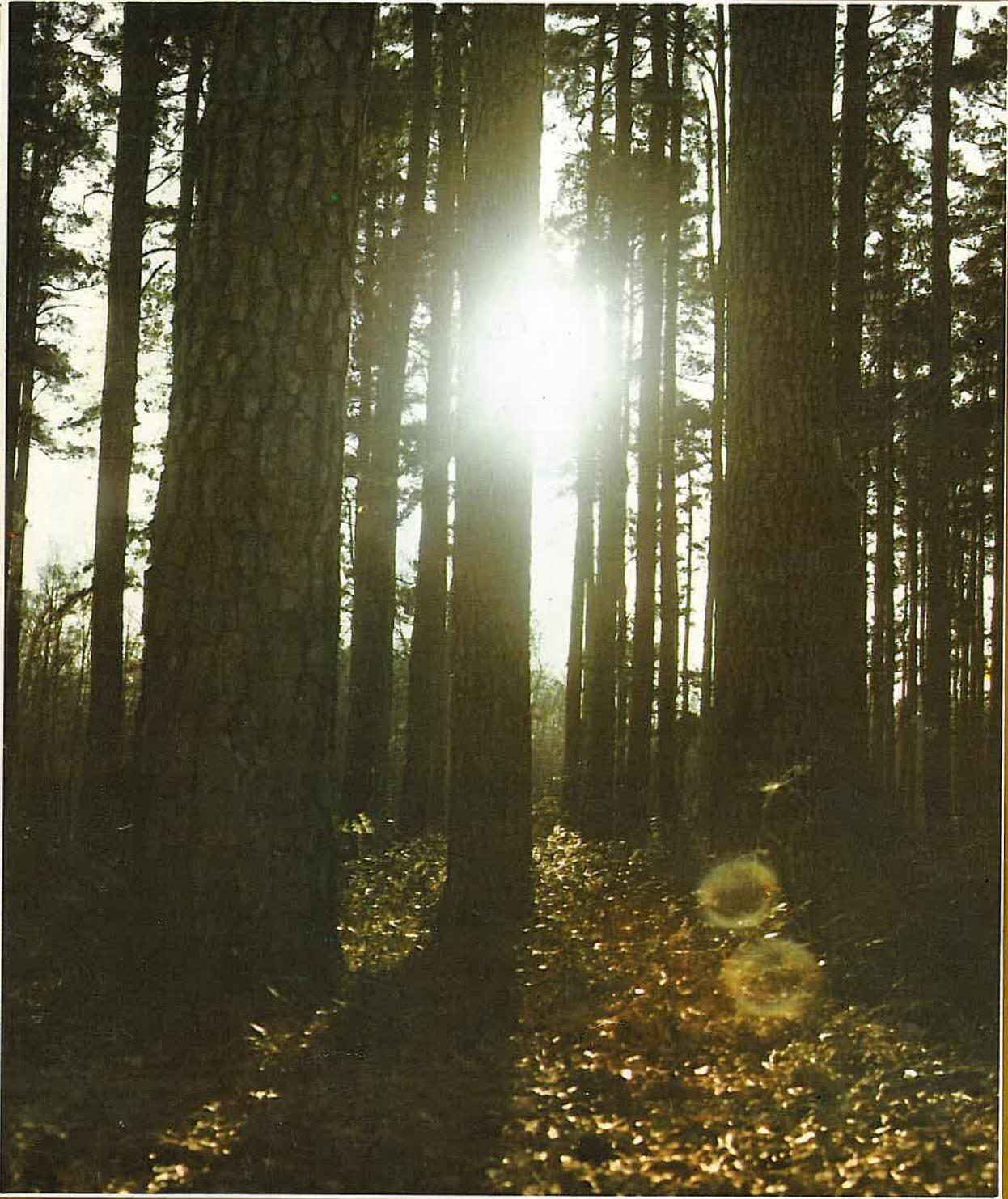


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Looking on as Justice Carleton Harris, center administers the oath of office to James Branyan are, left to right, Senator J. A. Womack (partially obscured), Representatives Auby Rowe, Jr., Julian Streett, Bobby G. Newman, Thomas Sparks and Grady Arrington, and W. R. Holliman, friend of Branyan from Camden.

CAMDEN MAN IS NEW COMMISSIONER

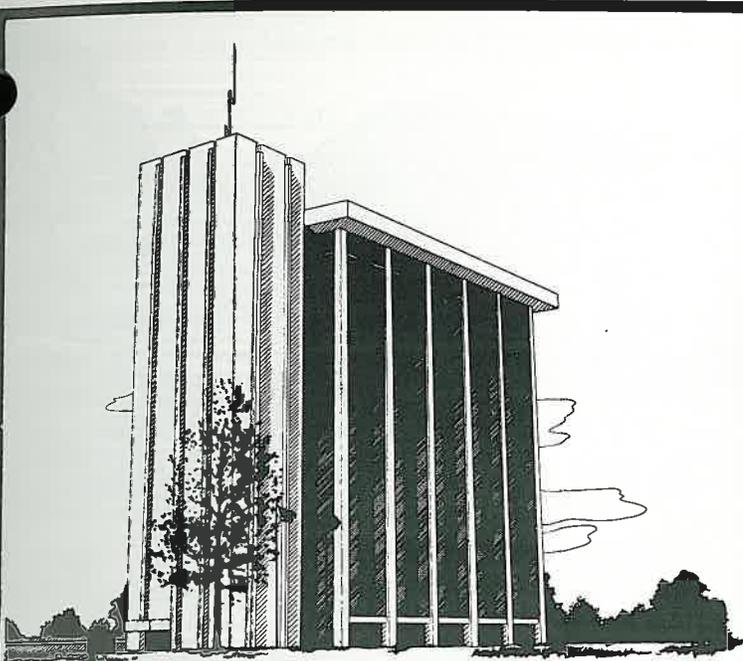
James A. Branyan, a Camden clothier, has been appointed by Governor Bumpers to a 10-year term on the Highway Commission. He replaces John Harsh of Magnolia, whose 10-year term expired on January 14.

Branyan, 40, was confirmed by the General Assembly on Monday, January 15, his birthday.

The new commissioner owns two ready-to-wear stores, Starr Fashions and The Credit Shop, in Camden. He also has interest in a feed store and a computer center. He said he was "very happy" to be chosen from among several persons considered by the Governor and that he would look after the interests of South Arkansas, even though he considered the position to be in the interest of the entire state.

Branyan is a past president of the Camden Jaycees and was voted their "Man of the Year" in 1970. He is a past president of the Camden Lions Club and Camden Retail Merchants Association. He is currently the president of the Ouachita County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is also a past chairman of the Ouachita County United Fund.

Branyan is a graduate of Glendale High School in Lincoln County and Henderson College. He is married to the former Shirley Minor and has two daughters.



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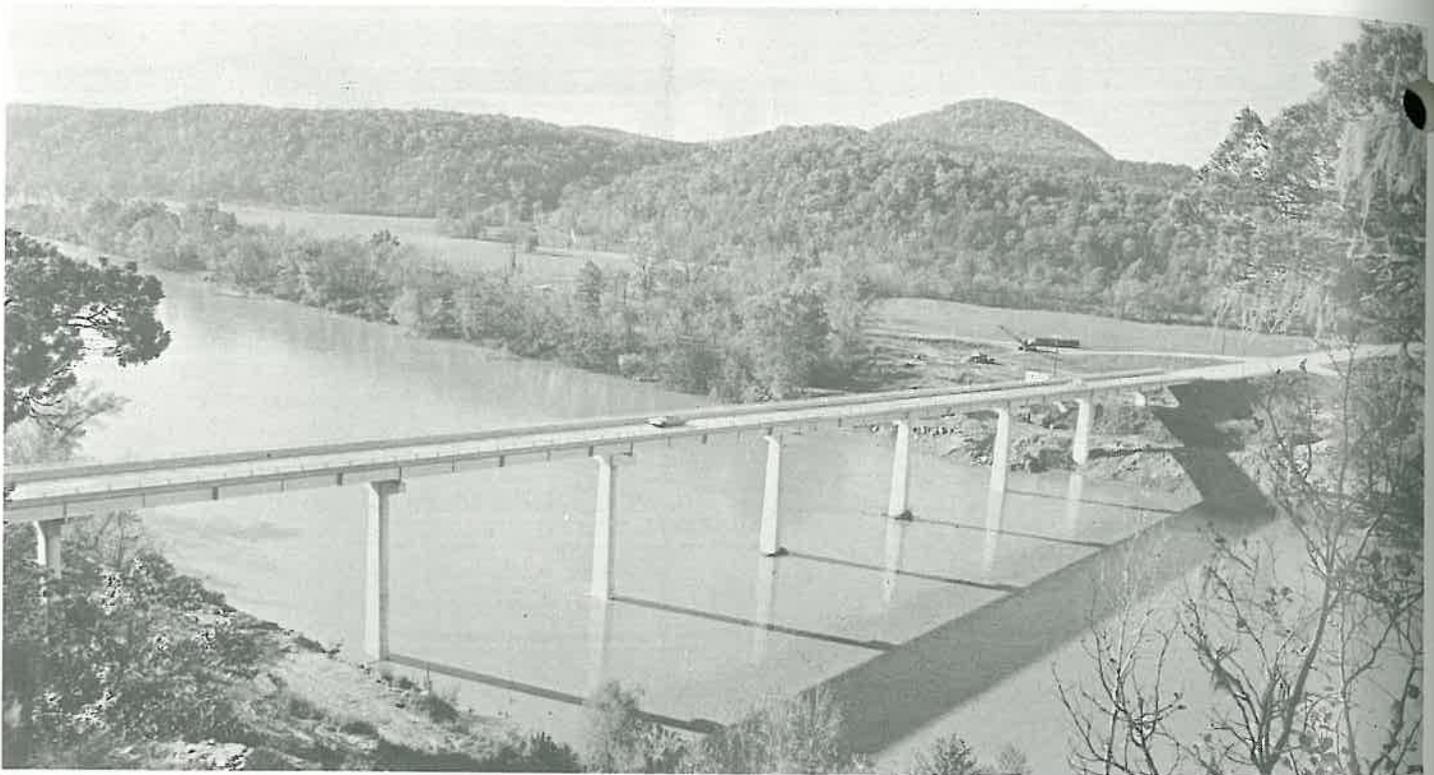
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ON THE COVER

A mid-afternoon sun streams through a stand of virgin pines located on Highway 160 near Rocky Mound southwest of Magnolia. The tract, owned by former commissioner John Harsh, is one of the few uncut stands of pine left in the southern part of the state. The serene majesty of tall pines provides a restful, rustic view for motorists along many miles of Arkansas highways.





