekend!

Ask Larry Johnson what's new around his house and see if you can get him to brag a little about Larry Gene, Jr. The Johnsons have two other children; Robbin, 6, and Tracy, 3.

Getting ready for a vacation can be fun, but sometimes a lot of work. Pete Benetz, Mapping Section, had planned a vacation to California via the camping route. Having purchased a new truck, he set out to build his own camper unit. After all was done, the trip turned out to be quite successful.

There are two new employees in the P&R Division. Peggy Fulmer is in the Current Planning Section. She, her husband Troy and their three children, Donnie, Greg, and Lisa live in the Twin Lakes addition. Peggy and Troy will be celebrating a wedding anniversary the 30th of this month.



*Peggy Fulmer*

Bill Lowe is also employed in the Current Planning Section. He's married to the former Kaye Kell of Memphis.

They have a one-year-old son, Bert. Bill graduated from Henderson College with a double major in psychology and sociology. He then joined the Air Force for four years. Welcome to this Division, Bill and Peggy.



*Bill Lowe*

Troy and Margaret Hudson recently purchased a Star Craft tent camper. Margaret says it is just what they need to feed and sleep a family of seven while camping. They have big plans for next summer.

Congratulations to Stella Owen, artist in the Mapping Section, who became Mrs. Stella Morelock on July 30. Her husband, Warren Keith, is a sergeant in the Air Force and stationed at L.R.A.F.B. They spent a week on Lake Ouachita and, according to Stella, were blessed with rain — that is, they had to stay in most of the time.

Our sympathy is extended to Brenda and Paul Kirkpatrick in the death of Paul's mother, Mrs. Ruth Kirkpatrick.

We had the privilege of honoring three old timers in our division last month.



*Cecil Rider*

(In years of service, not age.) They were Cecil Rider, Hershel Russel, and Don Finkbeiner. Cecil is a native of Lynn, Ark. but has lived in Little Rock for the past 32 years. He began his career with the Highway Department as a clerk back in 1951 and is now supervisor of Traffic Analysis. If you ever need to know anything about traffic counts in Arkansas, Cecil is the man to see. This is Mr. Rider's 20th year with the Department.



*Jim Head, head of Current Planning, right, presented Russell's certificate.*

Hershel Russel, a native of Ward, Ark., is with our field inventory crew. He claims his favorite hobby is loafing and some of the other field men seemed ready and willing to back him up on that. This is also Mr. Russel's 20th year with the Department.

Don Finkbeiner, of the Mapping Section, a cartographer supervisor in the scribing operation received a 10-year service award. He was the first employee to begin the scribing process and, through his efforts and ability, a number of others have been taught to scribe. The section has now completed scribe bases for county maps on 62 or the 75 counties, scribed maps of all cities and communities, and color-separated scribes for the tourist map.

June Brown has a new way to get to work. The next time her "bug" decides not to run, she just might ride up on a Honda. If you see a bunch of women riding around the parking lot on a Honda some noon, don't be surprised.

If you want to meet a real authentic horse trader, then Claude Robinson of the road inventory crew, is your man. He enjoys buying and trading rare antiques, and meeting new people while on the road for the Department. Claude and his wife have a son, Claude Jr., 23, and a daughter, Cindy who attends Cloverdale Junior High.

Did you ever have a cat climb up your leg, and then your back — while standing on a ladder, painting your house? Chances are, you haven't, but someone in Current Planning has. Ask Jim Head how it feels. It smarts a bit, doesn't it, Jim?

## PROCUREMENT

by *Jean Cadjew*

The newest addition to the Procurement Section is Pat Diffie, a native Arkansan, born and reared at Malvern, but lately returned to Little Rock from Arizona. Her hobbies are dancing and flying! She has a daughter, Linda, who attends Parkview High. Being from a family of nine children, Pat can give advice on rearing youngsters. Welcome to Procurement, Pat.



*Pat Diffie*

Everyone in Procurement took his (or her) vacation a day or so at a time, with the exception of Wade, who took a week. He, his mother, and his son went to Silver Dollar City and then on to Alabama.

Lem is busy trying to use all of his

accrued vacation before he retires at the end of October. Margarite has applied for a job, since Lem will be under her feet all the time.

Frank Caple and some friends recently spent several days in Memphis at the Spaghetti Open Golf Tournament. He also attended the Magicians' Convention in Houston on Labor Day.

