

# Arkansas Highways

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### road debt ends; recognition due

Perhaps the most significant by-product of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, which minimizes politics and maximizes highway needs, is the fact that Arkansas will soon be free of bonded highway indebtedness.

George Kell of Swifton, a member of the Highway Commission, is justified in suggesting that some sort of "mortgage burning" be held April 1, to commemorate the last \$7 million payment on the state's highway bonds.

The state's freedom from highway debt must be credited to the highly-competent professional staff of the Highway Department, under Director Ward Goodman, both at Little Rock and in the various district headquarters around the state. Obviously, a great deal of efficiency in the department's operation was necessary to achieve this landmark. It has taken place over many years, under several Governors, and in a state with a great deal less money to build highways than most.

These men, additionally, were able to do their jobs efficiently because of the system under which they operate. At one time, entire commissions and professional staffs were replaced by an incoming Governor. No one can work at his best without some degree of job security, and Mack-Blackwell has provided that.

Mr. Kell, in an interview published in today's *Independent*, noted frequent criticism of the Commission directed toward alleged inaccessibility by the public. He pointed that all the commission's plans are open to the public, are in fact published years ahead of time, with priorities adjusted annually.

Anyone who has ever attended a public hearing at the commission's headquarters in Little Rock knows that these are often representative of many points of view. Any group of interested citizens can make its views known to the commission at one of its monthly meetings.

Someone, after all, does have to decide where roads are to be built. Since a referendum on every road project is not the answer, the voters long ago wisely entrusted, via Mack-Blackwell, the key decisions to five commissioners spread geographically around the state by highway districts. The present members of the commission have been appointed by three different Governors, and the appointees of none of the three now have a majority.

Mr. Goodman and the staff of the Highway Department have given Arkansas one of the nation's finest highway systems, and are to be congratulated when the system becomes debt-free April 1. It might well be history's first mortgage burning for a billion-dollar highway system.

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# Jonesboro Officials Honor AHC



Maurice Smith



Truman Baker

George Kell



M.S. Smith III, District 10 Engineer



Joe Martin, president of Home Federal Loan, and prominent civic leader.

**C**RAIGHEAD COUNTY Judge Bill R. Clark and Jonesboro Mayor Neil J. Stallings were hosts at a luncheon at West Park Restaurant in Jonesboro on December 9, honoring highway commissioners Maurice Smith and George Kell and former commissioner Truman Baker. The occasion was in appreciation of beginning construction on an improved extension of Washington Avenue from Gee Street to the U. S. 63 bypass on the west side of the city. The 1.4 mile route, which will provide more adequate access to a new industrial area, will be two lanes.

Engineering and design was done by the Highway Department. Construction was negotiated by the Highway Department with Judge Clark, whose county forces will do the work. A work order was issued November 29. The job, financed

50/50 by Craighead County and federal-aid secondary highway funds, will cost an estimated \$179,883.

Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley, the principal speaker, reminisced in his opening remarks about the days prior to the Mack-Blackwell legislation when every gubernatorial candidate advanced his own ideas for a highway improvement program. In a jovial vein, he recalled the answer given by James K. "Uncle Mac" MacKrell when asked by the press what his highway platform would be. He said he would grade all unimproved roads, gravel all dirt roads, blacktop all gravel roads and widen the existing hard-surfaced ones.

More seriously, Mr. Riley said he was aware of some increasingly critical editorials and bad publicity aimed at the Highway Commission, which he felt to be unjustified. He commended the commis-



Left to right: Hosts Judge Bill Clark, left, and Mayor Neil Stallings, and Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley, extreme right, pose with honorees Baker, Smith and Kell.



Left to right: Representative Kenneth Camp, George Kell, Representative Andrew Schug, Senator Bill Bishop, Maurice Smith and Senator Tom Watson.



Representative Roscoe Brown

District 1 Engineer Bill Mulhollen, Wynne, left, and District 5 Engineer J. R. Chaney, Batesville, right, with Smith and Kell.



sioners for a fine job and public service performed for the citizens of Arkansas.

Representative Roscoe Brown was the master of ceremonies. Other dignitaries attending included Senators Bill Bishop and Tom Watson, and Representatives Jerry Bookout, Kenneth Camp and Andrew Schug.

Prior to the luncheon the commissioners met with a number of industrial and civic officials over coffee at Home Federal Savings.

# Where have all the junkyards gone?

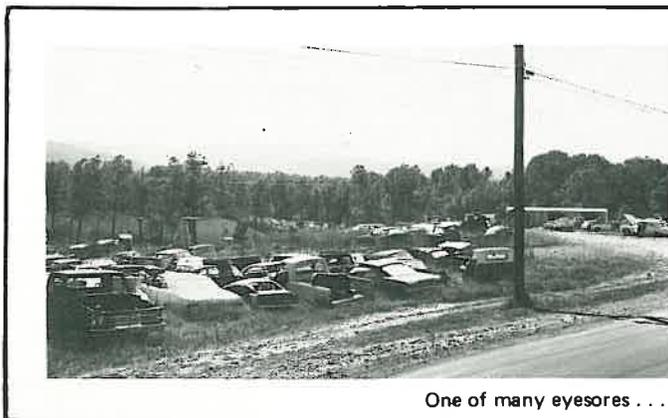
**T**WO YEARS AGO when the Highway Department inventoried the automobile graveyards in the state, no less than 325 such locations for abandoned vehicles sprawled alongside the state's major highways. Prior to that time these eyesores, which often spilled over on the highway right of way, were growing daily in size and numbers as wrecked autos and various and sundry other vehicles were hauled in and dumped in the most convenient place off the highway. There they await the sale of any remaining usable parts and then join countless other shorn skeletons rusting away perhaps for years.

Today, all but about 50 of the 325 salvage yards have been screened or removed altogether, due to a concentrated effort by the Arkansas Highway Department to rid the state of such eyesores.

The remaining ones are expected to be brought into compliance with Act 640 of 1967 by mid-1972, according to Bryan Davis, chief of the Highway Department's Environmental Development Section. Act 640, like the federal beautification act of 1965, requires that salvage yards less than 1,000 feet from an interstate or primary highway be screened or removed from view of motorists.

Most salvage yard owners have voluntarily complied with the Department's request to screen or remove. Those who contest the Department's action or refuse to comply have been granted hearings in local Chancery Courts. Failure to abide by the court's request can result in sale of the property by the court, or fine, or imprisonment for contempt of court.

In view of the Highway Department's



One of many eyesores . . .



. . . has been removed. Only its scars remain.



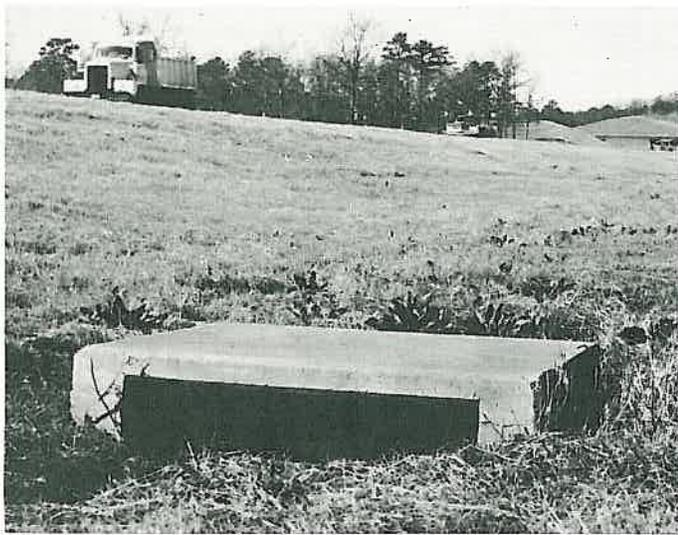
Screening greatly improves the appearance of junkyard property.

no-nonsense approach to junkyard removal, the Arkansas Automobile Salvage Dealers Association has been reorganized to assist its members in complying with the law. "The problem of salvage yards is by no means solved," says Davis. "New ones are starting up on interstate and primary highways at a rate of about four a week." And salvage yard owners who erect a screen around their business and then allow old cars to accumulate outside the fence are again in violation of the law.

The problem of disposal of automotive skeletons is complicated by the fact that most scrap dealers will not accept junk cars until they have been burned out. On the other hand, open burning is prohibited by air pollution regulations. Some relief may be found in recycling plants which have been established in Memphis and Greenville, Miss. Mechanical shredders employed in the recycling process eliminate the necessity of pre-burning.

The public is encouraged to aid the Highway Department in this particular environmental improvement phase by reporting new yards to the Environmental Development Section of the Highway Department, P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock 72203, or by phoning 569-2304.

# Two Interstate Safety Projects Completed



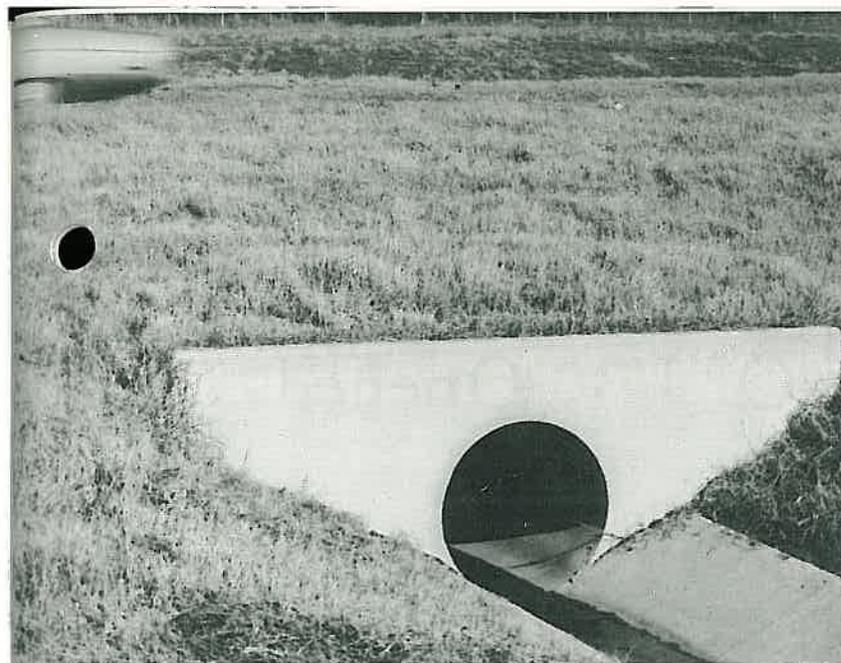
Median drop inlets formerly raised above ground level like this . . . . . have been set in flush with the ground and covered with grating.



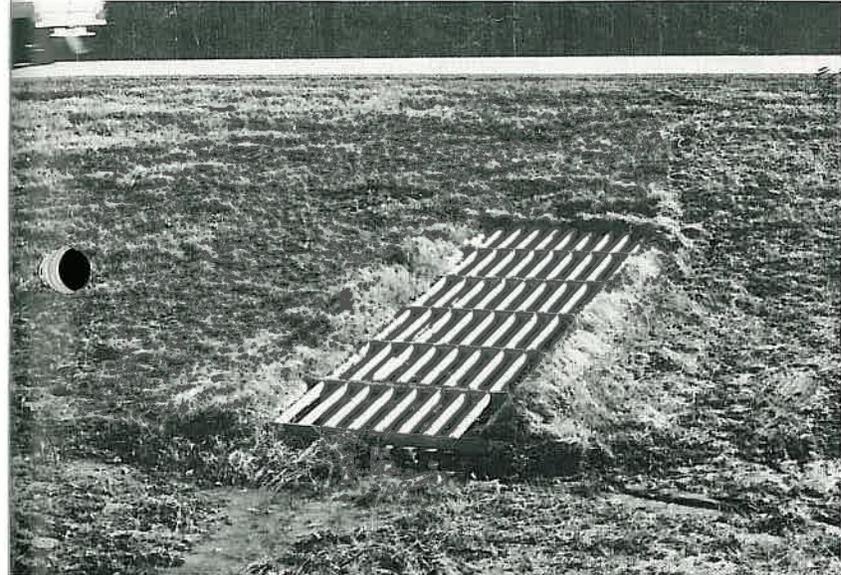
**T**HE AVERAGE MOTORIST traveling today's modern highways usually does not realize the planning and money that have been expended so that he can whiz along at a high rate of speed in comfort and safety. The motorist also expects to make his journey without accident or mishap and therefore, may give little thought to the possibility outside of seeing that the spare tire is inflated and in place. However, in the event of an accident or mechanical failure which might cause a vehicle to leave the roadway, the Highway Department has incorporated many safety features into the highway which cannot be seen or passes unnoticed by the motorist as he skims along the broad thoroughfare.

During 1971 construction and installation of numerous such safety features on a total of 69 miles of interstate highways were completed at a cost of more than one million. Work along 43 miles of I-40 between North Little Rock and White River was recently completed. Median drop inlets have been set in flush with the ground, projecting headwalls on culverts have been removed, piers of overhead structures have been given added protection and standard sign posts have been replaced with the breakaway type.