Highway 341 bridge near Norfolk.

— Photo courtesy Baxter Bulletin

Bridge at Norfolk Dedicated Despite Weather

Director Ward Goodman holds the ribbon while 95-year-old Joe Torrance cuts it.

— Photo courtesy Baxter Bulletin



The day of Saturday, December 16 dawned gray, cold and windy with a threat of snow or sleet in the heavy clouds but plans had already been made to dedicate the bridge across White River near Norfolk, so an estimated 150 persons braved the weather in the afternoon and the dedication was held. The town councils of Norfolk, Big Flat and Salesville, who were sponsoring the dedication, had announced earlier when inclement weather which had gripped the area for several days showed no signs of abatement by Saturday, that the dedication would be held regardless of weather conditions.

The bridge, located about one mile above the confluence of the White and North Fork rivers, is of great importance to the residents of the area, since it is the only bridge across the White River between Cotter and Calico Rock, a distance of 43 miles by the meandering course of the river. (This structure, on Highway 341, is not to be confused with the proposed

bridge across Lake Norfolk northeast of Mountain Home.)

The local citizens call the bridge the Dr. Z. T. Sheid Memorial Bridge in honor of the pioneer physician who rode horseback for many years to treat patients on both sides of the river. A sign reading "Welcome to the Dr. Z. T. Sheid Bridge — South Baxter County Citizens" has been erected just off Highway 5 at the bridge turn-off.

Dedication ceremonies were held at the north end of the bridge. Representative Vada Sheid and Dr. John Guenther of Mountain Home, and Highway Director Ward Goodman addressed the gathering. Lloyd Fisk, a Mountain Home businessman, was master of ceremonies and introduced the guests. He stated that Dr. Guenther "dreamed the dream that this bridge should be named in the memory of our longtime friend and neighbor, Dr. Sheid."

Director Goodman pointed out that the bridge was built entirely with state funds — "There is not one federal dime in this project." Both Fisk and Goodman praised Representative Sheid (daughter-in-law of Dr. Z. T. Sheid) for being a booster of highways and her untiring efforts to get the bridge constructed. County Judge James Baker was also complimented for his cooperation, particularly in the acquisition of right of way. District Engineers Curtis Pangle of Harrison and J. R. Chaney of Batesville also attended the dedication. Santa Claus was on hand, passing out popcorn balls to everyone.

Construction of the bridge was given top priority and after a contract was awarded on August 30, 1971, the contractor, Forsgren, Inc. of Fort Smith, began construction in mid-September with two crews working, one from the north bank and one from the south bank. The bridge, its approaches and access roads cost nearly \$1 million. The site of the bridge is at one of the narrowest points in the river where the cost of construction was deemed to be the lowest of five possible sites studied.

The bridge is a major step in the development of a route through northern Arkansas to the Mountain View area. The scheduled opening of Blanchard Springs Caverns and the Folk Cultural Center next year, and the popularity of the area for retirement development is expected to double the number of

vehicles presently using the bridge.

Sponsors of the dedication sought out the oldest resident of the area to cut the ribbon. Joe Torrance of Salesville, 95, said before cutting the ribbon, that he didn't know of anyone older than himself living in the east part of the county. Four generations of his descendants accompanied him to the dedication. He also said he didn't think he would live to see a bridge built at that location. Others assisting with the ribbon cutting were Director Goodman, and Carl Sheid and Mrs. Jack Bonner, children of Dr. Sheid.

The bridge was opened for use by the Norfolk school buses at the beginning of the school term last year and to general traffic on November 1, three months ahead of schedule. Early completion of the bridge was made possible by "cooperation at every level", according to Goodman.

Prior to completion of the bridge motorists crossed the river about a mile downstream on a two-vehicle current-powered ferry with a 10-ton load limit. The ferry, known as Martin's Ferry, was privately owned from the turn of the century until 1967 when the owner decided to close it. The Highway Department assumed the operation until the bridge could be constructed. In earlier years the privately-owned Shipp's Ferry operated upstream from the bridge site.

The old ferry is being refurbished and will be turned over to the Surveys Division for their use.

The old ferry being hauled into Central Shops, where it is now undergoing a facelift.



Harsh Finishes Term



John Harsh

John Harsh, chairman of the Highway Commission for the last two years, completed a 10-year term on January 14 but said his interest in a better highway program for the state would not diminish. He was appointed in 1963 by former Governor Orval Faubus.

Harsh has been one of the most hard-working commissioners ever appointed. During his tenure he traveled hundreds of miles and made numerous talks about and in support of the state highway program. His last public action as a member of the five man body was a television appearance on two Little Rock stations on the last day of his term to explain and emphasize the Highway Department's need for more highway revenues.

Harsh, a former mayor of Magnolia, is now affiliated with The Rowand Company, a construction firm.

HONORED BY AGC

Harsh was honored for his work on the Commission by the Arkansas chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) at their annual convention and banquet held in Hot Springs on December 8. An especially prepared plaque was presented to him by AGC out-going president, A. K. McBride.

Toastmasters Honor Goodman



Goodman, left, receives plaque from Roehrenbeck.

Highway Director Ward Goodman, as the 1973 SASHO president and the vice president and president-elect of AASHO, has been the recipient of several honors in recent weeks. The most recent one is a bronze plaque of recognition for continuing support and contribution to toastmastering. The presentation was made by the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club. Goodman is a charter member.

The plaque was presented by Joe Roehrenbeck, also a charter member, who commended Goodman for his strong support of Toastmasters' objectives. The Hi-Noon Club is chartered by Toastmasters International, an organization whose purpose is to improve public speaking among its members.

OIL TROUGH FERRY SINKS



The trailer lies on its side sans most of the load.



Ironically, the cable which holds the ferry on course during downstream crossings remained intact when the barge sunk.

The ferry across White River at Oil Trough sank January 12 when a tractor-trailer carrying an undetermined tonnage of soybeans drove onto the ferry, off-center the barge, causing it to tip to oneside and sink in about 12 feet of water. It was the only vehicle aboard at the time. The owner-driver of the truck, Carl Stanberry of nearby Newark, made frequent crossings on the ferry with loads of beans and the ferry employees said he was a good driver.

When ferry pilots Minor Creswell of Newark and Leonard West of Cord saw that the barge was taking on water, West made repeated attempts to start the

engine while Creswell tried to winch the barge back to the shore, but their efforts were unsuccessful. The motor had apparently gotten wet and would not start, and the weight of the load was too great to maneuver the barge back to the shore.

No one was injured, however Stanberry was forced to leap into the water in sub-freezing weather. Creswell and West took refuge on the end of the barge which was not submerged.

The ferry sank on the north side of the river. It was out of operation five days while maintenance crews made repairs. During the time the ferry was out of service the Point Ferry downstream a few miles at Jacksonport operated 24 hours per day.

56 Employees Earn Certificates

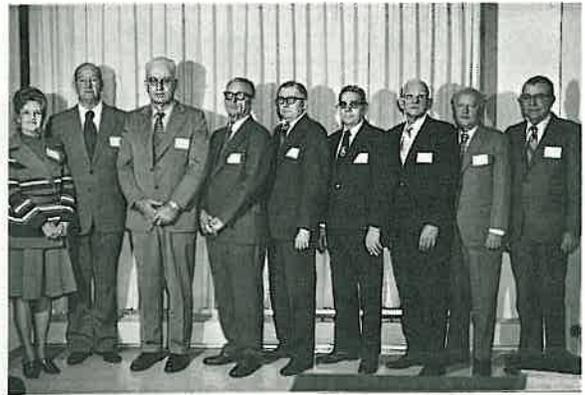
During 1972, 56 employees earned certificates for 25 or more years of service, for retirement with 25 or more years of service, or both. Outgoing Commissioner John Harsh made the presentations at a special meeting of the Highway Commission held in the auditorium of the main building at Little Rock on December 13.

Mrs. Sula Burnham, a former bookkeeper in the Camden office, retired with the distinction of having worked more years — 30 — than any other female employee of record.

Others who earned certificates but not present were:
 Hoyitt C. Archer, Equipment Operator, District 3 — 25 Yrs.
 Lendell C. Holder, Equipment Operator, District 3 — 25 Yrs.
 Ralph B. Jones, Resident Engineer, District 6 — 25 Yrs.
 James J. Pratt, Maint. Supervisor, District 9 — 25 Yrs.
 Virgil H. Shassere, Resident Engineer, District 1 — 25 Yrs.
 Charles B. Thomas, Engineer, District 8 — 25 Yrs.
 John Burlsworth, Retired Mechanic, District 9 — 31 Yrs.
 Ray G. Mann, Retired Equip. Operator, District 9 — 31 Yrs.
 L. E. Hancock, Retired Equip. Operator, District 7 — 29 Yrs.
 B. G. McConnell, Retired Equip. Operator, District 8 — 29 Yrs.
 Wilburn Cagle, Retired Equip. Operator, District 4 — 27 Yrs.
 Eldredge W. Lee, Retired Maint. Supvr., District 3 — 27 Yrs.



Commissioners Lawrence Blackwell, left, and Maurice Smith, right enjoy a moment of fun with John Harsh as they present him two 5-year pins, one from each of them, for having fulfilled his 10-year term as a commissioner.



Group 1: Left to right:

Sula M. Burnham, Retired Bookkeeper, District 7 — 30 Yrs.
 Newton J. Suitt, Construction Inspector, District 2 — 30 Yrs.
 Fred McLaughlin, Equip. Supervisor, District 4 — 30 Yrs.
 Ralph Wyatt, Resident Engineer, District 5 — 30 Yrs.
 Grover E. Nunnally, Maint. Supt., District 7 — 30 Yrs.
 Frank W. Phillips, Accountant, Accounting Division — 30 Yrs.
 J. E. "Buddy" Lewter, Administrative Officer, P&R — 30 Yrs.
 Bob L. Narrell, Civil Engineer, Roadway Design — 30 Yrs.
 Charles E. Andrews, Maint. Supvr., District 3 — 30 Yrs.



Group 2: Left to right:

William O. Vaughn, Retired Equip. Supvr., District 9 — 32 Yrs.
 Fay Karnes, Retired Maint. Supvr., District 9 — 30 Yrs.
 John F. Price, Retired Dist. Engineer, District 8 — 34 Yrs.
 R. H. Paxton, Retired Engineering Aide, District 3 — 25 Yrs.