Both Frank and Bernie Cox are driving new Ford LTD's. (I heard that Frank's tape player came equipped only one way - ON and LOUD!

Two former employees - Ted Device and Patricia Ellis - recently visited us. Both are now attending UALR.

It is Fair time once again. Patsy and Eulin always attend the Fair in Memphis. As usual, she reported a very pleasant trip except for a little rain.

Most everyone in the office attended the open house drop-in at the Al Saccos. A report came back that food and drink were in abundance.

And again, several from Procurement were invited to Melba and Paul Shepard's for a fish fry. They served the most delicious fish and hush puppies, with all the trimmings. Someone at their house is a very good cook — I guess we will have to give them both credit. There is just one thing wrong with such get-togethers — they are too few and far between.

My husband and I went on a float trip — 17 miles down the Little Red River. I really had fears and doubts about going, but we didn't turn the canoe over a single time. It was an enjoyable, peaceful and different experience.

In August we flew to San Francisco to attend the funeral of my mother-in-law. As we were getting under way on a 747 at Dallas, another passenger had a heart attack and expired before a doctor could be summoned. The night we arrived in San Francisco, the Narcotics Division of the City Police raided an apartment house next door to our relatives. Under the circumstances, it was quite an eventful trip. Let me tell you, I was ready to return to good old Little Rock.

Those of you who knew Norma (Hawk) Fuller might like to know that she and

Chip have a new baby boy. They have recently moved to Nashville, Tenn. We are still waiting on further news as to Chip's employment there. All we know is that they accepted very suddenly and excitedly, and were gone before we could get all the details.

I just can't keep everything a secret — Lewis Warren won the \$50.00 football pot last weekend! Happy spending, Lewis. He has been on vacation for a few days, squirrel hunting. He claims he bagged 14, which should just about feed the Procurement Office.

Clara D. has been on our sick list lately. She just doesn't know why or how she got laryngitis . . .

Most everyone has attended all the Razorback games. Glad they are doing so well with the exception of — well, we won't mention that one. Being from west of . . . anyway, I can't get over how enthused everyone gets over football. I had never heard of it before moving to Arkansas! (Oh, come now, what place is so far removed that the Razorbacks are not well known? Ed.)

Rita is driving a new car. Never could get close enough to tell what it was except to see a gray streak. Maybe that's a new model that has come out?

Some people work and work for a vacation, then take it and stay home, not knowing what to do with themselves except to miss being at work. Does that sound familiar?

## REPRODUCTION

by *Sue Walls*

We have three new faces in our office. Kathy Glover, a cooperative-education student at Metropolitan High, is working in the microfilm section. She and her husband, Larry, have just recently purchased a new home.

Chris Parker has been with us for a while, but has not been introduced in the magazine. He is single, loves girls and horseback riding. He says his favorite pastime is drag racing with Mariea Borne-

meire on his way home from work. Chris is the son of Robbie and Mary Ann (Bell) Parker, both former highway employees.

Our other new employee is Louie Greene, who is from Tennessee. Before coming to the Highway Department, Louie served his military obligation in the Air Force. He works in the microfilm camera room. He is single, also.



Left to right: Angela Vick, Kathy Glover, Chris Parker, Bill Kirkes, Mariea Bornemeire and Louie Green (seated).

We certainly have been having birthdays the last few months. In August, we had cake for Jerry Heffington and Jerry McKown on the same day because their birthdays are one day apart.

Our boss, Al Dunn, was surprised with a potluck luncheon on his birthday, September 16. His wife Betty helped us surprise him and we certainly do appreciate her assistance.

We had two other birthdays in September, which we celebrated with a cake for each. Mariea Bornemeire's was on the 19th and Tommy Daniel's was on the 11th.

October was just as full of birthdays as September. Rachael Simmons started things off on the 2nd. Her friends surprised her with flowers and gifts which brightened the office. This reporter had a nice day on the 5th. It was nice to receive the well-wishes from friends and relatives.

Kathy Glover's birthday was the 11th and Louie Greene celebrated his on the 24th.

Lucille Huffstutlar and her family went to the Passion Play at Eureka Springs

and camped out at Beaver Lake. She said the play was an experience she wouldn't take anything for.

Tommy Daniel won second and third place on his white silkie chickens at the Livestock Show. We are pretty proud of him and his animals. Keep up the good work, Tommy.