Drop inlets are covered with flush grates so that if a

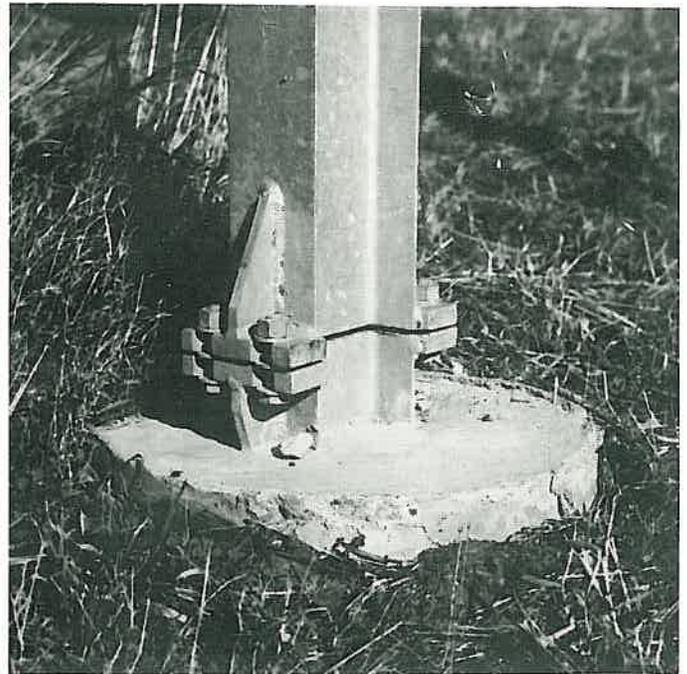


Culvert headwalls have been changed from this squared-off type to the sloped, or contoured, style (below) so that a driver has a better chance to retain or regain control of a vehicle which has left the roadway.



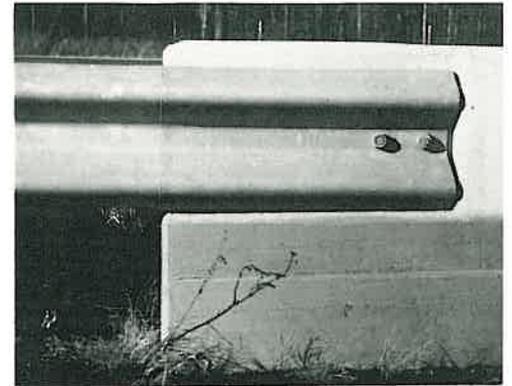
vehicle hits one, the vehicle will not be further damaged nor diverted into the path of approaching traffic. Headwalls of culverts, traditionally constructed with vertical ends which project beyond the front slope, have been rebuilt so that the ends are contoured to match the slope and covered with a flush grate.

The area between piers of overhead structures have been filled in with concrete to form a solid fender-high wall. Guardrails have been mounted on the wall so that a car hitting the rail may be deflected back onto the shoulder or traffic lane instead of hitting the abutment. Ends of all guard rails now being installed are anchored into the ground. A concrete



Breakaway posts are designed to yield under slight pressure so that the necessary road signs do not present a hazard.

A concrete parapet extending several feet beyond the ends of the bridges was added for further protection.



parapet, or wall, extending several feet beyond the ends of the bridges, also was added. Thomco, Inc. of North Little Rock was the contractor. The work cost \$496,820.

A similar project was completed earlier this year on 25 miles of I-30 from Texarkana northeast to near Hope. Work included pier protection on overhead structures, concrete median barrier across the Red River bridge, concrete parapets at bridge ends and flush median drop inlets. Bituminous, Inc. of Pine Bluff was the contractor. The cost was \$542,810. Many of the safety features will be incorporated in the design of future interstate and primary new construction or reconstruction of existing routes.

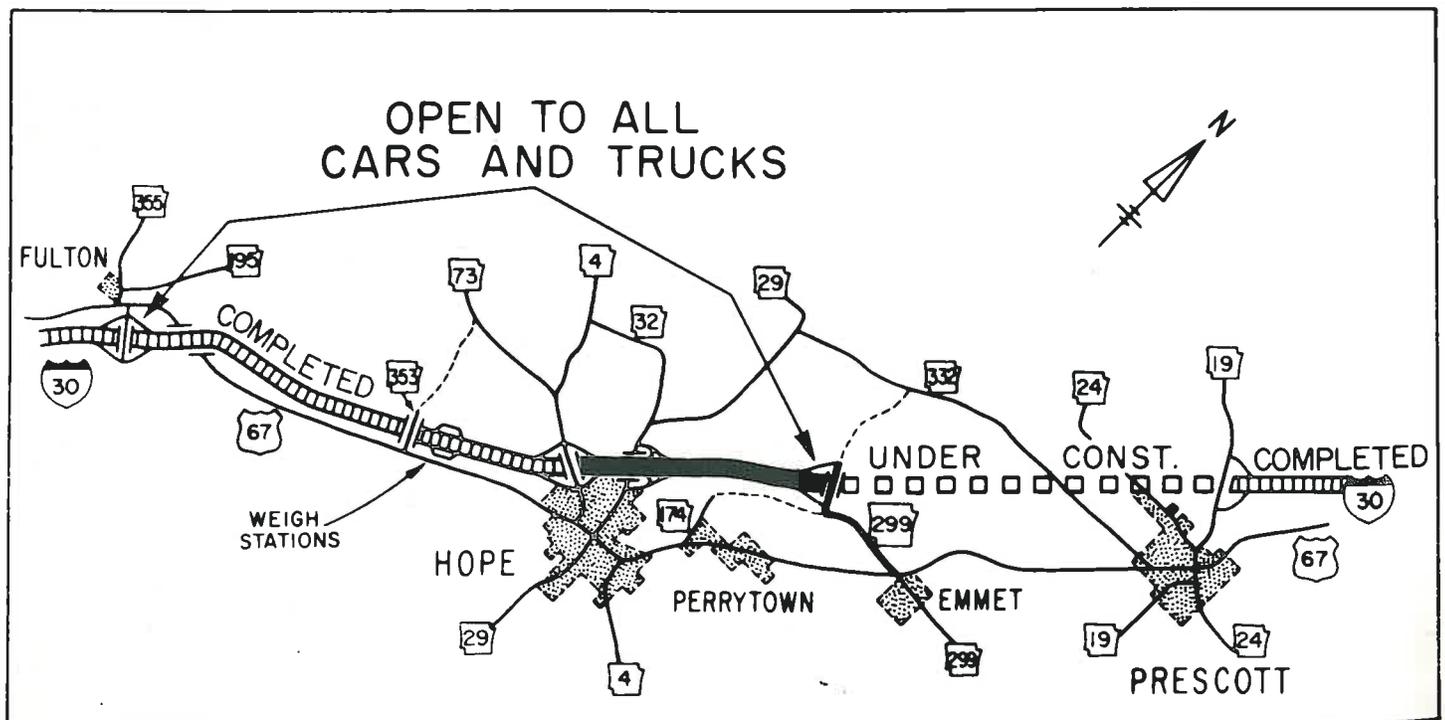
# Another Section Of I-30 Opened

**ONLY 9 MILES  
INCOMPLETE**

The 6.7-mile section of Interstate 30 between Hope and Emmet was opened to traffic on November 23, leaving only 8.93 miles of the 143.02 mile route in Arkansas incomplete. The remaining mileage, between Emmet and Prescott, is under construction. Completion is anticipated in the fall of 1972. Interstate 30 extends from the north terminal interchange in North Little Rock to a connection with Interstate 20 inside the east city limits of Dallas.

Heavy truck traffic, restricted from the Fulton-Hope section when it was opened because of a low-clearance underpass on the Highway 4 connection where traffic re-entered U.S. 67 in Hope, can now travel the new highway from Texarkana to Emmet. Because of a difficult-to-negotiate corner in Prescott, heavy trucks must continue to use U.S. 67 from Emmet through Prescott to the Highway 51 interchange 10 miles northward, until the remaining incomplete mileage is opened.

The 6.7 miles between Hope and Emmet cost \$5,170,800 including right of way. Four prime contractors did the work.



# Commissioner Patterson Honored



Commissioner J. C. Patterson, left, of Lavaca, was presented a plaque in recognition of his faithful and untiring service to the people by members of the Highway 68 Committee during a meeting of the group at Siloam Springs on November 9. Representative Preston Bynum, right, chairman of the committee, made the presentation.



Among those present at the meeting were Benton County Area Foreman Willie Harbison, center, and District 9 Maintenance Superintendent Larry Hodnett, chatting with Patterson.

## COMMISSIONER KELL IS DUCK CALLING CONTEST OFFICIAL



Commissioner Kell, left, with Bill M. Cheek, state champion caller, and Queen Mallard XVI Rita Hargrove.

Commissioner George Kell of Swifton was the emcee for three events during the 36th World Championship Duck Calling Contest held at Stuttgart December 3-4. The Duck Calling Contest is the event of the year for Stuttgart and southeast Arkansas, when sportsmen from all over the Mississippi River valley gather. Kell emceed the junior, women's and Arkansas state contests.

Thirteen-year-old Tim Erstine of Stuttgart won the junior contest and Mrs. Dixie Holt of Little Rock won the women's honors. Bill M. Cheek of Humnoke won the state contest with a borrowed caller after finishing third in last year's state calling event. When his caller tore up Saturday morning, he borrowed one from one of the world contestants who is the sales manager for a firm which makes duck calls. Prizes for the state contest include a \$200 savings bond, a trophy and a championship emblem.

Miss Rita Hargrove, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicky Hargrove of Star Route, Stuttgart, was chosen from a field of 87 candidates to reign as Queen Mallard XVI. She is a senior at Stuttgart High School. The new queen is a musician, not a hunter like her father. She says she never went duck hunting but once and all she shot that time was a stump. "But I got it good," she says.

# Cooper Chosen by Chi Epsilon

Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper has been elected to membership in Chi Epsilon national civil engineering honor fraternity with special honor by the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville chapter. Occasionally the chapter chooses an honor member on the basis of outstanding ability in his profession and active interest in community and civic affairs.

Cooper is a graduate of the University and a career employee with the Highway Department. He was named the outstanding civil engineering graduate of his class and earned a master's degree in civil engineering under a national fellowship at Purdue University.

He has been chief engineer since February, 1970.

Presentation of the honor certificate was made by the chapter president, Grady E. Harvell, who comes from Cooper's hometown of Melbourne. He will graduate with honors this month.



Cooper, left, and Harvell

**MEMO**

**TO: ALL EMPLOYEES WHO OPERATE STATE VEHICLES**

*It All Helps*

By your response to the Director's memorandum of December 2, 1970, urging all employees to patronize service stations located at district and area headquarters when operating state vehicles, you saved the state over \$45,000 in a six-month period. Gasoline averages 8-10 cents per gallon cheaper at A.H.D. pumps and other items are proportionately priced at our own facilities as compared to retail service stations.

Through your cooperation, the Highway Department automobile operating costs decreased \$45,214.56, or 76%, during the first six months of 1971 over what they were during the last six months of 1970. Incomplete figures indicate that the operating costs for the last six months of last year ran about the same as the first six months.

Credit cards are issued for your convenience only when emergencies arise. Your continued efforts will bring about even greater savings.

Ward Goodman  
Director of Highways

# Christmas Fellowship a growing tradition at AHD

Districts 4 and 6 held their first district-wide Christmas parties this year and both were well attended and heartily enjoyed.

Approximately 325 employees and their families attended the dinner at the Fort Smith headquarters on December 3. Commissioner and Mrs. J. C. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gray were special guests. Weights and Standards employees of District 4 also attended. Johnnie showed the film and it was the first time many of the employees had seen a highway film.

District 6 headquarters personnel and the area foremen had a dinner the evening of December 17. Some 250 employees and their families consumed 150 pounds of turkey and ham and all the trimmings, then enjoyed entertainment furnished by various employees and their friends. Louie Greene showed the highway film and Santa Claus arrived to visit with the children. Musical talent abounds among District 6 employees, so entertainment was no problem.

Commissioner and Mrs. George Kell, former commissioner Truman Baker and Miss Frances Ahlstrand were special guests at the District 5 party, also held the evening of December 17. Santa Claus, who really covers the territory during December, managed to be at Batesville as well as Little Rock to check up on how good the boys and girls had been. The Highway film and musical entertainment made up the program afterward.

The Sign Shop's Christmas luncheon was on December 23. While most of the Shop personnel, road sign and striping crews, and Traffic Division office employees were present, Van Campbell, chief of Traffic Services Section of the Division, presented a retirement certificate to O. K. Sanders, who retired December 31 as a foreman after 12 years of service.

Central Shops employees at Jacksonville also enjoyed their traditional Christmas luncheon on December 23. (Some say their's is the most delicious fare in the

Highway Department.) And it just wouldn't be the same occasion without retiree guests C. Don Hayes and Carl Hosick, and Earl Bowman of Voss-Hutton-Barbee Co., all of whom were present and in their usual jovial spirits.

Other retirees who came to enjoy the fellowship were Joe Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ellis, W. K. Heard, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Yancey, Mr. and Mrs. William Ripberger and Cecil Jones. Several employees from the Little Rock office also attended.



Sanders receives congrats from Campbell.

## DISTRICT 4



Mrs. Dick King



Left to right: Mrs. Dale Wallace, J. C. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson.



Left to right: Mrs. Tex Brown, David Brown, Columbus Dalmut and Mrs. Dalmut.