Dist. Engineer Don Cahoone, right, presents 25-year certificate to Res. Engr. Ralph B. Jones who was called away from the presentations meeting because of an emergency.



Group 3: Left to right:

- H. M. Stoebener, Maint. Supvr., Traffic Division – 25 Yrs.
- R. C. Chisom, Equip. Operator, District 2 – 25 Yrs.
- Howard D. Green, Equip. Operator, District 2 – 25 Yrs.
- James E. Cockrell, Equip. Operator, District 2 – 25 Yrs.
- Bryant G. Hatridge, Engineering Aide, District 7 – 25 Yrs.
- Mildred Stacy, Accountant, District 1 – 25 Yrs.
- John W. Michael, Equip. Operator, District 4 – 25 Yrs.
- Emerson I. Hammell, Mechanic Supt., District 4 – 25 Yrs.
- Leroy Curtner, Maint. Repairman, District 1 – 25 Yrs.



Group 4: Left to right:

- Irvin F. Kimmer, Accountant, District 5 – 25 Yrs.
- Carmon E. Trammel, Equip. Operator, District 9 – 25 Yrs.
- Floyd L. Pharris, Sr., Equip. Supvr., District 3 – 25 Yrs.
- Sherman W. Moore, Mechanic, District 8 – 25 Yrs.
- Jay O. English, Maint. Supvr., District 8 – 25 Yrs.
- H. W. "Cookie" McCook, Storeroom Supvr., Central Headquarters – 25 Yrs.
- Elza W. Owens, Equip. Operator, District 8 – 25 Yrs.



Group 5: Left to right:

- Jessie F. Williams, Engineer, District 6 – 25 Yrs.
- William B. Duncan, Engineering Aide, District 3 – 25 Yrs.
- Carl M. Hames, Equip. Operator, District 5 – 25 Yrs.
- Kellie Pilgreen, Engineering Aide, District 3 – 25 Yrs.
- John M. Tate, Maint. Supvr., District 9 – 25 Yrs.
- Elbert H. Huddleston, Equip. Operator, District 9 – 25 Yrs.
- Robert L. Pinson, Weight Inspector, W&S – 25 Yrs.



Group 6: Left to right:

- Robert C. Conley, Equip. Operator, District 5 – 25 Yrs.
- Leo Wright, Equip. Operator, District 5 – 25 Yrs.
- Herman Hinesley, Equip. Operator, District 5 – 25 Yrs.
- Huel D. Pack, Maint. Supvr., District 9 – 25 Yrs.
- James E. Garner, Engineering Aide, M&T – 25 Yrs.
- Charles H. Tullos, Material Inspec. Tech., M&T – 25 Yrs.
- Nathan E. Bingham, Administrative Officer, P&R – 25 Yrs.
- Frank P. Hutchison, Engineer, Roadway Design – 25 Yrs.

Look Who's Retired

9n 1972

Buildings & Grounds

John Numon Ball

Maintenance:

James M. Campbell
Dovie C. Curtis

Planning & Research:

Mrs. Helen McNutt

Roadway Design:

Ray Garner

Traffic:

Henry F. Derrick
Gilbert E. Pitts
Doyle Y. Rea

Weights & Standards:

Ivan Dayton Allison
Harold V. Coulter
Guthrie R. Goodwin
Linton M. Maxwell
James A. Neaville, Jr.
Marvin Hutto Stover

District One:

Alton D. Hudson
E. S. Rodgers
Garland Spencer
Lee Roy Thomas

District Two:

J. W. Judkins
G. E. Meeks
Neal Peacock
Allie H. Stewart
John W. Stroble
Mack Lee Walker

District Three:

Carol Burnett
E. W. Lee
Jack D. S. Lockeby
Pierce W. McCorkle
Reyburn H. Paxton
Melvin Wylie

District Four:

Wilburn Cagle
Marvin John Carpenter
Alva C. Floyd
Randall Devoy Harrison
Jesse McLaughlin
Jack Randall
Burl Richmond
Olan Tarpley

District Five:

Willis D. Graham
William A. Heron
William C. Huff
Jettre N. James
Robert Lawson Johnson
W. L. Johnson
Jewel C. McDaniel
Hubert A. Miller
Homer C. Moser
Stokely V. Qualls
Hurshel E. Southerland
George Richard Vickers

District Six:

Robert F. Canady
William W. Cook
Clayton W. Cullins
Richard J. Johnson

John W. Meeks
Fred Schroeder
John Bert Williams

District Seven:

Mrs. Sula M. Burnham
John Henry Coke
Durwood L. Erwin
Ervin H. Hamilton
Leonard Hancock
John Harcrow
John Garland Launius
J. W. Prince
Clifford W. Smith
George E. Turner
Herbert E. Walsh

District Eight:

Taft Adrian Berry
Earl Hankins
Bruce G. McConnell
John F. Price
George C. Scroggin
Earnest H. Underwood
Kellis W. Winningham

District Nine:

Jadie H. Allen
John Burlsworth
Troy C. Deweese
R. H. Dodd
Leonard Edgmon
Olen E. Fendley
John W. Hiatt
Fay Karnes
R. G. Mann
John Curtis Miller
James H. Motley
Paul M. Sanders
John L. Sullivan
Dave Thornberry
Jim Burns Trehwitt
Otis William Vaughn
Boyce Bailey Wallace

District Ten:

Luther Hays
Frankie F. Lovelace
Eli C. Streeter
Marvin John Swink

Helena Bridge:

William Eli Morton

Retirees Deceased in 1972

Bridge Design:

Jessie Moss

Chief Engineers Office:

E. G. Hampton

Materials & Tests

Henry T. Hollensworth

Maintenance:

Central Shops:
George David Lewis

Equipment:

Purvie Lee Harris

Planning & Research:

W. R. McCord

Right of Way:

Abby W. Hardy

Roadway Design:

Fred L. Pulliam

Secondary Roads:

Harry M. Wright

Surveys:

J. H. Campbell, Jr.

Weights & Standards:

S. A. Hutson
Maynard Milton Smith

District Two:

Clifton Coats

District Three:

Roy Everett Cowart
Lee William Helton

District Four:

Oscar Gwyn
R. D. Harrison

District Five:

H. A. Miller

District Six:

R. S. Hunt

District Seven:

E. P. Foster

District Eight:

William Clinton Fry, Jr.

District Nine:

Jadie Hasseltine Allen

District Ten:

H. P. Goin
John William Bracken

● Seat Belt Convincer Demonstrated



Equip. Supvr. B. E. Woodyard is about to "turn on the switch" of the seat belt convincer so that Eileen Taylor, clerk-typist at District 6, can go for a ride.



Safety Officer Roland Humble gives Roadside Development secretary Melba Shepard some pointers before she begins her lightning-fast 7-m.p.h. ride.

A mechanical device called a seat belt convincer was demonstrated to Central Headquarters employees on December 12-13 to impress upon them the safety of wearing seat belts. The device, which is a sled or motorless go-cart fitted with a standard car seat, was on loan from the local Arkansas Automobile Club.

When the passenger is seated and strapped in, the sled descends a 12-foot track, reaching a speed of seven miles per-hour — only twice as fast as a person can walk! — before coming to an abrupt halt at the end of the ramp that would send any person not wearing a safety belt flying. The impact is not severe enough to cause personal injury but enough to make a lasting impression upon the rider. Hopefully, it will live up to its name and convince all riders and on-lookers to always buckle up before turning on the ignition.

The convincer is not a toy; it is a sturdily constructed educational device. The idea was the brain-child of a AAA man in Denver and the first one was constructed in the machine shop of a vocational high school there about five years ago. Several are now in circulation by AAA. At least one Highway Department — Virginia— also has a demonstrator. It was used in their National Highway Week activities last fall. The device, which costs about \$500 to build, is mounted on a trailer for portability.

The Arkansas Highway Department strongly urges the use of both seat belts and shoulder harness because statistics show that twelve percent of all highway deaths and injuries result from ejection from the vehicle upon impact.

AUTO REPAIR COSTS — ANOTHER INCENTIVE FOR SAFE DRIVING

Aside from the loss of life and limb in highway vehicle crashes, the cost of vehicle repairs is a matter of grave concern, so much so that some insurance companies have ceased writing auto insurance altogether and some others are not encouraging it.

Four major insurance firms in the nation made an extensive study pertaining to the cost of repairs and found that damage repair estimates generated by actual claims for 70 car models averaged from \$280 for the least expensive models to more than \$520 for the most expensive. The average repair cost for all 70 models involved in the study was \$321. The study was based on 89,060 crash repair estimates involving 1969-1972 model cars on a nationwide basis.

The claims involved both collision and property damage liability coverages. The study also revealed that 1972 cars cost 6 percent more to repair than 1971 models.

Christmas Parties

DISTRICT EIGHT



The party was well-attended.



District Engineer and Mrs. David Moore.



Left to right: Larry and Alice Bradley, Kathy Dunn and Sherman Moore.



Serving themselves, left to right, are: Mrs. Sinclair, Cecil Colburn, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Chavers and son, Glen Wayne, Mrs. Tom McGuire (dark blouse) and Mrs. Joe Smith.



Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kinslow.



Kelli King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rod King, chats with Santa.



Netha Brown's grand-twins, Bobbie and Robbie Brown.



Daniel Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, talks with Santa. Diane Gipson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gipson, waits her turn.

DISTRICT 6



Left to right: George Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Cheek and L. N. McGuire.



Helping their plates are, left to right: Bob Valentine (dark shirt) and his children Gordy and Sarah, Eileen Taylor, Ray Taylor, Don Stovall (dark suit) and Lisa Stovall.



Left to right: Paul Griffith, Juanita Ingle, Mike Griffith and Pat Griffith.

The office ladies are, left to right: Eileen Taylor, Lou Brians, Billie Jones and Georgia Russenberger.



Williams Is R.O.W. Association President



Henry Williams, center, has been elected the 1973 president of Arkansas Chapter No. 51, American Right of Way association. He is a reviewing appraiser in the Right of Way Division. Jim Bartlett, second from right, a technician in the Utilities Section of Right of Way, is second vice president. Other officers are, left to right: Clayton Carter, treasurer; Mike Howell, first vice president; and Jack Sommerfeldt, director. The Association is an international organization dedicated to the advancement of right of way and land acquisition work as a fully recognized profession and demanding the adherence to certain standards and ethics. Both Williams and Bartlett are charter members of the Arkansas chapter which was organized in 1969.