Gary Kirklin has been in several bowling tournaments. We are proud of him, also.



Congratulations to Don Martin, assistant chief of Right-of-Way, on completion of 15 years of service. The Administrative and Chief Sections of the Division attended a party in his honor on September 7.



Division Chief Gip Robertson, right, presented Don Martin's certificate.



by Benny Robbins

Bill and Sharon Duncan had a little baby girl September 7. They named her Melissa Beth. Congratulations to Bill and Sharon.

We are happy to announce Bob Narrell is a proud grandfather! His daughter presented him with a granddaughter on August 30. He just about broke his neck getting to Florida after he got the news.

Congratulations, Bob.

We were sorry to learn of Travis Orton's death. He worked in this Division for more than 35 years, and left some very good friends in the Highway Department.

George Major lost his father this past month. We extend our sincerest sympathy to George and Lynn.

John Dunn observed his 53rd birthday August 23 and his squad had cake and coffee for him. Happy Birthday, John, and many more.



The question mark on John's cake says that he doesn't look 53.

## SECONDARY ROADS

by Barbara Oldham



John Skaggs

Welcome to our new employee, John Skaggs. John and his wife Marian have a 21-month-old son, Heath, and a second baby is due December 25. A nice present

for Christmas, isn't it? A graduate of Bentonville High School in 1963, John attended Oklahoma Technical Institute and graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1970, majoring in industrial education. John taught machine drafting at Little Rock Central High School for 2 years. He is presently attending the Little Rock division of the University of Arkansas Law School. Fishing and trail riding are John's hobbies.

Don Potter, squad leader in this office, celebrated 15 years of service with the Department in September. Fifteen years' service is quite an accomplishment and we are all proud of Don and happy to have him here in our office. Besides being here with us 8 hours a day, Don is an active member of the Church of Christ and teaches a class and leads in visitation for his group.



*Don Potter*

I have to put a note in our column about John Kizer's birthday in September. It was fun! Ask him sometime about his socks (or maybe if you listen, you might be able to hear them). His daughter calls them "American socks" because of the colors.

Shirley Wesson, our clerk-typist, studied hard and took the written part of the driver's test for a license. She has received a permit and is learning to drive. A warning to all . . . she is sometimes running loose during lunch time, so watch out!

Marvin Griffin informs us that people watch our Division with a look of hunger because of the cakes, cookies and other goodies that arrive regularly. I guess we must have more people getting older than anywhere else in the Department.

Ron McConnell has become the proud

owner of a new 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass. It is bronze and beige, a real beauty.

Our boss, John Kizer, and his wife Maxine made a trip to the SASHO Convention in Jackson, Miss. during the month of October.

## TRAFFIC DIVISION

by *Joan Niehaus*

Birthdays for September were Lee Gibbons' on the 13th and Bill Harrod's on the 28th. On both occasions, we were served cake and coffee. Bob Faulkner has a birthday coming up October 21.

A baby girl, Jennifer Ray, was born September 13 to Jim and Jan Barnett. Congratulations to both of you.

Ray Maxey's little boy was in the hospital last month with pneumonia but is doing fine now.

The only thing new at our house are six cute puppies about a month old, which belong to our beagle.

Joy Lynn Pewitt and Clay Cross were married October 1 in Watson. Clay is from Dumas. This pair had been seeing each other for quite some time — We are glad they finally tied the knot. Congratulations to you both.

## SIGN SHOP

by *Marlene Hogan*

Those receiving their 20 year pins and certificates in August were: Earl E. Hillis, Ray Cranfill and Herlee Johnson.



*Herlee Johnson, right, received his certificate from Howard Stoebener, Sign Shop foreman.*



*Van Campbell, section head in the Traffic Division, right, presented Earl Hillis' certificate (above) and Ray Cranfill's (below).*



September was a big month around here — Howard had a birthday and so did Janice Hampton. Waldo Roberts retired after 10 years of service and received a new rod and reel to use on the fishing trips he plans to enjoy in his leisure time.

We have added the following new employees: Albert Peyton, William Hill, Jr., G. L. Person, Milton E. Menifee and Leonard Payne.