Left to right: Leo Seal, Frances Hale, Wilburn Cagle and Mrs. Curtis Oliver.

Christmas Parties (continued)

SIGN SHOP



Left to right: Mrs. B. C. Butler, C. A. Gehrki, P. V. Maxon, A. A. Peyton, Leon Edmunds, W. G. Jones, S. W. Leach and Charles Latture.



Left to right: Howard Stuebener, R. N. Chapman, R. L. Mack, Ezra McAlister, Earl Hillis and O. K. Sanders.

CENTRAL SHOPS



C. Don Hayes, left, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleming and Carl Hosick can't decide where to begin. Cecil Jones and Frank Boyett are in the background.



Left to right: Milton Meniffee, R. A. Williams, Henry Jackson, A. A. Peyton and G. L. Person.

DISTRICT 5



Area Foreman and Mrs. Gene Steward are in the foreground. Beside Mr. Steward are Mr. and Mrs. Randy Satterwhite.

Henry Gray and Mrs. George Kell.

Mrs. Jim Chaney, left, and Mrs. Johnnie Gray.

Emily Boston serves one of numerous cakes.



Ben Showalter



**DISTRICT 6**



Left side of table: Mrs. David L. Moore.  
Right side: Mrs. I. H. Nute (foreground),  
Roosevelt Franklin and Bill Looney.



Rita Hale



Left to right: Monte Deakins, Bo Holt, Jackie Sanders,  
Curtis Hygail, take off on a little toe tapping music.



Left to right: Ivory Lee, Virginia Jones,  
Alice Smith and Leroy Baker.



Mike Griffith, left, Mrs. Paul Griffith,  
Mr. Griffith and Mrs. Monte Deakins.



Santa Claus (John Odom)  
visits with the children.



Bob Valentine's children puzzle over  
Santa's likeness to their father.



"C'mon, now... aren't  
you really my dad?"

Commissioner George Kell, Miss Frances Ahlstrand,  
Truman Baker and Mrs. Johnnie Gray.



# 12 RECEIVE SERVICE

Twelve employees received service certificates and lapel pins at a special meeting of the Highway Commission on December 15. The twelve, and four others who were not present, earned the awards during the last six months of 1971.

## 35 YEARS



**JARBOE**

Robert O. Jarboe of Lake Village is the area foreman for Chicot County. He has completed 35 years, after beginning in 1934 as a truck driver.

## 30 YEARS



**DALMUT**

Three employees received 30 year certificates. Columbus Dalmut is the area foreman in Sebastian Co. and lives in Hartford, where he is treasurer of Jones Memorial Methodist Church. He is a member of the western Arkansas Consistory and Scimitar Shrine.



**GREESON**

Rowland F. Greeson lives near Arkadelphia. He is an equipment operator with the Clark Co. crew. Greeson and his wife attend a Missionary Baptist church, where he is a deacon and

Sunday school superintendent.



**JETER**

William T. Jeter, Sr. is maintenance superintendent for District 6. He is a native of Madison County but Bill, as he is known by associates, has worked in four of the 10 A.H.D. districts. A highlight in his 30-year career was his key role in the construction of a 1200-foot-long temporary replacement bridge between Fort Smith and Van Buren during a 30-day period after the permanent structure was severely damaged by flood waters. He and Mrs. Jeter live in Kingwood in west Little Rock.

## 25 YEARS



**ANDERSON**

Emet F. Anderson began his career with the Highway Department as a laborer and is now an experienced motor patrol operator who helps maintain Lee County roads. He and his family live at Marianna.



**FLOYD**

Alva C. Floyd completed his highway career and 25 years of employment simultaneously. He started out as a truck driver in a maintenance crew in District 4 but later transferred to Construction and retired as an engineering aide with Res. Engr. Jack Coleman. He lives at Ozark and is a director of the Franklin County Farm Bureau.

The Floyds are members of Gar Creek United Methodist Church, where he teaches a Men's bible class.



**GADDY**

Charles R. Gaddy is the bookkeeper at the Pine Bluff headquarters. At one time he was responsible for the duties of fuel clerk and stock clerk as well as bookkeeper. Gaddy's favorite pastime is square dancing. He is a member of Wesley United Methodist Church of Pine Bluff and a Sunday School teacher.



**HUFF**

William C. Huff is a highway special maintenance supervisor in District 5. He has also worked as a motor patrol operator. He is a member of Salado Methodist Church, Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge and St. Elmo Commandery. The Huffs live at Salado near Batesville.



**JONES**

Raymond W. Jones of North Little Rock is a registered professional engineer and head of the Final Estimates Section of the Construction Division. Prior to that he was a resident engineer in District 6. Both he and Mrs. Jones are natives of White County. They reside in North Little Rock and are members of Baring Cross Baptist Church. Arthur Pilgteen of Fouke in District 3, is a motor patrol operator with the Miller County maintenance crew. He and Mrs.

# AWARDS IN DECEMBER

Pilgreen have three daughters and three granddaughters.

William G. Roberts of Wynne in District 1 is an asphalt tanker driver in Cross County. He and Mrs. Roberts have two children and three grandchildren.



**SMITH**

Grover F. Smith is a supervisor in the Data Processing Division at Little Rock. He has done most of the programming for the Planning and Research

Division during the last several years and was instrumental in the completion of the 1990 Needs Study prepared for the Federal Highway Administration. He is a Methodist and serves on the Board of Deacons of his church.

Lee J. Tarvin of Perryville in District 8 is a roller operator and mower operator. His first employment with the Department was a chainman in the Construction Division. He loves to fish and hunt in his spare time.



**TILLEY**

Lonnie E. Tilley began work with the Department in November, 1946 as a deck hand at Henderson Ferry. After becoming skilled in the

operation of ferries, he was advanced to his present position of ferry boat pilot. He is responsible for the safe operation of his ferry, which crosses Lake Norfolk at fifteen minute intervals, transporting an estimated average of 250 cars per day. He and his wife reside in Mountain Home. He is a deacon in Eastside Baptist Church there.



**WILLIAMS**

Guy B. Williams, known as "Duck" by his friends, began as a chainman in a construction crew in District 10 in 1946.

He is now an engineering aide in Claude Parton's residency at Jonesboro. He and Mrs. Williams live at Pocahontas.

William B. Wilson first worked as a truck driver for the Department before being promoted to his present job of roller operator in District 3. He was born at Richmond in Little River County. He and Mrs. Wilson now live at Ashdown.

Employees Arthur Pilgreen, William G. Roberts, Lee Tarvin and William Wilson were unable to be present to receive their awards.

Four of six employees who reached retirement age during the six months' period were present to receive a goodwill ambassador's certificate. All the presentations were made by Commission chairman John Harsh.



**SHAY**

William R. "Buck" Shay of Gentry retired as a Benton Co. area foreman. He had completed 40 years of service with the Department in February, 1971.



**WACASTER**

Thomas E. Wacaster of Harrison retired with 38 years' service. He was a Surveys Division party chief. During his employment he drove

Highway Department vehicles in excess of 1 million miles without an accident.



**COOLEY**

George Cooley of Watson was a motor patrol operator with the Desha County crew. He had been with the Department 28 years.

James Frazier of Newport was Jackson County area foreman at the time of his retirement. He also had 28 years' service.



**LEAKEY**

Thomas "Bud" Leakey of Mulberry was an equipment operator in District Four. He had been with the Department 26 years.

Clyde J. Miller of Perryville was an asphalt raker with the Perry County crew at the time of his retirement, after 25 years of employment.

Frazier and Miller were not present.

# Highway Dames

Sleet peppered down and put a chill in the air portentous of snow the morning of December 2 but inside the cozy, off-the-beaten-path home of Ann Vinson 17 Highway Dames and their guests gathered for the annual Christmas tea, unmindful of the weather outside

The entire house had taken on the gay air of Christmas and Rebecca Daggett and Nadine Head, co-hostesses, and Mrs. Vinson had prepared a delicacy board to tempt the palate of the most staunch weight watcher. Rachael Shumaker, also a co-hostess, was unable to attend. Guests included Beverly House, Joan Pettit, Lucile Barnett, Vita Dickinson, Corinne Pierce, Hildegarde Davey, mother of Gloria Andrews; and Dorothy Sanders of Pleasant Hill, Mo., sister-in-law of Rebecca Daggett and sister of the late Russell Newsom.



*Rebecca Daggett serves tea to Beverly House and Elyeene Gray.*



*Marla Holmes, right, chats with Donna Bosley.*



*Nadine Head, left, and Bobbie Chapman*

Additional contributors to the Dames Christmas card fund which were made after the December issue press deadline were:

- Mr. and Mrs. Hub Holland
- Mr. and Mrs. Ward Goodman
- Mr. and Mrs. James Harrell
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keys
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rainwater
- Mr. and Mrs. Pat Huddleston
- Don and Ernestine Martin
- J. D. Guynes
- John and Maxine Kizer
- Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee
- Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lowder
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chaney
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney
- Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wadley
- Miss Mary Turner
- Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Johnson
- Bill and Donna Bosley
- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones
- Adrain McKim
- L. G. Appleby
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gray
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Venable
- Mrs. Kent Brown
- Katherine A. Jones



*Left to right: Marjorie Davison, Martha Lee Jones, Martha Holland and Charlene Looney.*



*Lucille Brown, left, and Margaret Bartleson.*

## JANUARY MEETING

The Dames met for lunch at the Alamo Plaza Restaurant on January 20 to hear Mrs. Clyde Calliotte of the Consumer Advisory Board speak on the consumer protection program. The Board is a division of the Attorney General's Office. Its purpose is to act as a deterrent against unethical and unscrupulous business practices. Those attending but not pictured were President Wilma Perkins and Rebecca Daggett.



*Left to right: Doris Butler, Lydia Lee, Bobbie Moore, Betty Gee and Frances Ashcraft.*



*Gloria Andrews, right; her mother, Hildegarde Davey and Elyeene Gray.*



*Mrs. Calliotte*



*Left to right: Eleanor Longcoy, Mary Beth Gray, Ernestine Martin, Marion Oliver, Mada Vandenberg, Ann Vinson and Lucile Brown.*

# Look Who's Retired

## 9n 1971

**Accounting:**  
Aleene N. Faulkner

**Bridge Design:**  
John W. Dickinson

**Construction:**  
Henry D. Ballard  
Carl D. Dowdy  
C. C. Edwards  
H. B. Matthews  
Thomas L. Parish  
Jim B. Trehwitt

**Maintenance:**  
**Equipment:**  
**Central Shops**  
M. L. Price  
Walter E. Ripberger  
Watson W. Yancey

**Materials & Tests:**  
Henry F. Uhrman  
Alva E. Wilkinson

**Office Engineer:**  
Samuel H. Daggett

**Planning & Research:**  
Dodson Leonard

**Procurement:**  
Lem C. Kirkpatrick

**Surveys:**  
John H. Campbell, Jr.  
Tom E. Wacaster

**Traffic:**  
Chester W. Roberts  
Ozriel K. Sanders

**Weights & Standards:**  
Jimmy P. Watts

**District 1:**  
Griffin English  
Jeff D. Lindley

**District 2:**  
George Cooley  
Robert R. Holderfield  
Glen H. Jacks  
Alfred B. Jones  
James R. Minchew  
William F. Nelson  
Edgar J. Rabb  
Willie J. Ryals  
Wilton L. Wright

**District 3:**  
John L. Burke  
Elva D. Fedd  
Roy Ward

**District 4:**  
Earl Clem  
Seldon R. Cope  
Grady J. Fair  
Herbert H. Friar  
Joe Hays  
Otis V. Johnson  
Thomas Leakey  
Jim Moore  
Foise W. Pippin  
Orlan F. Tatum  
Gladden C. Wade  
William A. Wimberly

**District 5:**  
Brooks Barnes  
James C. Frazier  
Myrt Hoofman

Fred A. Johnson  
George C. Jones  
Hanford Magness  
Bert Mathis  
Vancil C. Nast  
Urban E. Thomlinson

**District 6:**  
H. H. Adecock  
L. B. Baker  
Joe Brunetti  
John R. Cearley  
George H. Fuell  
Sylvester V. Rambo  
Alvis Wheeler  
Elmer H. Wray

**District 7:**  
Stewart B. Evans  
Earl P. Foster  
Clarence Hodge  
Martin O. Machen  
William H. Nelson

**District 8:**  
Clarence Booher  
Virgil N. Casey  
Clayton M. Crow  
Earl Hankins  
Lewis E. McGee  
C. J. Miller  
Walter L. Owen  
Creed J. Skaggs

Roy D. Taylor

**District 9:**  
Freddie E. Byrd  
Emery E. Harrell  
Orlo Holtby  
Leslie W. McDonald  
John B. McFerren  
L. J. McNair  
Edgar A. Mulford  
O. K. Murray  
Ora F. Robbins  
Herman P. Sims  
Charles S. Tennyson  
*(Springdale)*

Alva A. Fennell  
Fred O. Lohry  
Merrill B. Megason  
William R. Montgomery  
William R. Shay  
Claude C. Williams  
*(Henderson Ferry)*  
Charlie R. Huett  
R. A. Milum  
Paul W. Smith