Cox Receives Toastmasters Award



Bernie Cox

Bernie Cox, assistant procurement officer and a 21-year employee of the Highway Department, was one of three Hi-Noon Toastmaster members who received the Toastmaster International Distinguished Service Award. The late Bill Rainwater of Office Engineers and Joe Roehrenbeck, an employee of Sperry and Hutchinson Company, also received awards, which were presented January 12. It was the first time the distinguished service awards have been presented to a Hi-Noon member. Recipients are determined by the membership on the basis of continuous participation in the Club and promotion of the principles of communication and leadership through Toastmastering.

The Hi-Noon Club and the Highway Department have been inseparable since the Club's inception in June of 1960, when then-administrative assistant Raif Smith, now with FHWA in Washington, initiated interest in the organization of Chapter 2217-43.

An estimated 30 present, former and/or retired employees are, or have been, members of the Club and benefited from Toastmasters training. In addition to Director Ward Goodman (see page 6), Cox, Rainwater and Smith, they include John Pendergrass, Bill Moore, Bill Shumaker, B. K. Cooper, J. E. Lowder, Bert Rownd, Hubert Holland, Jack Keilch, Don Potter, Brooks Nichols, Y. W. Whelchel, John Tallant, Sam Smith, Pete Daggett, Jim Meredith, Veral Pinkerton, Hurley Perkins, Wilbert Chapman, John Hall, Gene Ashcraft and Paul DeBusk, a brand-new member slated to give his "ice-breaker" speech soon.

Perkins, assistant construction engineer, is the 1973 president. Chapman, assistant engineer of P&R, is the administrative vice president.

Dames Meet For Christmas Tea

Highway Dames president Donna Bosley and her mother, Mrs. P. E. Munnerlyn, were hostesses for the annual Christmas tea at the home of Mrs. Munnerlyn on North Hills Boulevard in North Little Rock on December 14. Co-hostesses were Bobbie Chapman, Betty Hutchison and Bonnie Magness.

The spacious home was cheerily decorated inside and out for the holiday season. Thirty-one members and guests attended.

The Dames met at the Highway Building for their January meeting. After luncheon in the cafeteria, they viewed the current Highway film in the auditorium.



The fireplace was a favorite gathering place. Here, seated, are Lucille Tallant and Rachael Shumaker. Standing are Mada Vandenberg, Rebecca Daggett and Marion Oliver.



Left to right: Betty Gee, Bonnie Magness and Donna Bosley.



One of the conversation groups included left to right: Gerrie Tucker, Virginia Wilson, Adele Mattox and Frances House.

Africa, A Photographer's Paradise!

by Joyce Spencer, Commission Secretary

Looking back, I suppose that our trip to Africa last September had its beginning a few years ago when our local pastor recommended my husband, "Gick" to visit the Churches of God in Arkansas and talk to them about World Service, the missionary arm of our church. Our biggest foreign mission is in Kenya, East Africa.

Another reason for the trip was that two years ago, Margaret Deitz, a young lady from our congregation who had just graduated from St. Vincent's School of Nursing, offered her services to the Missionary Board and was promptly sent to Kenya for a 4-year term. We corresponded with her and before we knew it we were planning a visit. All we had to do was arrange air travel and she made all the plans for us while in Kenya.

Kenya is divided almost in the center by the equator, is somewhat smaller than the State of Texas and has a population of 10 million. It is bounded on the east by the Indian Ocean, on the west by Uganda, on the north by Ethiopia and Somalia, and on the south by Tanzania. Nairobi, the capital, is a very modern city of one-half million. The second largest city is Mombasa, a port city on the Indian Ocean; and the third largest is Kisumu which is 26 miles from our Mission Hospital. It is near the equator, Lake Victoria and Uganda.

The first thing that impressed us was the beauty of the country. Nairobi has no traffic lights — they have "roundabouts" circular intersections. The vehicle nearest the center of the traffic circle has the right-of-way. All these circles and the city rights-of-way are planted with beautiful flowers, flowering shrubs and trees. The city is a mile high and enjoys a moderate temperature year around, varying from 52 in June and July to 82 in February. That isn't true for the entire country. The climate of coastal Mombasa is humid, ranging from 68 in August to 90 in February.



We toured the Nairobi National Game Park which is just outside the capital. On our first outing we were fortunate to see and photograph many animals; lions, gazelle, giraffe, wart hogs, baboon, hippo and leopard. People touring the game parks are required to stay in the vehicle, usually a landrover, except at designated places. We also toured Tsavo National Park. There at Kilaguni Lodge we relaxed in easy chairs on the veranda and watched elephant, zebra and many other game animals and birds come to the water hole. Tsavo is particularly noted for its huge elephant population, estimated to be 5,000. In the reserve at the headwaters of Tsavo River is Mzima Springs; hippo are present there in abundance and we caught a glimpse of them from a viewing device built into the water. There are no paved roads in this park (and would you believe no gravel?), just red clay — and so dusty, we at first thought the elephants were red.

You should have seen us after a day there, the dust even seeped into our luggage in the trunk of the car.

From Tsavo, we went to Mombasa. We went for a swim in the Indian Ocean, which was warm and pleasant. The old quarter was fascinating with its narrow streets shadowed by high old houses, elaborately balconied. We visited Fort Jesus, built by the Portuguese in 1593. We also saw the summer home of Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya's president. Africans are famous for wood carvings, most of which are done by a tribe located at Mombasa; we visited their cooperative and saw them in action. Some saw the wood into small lengths, others take the wood to the carvers, who work in long open huts, while others sell the finished products.

Next, we visited our 100-bed mission hospital located at Mwhila. Our American staff assigned here consists of five nurses, one lab technician and one doctor. We also maintain a clinic some 20 miles away. It has 25 beds with an registered nurse in charge. We operate the African Theological College and a Christian Education Publications office there. These services aid over 300 indigenous African churches in the vicinity.

The people of Africa impressed us most. They are a hospitable people, extremely poor but happy. They share whatever they have with deep love and affection. Education is very important to them. Their primary and secondary schools require tuition and uniform. Even the poorest Africans sacrifice to give their children an education. If they complete secondary school and are capable of college and want to go, it is provided free by the government. Most are linguists, speaking as many as five languages. Many speak English, especially the younger educated ones, as it is taught in primary and secondary Schools.

The Africans always have a greeting before they speak of any business to

anyone. Even toddlers will hold up their hands to shake and say very quietly and timidly, "Melambi", which means hello in the Luya language. They are also very appreciative of any kindness. Most Africans cannot afford cars; nor can they afford the bus, so they usually walk. Some fortunate ones have bicycles.

Our friend Margaret has charge of the Mobile Clinic. Two trips a week are made to remote areas where no medical facilities are available. The Africans come to the stopping point for treatment. We went with her on three occasions. The first time she treated 66 patients from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. She diagnoses, prescribes and keeps records by patients' names, diagnosis and treatment. There is a minimal charge to cover the cost of drugs and gasoline for the Landrover. She takes with her two African nurses, one male and one female. One dispenses oral medication, the other gives injections. These nurses are equivalent to L.P.N.'s here and are trained in our hospital nursing program, which takes four years compared to the one-year program here. It is not unusual to see patients leaving the clinic with their medicine in a coke bottle that has a stopper made from a folded banana leaf.



Margaret Deitz

On several occasions we were invited to African homes for tea and meals. We never refused the hospitality — it would have been very rude.

Most of the people live in small huts made of poles packed with mud; they have mud and cow dung floors and

thatched roofs. The floors cure out like brick only crusty; it has no odor and they say it keeps out insects! Their home furnishings are very meager . . . maybe a small table and a few wooden chairs. In one home we visited the wall decorations consisted of magazine pictures torn out and stuck to the wall near the ceiling.

Each family has a separate cook house; they also have a separate house for the older children to sleep in. The father's house is built first and the others as needed.

Rarely do the host and hostess eat with their guests. Their main dish and diet is "obasuma", a sticky substance made from ground maize poured into boiling water and cooked for about an hour. It is then shaped into a mound; and placed in the middle of the table. Each person is given a small container of meat broth with a couple of pieces of meat in it. Each person pinches off a bit of the obasuma (pronounced o-ba-soo'-ma), rolls it in his hand (they use no eating utensils), and pushes a depression in the upper third with his thumb, forming a spoon with which to eat the broth. He dips the "spoon" in the broth and eats both; then makes another. The meat is also eaten with the fingers. After the meal, African tea, made by boiling tea, raw milk, coarse unrefined sugar and water (usually from a nearby creek), is served.

The most dramatic and touching experience for us began when we were on Mobile Clinic the second time. A man brought his small daughter, about 2½ or 3 years old, from eight miles away. Upon examination she was diagnosed as suffering from anemia and congestive heart failure. Margaret offered to take her to the hospital on our return that afternoon. The father agreed and a young girl, a relative, accompanied her. It was late when we left and raining; the clay roads are very slick when wet and before we were halfway back to the hospital we had slidden off the road a couple of times. There were twelve of us in the Landrover and we could hear the baby's breathing from the back to the front seat. She kept

begging for water. Suddenly one of the African nurses told me that the baby was convulsing and I relayed the message to Margaret, who was driving. She stopped immediately and began to examine the child. The young lady who had been holding her had placed her on a box of medical supplies in front of her, and from looking at Margaret, we knew she was dead. When asked what she wanted to do the girl said she wanted to go back.

It took over an hour to return. She motioned for us to stop and jumped out of the Landrover and ran down a small path, leaving the body behind. We drove down the path, to a number of huts not too far from the road. When we stopped we could hear the people mourning and wailing. The girl had spread the news. (We later learned that she was a cousin and that the woman doing the loudest wailing was the grandmother.)

The people are superstitious and would not touch the body, so Margaret said she would carry it if someone would tell her where to put it. They motioned to a hut back in the weeds and Margaret, walking through the rain with the African male nurse a few steps behind, disappeared into the weeds. They returned very quickly and we departed. Already many people were coming through the bush toward the huts. Since the people are not Christians and are very superstitious, we were not too sure what their reaction to us would be. We asked Margaret how the baby could have been saved and she said perhaps if there had been plasma and oxygen in the Landrover . . . but that that their supply is barely adequate for the hospital.

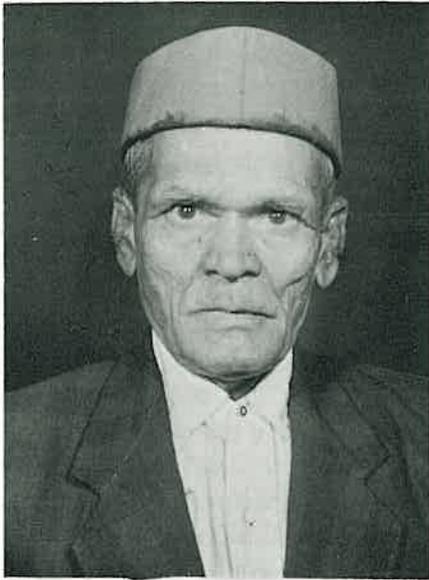
Gradually the missionaries are turning their work over to the African people. There missionaries from all churches work together — there are no sharp denominational lines . . . people differentiated only as being Christian or non-Christian.