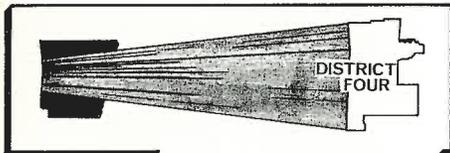
Dayton Sloan came in the other day talking about his new cricket. Having all the knowledge that most women have about cars, I first decided that a new fishing device had been invented. However, I was quickly straightened out on the fact that he was referring to his new Plymouth Cricket.

Richard Chapman has something to be proud of. His 8-month-old daughter, Laddonna Linnett, won the baby beauty

contest at the Van Buren County Fair in Clinton! Chapman works with the sign crew and resides in Clinton.

We send our get-well wishes to D. O. Hightower, who is recovering from an accident, and to Vernon Pearce, who is recovering from eye surgery. Hope this finds both feeling better.

## DISTRICT NEWS



by *Debra Smith*

I have never written anything before but here goes! I'm Debra Smith, the new secretary in Carl Sanders' residency. I live in Van Buren, which is about 15 miles from here but with I-540, it's really a fast 20 minutes. I replaced former secretary Reta Fleming, who left our district for Jacksonville.

On August 26 a retirement party was held at the Polk County Area Headquarters in Mena honoring William A. Wimberly, who is retiring after more than 18 years' service with the Department as an equipment operator in Polk County.

Attending were Dist. 4 Engr. Calvin Peevy, Leon Sneed of the Safety Division in Little Rock, Mrs. Wimberly, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wimberly and daughters, Mayor Lee McMillan of Mena and members of the Polk County crew.



*Calvin Peevy, left, presents a certificate to William A. Wimberly appointing him a public relations officer upon retirement. Polk County Area Foreman Harrison Heath looks on approvingly.*

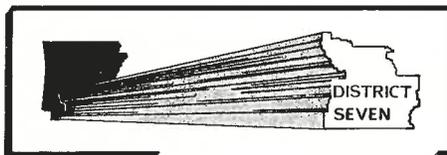
Congratulations to Don Turner for receiving his certificate for being with the Department for 15 years and to Randall D. Harrison for completion of 10 years. They are with Sanders' residency.

Jack Coleman's softball team got in the quarter finals at the County Line Tournament. Team members include Gary Elkins, Wayne Goodson, Carl Sanders, Jack Coleman, Limon Roper, Darrell Roper, Bill Bice, J. D. Brown, Joe Eckart, Nick Means, Sam Young, Earl Clem, Sterling Bramblett and Jim Smith. Congratulations, pros!



*Kuykendall, center, receives a service certificate from Dist. Engr. Peevy. Res. Engr. Jack Coleman is at the left.*

Attending were Calvin Peevy, retired Dist. 4 Engr. J. P. Clayton and Jack Coleman's crew.



by *Althea Campbell*

Eleven employees have recently received certificates of service. They are: 20 years - Grover G. Wise, Jr., engineering aide at Magnolia; 15 years - Spec. Maint. Supvr. James M. Renfro, Jimmy D. Wynn, construction inspector at Magnolia and William M. Rowland, Jr., equipment operator; 10 years - Charlie E. Fox, equipment operator; 5 years - Jeanne F. Johnson, clerk-typist for Res. Engr. A. W. Hardy at Magnolia, Loy C. Cross, auto/diesel mechanic, Stock Clerk Ralph E. Toward, John W. Sandifer, laborer, Virgil L. Rhodes, equipment operator and David R. Joiner, equipment operator.

It's great to be back at work! I appreciate so much the many cards, flowers, visits and the attention I received while I was in the hospital and at home for three months. It was a pleasure to return to work and the sweet welcome back with a flower on my desk each day of the first week. A special thanks to my boss, Coy Campbell, to Mary Lane, Mary Nell Carlson, Sula Burnham, Carolyn Milner, Mildred Russ and the many others who worked hard, fumbling through my files and holding up my end of the rope while I was away. You are ALL appreciated.

The wedding of Lawana Glean Loe to Steven Curtis Clack was solemnized August 20 in Cullendale First Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herley Loe. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clack, also of Camden. They are making their home in Camden, where she is employed. He is a student at Southern State. Herley Loe is an auto/diesel mechanic.



*Mr. and Mrs. Steven Clack*

Res. Engr. Bob Myers has been playing golf every chance he gets and it has paid off. He and his partner took second place in their flight in Camden's 4-Ball Tournament, August 21-22. Bob won a nice golf bag and accessories.