**District 10:**  
Essie P. Butler  
John W. Henry  
Samuel G. McDaniel  
Arthur R. Pickett  
Floyd Utley  
Sam Young

### Retirees Deceased In 1971

**Chief Engineer's Office:**  
Guy W. Cobb

**Construction:**  
L. K. Howell

**Maintenance:**  
**(Equipment)**  
Willie Williams

**Right of Way:**  
Luther Bearden

**Roadway Design:**  
Travis G. Orton

**Planning & Research:**  
Dodson Leonard

**Weights & Standards:**  
Fred Lipe

**District 1:**  
John T. Fanning

**District 2:**  
Willie B. Bustie  
Albert Jackson  
N. R. Thompson

**District 3:**  
C. M. Carter  
Elva D. Fedd  
Lee H. Huskey

**District 4:**  
Gordon W. Cannon  
J. F. Danner  
Elmer J. Roths

**District 5:**  
Hanford Magness  
Hulon M. Oylor

**District 6:**  
Milburn Holiman  
Elmer H. Wray

**District 7:**  
Jep R. Booth

**District 8:**  
Allen A. Driver

**District 9:**  
Dick W. Keeney  
Frank M. Parker  
Minnie B. Shinn

**District 10:**  
George W. Floyd  
H. O. Mc'all  
Ernest R. Rooker

# Obituaries

## TWO FORMER EMPLOYEES DIE IN AUTO CRASH



Betty Grimes



Virginia Cannon

Mrs. Betty George Grimes, 45, former draftsman in Legal, and Mrs. Virginia Dair Cannon (Lewis), 60, former draftsman in Right of Way, and both residents of Texarkana, were killed shortly before midnight Saturday, January 29. The accident occurred when a car driven by Robert Lee Thomas of Garrison, Texas crossed the center line and struck them head-on on U.S. 59 about one mile north of Garrison and about 15 miles north of Nacogdoches, Texas, Thomas was also killed. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, the accident occurred on a fairly straight stretch of road. A light rain was falling at the time of the crash. Following the collision,

the Grimes car spun around and was struck by a third vehicle. The driver was not injured. Mrs. Cannon's grandchildren, Edward Vanderburg, 10, and Teresa Vanderburg, 4, were riding in the car with them. Edward was also seriously injured. Teresa sustained only minor injuries.

Mrs. Grimes was employed by the Highway Department from October, 1956 to November, 1967. She studied advanced topography and drafting at Washington University in St. Louis. She had worked for the Texas Highway Department after leaving Arkansas until she was hired in December, 1971 as a city planner by the City of Texarkana. She was well-known in Little Rock musical circles and was a former member of the Saxon Singers and the Arkansas State Opera Company.

Funeral services were held February 2 in Griffin-Leggett Chapel in Little Rock with burial in Forest Hills Memorial Park. She is survived by one son, George Grimes, with the Army in Vietnam, three daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Lopez, Alameda, Calif.; Mrs. Doris Jean Hardin, North Little Rock; and Mrs. Martha Jane Sayers, Waco, Tex.; her mother, Mrs. Jane Tracy George, Little Rock and one brother, Charles S. George, Little Rock.

Mrs. Cannon worked in the Right of Way Division from August, 1956 to August, 1961. She was a native of Illinois but graduated from Hope High School. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ginger Vanderburg, mother of Edward and Teresa, Houston, and a son, Gardner Cannon of Dallas.

Funeral services were held February 1 in Herndon Funeral Home Chapel at Hope with interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

## ABBY W. HARDY, SR.



Abby Wolverton Hardy, Sr., 78, of Magnolia, died January 3. He worked for the Highway Department 25 years before retirement at the end of 1961 when the retirement age was lowered from 70 to 67. He was the Department's one and only utility engineer until his replacement was named. Hardy was a native of Ardmore, Okla. and held an engineering degree from Oklahoma State University. He was qualified as both an electrical and civil engineer and as a math teacher. He was a registered professional engineer and had held every local and regional office in the ASCE, including president of the Mid-South Section.

Hardy was a long-time member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Concrete Institute. His engineering career included, in addition to the Highway Department, construction of two dams, one hydro-electric plant and one steam plant. He was a scholar who liked to spend his leisure time reading from volumes of analytics, calculus, chemistry and related subjects. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Magnolia.

Funeral services were held January 5 with interment in the city cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lurline Hutcheson Hardy; a son, A. W. Hardy, Jr., a resident engineer with the Highway Department at Magnolia, a sister, Mrs. Willie Glenn, Ardmore, Okla., two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

# Retirements

## HANFORD MAGNESS



Hanford Magness, 60, of Newark (Independence County) died September 8. He was a retired sign man and had worked for the Department 20 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Funeral services were conducted by Jackson Funeral Home with interment in Blue Springs cemetery. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ruby Magness; two daughters, Mrs. George Ann Ramey, Columbus, Mo., and Mrs. Bennie Cummings of Salado, Ark.; one brother, three sisters and four grandchildren.

## JIMMY PAUL O. WATTS

Jimmy Paul O. Watts, 4411 North Lookout, Little Rock, died February 6 after a long illness. He retired in May, 1971 after 16 years' service as an officer with the Weights and Standards Division. In October, 1971 he was presented a plaque from the Weights Division with his badge affixed. The inscription read: "In order that this badge (No. 211) will not be discredited, it is retired simultaneously with the man that honored it so well."

With Watts in the picture are fellow employees, left to right: Jay Hunnicutt, Division Chief Roy Johnson who presented the plaque, Lee Jarvis, Clarence Harper, Jan Weinberg, Don Hastings and Peg Harrell.



Funeral services were held February 8 at First Baptist Church of Little Rock, where he was a member. Honorary pallbearers included employees of the Weights and Standards Division. Burial was in Pine Crest Memorial Park.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Marie Duncan Watts; a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Allen Finney of Little Rock; his mother, Mrs. J. B. Watts of Atlanta, Ga., one brother and five sisters all of Atlanta, and three grandchildren.



## First Toll Collector Retires

When Bill Morton retired from the Helena Bridge crew in November, he had the distinction of being the bridge crew's first toll collector to retire. In his honor, the toll collectors' wives prepared a potluck luncheon for the group. Morton had been with the Department 10 years. Archie Jones, bridge superintendent, presented a retirement gift to Morton on behalf of all the employees.



## Lem Kirkpatrick, Procurement

Lem Kirkpatrick, a buyer in the Procurement Division, retired the last of October. Many friends and business acquaintances attended the party held in his honor. He received numerous gifts, including a piece of luggage from the Procurement gang, since Lem said he planned to spend most of his retirement time traveling back and forth to Houston visiting his grandson. Lem, who was never without a smile, is missed. The favorite grandson, Phillip Tardy and his mother, Mrs. Kitty Tardy and Mrs. Kirkpatrick were present to enjoy the warm send-off accorded Lem. He had been with the Department 22½ years. *(continued page 23)*



Meet Marlene Hogan of the Sign Shop office. She is the new reporter for the Signs Section of the Traffic Division. We will be expecting to hear about all the little newsy happenings from that side of the river, Marlene.



*Marlene Hogan*

R. C. Turney, head of the Basic Materials Lab Section of the Materials and Tests Division, has completed 20 years of service. Div. Engr. Joe Magness presented a certificate to him on February 18. There was cake and punch, so that all his fellow employees could help him enjoy the occasion.



*R. C. Turney, left, receives certificate from Joe Magness.*

Sibble Cox of the Personnel Office celebrated the completion of 15 years of service just the way she likes best -- lunch at a Mexican restaurant. The folks in Personnel took her to Casa Bonita. They have her number when it comes to eating -- there's no one who likes Mexican food better than Sibble (unless it's Sibyl Maddox over at M&T).



*Personnel Off. Hugh Wadley presenting certificate to Sibble.*

Res. Engr. Ralph Jones and wife Martha Lee are right proud of their son Mark, who is the president of the senior class at Hall High School.

Likewise, Asst. Cons. Engr. and Mrs. Norman Pumphrey are pleased with the reputation that son Butch is making at the bowling lanes. Butch, a senior at McClellan, set a new high game and series in the city for senior boys in December with 250-657. His former highs were shot in the state tournament in Texarkana last year when he had 222-605. He finished fourth in the singles there and second in the singles in the city tournament last year. When you consider that Butch had little opportunity to bowl until his family moved to Little Rock from Camden in the summer of 1969, that's pretty good. In addition to his skill at the alley, Butch is editor of the McClellan annual, vice president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the Math Club, and a member of the Beta Club, the Science Club and the Interclub Council.

Carl Hixon of Central Shops at Jacksonville doesn't especially like to go to a lot of trouble while deer hunting. The one in the picture below he killed after walking to within about 30 feet of him. The kill was made near Leola. Luck is all you can call it, Carl says.



*Carl Hixon and 11-point buck.*

Shirley Wesson of Secondary Roads is a tireless worker for the Salvation Army's youth training organization called Sunbeams (6-10 year girls) and Junior and Senior Guards. They are uniformed somewhat like Girl Scouts and learn proficiencies in homemaking. They also receive spiritual leadership and Bible instruction. During summer camp, swimming and nature studies are taught. Shirley's two sisters and their mother are also active in the youth training program.



*Shirley Wesson, center, second row, and her Sunbeam group and other group workers.*

Ken Wiscaver, property manager for the Right of Way Division, resigned early in January to work with J&J Organ and Piano Co. Ken, an organist himself, says he is enjoying being back in the world of music. Don Galloway succeeded Ken as property manager. He has been with the Department 2½ years.

Fred Sloan of the Acquisition Section

of Right of Way has completed five years of service. J. C. Merritt, Section chief, presented the award to Fred.



*Merritt, left, presents Sloan's award.*

Carl Petz of the Utilities Section of Right of Way has completed his first five years as an A.H.D. employee.



*Arthur Watt, left, chief of Utilities, presents Carl Petz' 5-year award.*

Ray Maxey, who develops sign plans in the Traffic Division, has completed 10 years' service. His certificate was presented by Van Campbell, chief of the Traffic Services Section.



*Ray Maxey, left, and Van Campbell.*

Lucille Huffstutlar's grandson, Billy Birdsong, has completed the requirements for an Eagle Scout at the age of 14. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Birdsong and

a member of Troop 277 sponsored by Sunset Lane Baptist Church. Lucille is employed in the Records and Reproduction Section.

Word has been received here that Eddie Hensley, a native of Harrison and a former Weights and Standards Division weight inspector at the Harrison station, graduated from the United States Border Patrol Academy at Los Fresnos, Texas in October and has been assigned duties as a patrol agent in the El Paso, Texas Border Patrol Sector. He resigned from the Department in July, 1971 after nine years' employment.

Not everyone can brag on his mule but Gerry Kissire's cousin, Hayes Hogue, can. Hogue's mule is what might loosely be called a movie star. While the movie "My Name is John" was recently being filmed on location in Arkansas, the mule was used in some shots in the film. And while that may not be any great claim to fame, at the same time, not everyone can make that statement, that's for sure. Hogue and his mule live on Petit Jean. Gerry is in Construction.

Grover Smith's family was on hand to see him receive his 25-year certificate on December 15 and to share cake and coffee with him later in the Computer Services Division. With Grover are Mrs. Smith, their daughter, Mrs. Rochelle McFadden and granddaughter Michelle Ann.



The ship's captain fell overboard and was rescued by a deckhand. The captain asked how he could repay him. "The best way," said the deckhand, "is to say nothing about it. If the other fellows find out I pulled you out, they'll throw me in."

## *RETIREMENTS (continued)*

### Henry Uhrman, M&T

Henry Uhrman, an asphalt plant inspector for the Materials and Tests Division, retired the last of October with 16 years of service. He lives at Lonoke.



### 11 Retire at Springdale

Seven District 9 employees were honored at a retirement party on February 11 at the Springdale headquarters. Those retiring were Area Foremen John Miller from Huntsville, 22 years, and Fay Karnes of West Fork, 30 years; Ray G. "Tuffy" Mann, 32 years; Chester Hickman, 17 years; and Claude C. Williams, 15 years, all equipment operators with the Garfield maintenance crew; Dave Thornberry, equipment operator with the Huntsville maintenance crew, 22 years; and Fred O. Loghry, mechanic from the Springdale shop, 21 years. Williams was unable to attend the party due to illness.

Glen Faulkner has been promoted to area foreman at Huntsville; John "Bud" Faubus to area foreman at West Fork; Darrel Davenport to area foreman at Lincoln, and Bill Harbison to area foreman at Gentry.



## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### ACCOUNTING

by linda winbury

Christmas is over and everything is about back to normal.

Accounting Division had a party December 16 in the recreation room of Jamestown Apartments. Everyone who attended had a good time. We had our Christmas luncheon December 22. There was so much food we had enough left for lunch the next day. We exchanged gag gifts, which is always fun. Mr. Goodman had lunch with us and also received a gift.

Accounting was visited December 16 by Aleene Faulkner and her husband, Marvin. Aleene is retired and missed very much by everyone in Accounting.

This reporter is a little proud of her nephew, Butch Pumphrey, who was the subject of the bowling news column in the December 19 issue of the Arkansas Democrat. He set a new high game and series in the city for senior boys with 250 for game high and 657 series. Butch is the oldest son of Asst. Cons. Engr. Norman Pumphrey. Keep up the good work, Butch.