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INDIAN READER COMPLIMENTS AHD

HIGHWAYS

by *Virupaxi Chanvir Simpi*



Editor's note: Virupaxi Chanvir Simpi, a 75-year-old gentleman from Sholapur, India, is one of *Arkansas Highways'* most avid readers. Mail delivery there is rather slow, usually requiring about two months from its departure in Little Rock but if Mr. Simpi fails to receive an issue, he immediately writes a request to the Magazine office for another copy. The following article which he submitted for publication is apparently based on conclusions drawn from reading the magazine. The thinking may be a bit difficult to follow and the language somewhat strange, but his comments are interesting. Mr. Simpi is also a longtime reader and correspondent of *Highway User* magazine published by Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility in Washington.

I read the "Arkansas Highways" magazine every month with much interest, from the last six years or so, and find it to be very informative to the road engineers and the motoring public. I also appreciate the best performance of the Highway Commission, though there are many different terrains to be faced.

The roads they lay are most smooth and hard, as the projects are well planned before on economical basis. The Commission, as well as the workers' cooperation for making the roads scenic by planting shady trees on both sides of the road, is commendable, and it goes to KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL. Even the family members, boys, girls, and the youth are very proud of their parents' venture, as is seen from the pictures in the magazine every now and then.

The bridges are built wherever there is need and link up the routes all over the State. It being the joint venture of the Commission, and engineering staff with the public cooperation, the Highways last for years together, with no need of constant repairs, as the jobs are not on contract basis. By this, I think, the motor vehicle accident figures may be very low as compared with other States. I hope that the other national countries on the globe will follow the example to reduce the accidents.

I suggest the Arkansas road patrol to check up at random the vehicles upkeepness, and watch the negligent drivers for the good of the public as well as the owners and the insurance companies. For any failure in the motor vehicle, the licensing and permit-issuing authorities must be dealt with hardly for having permitted to ply the vehicles. Surprising checks must be the work of these authorities, though the period may not have expired.

If this is done by the Arkansas Highway Commission, they will be WELL WORTHY and remarkable in the eyes of the public.



There
and Everywhere

CITIZENS VOTE ON COLOR OF BRIDGE – Illinois and Iowa Highway officials took the easy way out in deciding what color to make the I-280 bridge over the Mississippi River between Rock Island, Illinois and Davenport, Iowa – they let the voters decide. In a poll jointly sponsored by both Highway Departments, 8,300 voters cast ballots. “Interstate blue and yellow” was the first choice, with “interstate blue” being second choice and “interstate orange” the third preference. Iowa’s official bridge color – “interstate green” – came in a poor fourth. The blue and yellow bridge is scheduled to open next fall.

NO FREEWAY FOR ZERMATT – Contrary to modern day thinking that more and more multi-laned, controlled-access, high-speed freeways are needed everywhere, the picturesque village of Zermatt, Switzerland doesn’t even care to have automobiles cluttering up their village streets. The townspeople felt that their village, situated at the foot of the towering Matterhorn in southwestern Switzerland, would lose much of its world-famed charm to skiers, mountain climbers, hikers and sightseers if it allowed automobiles to come into the village. Presently the nearest road ends at the village of Taesch, four miles down the valley. The citizens voted to allow the road to be extended to Zermatt, then in a 937-405 vote, reversed themselves. As the plan now stands, tourists will eventually be able to park their cars in a giant parking lot outside the village, to which the people of Zermatt have agreed the road can be extended. Zermatt’s only direct link with the outside world is a narrow-gauge electric train that winds between the village and a main-line station at Visp in the Rhone Valley, a trip requiring a little more than an hour’s ride. Most of those who wanted to drive cars into town were the younger villagers.

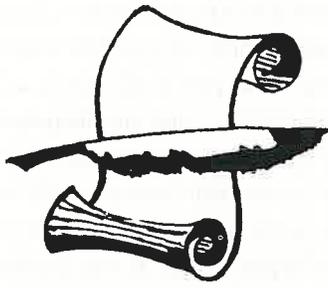
YELLOW STRIPES ON HIGHWAY FOOL CATTLE – Texas Highway maintenance forces don’t know why yellow stripes painted on the highway will stop cattle just as effectively as a cattle guard will, or perhaps even better – they just happened to find out that it does. Highway maintenance personnel kept having to retrieve cattle whose hooves had become stuck between the rails of conventional cattle guards on Park Road 22 in Padre Island Park south of Corpus Christi. It was decided that the rails should be painted with reflectorized yellow paint to see if that would stop the cattle from trying to cross the cattle guards. When it worked, someone then suggested that the yellow stripes simply be painted on the highway at two other locations. Ten stripes, four inches wide and five inches apart from pavement edge to pavement edge were put down to save the approximate \$2000 cost of constructing cattle guards. No cattle crossing the yellow lines has been reported.

‘ACUPUNCTURE’ FOR ‘SICK’ BRIDGES – The Kansas Highway Department has experimented with a new procedure for rebonding horizontal fractures in concrete bridge decking by using certain types of epoxy resin. The method has a long technical name called “Spot Treatment of Hollow Areas by Rebonding with Injected Epoxy Resin”, however, the technique approaches the Chinese surgical procedure known as acupuncture.

In the beginning, the patient (bridge deck) is ‘fluoroscoped’ with a chain sweep dragged over the bridge surface by a diagnostician (technician) who determines the affected tissues (hollow areas below the deck surface) from the sound of the chain. ‘Diseased areas’ are outlined with crayon.

Placement of reinforcing steel in the affected areas is located with a magnetic-operated meter called a pachometer (the X-ray machine) and marked with crayon. After the hollow (diseased) areas are located, a number of holes are drilled with the acupuncture needle (a 3/8 inch hollow drill bit) to a depth below the fractured plane. Holes are kept free of dust produced by drilling through use of a suction pump (vacuum pump) attached to the drill bit.

The medicine (epoxy resin) is then injected into the holes under high pressure (400-800 pounds per square inch) to fill the fractures and bond the concrete together. The epoxy is injected with a machine made from hand grease guns attached to a special nozzle. When the affected area has been rebonded with epoxy, traffic can travel on it immediately.



Letters

THE SAGA OF FISHER LANE

(Editor's note: The personification of Fisher Lane was authored by Mrs. L. W. Scoggins, Route 1, Charleston, Arkansas.)

Dear Highway Commissioners:

My name is Fisher Lane, I lie on a Prairie between Vesta, (six miles north of Charleston) and Highway 41 five miles north of Branch. I've been here for a hundred years or more. Even the Civil War was fought along my way.

I've served people from all walks of life. They have traveled my roadbed on horse-back, and in buggies and wagons; taking their products to town to sell their cotton to the old gin that used to be along my wayside. This was a thriving community in old days. We had a gin, a post office and a general store, a little further southeast, a church and a school.

People could hardly get from one end of my middle to the other in the old days, even on horse-back, and now with these horses on wheels and the ground so full of water already, why, with winter coming on, and all that freezing and thawing, I'll just have to swallow them up again.

Somehow the people who have to travel me have not been able to get the care for me that I need so badly. I've lost so many friends because of my condition. They've bogged down in my middle so many times and slipped off into my ditches, that they just couldn't stand to live by me and have up and moved into the cities. I know they are not happy there, because I've heard that those cities are so overcrowded and congested and there is so much crime there, I know my friends would like to be back on this Prairie and farm this good fertile land again, but they are afraid of me. That makes me so unhappy.

A few years ago I thought sure I was going to be fixed up real pretty. My friends who have stuck by me through thick and thin mud and lots of dust, gave up part of their land to make me wider, set their fences back and new concrete bridges were built.

They all chartered a big bus and met with all of you at Little Rock. Boy! you've sure got a nice Highway Department building there.

My friends took pictures of me (they should still be in your files). Why don't you get them out and look at them again. See what a terribly bad shape I get in?

You know, where I cross Highway 217 west at Vesta? They took my shortest part into the state system, clear on to the Sebastian County line and now that part of me is getting

fixed up real nice. Some one over that way sure had someone in higher places pulling for me real hard.

I was told to be real patient, for when they got that part of me finished, then they would come back and fix me up real pretty. I would get a new bed and a pretty black face too, all the way from Highway 41 east to 217 west. Oh! how happy that would make me and all my friends.

Now we hear that some people south of me are pulling real hard to get another road that can already be traveled in all kinds of weather, fixed up instead of me. Those people don't even live out there, they live in the city or on roads already paved.

When I'm dry, I look real good, and that is when the higher-ups come to visit me, not when it is raining and I'm so muddy and slippery or when I've been frozen so deep and thawing up. They've heard enough about me, they know to stay far away from me then.

Just this week, I've had to sling two cars off me into the ditch. I just couldn't keep them in my middle with all this slippery mud.

Some people have turned over in my ditches, too.

It keeps the poor ole' farmer busy during the winter, pulling their friends out of me, in the rain or in the snow and that could give those farmers pneumonia out in rain or snow, in the deep of night that way, but they just can't stand to let someone freeze if they can possibly help them. Sometimes they get their tractors so deep in my mud they have to call a wrecker to get it out and that costs so much money. I'm sorry, but I just can't help it. I don't like what I do to these people.

I need so much help. Looks like, with all of this modern machinery and all of this road tax and even this surplus tax fund from the motor vehicles, that I've been hearing about, just looks like someone would take pity on me and help me to help my friends who want to stay out here along my by-ways. They or some of their ancestors have paid that road tax as long as there has been one. Why can't some of it be used for me? Please help me - Let me be a part of your state Highway System.

December 13, 1972

Mr. Don Cahoon
District Engineer

Dear Don:

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding performance that the highway department supervisors for Garland County, Mr. Don Stovall, and for Hot Spring County, Mr. James Welcher, showed during the recent ice storm. Their attention to our high priority hills allowed all our people to get to work on time.

We appreciate this excellent service.