Fred and Virginia Kay Belin are the proud parents of their first child, Kristie Michele, who arrived June 25. Fred is a laborer in Union County.

W. L. Bryant, an equipment operator in Union County, is back at work after having had surgery and being off for six weeks.

We are glad to have you back, "Hanky".

Bookkeeper Sula Burnham and daughter Susan Faulkner went to see the play, "Fiddler On The Roof", while it was in Shreveport recently.

This reporter and husband Elwood are happy to have our daughter and her husband, Barbara and Herbert Bennett, and little 16-month-old Pamela, back in town.



*Little Pamela Ann Bennett*

Night Watchman Clyde Mayberry is in the Veterans' Hospital in Little Rock - hope he can return to work soon.

District 7 employees had lots of good vacation fun this summer. Storeroom Supvr. Arlene Davis travelled 3400 miles with relatives into Canada at Sault Ste. Marie and visited in Wisconsin. Stock Clerk and Mrs. Ralph Toward visited and vacationed in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee and Alabama. The Eugene Slatons and their son and his family drove to Omaha, Nebr. to visit the Slatons' daughter and family. Eugene is a maintenance repairman. Equip. Supt. Jesse Parker enjoyed Six Flags Over Texas and Dogpatch. Payroll Clerk Carolyn Milner relaxed in Florida in the Spring. Mary Nell Carlson, field clerk for Bob Myers, and her family went sightseeing in Austin, Texas. They also enjoyed visiting the LBJ Ranch and Library. Engr. Aide IV John Beasley and Beverly had a fun trip to Galveston.

Permit Officer Maxwell Smith spent his vacation fishing at Millwood. He says since the fish wouldn't jump in the boat, he came home without them.

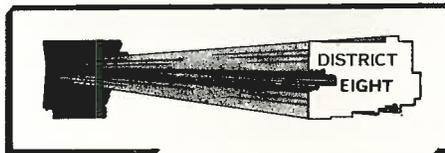
Fuel Clerk Mildred Russ and John have purchased a home and have had a busy summer remodeling. We've had a chance to see the house and their work is lovely. They will soon have a very attractive home.

Receptionist Mary Lane enjoyed visits from her son, Dalton, and daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Gary Cook. Mary's youngest son, Curtis, plays football for Camden High School this year.

Gerald Sneed of Materials & Tests stopped by to show us an attractive table he made of wrought iron, with decorative base made of muleshoes and hames. This is a lovely piece of furniture which needs to be seen to be appreciated.

Auditor Hugh Murray spent some time here recently. We enjoyed having him and welcome him back any time.

Dallas County Area Foreman Harry Castleberry attended the State Florists Convention at the Arlington in Hot Springs with his wife, who is a florist in Fordyce.



by *Alice Bauer*

Congratulations to the following service award recipients: **20 years** - L. C. Kelling, Yell County; **15 years** - Carl Khilling, District-wide crew; Job Supt. Bill R. McAlister; Asst. Maint. Supt. Tommy Kinslow; M. A. Edwards, Perry County; Henry Maxwell, Faulkner County; and O. Nixon, Van Buren County.

**10 years** - Connie W. Wilcox and A. F. Beavers, Morrilton residency; Shannon Cotton, Faulkner County; S. L. Evans and Utah Graddy, Van Buren County; and C. O. Pellham, Pope County.

**5 years** - Dicky Williamson, E. R. Waid, Fred White and J. H. Chism, District-wide crew; Clarence Underwood, Yell County; and Boyd S. Bonds, Van Buren County.

Clarence Booher, retired night watchman, comes in quite often to chat, and on his last visit he told us about his niece, Josephine Kay Davignon, who lives in

Grovetown, Ga. This year she graduated eighth in her class of 118 from Harlem High School. She received several awards. Among them, the DAR Good Citizenship award and Best Citizen in the senior class. She was also elected co-chairman of the senior class reunion to be held five years from now. Josephine is now enrolled in Augusta College with plans for a major in elementary education. We can see why Clarence is so proud and we wish her luck in college.



*Josephine Davignon*

Dist. Equip. Supvr. Woody Applegate reports catching a 5 lb. 4 oz. bass under the Piney bridge on I-40 near Russellville. He didn't have any proof, so we'll just have to take his word for it.

We wish a speedy recovery to U. L. Gray, gas station attendant, who recently underwent surgery at Dardanelle Hospital. We hope he will be back with us soon.