Meribeth Walsworth was married November 27 to John Adney, a former highway employee. She made a very pretty bride. Congratulations to both of you.

We are sorry about John and Kevin McCarthy's football injuries. Both were hurt while playing sandlot football - John, the Friday after Thanksgiving and Kevin, Wednesday before Christmas. Kevin's injury required surgery. They are the sons of Accounting Chief J. E. McCarthy.

Pat Koonce's daughter wrecked Pat's car before Christmas. Luckily, Janice wasn't hurt.

Congratulations to Butch Garner and Ola Bramlett, both of whom became recent homeowners.

We were happy to have Tricia Fitzgerald, a former summer employee, working with us during the Christmas vacation.

Mel Jones received her five year service award December 20. Cake was served in the office.

Accounting wishes everyone a good year in 1972.

### BRIDGE DESIGN

by willie whitmire

Deer season has come and gone. I killed "old granddad" (an 8-point monster) the first season, and another 9-pointer the second season. There will be fresh deer meat at my house this year.

J. P. Sumner got a fine spike buck down home at Dermott.

Don Harbour and his wife Robin have added a baby boy to their family. Paul Kendrick was born on October 14. They have a six-year-old daughter named Kristin.

We have enjoyed having Alex Restum, a student at U. of A. with us during the holidays. Alex is a familiar face around the department. We hope he will be working in our division next summer, which will be his third summer with the Department.

Jim Kuykendall, our man from Tennessee, has been very quiet since the ball game. I wonder why??

Boss Veral Pinkerton spent a week at Miami Beach at the famed Fontainebleau Hotel. He said it was just "meetings, meetings, meetings". (What was that about DEEP SEA FISHING??) He also took off a week during the Christmas holidays, which was nice - we were able to catch up on our work.

The Bridge Design Division's Christmas Party was at Tia Wanna on December 14. It was good to see Betty and Harold Claude again. A few people got lost and arrived late (can you believe). It was a very enjoyable evening.

We are happy to report that John Sage's wife Becky is home and getting along very well since her recent surgery.

Col. Jim Matthews has just returned from active military duty in Mineral Wells, Texas. Even though it is mostly work, Jim always comes back with some interesting and amusing stories.

Bonnie Wesson's mother and stepfather from New York visited her and the girls during the holidays. She must have really got Bonnie's house in order. The only allowable excuse she had to get out was to come to work. On top of that she put a dent in her Cougar. Bonnie said

her mother didn't break her spirit - she left just in time.

Again, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you good people in the Department for your help during my complete disaster. My family and I are settled in a mobile home which we are enjoying very much. The help from all of you is appreciated beyond words.

### COMPUTER SERVICES

by fay sullivan

The Christmas and New Year's holidays are behind us now, along with all the excitement that goes with them.

We enjoyed our traditional pot luck Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 23. The food was delicious, but alas - more food, more calories and more pounds in the wrong places.

Several of our personnel took vacations during December.

On December 15, we had open house for Grover Smith, who received a 25-year pin from the Commission on that date. Congratulations to you, Smitty.

We had a baby shower for Brenda Haley on December 30. We will be looking forward to return visits from Brenda showing off her little one.

We take this opportunity to welcome Ontee Kelley to our section. She is a key punch operator.

### CONSTRUCTION

by vickie arthur

#### Final Estimates

Our Section is happy to welcome three new employees. Ann Witham has been employed as a highway engineering aide and Gayle Rauch (pronounced row to rhyme with now) is a clerk-typist. Both girls commute from Benton, where they graduated from the high school. Ann studied executive accounting at Capital City Business College.

Gayle was formerly employed by National Old Line Insurance Company. Her main hobby is motorcycling in the summer. Her husband John is a salesman for Razorback Ready-Mix Concrete.

Ann is a member of the Saline County Riding Club and the Arkansas Barrel Racing Associ-

ation, so naturally her hobby is horses. Oh yeah, she is single.

John Howell, a retired Army first sergeant, joined our crew in August. A native of Arkansas, John attended Chabot College in Hayward, Calif. after retirement, where he graduated with a degree in business before he, his wife Sandy and their two children returned to Little Rock in June to live. John is a much decorated veteran of three wars, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, having earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and Vietnamese Cross for gallantry. In the course of his military career, he has traveled the world.



Gayle Rauch, left, John Howell and Ann Witham.

Our thoughts of sympathy are extended to Raymond Jones and his family in the death of his mother.

(Welcome to the reporters' group, Vickie. She replaces Sandra Cearley, who now spends a large part of her time in Computer Services. Ed.)

## MAINTENANCE

by melba shepard

Greetings from Maintenance and from all of us to you, a happy '72. Evidently everyone had a nice Christmas. All the girls around AHD have been attired in new boots, shoes, pants suits and dresses. The guys are all sporting new shirts and rainbow ties and yes, Norman, many of them do have a pot at the end of them.

Maurice Head, head of the Equipment Section, received his 15-year service certificate on January 14. The Maintenance Office treated him to cake and coffee and good wishes. He has been employed in the Equipment Section the entire 15 years and has been the supervisor since March, 1967.

Two new faces have appeared on the scene since our last publication.

Darla Yount is the cute brunette working in Maintenance. She is taking Barbara Bonds' place, who by the way, is working as a secretary for

the Faulkner Advertising Agency. Darla and her husband, Aaron, have three sons: Chris 6, Mark 4, and 11 month old Philip. She plays the piano, sings, writes poetry, is active in church work and enjoys walking and all outdoor sports.



Maurice Head, left, receives certificate from Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd.



Darla Yount

Herman Belk is the new tree mover operator in Roadside Development. He enjoys horseback riding and is an avid sportsman. He has picture proof of his success, which is more than we can say for some of our fifth floor hunters.

Don Brown is another of our successful deer hunters. He also has pictures to back up his story, but unfortunately, they were in color and not suitable for reprint in the magazine. He bagged an eight point, 160 pound buck.

Jim Tucker spends most of his free time hunting. He says he's hunted duck, quail, squirrel, deer and dears.

Santa Claus came to see Raymond and Hazel Behrens early this year and dropped off a brand new green Bonneville Pontiac.

Jimmie Farnam no sooner finishes running her legs off from taking son Tony back and forth to football practice, than basketball season starts and, you guessed it, Tony is playing on the Lawson-Dodd Elementary team. It could be worse, though, Jimmie. In just a few years

he'll stop asking for a chauffeur and start asking for the car keys.

I don't know how many of you made it to Maintenance the eve before Christmas eve, but take it from one who knows, Bill Bosley really made some super keen cheese dip. The recipe is very simple and may be obtained from Bill for only 50 cents per copy.

Chuck Stewart recently graduated from UALR and now has his degree in economics. We congratulate you, Chuck.

The remainder of our Maintenance news pertains to the holiday visitation of our crew.

Madge and Carl Livingston's son Richard was home over the holidays from Hendrix. Their daughter, Cindy Rambo, has recently entered nurses' training.

Bill Bosley attended the National Motor Cycle Races in Tulsa, Okla. and reported a real good time.

Clarence Page's daughter, Mrs. Ray Gustin and children, Pat and Leslie, from Charleston, S.C. visited the Pages over the Christmas holidays.

Bert Rownd took several days of his vacation, visiting his parents in DeWitt. He also did some duck hunting, but has no pictures or ducks, either.

Jim Francis was off for a week vacationing while his sister and brother-in-law from Fort Worth visited with them.

Gerald Sisk's son Tommy was home from College of Ozarks.

Jim Tucker's son Chris was home from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Mike and Tony Carroll and daughter, Mallee, visited with relatives in El Dorado.

Bob and Frances Fulton and daughters Cynthia and Patricia visited Frances' parents, the Donald Poes, and reported an enjoyable Christmas, inch worm and all.

John Hall, J. C. Perkins and Melba Shepard did nothing in particular, but did it very well.

Thought for the day:

He drew a circle that shut me out,  
Heretic rebel — a thing to flout,  
But love and I had the wit to win,  
We drew a circle that took him in.

## PERMIT SECTION

by virginia winfield

The Permit Section sends a wish to all of you for a Happy New Year! Christmas was quite exciting and Santa Claus found all of us. Guess we were good last year. He found me all the way out in Carlsbad, N. Mex., where James, Jan and I had gone for the holidays.

Mike Masten's marriage is the greatest news in our office. He and Maria Janette Grisham were wed Friday evening, December 3 in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dewell Grisham of 5820 Walnut Road, North Little Rock. Michael's parents are Mrs. Betty Draper of Newhall, Calif. and Kenneth Masten of Oklahoma City.

Mike and Janie are residing at the nearby Winston Manor Apartments. She is employed by Coyne Electric Company.



Mr. and Mrs. Mike Masten

## PLANNING & RESEARCH

by Janet Billingsley

In the last issue we omitted a noteworthy news item. Roger and Jeanie Almond spent their vacation at New Orleans. Seems Roger had a struggle with the weather and other elements. First of all it rained, later he said he was struck by a "hurricane" at Pat O'Brien's, and before he could leave town, someone hit him with a couple of "Singapore slings" at the Powder Puff Review. After convalescing in the pent house of the Holiday Inn, he returned to Little Rock safe and . . . . .

The P&R employees started the Christmas season with a buffet supper, dancing and lots of visiting at the Sound & Sirloin on December 10. About forty couples were present for the occasion, and from all accounts, everyone really enjoyed himself. Hot pants and boots were the in-thing for the party, so it was somewhat a fashion show.

Betty Wiggins' mother is finally home from the hospital after a serious heart attack. We are all happy to know she's doing much better.

Ferrel Magby is the proud owner of a 1969 Chevelle Malibu as of mid-December.

Two employees have received pins since the last magazine issue. H. L. Gregory, who works

at our Recorder Shop in Little Rock, received a five year pin. Leo Biggs received a twenty year pin. He is a highway inventory technician for Current Planning.



H. L. Gregory



Leo Biggs receives award from Jim Head, right, head of Current Planning.

Florence Routh completed ten years' service in January and was presented a certificate by Carl McChesney. We regretfully report the death of Florence Routh's infant nephew, only 12 days old. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family.



Carl McChesney and Florence Routh

Ursula Schleisier's daughters, Sharon, a student at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, and Barbara Stropp and husband of Magnolia were home for Christmas. Ursula's other daughter, Mrs. Jerry Hudgens, presented her parents

with their first grandchild on November 7. She has been named Kimberly Michele. Boy, is Ursula proud!

Dave Conner's mother was admitted to the hospital on Christmas Eve. We sincerely hope she has a speedy recovery.

Four new additions to P&R are Kathy King, James Tucker, Estella Mitchell and Lana Ausbrooks. Kathy works in the front office. She has just recently married Olan King. James attended the University of Arkansas, majoring in industrial engineering. James and his wife, Gerrie, have been married for one year. They are also the managers of Terrywood Manor on Baseline Road. Estella, a clerk-typist for Advance Planning, and her three-year-old son moved from Chicago last summer. Her main interests are sewing and crocheting. She's easily recognized because there's usually a trail of yarn behind her. Lana is working with June Brown in accidents. She and her husband Gary live in East End. Welcome to the Division! ! !



Left to right: Kathy King, James Tucker, Estella Mitchell and Lana Ausbrooks.

Johnny Webb made a flying trip to San Antonio, Texas to spend Christmas with his son, Johnny Webb, III.

Stella and Morty Morelock spent Christmas week with his family in Kingsport, Tenn.

Candy Hoagland became Mrs. Bill Bintley in a ceremony beside the lake in Boyle Park. Congratulations, Candy, and best wishes. She has left us to return to school at UALR. She was treated to lunch at Casa Bonita and presented a carved candle and holder.

P&R has six employees who have been married less than a year. It must be contagious, so anyone who is still unattached better be careful.

Helen McNutt took some time off New Year's week to visit at home with her daughter, Captain Helen E. McNutt, who was here for the holidays. Captain McNutt is being transferred to Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana.

Pam Knabe spent New Year's with her brother and his family in Locust Grove, Arkansas.

James Logan, an artist in the Mapping Section, is a 1968 graduate of LRU with a BA in fine arts. He and his wife, Glynda, recently moved here from Oklahoma City where he was



James Logan

head of the medical illustration department of the University of Oklahoma Medical Center.

Herb Hawn had three foreign exchange students in his home for the New Year holiday. They were Kenju Noguchi from Fukuoka, Japan, a student at Yale; Mitsuki Hayase from Osaka, Japan, a student at the University of Arkansas; and Wichian Tontraseney from Bangkok, Thailand, who attends the University of Oklahoma. They were also guests at a New Year's eve party given by Troy and Margaret Hudson. The party guests really enjoyed them. Herb also had a guest from India, P. N. Sarma, for the Christmas holidays. He is a student at the University of Mississippi.

Alton Beck is a new employee in Current Planning. He works with Cecil Rider on traffic counts. He is a retired Air Force Warrant Officer. Alton and his wife, Hazel, have five children, Ken 19, Don 18, Sherry 16, Terry 13, and Roger 9.

Well, the Christmas holidays are over and, for the most part, I think everyone is glad. Santa was good to everyone, especially Legina Keller, whose Christmas present was a brand new Chevy II Nova!