Sincerely yours,

H.K. Reamey

Reynolds Aluminum

Primary Metals Division

January 10, 1973

Dear Sirs:

I would like to thank a man who works for the Highway Department for coming to the aid of two damsels in distress on Interstate 30 between Arkadelphia and Malvern on Thursday, January 4. I ran out of gas in a Toyota, no less. He was on the other side of the highway going in the opposite direction but he stopped to see what was wrong; came back, and soon had us on our way again. While we waited for the first truck to get back, a second Highway Department truck stopped. No one else even slowed down. I was very grateful to that man and I hope that you'll see that he gets my thank you. I didn't get his name - only his truck number, 6757.

Sincerely,
Susan McCain
740 Eagle St.
Fayetteville, Ark.

(The truck which stopped to help Miss McCain was apparently No. 6727 instead of 6757. If so, the employee who aided her was probably Hot Springs County Area Foreman James Welcher.)

December 5, 1972

Highway Department
State of Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas
Dear Sir:

Have you ever had a relative who had everything, but nevertheless you had to come up with a present for him at Christmas? If you have, I hope you will feel sympathetic and help us out. (If you haven't, I hope you will feel sympathetic and help us out.)

My husband, like a great many other people, has an uncle. At about this time every year, we rack our brains trying to think of a gift which is interesting and enjoyable for him. It's not easy!

But this year, a lightbulb went off in my husband's head (No - the damage is not permanent): When we travel, we like to get hold of the official state highway map of any state we drive in, for we have found that they tend to be more complete and informative than other maps.

The idea: Uncle takes many vacations by car to many parts of the U.S. So - get an official 1973 highway map from every state in the union and present them to him for Christmas 1972 for his use in the year 1973.

And so, we would appreciate it so very much if you would send to us, at the above address, a 1973 official highway map of your state. For doing so, the spirit of Christmas past, present, and future will bless you!

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Paul G. Wolf III

November 27, 1972

Gentlemen:

On my recent trip to your state during the Thanksgiving holidays, I encountered problems with my boat trailer, and I had to spend the night at your information center (I-40 East). The employee's at this center were very helpful in aiding me in speedy repair to my boat trailer. Special appreciation to your maintenance man Lyall Parrish for his outstanding help.

This was my first trip to your state since completion of the interstate system. After the warm reception we received from your employee's at the information center (I-40 East) We plan to spend more time in your state in the future.

Sincerely,
Bob Grigsby
2617 No. Grant
Oklahoma City, Okla.

(Lyall Parrish is a park attendant at the Dora Information Center.)

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AFRICA, A PHOTOGRAPHER'S PARADISE!

We were in Kenya three weeks. Just before leaving we spent two days at Amboseli Lodge and Safari Camp in Amboseli National Park. There we came across another unusual sight - the fiercely independent Masai tribesmen. These proud and arrogant people are nomadic and share the plains of Amboseli with their cattle and the wild game. We enjoyed a late afternoon and early morning game run with Mt. Kilimanjaro towering white and glistening in the distance.

For years, Gick and I have enjoyed articles and pictures about Africa in the National Geographic Magazine, never thinking we would have a chance to go there, but we did and it was just great! We recommend it! Via modern jet aircraft, Nairobi is just a few hours away and a very different world is there for you to enjoy on Safari.

Obituaries

WILLIAM CARLETON JOHNSTON



William Carleton Johnston of Marshall, retired engineer of Roadway Design, died in Boone County Hospital in Harrison on January 19 at the age of 74. Johnston was employed by the Oklahoma Highway Department in 1927 when a co-worker told him that he had heard the newly-created Arkansas Highway Department needed men to help build roads. So, Bill Johnston, accompanied by co-workers Neely Thompson and Richard Grimes, came to the Western Highway Division of Fort Smith and were assigned to the Ninth District office in Harrison where personnel were busy drawing plans and locating the section of U.S. 65 from Marshall south to the Searcy-Van Buren county line. Johnston was made chief of the survey party and resident engineer for the construction which was to follow.

Johnston was born January 3, 1899 in Alton, Ill. Later the family moved to Muskogee, Okla. There he graduated from high school before going to the University of Oklahoma, where he earned a civil engineering degree. He worked on city engineering in Bristow, Oklahoma City and Tulsa during the '20's.

He was an Army veteran of World War I. During the early World War II years Johnston helped design Camp Gruber at Muskogee. Later he was a lieutenant commander in the Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy during World War II, serving at the Navy Ammunitions Depot (NAD) in Fallbrook, Calif. When the NAD at Camden was re-activated in 1951, Johnston was the senior engineer and later senior construction engineer. He returned to the State Highway Department in 1956 as assistant to the office engineer and in April 1959 was made the Office Engineer. He was chief of the Roadway Design Division from 1962 until retirement in 1965.

Near the close of Johnston's career, while commenting

on his life-long love of engineering, he stated, perhaps prophetically, that he wondered if Man was not building something that would ultimately harm him instead of aid, alluding to the ever-increasing power and number of automobiles. He was a Presbyterian and a Mason. He maintained membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, American Legion, 40 et 8, and American Societies of Civil and Military Engineers. An Eagle Scout, Johnston was interested in scouting and formed the first scout troop at Marshall after moving there.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Capitola Treece Johnston, sister of Hugh Treece in Roadway Design; one son, James J. Johnston stationed with the U.S. Foreign Service in Lagos, Nigeria, and two grandsons.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 22 at Coffman Funeral Home at Marshall.

WILLIAM I. RAINWATER, JR.



Colonel William I. Rainwater, Jr., 51, died January 14 after a lengthy illness. He was office manager of the Office Engineers Division and a member of the American Institute of Engineering Technicians. He had been with the Department almost 25 years.

Colonel Rainwater had been commander of the 95th Committee Group of the 95th Division of the Army Reserve since 1967. Last month he received the Army's Meritorious Service Medal. He was a former president of the Reserve Officers Association.

Rainwater was a native of Muskogee, Oklahoma. He attended the University of Arkansas and was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He was a charter member of Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club and had been active in the club since its inception 12 years ago. On January 12 he was one of three members to receive the Toastmaster International Distinguished Service Award.

Funeral services were held January 16 at Ruebel Funeral Home with interment in Roselawn Memorial Park.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Esta Ann Trammel Rainwater, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William I. Rainwater, Sr., of Tulsa; and two brothers, Jeral D. Rainwater of Houston and Jerry A. Rainwater of Portales, N. M.

EMPLOYEE INJURED ON JOB DIES

5TH FATALITY IN '72

James Carl Camp, 30, 1609 Dodd Drive, Wynne, died January 7 from injuries sustained December 12 when two tractor trailer rigs slammed into a Highway Department pickup he was driving. The first truck also crashed into a Department road grader driven by Walter Mays, 31, of Route 2, Cherry Valley, who was also injured. The pickup, which had a flashing beacon on top, was being driven behind the motor patrol as an escort. The accident occurred on the eastbound lanes of the I-40 bridge across St. Francis River east of Forrest City in mid-morning.

Dense fog enshrouded the area and visibility was limited to approximately 40 feet. Road conditions were bad and the road grader was being used to scrape ice off the highway.

Six automobiles also smashed into the wreckage. A total of 18 persons were injured. Traffic in the eastbound lanes was tied up for nearly four hours, causing a backup of vehicles five miles long. Some of the vehicles, swerving to avoid the pile-up, crossed the median and blocked traffic in the westbound lanes also for some time. State troopers who investigated the accident said that most of the vehicles involved were driving too fast for the severely limited visibility and road conditions. Camp, the fifth employee to be fatally injured while on the job during 1972, was an equipment operator. He had worked for the Department three years and three months. He was a Vietnam veteran.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Virginia Camp; one son, Dennis; one daughter, Tammy; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Camp of Batesville; one brother, Mike Camp; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Effie May DePriest of Jonesboro.

Funeral services were held January 9 at Landmark Baptist Church of Wynne, where the deceased was an active member.

R. D. "COTTON" HARRISON

R. D. "Cotton" Harrison of Mountainburg died November 23 at the age of 54. He had retired in April, 1972 from Resident Engineer Carl Sanders' crew because of ill health. He had worked for the Department 10 years and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Martha Harrison; three sons, J. R. Harrison who works with the Crawford County maintenance crew; Jack Harrison of Van Buren and Danny Harrison of Mountainburg; three daughters Misses Connie and Becky Jane Harrison of the home; and Mrs. LaDonna

Grubbs of Van Buren; two brothers, Vurl Harrison of Van Buren, and James Harrison of Chester, Ark.; two sisters, Mrs. Ann Hayes of Fort Smith and Mrs. Virginia Meadows of Mountainburg; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held November 27 at Ocker's Funeral Home in Van Buren with burial in the National Cemetery in Fort Smith.

SAMUEL A. "SPEEDY" HUTSON

Samuel A. "Speedy" Hutson, a retired supervisor in the Weights and Standards Division, died December 10 at Hope. He was 65. Hutson was a former director of the Motor Fuel Tax Division of the State Revenue Department. He was with Weights and Standards seven years when it was a part of the State Police and 6½ years after it became a part of the Highway Department. In earlier years he was associated with Hope Auto Company.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Velma Cox Hutson of Hope; his mother, Mrs. Claudia Hutson of Hope; three brothers, George Hutson of Waco, Tex., and Leonard and Paul Hutson, both of Houston; three sisters, Mrs. Alice Kate Baker of Hope, Mrs. Frank Malone of Austin, Tex., and Mrs. R. R. Goodbell of Houston.

Funeral services were held December 11 in Herndon Funeral Chapel at Hope with burial in Memory Gardens.

Pallbearers were Roy Johnson, Wallace Cook and R. E. Cargile of Little Rock; Bob Baker of Glenwood, and Milton Eason and Ray Turner, both of Hope. Honorary pallbearers were employees of Hope Auto Company.

CLYDE D. THOMAS

Clyde D. Thomas, Route 3, North Little Rock, 65, died January 9 after a lengthy illness. He was a retired paint and body mechanic from the Central Shops at Jacksonville. He was employed by the Department almost 26 years.

Thomas was a member of Baring Cross Baptist Church in North Little Rock, Big Rock Masonic Lodge and the American Legion. He was a World War II veteran.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Ola Ford Thomas; two brothers, Carl Thomas of North Little Rock, and Ralph Thomas of California; and one sister, Mrs. Ruth Gaither of North Little Rock.

Funeral services were held January 11 at Baring Cross Church with interment in Edgewood Cemetery in North Little Rock.

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"MR. LEROY, CAN I SPRAY SEED NOW?"

(Editor's Note: Some things are funny when they happen – others are only funny after they've happened – a long-g-g while after. I think you readers will find inspector Leroy Ray's account of a particularly trying day hilarious. By now, even Leroy may be able to smile about it. The narrative below was his actual diary entry of a day spent on seeding operations on Job 3651 – Highway 67–I-30 at Texarkana. The day was some time ago but lack of space has prohibited use of the account before now. Ray works with Charlie Mauk's residency at Texarkana.)