Netha Brown, bookkeeper, reports that her family reunion held August 21-22 at her Dardanelle Lake cabin was a complete success in spite of the rain. Approximately 115 people, representing eight states, were present. We don't know where she put all those people or how she fed them, but we're glad everything turned out all right.

We're sorry to report that Donna Hays, payroll clerk, is leaving us. Her husband is being transferred to Searcy, and although we hate to see her go, we hope she likes her new home and will return to see us often.

We welcome Kathy Dunn, the new payroll clerk. She and her husband Gary live in Russellville, and have two daughters, Brooke, 7 months, and Shannon, 2

years. We are glad to have her here, and hope she will be happy with her new job.



*Kathy Dunn*

Res. Engr. T. D. Casey is proud of his golfing accomplishments. He and his partner, C. E. Thomas of Little Rock, won the sixth flight in the Russellville Country Club 4-Ball Tournament held July 24-25. Now we know what he does in his spare time.

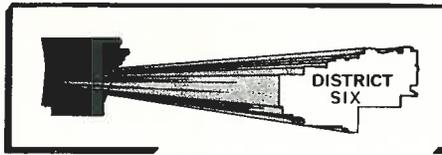
On August 29, Paul Newton of the Pope County crew, became a very proud grandfather for the first time. The young lady is Gayla Michele and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Larue of Dover. Congratulations!



## Who Is It ? ?



## LATE NEWS ROUNDUP!!!



### McConnell's Residency

by *Pat Main*

Tom Parrish visited with us the first day of September. Now there's a guy retirement seems to agree with, and we all turned green with envy when he told us about his place up on Harris Brake. Ah, well, some people have all the luck — and richly deserve it, too. Good luck, Tom, and come back any time.

Dan Smith joined the ranks of the 20 years' service group on the 16th of August. That's a long time to "play in the dirt" . . . Then on the fifth of September Alvin Carroll Cunningham celebrated the completion of 10 years' service with a day off. (Our boss always gives us our personal holidays off — that is, if they fall on Sunday.)

H. D. "Doc" Ballard was honored with an ice cream social on his 67th birthday, September 25. We had lots of ice cream and cake, a good time was had by all. "Doc" was

presented a portable radio and a camping lantern, which was, he said, "just what I wanted." (All of us in this office sincerely thank everyone who sent donations and helped us to make this a day to remember, for "Doc.") Lucy (Mrs. Doc) brought a beautiful cake which said "Dun workin, Doc" and tasted delicious.

Everyone was glad to see Jeff Sutton, who came to help us honor Doc on his day. Both Jeff and Mrs. Sutton were in good spirits and I've since been kicking myself for not inviting them to all our previous get-togethers. John and Mrs. Bland also joined us and we're so pleased that they did.

On the 28th of September Doc suffered a heart attack. It was truly a shock to us all, but I'm happy to say he is now at home and "on the mend." The doctor says by spring when the weather fairs up he'll be out camping and fishing again. This reporter, for one, is greatly relieved by this happy prognosis.

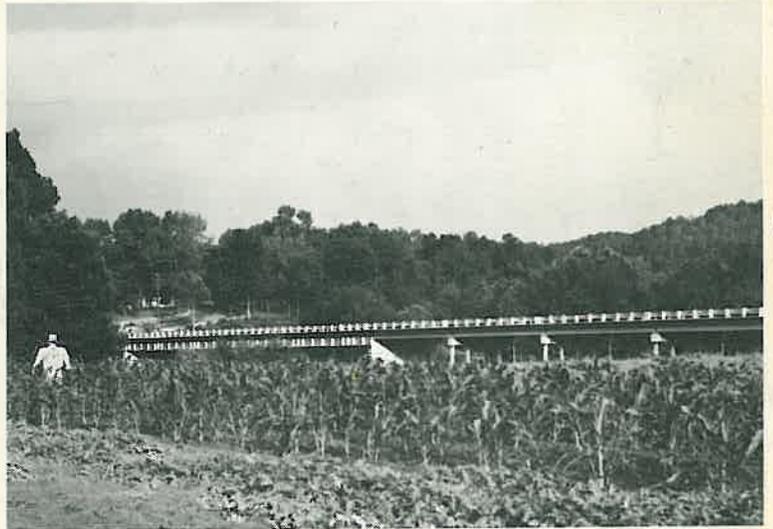




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