I think one of the unanimous New Year's resolutions for Current Planning is to go on a diet, after all the goodies everyone brought during the holidays.

## PROCUREMENT

by jean cadjew

From all reports, Santa was very good to everyone in the Procurement office. Unfortunately, several were on the sick list during the holidays.

Patsy and Eulin celebrated their second wedding anniversary during the holidays. They

traveled to Iowa to spend a Christmas vacation with relatives.

Al Sacco celebrated his birthday on Christmas Eve. (Bet that little bundle was one that his mother wanted to return.) Just kidding, of course.

Frank Caple received a new set of golf clubs for Christmas and the weather won't cooperate so that he can try them out. Said he was afraid they were going to rust.

Bernie Cox and his family visited relatives in Oklahoma during the holidays.

Arnold Sanford has been employed as a buyer to replace Lem Kirkpatrick, who retired. He was discharged from the Army in August and said he just vacationed until coming to work at AHD. Prior to his military service, he attended Arkansas State. Arnold and his wife come from Bradford. They and their three-month-old son have recently moved into a nearby mobile home park. Arnold isn't very talkative yet. Maybe after he has been here a little while I can get more information about him.



Arnold Sanford

Lewis Wade has been on the sick list and still doesn't feel his best because he is too quiet. He tried to tell me that he turned down numerous invitations to go out during the holidays because he was under the weather.

Lewis Warren is leaving the Highway Department to work in Conway, where he lives. He has been with AHD 4½ years. Good luck and come by to see us when you can.

Pat Diffie, Rita and Clara spent the holidays at home or with relatives who live in or near Little Rock.

This reporter's family traveled to New Mexico and California during the Christmas holidays. We saw a lot of pretty country and a lot of snow.

"Did you give that con the third degree?" asked the police inspector.

"Yes, we badgered him with every question we could think of.

"Well, what did he do?"

"He dozed off and merely said now and then, "Yes, my dear, you are perfectly right."

## RIGHT OF WAY

by mary dry

### Administrative

We are well into 1972, and some are still dieting off Christmas goodies. It was that kind of Christmas!

Retha Griffin spent the Christmas holidays in Dumas with her family. Her son Terry came home from Florida. Retha described her holiday as WONDERFUL!

Ken Goforth, who is relatively new in the Relocation Section, spent the holidays in San Antonio with his fiancee Dee.

We welcome new employee Chuck Hicks to the Relocation Section. He is married and his wife's name is Karen.

Rusty and Diane Kauffman spent the holidays in Magnolia. Butch Wilson and A. C. Ledbetter took a few extra days off after Christmas. Butch intimated that most of his time was spent sleeping.

James Giles and Dick Andry said they had a good Christmas, judging from the assortment of shirts and ties. Now, if they only had some pants!

After presenting A. C.'s Christmas present, Marie Crawford had a small problem. What was that about a piece of tape, Marie? I hope everyone had a good 1971. I certainly did.

The smiles of eight happy faces brought the real meaning of Christmas to the Right-of-Way Division again during the season just past. Mrs. Shirley Ford and seven of her nine children, who range in age from four to 17 years, were our guests at the Division Christmas party on Thursday, December 23. Two of the boys were unable to attend. The family received gifts of clothes, toys and food. Santa Claus was here to bring delight to the younger ones. Paul Broyles handled the role like a pro.

We sincerely thank the many Little Rock area merchants who contributed to the Fords' Christmas. They included Osco Drug, the Radio Shack, Firestone Stores and Western Auto. We, of course, thank those employees outside our Division who also contributed.



Zane proudly displays a tea set.



All busily open their gifts . . . . .



. . . . . then look to see what each other received.

## Engineering

by ellen gross

Richard "Dick" Kerr has been employed as an engineering technician to replace Jim Mode, who left to seek his fortune in California. Dick graduated from Arkansas Tech with a major in math and is a Vietnam veteran. He is 25, single and a native of Hot Springs. His hobbies are fishing and philately but he also enjoys dancing, music and reading.



Richard Kerr

Charles Edwards, one of our draftsmen, has departed for employment in his hometown of Camden. We wish him a lot of luck there. Brent Cox from Stuttgart joined us January 3 in Charles' place. Brent attended Ouachita Baptist University two years and is now an active mem-

ber of the National Guard. His hobby is shooting guns. He is 20 and making plans for wedding bells in May.



Brent Cox

Former employee Gary Rea and his family have moved back to Little Rock and he has resumed his job as a draftsman in our section after a year's employment with AP&L in Danville. Welcome back, Gary.



Gary Rea

Rommy "Mac" McDonald, 20 and single, is a new draftsman. He lives in Sheridan. His hobbies are motorcycles, stock cars, etc.



Rommy McDonald

Carl Keehn and Vic Winchell recently received service awards – Carl for 10 years and Vic Winchell for five years. Both are engineering technicians. The certificates were presented by Section Head Glendol Jackson.



Carl Keehn, right, and Glendol Jackson.



Vic Winchell, left, and Jackson.

Bob Evans' wife Mary Ann had major surgery but is doing fine now.

All the deer hunters in this office tried – but failed. Better luck next season.

## SECONDARY ROADS

by shirley wesson

The employees in the Division celebrated Christmas Eve eve by going out to lunch at El Chico. The atmosphere, food and waiters were all just great. After all, not all diners are served by "Jesus"! (The waiter's name wasn't really Jesus, but if it were pronounced like it spells, instead of Hay'soos like it is, it would be. Still with me?) Meanwhile, back at the office, Marvin played Santa Claus and guess who got all the gifts – the two secretaries! An enjoyable time – and more goodies – was shared by all.

Draftsman John Skaggs had a "bundle" – some surprise awaiting him on New Year's Eve. His wife Marian presented him a little daughter, whom they named Lora Opal. They already have a son, Heath. Marian is a very good cook.

We thank her for sending the carrot cake for Christmas.

Maxine Kizer furnished homemade cookies and fruitcake. Thanks to her and the other wives who helped make Christmas an enjoyable season, especially from the culinary standpoint.

Welcome!! to a new addition to our staff. Ronald Murphy, a draftsman trainee, is a cooperative education student from Metropolitan High School. He is president of the Inter-Club Council, vice president of the Key Club, a state officer for VICA and a member of the Beta Club. His hobbies are basketball, drag racing and anything else to have fun.



Ronald Murphy

Marvin Griffin and Leroy "Tiger" McLain, Jr. received service pins and awards for their loyal years of service, 10 for Marvin and five for Tiger. Congratulations and best of luck to both of you for many more years.

Our boss, the hunter, better known around the office and to most of you as John Kizer, has been going deer and duck hunting this season.

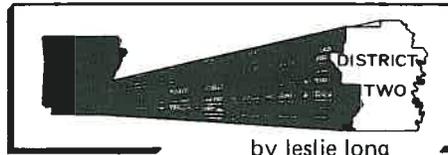
The first half of the bowling season ended January 10 and the winner was none other than Secondary Roads! YEA! TEAM! Our personnel on the team are Ronnie McConnell, Jerry Bobeck and Max Hall, ably assisted by John Sage and Willie Whitmire from Bridge Design and Steve Teague from P&R.

In previous articles, I was said to be running around at lunch time with only a driver's permit, I can now proudly say that I am a licensed driver. RIGHT ON!! Shirley.



"New Federal regulations, eh?"

## DISTRICT NEWS



by leslie long

There are occasions when mere words are entirely inadequate. Still, postponing is far too easy, so right now is a good time for us to try to bring our news up to date.

Wilton Wright retired in August after 15 years of faithful and loyal service to the Highway Department as payroll clerk. We honored him with lunch and a deep sea fishing rod and reel plus many good wishes for his retirement. Will enjoys fishing, hunting, gardening and tinkering, and is an active member in First Baptist Church. He and his wife Polly have one son, one daughter, and two wonderful grandchildren. We miss your presence, Will, and wish you many rewarding and enjoyable years of contentment and happiness.



Will Wright - ready for deep water.



Jane Doughty

Mrs. Jane Doughty transferred to us from the Little Rock office when her husband Mel was assigned to this district by Little Rock Road Machinery Co. She replaces Will as payroll clerk. The Doughtys and 4½-year old Necole reside at 2806 Colonial Drive. We consider ourselves very lucky to get a gal like Jane.

Several have earned service awards, including auditor James Pierce, who has completed 15 years. Maint. Supt. Brewster Shalmy presented the certificate and lapel pin. Will Wright received his retirement certificate at the same time.

Another 15-year man is Leroy Lunsford, one of our field mechanics. Shop Supt. Calvin Rawls presented his certificate.



James Pierce, Brewster Shalmy and Will Wright.



Leroy Lunsford, right, and Calvin Rawls.

Robert Jarboe, foreman in Chicot County, and Charles Gaddy, bookkeeper, received their 35-year and 25-year certificates and pins, respectively, in Little Rock on December 15. Brewster Shalmy and Mrs. Jarboe accompanied them to Little Rock for the presentation.

George Cooley, eligible for retirement, and his wife were also present at the Little Rock meeting, where George received a certificate designating him an ambassador of goodwill for the Department. He was a 28-year employee and operated a motor patrol in Desha County until his retirement. Congratulations and we hope you have many fruitful years, George.

The John Hogues are enjoying little John, Jr., who was born November 9. John Sr. is an equipment operator in Desha County.

John and Johnny Yelvington, another equipment operator in Desha County, each killed a

spike deer during the season. John Hughes, foreman in Desha County, went deer hunting, too. Back during the "legal" turkey hunting season Dennis Henly killed a 20 pound gobbler with a 9½" beard (!) near Cornersville. Dennis is an equipment operator in Lincoln County. He didn't mind if we told where he hunted. You other hunters, if you want to brag, turn in your news.

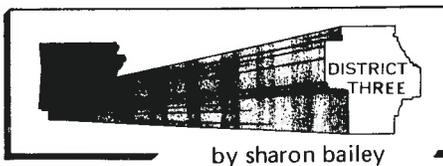
Jefferson County Area Foreman A. B. Jones retired last June after 15 years of service. "Jonesy" is missed around the county by his many friends and we sincerely hope he will soon enjoy good health again.

We welcome Billy Johns as his replacement. Billy was an equipment operator in the Sealing Crew for several years and has held various other jobs during his highway career.

Several other employees, to whom we extend congratulations, have received service awards: **20 years** – Neal Peacock, equipment operator, Drew County; **15 years** – John C. Ashcraft, station attendant, Rison; Guy Smith, carpenter helper with the Bridge Crew; and R. C. Hudson, equipment operator, Arkansas County; **10 years** – Scarler Lyons, foreman, Arkansas County; **5 years** – Kenneth Turner, deckhand on St. Charles Ferry; DeQuince Lewis, equipment operator, Jefferson County; Claudie R. Lovell, equipment operator, Jefferson County roving crew; and Marion D. Bates, equipment operator, Ashley County.

District Engineer John Harris and Louise attended the AASHO convention in Miami Beach, Fla., where they were guests at the fabulous Fontainebleau.

When Van Dyke Chavis, our stock gal Selma's husband retired recently from the Coca Cola Company, he and Selma received a marvelous trip to New Orleans – all expenses paid! – and were wined and dined all over the place. Must be wonderful.



by sharon bailey

Congratulations to Ruel Staggs, Sam Huckabee and W. C. Beck on reaching 20 years with the Department; Robert Holder, Houston Kitchens, Errol Arledge, Otis Walden and C. O. Adams for 15 years; R. Ellis and J. D. Fulmer for 10 years; and Gary Roberts, Clifford Brewer, Charles Boothe, Jackie May, Jim Foster, Clyde Dade and C. H. Minor for 5 years.

Eldredge W. "Slim" Lee retired in January after 27 years. He started in 1941 as a mechanic's helper at the rate of 30 cents per hour. He was a job superintendent when he retired. He

had also worked as a bridge superintendent. A gift certificate from his fellow employees was presented by Dist. Engr. John Tallant as a going-away gift.



Eldredge Lee, right, receives gift from John Tallant.

Mark Thornton, 15-year-old son of Pat Thornton with Gayle Gunn's residency, hooked, and after a long, arduous struggle, landed a 25 pound snook, a species of salt water fish found in the coastal waters of southwest Florida. At the time, the Thorntons were camping on Indian Key, a small island about six miles out in the Gulf of Mexico from Everglades City. Mark, according to his father, was about ready to let the snook have rod, reel and all. Rather taciturn by nature, Mark's only comment was, "Daddy, I think I've got one."

Congratulations to Wendell and Judy Murry on the birth of a baby boy, Gil, November 16. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robertson of Hope and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Murry of Emmet. Great grandparents are Mrs. Virgie Robertson of Hope and Mrs. Vern Boyd, Sr. of Emmet.

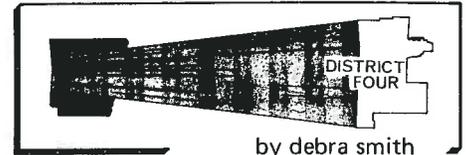
Bob Flaherty poses below with the spike deer he shot during the first deer season this year.