This day started out beautiful!!! We were staking storm sewer on 39th Street, and about 9:30 a.m. Mr. Mauk drove up and said, "Someone on the Loop was calling for Mr. Leroy. They wanted to spray seed." I told Charley (Mr. Mauk) to go over the job with me and we would map out what they lacked being finished for the 20th time. We drove over and found Mr. Tom and one boy with the mulch machine hooked to a little white truck.

Tom said, "I don't have enough help yet, and this little truck won't pull that there thang on them there slopes." Charley said, "That's great."

So we went over the job slowly and surely, with Charley pointing his finger every 20 feet at something that needed working on. Tom asked if we knew where he could get some thing to pull the mulch machine on the backslopes. We spotted a tractor that belonged to Reynolds & Williams Company. Charley called Stamps and asked Mr. Talley if Old Tom could use his farm tractor to finish the seeding project. Mr. Talley said Tom could use "his tractor, his airplane or even his LTD" if it would help finish the project. So Charley took me back to my car, looked me square in the eyes and said, "Now, you stay with these people and see that they get this done – and done properly!" And I said, "I'm willing, but I don't know if there's a way."

So I headed for the pit where they were going to start with the mulch. As I was motoring across the golf course I saw Ole Tom and the boy kneeling beside the mulch machine. (I didn't think they were praying unless they had changed since last week.) I pulled up, and Tom stood straight up and yelled, "That ragged S.O.B. has got a flat on the middle axle." I said, "Tom, did it blow out?" He said, "I think it did. When I turned off that ramp down there, I saw a big puff of dust come boiling out." He told the boy to put a chain around the tank and jack it up and they would run it on two wheels on one side.

So Tom asked me to take him down to where Mr. Talley's tractor was and he would use it. But he couldn't find a button that would start it. So he said, "Mr. Leroy, do you know how to start this thing?" And I said, "No. I'm strickly a Catapillar man." So he said if John was here, he could probably start it, but he was in Hot Springs and might be here later today. So he told me to watch for that Mr. Talley, cause he bets Mr. Talley could start it. I say, "Man, Mr. Talley don't put his but on nothing like that. He's Vice President, way high, and he don't even walk through a job until it has concrete." So we went back to the pit because it is pretty flat.

So I back my car about 150 feet out of asphalt range, and was sitting there thinking about going to get some milk for my ulcers. It was then 12:15. I looked up and there stood Ole Tom. I looked down in the pit, and there set the little white truck with the hood up. He was nearly crying. He said, "That ragged S.O.B. won't start."

So he wanted to go use a phone. He made his call. And I said, "Tom, did you find out anything?" He said, "No, the only person I could get was our secretary and she don't even know where my G.D. pickup is." He said, "Mr. Leroy, did you ever just want to walk off your job and quit?" And I said, "Yes, sir, for the last month!" And he said, "That's just the way I feel right now." But I knew neither one of us could quit because Charley had just got through putting the word on us that we had to get it.

At 12:30 two more of his boys show up with a truck. So they pull the little white truck and get it started. Maybe it will go until we finish the pit. Than after that, we will just have to wait and see.

(After Lunch) Well, business is picking up. We got one distributor load shot and finished the pit except about ½ acre. So, we loads up. And Tom says, "I think I'll try that back-slope." And I said, "Aren't you going to finish that spot in the corner of the pit?" He said, "Aw, we going to get it." And I said, "THAT'S CHARLEY'S WORDS EXACTLY!"

So we started down the backslope. Everthing looked like we were going to move a little – and a little it was – about 1000 feet. The boys found a soft place and buried the machine to the axles. After working with shovels and brickbats for about an hour, Tom finally called a wrecker and had it pulled out. By now, it's five-thirty and they still have a transport-load of asphalt to get off. The shoot owls are going to hit on us tonight.

Other than these minor mishaps, we've had a pretty fair day. We've mulched two or three acres and tore up two or three, so we're coming out about even. It's getting too dark to see how to write. So tune in tomorrow, when you'll hear Grandpa say, "Mr. Leroy, can I spray seed now?"



Another Christmas has come and gone and what a beautiful one it was weather-wise. Four days of sunshine and mid-forties temperature. Who could expect more in December (except those of you, of course, who always wish for a white Christmas.).

The weatherman wasn't nearly so cooperative during the Christmas holidays of 100 and 150 years ago, as noted in the *Gazette's* "Other Days" column. On December 26, 1872 the *Gazette* recorded that the Arkansas River was frozen over. The temperature was zero with a high wind prevailing. On December 24, 1822 it was reported that rain had stopped early in the morning for the first time in seven or eight days, but about mid-day snow began to fall and continued all afternoon. Br-r-r!!

Three M&T employees were treated at a party in the M&T building on December 13 in recognition of their years of service. James E. Garner and Charles H. Tullos have completed 25 years, so they received their certificates from the Commission. Tullos is a materials inspector and Garner is an engineering aide at Wynne. Grady E. Putman, a materials inspector at El Dorado has completed 20 years.



Left to right: Garner, Putman, M&T Engr. Joe Magness and Tullos.

Bertie Carr, secretary to Chief Engr.

B. K. Cooper, has completed her first 10 years of service with the Department. Bill presented her certificate and pin at the 10th floor Christmas luncheon on Friday before Christmas.



Bertie Carr and B. K. Cooper.

Barbara Oldham of Secondary Roads was in the building visiting on Friday before Christmas and showing off her little package. Ooh, he's a pretty one and so good-natured, too. He allowed us to pass him from hand to hand with nary a whimper.

Barbara, as many of you know, is Johnnie Gray's daughter, Well - Johnnie and Elyeene have had what might be called a grandbaby explosion. They've become grandparents to three grandsons and one granddaughter - all within eight months and the babies are the first for each of the Grays' two sons, Kermit and Harold, and two daughters, Barbara and Amy. The latest arrival was a little girl, Tonya Michelle, born to Harold and Debbie Gray on January 28.

Johnnie has been a train buff for a long time and is especially fond of the Reader. Now that it has ceased public operation, a non-profit corporation called the Reader Railroad Foundation, has been formed to do whatever can be done to save the Possum Trot. Johnnie tells me that he is the treasurer and a member of the Board of Trustees. I asked him how much that money-handler's job cost him. It seems a little suspicious to me that everyone who has joined the organization chipped in quite generously except the treasurer. Suppose he should be "trustee-d" that far?

The nativity scene which Marvin Staton made with his own hands before Christmas is truly a work of art. I'm so glad he shared it with the rest of us. I expect getting it here took some doing, since it

is 38" x 48" and he drives in every day from Malvern. The scene was complete to the most finite detail and included the hill behind the stable, a skyline and the guiding star overhead. Backlighting gave the scene a high degree of realism. He even provided copies of the Christmas story and played Christmas hymns from a tape recorder. Marvin estimates that he spent almost 130 hours designing and building the scene and figurines. It was also displayed in the bank at Malvern during the holidays.

Announcement of the marriage of Joe Foster and Janet Billingsley of P&R appears in the P&R news. Their wedding pictures have since been received and the happy couple appear below.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster

Janet McElduff, Dick Etheridge and Tippy Wilkins from the District 1 office were here December 13 to see their cohort, bookkeeper Mildred Stacy, receive her 25-year pin. Janet is Bill Mullen's secretary, Dick is the fuel clerk and Tippy is the stock clerk. And wouldn't you know, I was so busy that day I only got to say hi.



Repro. Section head Allen Dunn presents Lucille Huffstutlar a gift on behalf of the section.

Lucille Huffstutlar completed 20 years of service and simultaneously retired at the end of December. She has a fussy

ticker and has to pamper it, so she decided to take life a little more leisurely. Give the weather time to moderate a bit, then watch out, creek bank! here she comes! The folks in Reproduction gave her a nice departure party on December 20, with a gift and lots of good things to eat. Her husband came out to enjoy the day with her. Have fun, Lucille, while the rest of us glance covertly out the window of the salt mine and eat our hearts out.

Former commissioner Truman Baker was visiting in the building on January 26. It was good to see him again.

I'm sure that all the rest of you employees at central headquarters who enjoyed Hal Moody's delicious caramel and cheese corn join me in a resounding THANKS' HAL!! Wasn't that a generous gesture on his part?! Call him and tell him so.



Cookie cuts her cake.

The girls in Accounting gave Helen McCook a party on December 13 in honor of her 25 years of service. She also received a beautiful silver tray from the boys

in the Mail Room and several friends. I think the tray was actually a Christmas gift but it should have been a long-sufferance gift — for tolerating the gaff so liberally dispensed by those rascals who work for her.

Norman Cobb and Bob Gossett of M&T have new babies at their home. Norman and Lois have little Tonya Renee, born November 7. Norman is an asphalt plant inspector. Bob and Becky Gossett's son arrived December 22. He is named Bryan Todd. Bob is an asphalt technician.



Tonya Cobb

Bryan Gossett

January 31 was the last day for Virginia Winfield to work. She has resigned from the Permit Section to take a position at the Vo-Tech school at Malvern, which is much nearer her home. She has been an excellent employee and a most pleasant personality but she will be saving the long drive to and from Malvern every day.

Ferol Jones has a new grandson. Jon Patrick was born to Judi and Ronnie Tribell on January 15.

Several employees and former employees have lost relatives recently and we extend our sympathy to them. Bertie

Carr's brother, Rex Gaston, was killed in an auto crash in Illinois early in January. He was a resident there.

Former internal auditor Bill Pilcher's 22-year-old nephew, David Pilcher, died in a highway collision in Washington state on January 12. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pilcher of 35 South Meadowcliff Drive. He was employed in Washington and was enroute home for a visit when the accident occurred. The body was returned to Little Rock for burial in Pine Crest Memorial Park. Bill Pilcher is now retired due to ill health.

Mrs. Mamie Fanning's husband DeVeau died after a lengthy illness at Durham, N. C., where they have resided since she retired from Reproduction.

Tiger McLain of Secondary Roads lost his wife Kathey, on Christmas eve. As Kathey Gault, she used to work for Raymond Jones in Final Estimates before she and Tiger were married, necessitating one of them to resign. She then worked for the School Board until she became too ill from uncontrollable diabetes. My personal thanks to all of you who responded with such generosity and promptness to the contribution for Tiger and Kathey. Receiving the gift on December 22 was one of the last things she remembered.