Bob Flaherty

Fluid Packed Pumps, a division of Armo Steel Corporation, has named Richard A. Poteet

hydraulic sales engineer for the company's export area with headquarters in Houston. Poteet is an engineering graduate of Texas A&I University, a registered petroleum engineer in Texas, and has been employed by Fluid Packed Pumps since 1961. He previously was located in Dallas as hydraulic sales engineer for the firm's state-side group. Richard is the husband of the former Carolyn (Cissy) Lewallen of Hope, daughter of Edna Lewallen, our payroll clerk.



by debra smith

On Friday evening, December 3, approximately 325 District 4 employees and their families gathered at the District 4 Shop for a Christmas dinner and party.

Commissioner and Mrs. J. C. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gray were special guests. Commissioner Patterson spoke briefly, wishing all a happy and joyful holiday season. Johnnie showed the Highway film, which was a special treat to all who attended.

Several employees entertained with a band, songs, and skits. The party closed with group singing of Christmas carols.

All who attended had a very fine time and expressed a desire to make the party an annual affair. See pictures elsewhere in the magazine.

It's been awhile since November but that was a big month in our district. so we're going to tell you about it anyhow!

November 9 was popular for birthdays. Dist. Engr. Calvin Peevy and Roy Williams, construction inspector observed theirs at 21 and rising. Kyle Mainer, son of Bob and Pat Mainer, celebrated his third year on the 9th. (He doesn't mind people knowing how old he is.)

The employees and families of Carl Sanders' residency enjoyed a barbecue supper on November 19. Thanks to chefs Sanders and Mainer, the barbecue was delicious. They only cooked 70 pounds of ribs!!



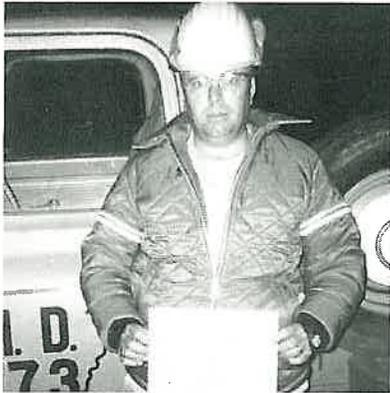
Barbecue ribs need no second invitation, so these diners help themselves.



Mrs. Bobby Aynes

Paula Garrison, clerk typist for Dale Spencer's residency in Mena, became Mrs. Bobby Aynes on October 22 in Concord Baptist Church at Ink, Arkansas. She has worked for the Department three and a half years. Mr. Aynes is a distributor of Borden's milk products. The couple resides in Mena. We in District 4 wish Paula and Bobby much happiness.

W. M. "Bucky Boy" Johnston and Johnnie K. Marley received service awards on November 22 for 10 and five years, respectively.



W. M. Johnston

R. D. Harrison of Sanders' residency underwent surgery at Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville on December 20 and L. A. McDaniel was hospitalized at Russellville with a back ailment. L. D. Holland took his daughter Sheila to a Memphis hospital in December for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

Two fairly new employees in Spencer's residency are engineering aides Jerry Hunsucker of Waldron and Ray Overturf.

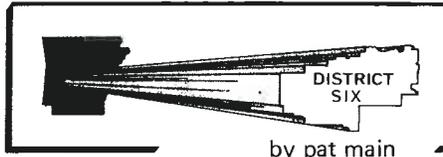
D. C. Spencer and family spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Kansas with relatives. He did a little quail hunting while there.

The deer kill was small in Spencer's area. C. W. Lance and L. W. Lyda each killed 3-point bucks and E. L. Slaughterbeck killed an 8-point buck. Now that deer hunting is over with for

another year, maybe everyone can get his mind back on work.



This safety-minded fellow is a temporary winter employee at Carl Sander's residence. Looks like he might be an innocent flagman who thinks the traffic is going to stop just because he waves a flag.



Well, here is our latest edition of the better-late-than-never news.

Our annual Christmas party was its usual smashing success. Food, entertainment and the AHD film were enjoyed by over 250 guests. The highlight of the evening was a visit from jolly old St. Nick. A tip of our hat to Bob Valentine. Lots of luck for next year.

Roger Bond has left us for a position in Computer Services. We wish him well. Taking his place in the Stock Room is Carl Nichols. The service station's loss is our gain.

Joining our office staff is Rita Hale, a new graduate of ASU. Rita's home is in Beebe and she is single, fellows! Welcome aboard, Rita!

Our sympathy to George Ingle. We understand that a deer committed suicide right in front of him. At least, this story has been verified by Johnny Cheek and Vernon Ellis.

On December 15, a reception was held in the District 6 office to honor W. T. Jeter, our maintenance superintendent, for completion of 30 years' service. Coffee, cake and punch were served by the ladies in the office to Mr. and Mrs. Jeter and 75 guests. Dist. Engr. David Moore presented Mr. Jeter a gift of appreciation from his fellow employees. Congratulations, Mr. Jeter.

We have these service awards: **20 years** - Jim Mabry; **15 years** - C. W. Edge, L. B. Ingle, A. E. Linn, J. B. Hollingshead, R. J. Johnson, R. N. Kelly, Henry T. Purvis, Tommy L. Williams, E. F. Kirk and V. J. McMahan; **10 years** - J. C. Buckmaster, R. C. McConnell, C. L. Kight, A. C.

Cunningham, D. M. Snow, H. D. Ballard, B. J. Parker, G. H. Fuell and Charles Broadway; **5 years** - A. Bowen, J. H. Strube, B. J. Bagley, F. C. Herrod, D. O. Fried, H. H. Wilhelm, L. N. McGuire, M. L. Hardin and J. L. Rollins.

### McConnell's Residency

December sure was dull around here. Many of our people were on vacation. Elmer was off most of the month of December (poor Mary). We didn't have to close up shop, though. It was rough, but we managed to muddle through and get the work done. (See, Leo, we did miss you).

W. H. "Red" Merriman spent the greater part of December in the hospital. According to the latest reports, his operation was successful and he's mending well. (Even made a trip out to the job - just couldn't stay away.) That's a heck of a way to spend the holidays, Red, but we hope you're all well again real soon.

Doc and Lucy Ballard were in a couple of times. Both look good and we wish them only the best for this new year, and many years to come.

Tom Parish came by to visit again. He brought a picture of a fish he caught. I forgot just how big he said that whopper was, but the picture weighed six pounds! If you find that hard to believe, you should hear some of the hunting stories I get this time of the year.

Three jolly hunters ventured forth - Ruben, Bud (and would you believe) LEO? went up to Yell County quail hunting. Seems that Leo had some kind of "hang-up" about fences. (They finally got him out and didn't have to leave him after all.)

Bud is still limping, but he never has explained exactly what happened to his foot, or how Leo got a toothache! I wonder if there's some sort of connection there?

Ruben survived the hunt with no mishaps. Unless of course, you want to count getting out-shuffled for the unglamorous job of cleaning their game. Those Yell County fellows must be pretty tough.

If they had as much fun hunting as they've had talking about it, I don't see how they managed to get the five birds they claim. . . . Leo shot one!??

Then there are the deer hunters. We're going to have to cross Dan Smith and a couple of others off that list if their luck doesn't improve next year. Leon Trickey and Troy Hensley took top honors in that department. They claimed the first two deer. Leon showed us the horns from his deer - but Troy brought this reporter a hunk of venison! I'll vouch for the quality of that one, it was delicious - Thanks, Troy.

Seems, the story goes, one of our fellows was up a tree when he shot a deer. He got half-way down and the deer got up! Even

though he came swooping out of that tree like Captain Marvel, his deer walked away! He got another one later, but not nearly as big as the "one that got away" (expected that, didn't you?)

So you see, all the spinners-of-tall-tales aren't necessarily fishermen. Some of them hunt!

The McConnells, McMillians, Parkers and Mains from this office attended the District 6 Christmas party. (We sure were a good-looking bunch). Monte Deakins will probably report more fully on the food and entertainment - which was both good and plentiful, but I just can't resist a comment or two.

Ordinarily a child performer spoils the whole program for me. I've forgotten the name of the young guitar player on the program (I'll bet every little girl between 8 and 12 remembers) but he was exceptional. He performed like a seasoned trouper and stole the show from the "big guys".

Speaking of big guys, talent must account, at least in part, for the size of Monte Deakins! He was the MC of the show and certainly a bright star in the hillbilly half of the program. Great show, Deak', maybe next year I'll teach you the romantic version of "Running Bear".

I've always admired Al's telephone voice, so when they finally got him up there to sing I wasn't surprised. I don't know if he can actually play that guitar he was carrying around, but with a voice like that, who cares? Maybe next year they can talk him into taking a bigger part in the program. Deak sure looked like he could have used just a little more help.

This reporter had a new holiday hairdo, I really felt like a "living doll" and would have been pretty snobbish, if I hadn't seen Kay McMillian. She was gorgeous in black velvet, a perfect complement to Bud, who certainly didn't look like the same guy we're used to seeing around here.

I met many of the AHD wives of whom I've heard so many nice things but had no opportunity to meet before. Next time I'm going to get up my nerve and ask some of these lovely ladies if their guys actually do wash dishes and help around the house like they claim to.

We watched David Moore for nearly an hour trying to see where Mrs. Moore was sitting. He flitted about like a butterfly until I finally gave up. Barbara McConnell came to my rescue and introduced me to Mrs. Moore and the children. We enjoyed a moment or two of pleasant conversation and I realized the small pictures in this magazine have never done her justice. I think there should be more pictures of the women behind our men.

In nearly three years of working for the Highway Department in this office, a temporary transfer to the District 6 office, the sign shop,

and back here again, I have met many of the Highway Department people. I have been fortunate enough to meet most of the wives of the men I work for and with. It truly makes me proud to be a part of this organization each time I meet such warm, friendly "my kind" of people and realize that WE are the Arkansas State Highway Department!!

So, like Dickens' Tiny Tim, I am moved to say, "God Bless us, every one!"

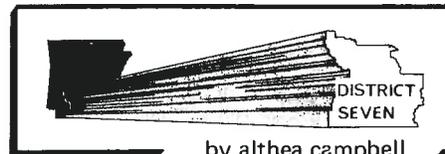
#### End-of-the Year Blues

My holiday hairdo has fallen down,  
The Christmas tree is turning brown;  
I told ol' Santa just what to bring,  
I only asked for one little thing.  
But, that ol' fuzzy beard didn't do it,  
And now I'm mad - Santa, you blew it!

He brought hubby a new truck,  
No dishwasher for me, darn the luck!  
And I was good, the whole year long;  
Minded my manners, did nothing wrong.  
I Behaved like an angel (I always do)  
So now Jolly Santa, I'm mad at you!

Next year I hope your reindeer run off,  
The cold winter wind brings you a cough,  
The runners fall off that dumb sleigh,  
And all your elf helpers run away,  
Then remember me, dear Santa do;  
I'll save all my dirty dishes for you!

-PAT MAIN-



by althea campbell

The year 1972 isn't brand new anymore, but Happy New Year anyway. Did everyone keep his resolutions until at least one good habit was formed? We have had Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and three deer seasons since our last report - so, lots of news!

The deer seasons proved that several in our district are good marksmen. Included in that prestigious group are Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell; shop foreman Lee Parker; Calhoun County Area Foreman Donald Brandon; J. R. Hamilton, equipment operator; Spec. Maint. Supvr. J. M. Renfro's wife; Larry Hollis, accountant; Arlene Davis, stockroom supervisor; and John Livingston's son John, Jr. and June (Mrs. Livingston). John, Sr. is an engineering aide in the District office. Lee and Donald have picture proof of theirs.

Others who brought home the venison were Terry Kitchens, son of equipment operator Chester Kitchens of Warren; Virgil Rhodes, an equipment operator at Warren, and Mrs. Rhodes; and Mrs. O. A. Reddin, whose husband is an equipment operator.

Custodial Worker Beatrice Jackson kept quite busy each season with relatives and friends making their home a deer camp. She prepared delicious meals for hunters before or after their kill of 19 deer at various times.



Lee Parker and 6-point buck.



Donald Brandon with 8-point deer.

Recent service awards include; **20 years:** Henry E. Bennett, equipment operator; **15 years:** Kermit S. Wendell, construction inspector for Res. Engr. Bob Myers; Floyd J. Gilbert, Guy Wilson and Byron E. Coston, equipment operators, and Clyde J. Coston, carpenter; **10 years:** Robert T. Disotell, equipment operator; and **5 years:** R. L. Hamaker, equipment operator, and receptionist Mary Lane.

Mary's daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Gary Cook, have moved from Fredricksburg, Md., where he has been stationed in the service, to Arkadelphia. He plans to resume his studies.

Jewel Prince, assistant maintenance superintendent for the last 17½ years, retired December 31. On December 21 bookkeeper Sula

Burnham and Beatrice Jackson prepared a squirrel mulligan which we all enjoyed during the lunch hour. Mrs. Prince came out for lunch, too. George Griffis, special maintenance supervisor, furnished the squirrel.

Jewel received a sports jacket as a retirement gift. The Princes are looking forward to pursuing their hobbies, which include adding to their bottle collection (they already have some beauties), fishing, hunting and gardening.



Mrs. Prince Looks on as Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell presents Jewel Prince's retirement gift.

Kermit S. Wendell's home was destroyed by fire when the Orlando Hotel in Camden burned to the ground the first part of December. We are sorry that Kermit lost many irreplaceable items but we wish newfound happiness for him in his new location at Plaza Courts.

Our people went all directions during the Christmas holidays. Others stayed home and entertained out-of-town company. The G. E. Nunnallys' children were home from Park Forest, Ill. We were so happy to meet the two little grandsons and now understand why they are Mr. Nunnally's pride and joy. Mildred Russ' parents came from Bayou LaBatre, Ala.

O. A. Loe's daughter, Debra Ann, was home for the holidays. She is in the WAC's and is presently stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va. O. A. is an auto/diesel mechanic.

Dist. Equip. Supvr. Jesse Parker's son Kenneth is serving with a Naval Advisory Team in Saigon, South Vietnam.

Those of us in the office enjoyed visits from Sharon Bailey and Helen Glanton of the Hope headquarters and Shirley Morton from the Harrison office. It is fun to visit with girls doing the same type of work and we would love to have them or anyone else from over the state pop in for a chat any time.

Employees from the District office and shop entertained their wives and husbands with a dinner before Christmas. Approximately 90 of us enjoyed a good dinner and a real get-together. The arrangement committee was Arlene Davis, John Livingston, J. M. Renfro,

Jesse Parker, Loy Cross and O. A. Loe.

Arlene has a new Pontiac LeMans - green with a white top. Odis Alexander and wife have a maroon with white top Pontiac and took a trip to Evansville, Ind. and Kentucky during the holidays.

Charles and Opal Rampley's son Bill has finished basic training in the Navy at Orlando, Florida and is now in nuclear power submarine service, studying to be a machinist. Charles is an engineering aide for Bob Myers.



Bill Rampley

Clifford and Evelyn Smith brought their son and his family home from Denver for a visit. They moved to West Virginia in January. Clifford is an equipment operator.

Jerry and Mary Bethea are proud parents of a child born December 10. Jerry is an engineering aide for Bob Myers.

The Percy Lee Henrys are enjoying their first child, a daughter born November 15. Percy Lee is a laborer in Bradley County.

Jessie and Delores Millican named their little arrival Gina Ann. Jessie is an engineering aide at El Dorado.



Gina Ann at 6 weeks.

This reporter and husband Elwood are a little bit proud of the two youngsters below. Roby, 4 and Kenny, 18 months, are the sons of our Robert and his wife Joan of Camden.



Roby

Kenny

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Delmar Allen Arnold who died suddenly on November 26. Delmar was an equipment operator with the District bridge crew. He had been employed with the Department since September, 1967.

We also extend condolences to Res. Engr. A. W. Hardy, Jr. and his family in the loss of A. W., Sr. on January 3.



Our annual District Christmas party was on December 17 at the Ramada Inn in Russellville. Door prizes were won by Mrs. John Price, Mrs. John Sanders, Miss Linda Sanders, Mrs. Thomas Daily, and Mrs. Lewis McGee. Approximately 73 employees and guests attended and a good time was had by all.



Head table guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Price, Mrs. John Sanders, Mr. Sanders, and Tommy Kinslow. A. W. Looney is in the foreground at left. Mrs. T. D. Casey (partially obscured) is at Mr. Price's right.

We welcome George Durkee, our new shop foreman, to the District. George, who is a bachelor, lives on Magazine Mountain near Paris and commutes to Russellville every day.

Also, we say welcome to Francis Jones, who will work in erosion control. Francis and his wife Emma Jo, have three children and live at

Scottsville. We wish both George and Francis much luck in their new positions.

Service award recipients in December were Donald L. Wilkinson, fuel clerk, 5 years, and Kenneth R. Ellis, mechanic, 15 years.

U. L. Gray, gas station attendant, is proud of his new granddaughter, Melanie Suzanne Tanner. She was born October 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Tanner of Atkins.

Two of our employees retired from this District recently. They are Clyde Miller from the Perry County crew and George Scroggin from the Russellville residency. Mr. Miller retired October 31 after 25 years of service, and Mr. Scroggin on December 1 with 21 years of service. We wish them many happy years of retirement and hope they will return often to see us.

Dist. Engr. John Price, attended the annual AASHO Convention in Miami, Fla. December 3-13. While we were suffering through such miserable weather here, he was literally basking in the sunshine.

Progress is being made on our new District headquarters, but prospects for moving into the building are not quite as early as had been anticipated. When District operations are moved to the new location, a blanket invitation will be extended to all for the formal opening.

In case anyone noticed a name change above, this reporter became Mrs. Larry Bradley at St. Benedict's Church in Subiaco on December 11. My husband and I live in Russellville where he resumed studies at Arkansas Tech in January.

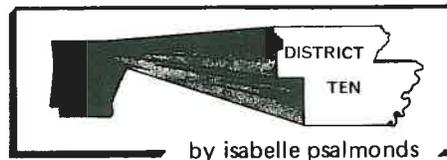
Clarence Booher, retired nightwatchman, was in to report that he attended his niece's silver wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parker were honored by their children on December 5 with an open house from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. They were married December 4, 1946, and have four children. Punch, coffee and cake were served to the relatives and friends who attended.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parker

On December 23, Elmer Smith, resident engineer at Clarksville, honored his employees and their wives with his annual Christmas dinner

at the Caprice Restaurant in Clarksville. Twenty-seven people were present.



by isabelle psalmonds

Ruby Herren is the new payroll clerk in District 10. She replaces Jackie Hopkins, who resigned and moved to Boston, Mass. to be near her daughter and grandson. Ruby and her husband Lowell have three children and one grandson. He is employed by K & M Auto Parts Co. in Paragould. Ruby is a member of the Church of Christ. She came to the Highway Department about the same time the IBM computer was installed, so she had quite an initiation. Welcome, Ruby, it is a pleasure to work with you.



Ruby Herren

JoAnn Carlile, receptionist and radio operator, came by a few days ago and gave us a good look at her new son, John Shannon, who was born Thanksgiving Day. He is a doll. Congratulations, JoAnn and Don. Dianne Watson is working at JoAnn's desk until she comes back.

Two of our young men on military leave were recent visitors. Danny Stafford, who is stationed at Fort Lee, Va., has four more months of service, then he plans to return to AHD. John Porter, who has been serving in Vietnam, was by. He has completed his tour of duty and is ready to come back to work as soon as papers can be processed.

Congratulations to G. B. "Duck" Williams who received his 25-year pin and certificate on December 15. He is a Highway Engineering Aide V and works with the residency at Jonesboro at the present time.

Mary Virginia Smith (Mrs. Sam), Betty Holder (Mrs. Darrell) and Betty Hesselbein (Mrs. Charles) prepared a lovely table and gave the office and shop crews a party before the Christmas holiday. Everything was lovely and we appreciate the work these ladies do and the good party they give us every year.



Betty Holder serves punch while the fellows make their selections.

The District bridge crew recently replaced an old one-lane bridge across Big Creek on Highway 349 in Craighead County. To show their appreciation for the improvement, the local residents gave a fish fry for the crew. It always makes us feel good when the local people appreciate our efforts.



Those who sponsored the fish fry were left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Noel Gibson, Mrs. Shirley King, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gibson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gallion.



The kind of appreciation which really hits the spot.

The boss returned from lunch in a gay humor and called the entire staff in to listen to a couple of jokes he had picked up. Everyone but one girl laughed uproariously.

"What's the matter?" groused the boss. "Haven't you got a sense of humor?"

"I don't have to laugh," said the girl. "I'm quitting Friday anyhow."



# THIS'LL KILL YA

Wise secretary to her boss: "Since you want everybody in the office to read this memo, I'm marking it 'Strictly Confidential!'."

An elderly man waited patiently in the doctor's office. At last his name was called. The doctor apologized for making him wait so long.

"Oh, I don't mind the waiting," the old gentleman replied. "But I had hoped that you would be able to treat my condition in its early stages."

Called upon to account for a bad report card, a fourth-grader explained to his father, "No wonder I seem stupid to the teacher — she's a college graduate!"

"You impudent pup!" shouted the girl's father. "You want to marry my daughter! Now, tell me, do you think you could give her what she's been used to?"

"Er— yes," the suitor replied. "I think so, sir. I've a very violent temper myself."

The woman's husband waited patiently while she dawdled interminably at her dressing table. Finally ready to join him for the dinner party, she took one look and said accusingly, "You didn't shave!"

"Oh, yes I did," he answered. "Right after the last time you said you were almost ready."

**WANTED: Secretary who looks like a girl, thinks like a man, acts like a lady and is willing to work like a dog.**

A large American conglomerate advertises that it has branches everywhere, including one in the Sahara Desert. One day the company's general manager received a letter from the Sahara branch, complaining that the employees were out of water.

The complaint was discussed with the president of the company, who shrugged: "Oh, those Sahara people are always complaining they're out of water."

"I think this time they mean it," said the manager. "The stamp is attached with a pin."

**Hard work:** An accumulation of easy things you didn't do when you should have.

A rancher advertised for a sheepherder to tend his flock of a thousand sheep high up on a mountainside. An Austrian, an Italian, and a hippie all applied. The rancher couldn't decide which one to hire, so he sent all three up to have a go.

The second day, the Austrian came down; he couldn't stand the smell. The third day, the Italian came down; he couldn't stand the smell. The fourth day the sheep came down.

**Definition of a parking meter:** A gambling machine that bets you two bucks to a dime that you can't get back before the red flag pops up."

Father: "Did you have my car out last night?"

Son: "Yes, Dad, I took some of the boys for a run into town."

Father: "Well, tell them I've found two of their lipsticks."

**Youth:** When we're trying to make our mark in the world.

**Maturity:** When we're trying to erase the ones we made.

## Letters

November 28, 1971

Dear Mr. Director,

On behalf of the Vietnamese engineer group and on behalf of myself, may I express to you our heartfelt thanks for your hospitality and your kindness extended to all of us during our stay in your Highway Department and your wonderful city of Little Rock.

Respectfully yours,

Bui Nhu Tiep  
Deputy Director General  
of Highways  
Ministry of Public Works  
Saigon, Viet Nam

(Editor's note: Tiep's letter came from Montgomery, Alabama as the group continues their observation tour of several state highway departments in the south.)

Mountain Home, Ark.  
November 18, 1971

Arkansas State Highway Department  
Harrison, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Just a word of praise and thanks for the men who operated the mowers and bush-hogs on Highway 62 Southwest.

They did a beautiful job, especially so in front of our place (Highway 62 Southwest junction of old Buford Road.)

I do not know the men. Thanks so much.

Very truly yours,

Moween Clements  
(Mrs. T. R. Clements)

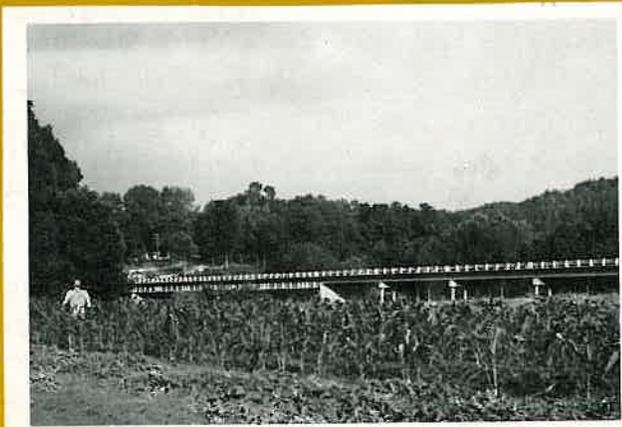
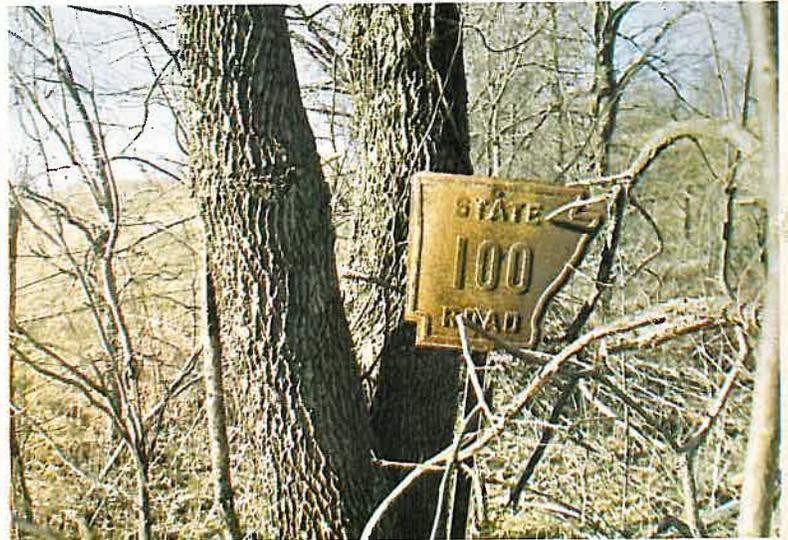
(The operators were part of the Baxter County maintenance crew.)



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WHERE IS IT?



Last issue's Where Is It was correctly identified by retiree Grady Fair, Pencil Bluff; Weights Supvr. Bob Baker of Glenwood; and Weights officers Buck Looney and William Cogburn, Unit 274 of Mena, as being the Ouachita River bridge on Highway 270 near the Ozark Boys Camp between Mt. Ida and Pencil Bluff in Montgomery County.