Bill Rainwater's obituary appeared elsewhere in the magazine but I think Hurley Perkins will not mind me sharing with you the fact that he recorded the presentation of a Toastmasters distinguished service award for Bill and played it for him in the hospital, since Bill was too ill to go to the meeting and receive it. He surely deserved it, too. Toastmasters was one of his chief interests.

OBITUARIES (Continued from page 23)

OSCAR GWYN

Oscar Gwyn, 82, of 1310 South C Street in Fort Smith, died November 29. He was a retired outside mechanic from the Fort Smith headquarters and worked for the Department 20 years.

Survivors are one daughter, Elizabeth Gwyn, and one step-daughter, Marge Parnell, fuel clerk at the Fort Smith headquarters, both of Fort Smith; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held December 1 at Rice-Martin Funeral Chapel in Waldron with burial in Duncan Cemetery at Waldron.

ROSS R. ROBERTS

Ross R. Roberts, Route 3, Sheridan, died January 20 at the age of 65. He worked for the Department 19 years and was a retired truck driver in District 6.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Ola Mae Green Roberts; one son, Billy Joe Roberts of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two daughters, Mrs. Amos Ladd, Sherwood, Ark. and Mrs. Fred Davis, Little Rock; two brothers, Polk Roberts of Hot Springs and Buff Roberts of Folsom, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Heber, Redding Calif. and Mrs. Mae Jacobs of Hayward, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held January 26 by Buie Funeral Home of Sheridan with burial in Grapevine Cemetery, Grapevine, Arkansas.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

ACCOUNTING

brenda templeton

Something exciting is always happening in Accounting — like the arrival of Al and Linda Hunt's little girl, Vickie Lee, who was born December 5. Al has been showing us some "progress" pictures. We congratulate the happy parents.

Christmas comes at a bad time for weight-watchers . . . it's too soon after Thanksgiving. We hadn't quite disposed of the extra pounds picked up at Thanksgiving (which included our office potluck) before December 20 was here and it was time for the office Christmas potluck. It wasn't potluck in any sense of the word, because everyone outdid themselves making mouth-watering dishes. Ho, hum — yesterday's folly is today's boiled eggs and grapefruit.

The exchange of gifts after lunch added to the excitement already in the air and the day was enjoyable.

Our division is thrilled to introduce a new employee. Fran Baxter came to work on November 13. She has a little girl, Lisa Marie, 6, who is in the first grade.

Roger Gray and his family came home from London, England and made Christmas especially happy for his mother, Willene Dorris.

Olga Estelle's daughter Lisa was married on December 1. The new bride and groom are residing in Benton.

Georgia Cottrell decided she didn't want to be retired after all, so she is back with us. It's nice to have you back, Georgia.

This reporter is on the eve of departure from the Highway Department so I take this opportunity to say that I have enjoyed working for the Department and in Accounting especially, but I feel it is to

my advantage to again work as a key punch operator, since that is where my training is. Happy New Year and God bless you all.

BRIDGE DESIGN

bonnie wesson

Since this is the first time I have written an article for the magazine I thought it might be helpful to try to associate persons with topics suggested on the editor's check list. Luckily for some of us most of the topics didn't apply, or no one is talking.

Of course, Veral Pinkerton and wife Mary having a baby boy was terrific. He expanded the house by building a bedroom in the basement. After a few hassles with it, I concluded that it was a job well done by a bridge engineer. Mr. Pinkerton also had surgery just before the holidays. It was not as serious as it might have been so he is progressing nicely.

We are happy to have Ken Carter who joined us last November. He graduated from the University of Arkansas this past summer and is an avid Razorback fan. Ken and his wife Jane live in the Brentwood Apartments. He remarked that she is a housewife and "has it made." I image that line will be blacked out when he gets home with his magazine.

Phil Brand is also a new employee in this division. A graduate from the University of Missouri last June, he says he likes Arkansas and enjoys hunting and fishing, so he will fit in well with the majority of our group.

Jim Darnell is also from out of state, DeKalb, Miss. He has lived in Little Rock and been with the Highway Department since graduating from Mississippi State University last June. Jim is a football fan

and plays golf. His wife Helen is a lab technician at the Cantrell Medical Clinic.

Our Christmas dinner this year included wives and children joining us for potluck at the office. The food was all so good! The guys and I appreciate the effort of the wives doing such a good job, especially just before Christmas when everything is so hectic.

This article would not be complete without mentioning deer season. All the hunters came back to work with a smile, so I assume all were successful. Willie Whitmire came to work with a pair of horns. (I can't remember if that was before or after deer season.)

MAINTENANCE

by melba shepard

Yes, this is the month Time winds her exhausted chain to run the twelve-months length again. With the approach of another year, I asked this question: "If you could have one wish for '73, what would it be?"

Madge Livingston — World peace.

Brenda Webber — That my car was paid for.

Bill Bosley — Fulfillment of my goals!!

Jimmie Farnam — That my disposition would improve 100%.

Gerald Sisk — An end of the war in Viet Nam.

Bert Rownd — A year free of the frustrations that I "enjoyed" last year.

Bob Fulton — Continued success in erosion control and weed control for the Highway Department.

Larry Watson — To make it to '74.

Raymond Behrens — Good health.

Sue Fuller — Just to be a better person.

Maurice Head — That the war would end and we would have world peace.

Avalee Padgett — Good health for me and all my family.

Phyllis Womack — To have two good bird dogs.

Paula Terrell — Lots of weekends to water ski.

Alene Shemwell — To be a good wife.

Thurman Payne — Good health and a comfortable living.
 This reporter — That this be our motto:
 "In God is our trust!"

— and some fifty odd years ago Robert Brewster Beattle's wish was:

To leave the old with a burst of song,
 To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
 To forget the thing that binds you fast
 To the vain regrets of the year that's past.

Last Friday, January 12, the Maintenance Division served cake and punch for John Gibson, his friends, co-workers and relatives. John has retired from his job in Heavy Bridge and we wish him many happy years in his retirement.



John Hall and John Gibson

We express our sympathy to Don Brown, whose mother passed away.

Patricia Fulton is our Birthday Girl for January. Frances baked a Mickey Mouse cake for her. They did a switch on the "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" bit — they pinned the nose on Mickey Mouse. According to Bob, a good time was enjoyed by all and Frances even survived the ordeal.



Larry Watson

Larry Watson is the new draftsman in Roadside Development. He and his wife, Caron, have a year old son, Stacey. We welcome Larry to our Section.

J. C. and Ruth Perkins had a big Christmas dinner and had several relatives over to share the feast.

Brenda Webber had an especially nice Christmas. She is wearing it on her left hand and before toooooo long will have another to go with it.

Jimmie said that after many close and exciting defeats the Lawson-Dodd basketball team finally won big, 20-4. Her two sons, Tony and Troy, play on the team.

We were all sorry to see Crofford Harrison leave. He and his wife have an arts and hobby shop in North Little Rock. He would love for any of you to drop by, visit and browse around. It's called Kim's Crafts and is located at 108 East H Street.

Raymond Behrens and Clarence Page have been on the sick list. It seems that the flu bug bit them. Raymond is back but as of this writing, Clarence is still under the weather.

We are sorry that Herman Belk still has not had the film developed of his big deer hunt. It may be mid-summer but we still plan to brag a little bit.

John Bogart once said: "If a man bites a dog, that is news." We have had no such reports, and since I'm the one who has to gather up the news for our division, I'm willing to do my part. I'll furnish the dog.

Thought for the day: He who takes and never gives, May last for years but never lives.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

kathy king

The holiday season is over and everyone has reluctantly settled down to work once again.

The Research Section lost an employee when Janet Billingsley resigned in December to become Mrs. Joe Foster. Joe and Janet were wed December 16 in an

afternoon ceremony at Temple Baptist Church in Little Rock. They honeymooned in New Orleans and had a wonderful time. Janet will certainly be missed around here but we wish for both of them the best of luck.

We have several new employees in our division — Marcy Wolf, Donna Barbee, Robert Williams, Larry Nichols and Jim Webb.

Marcy is working in the Current Planning Section. She is 19 and lives in Little Rock. Donna is more correctly a returned employee. She worked in Right-of-Way several years before resigning three years ago. She is only new to P&R where she is now working in the front office. Donna and her husband Allen have one little girl, Christi, 2½.



Marcy Wolf, left, and Donna Barbee.

Both Robert Williams and Jim Webb are in the Mapping Section. Robert is a graduate of Capital City Business College and Jim is a graduate of Southern State. He and his wife Martha have two sons, Jimmy, 14 and Mark, 11. They are from Magnolia and now live nearby at Mabelvale.

Larry Nichols is in the Research Section. He and his wife Barbara live at Conway. They have a little girl, Sarah, five months old.

Welcome to the Division, everyone!!!

While the population of the United States increases by about 6,000 people a day, the populaiton of motor vehicles increases by nearly 12,000 a day!!



Left to right: Robert Williams, Larry Nichols and Jim Webb.

Jim Head took two days vacation during the Christmas holidays to go bird hunting and to play with the toys Santa brought his children. No one could decide which he enjoyed most.

I wonder who the new owner of the lavender convertible is? No one seems to know, but I hear Joe Lovell would love to have it!

Brenda and Paul Kirkpatrick are the owners of a 1969 Lincoln Continental. It has power everything, and Brenda learns something new about the car everyday.

June Brown of Current Planning, Betty Wiggins of Advance Planning and Dorothy McChesney (Mrs. Carl) will participate in the Annual State Women's Bowling Tournament at Fort Smith on January 27-28. They are part of the Routh's Esso team sponsored by Florence Routh's husband's service station.



Buddy and Jane Lewter.

Among the employees who received service awards presented by the Commission on December 13 were two from R & R — Buddy Lewter and Nathan Bingham. Buddy received a 30-year pin. He is an Administrative Officer II in charge

of the Administrative Section of the division.

Neb Bingham is in charge of all road inventory data in the Current Planning Section. He received a 25-year award. The presentations were made by Commissioner John Harsh.

A reception was held for Buddy and Neb after the awards were given. We had cake and coffee, and some good things to eat.



Neb and Blanche Bingham.

Herb Hawn is the co-chairman of Christmas International House, an organization which entertains and provides a home-like atmosphere for foreign college exchange students during the Christmas vacation. Assisting in the program were three members of Planning and Research—Estella Mitchell, Hank Snow and John Hume. Herb's wife Betty also helped with the program. Among the 35 students 14 countries were represented.

There is an anonymous superman in our division who goes around tearing phone books in half. It's quite a feat for those musclemen who can, but did you ever try to find a phone number afterward?

PROCUREMENT

ann johnson

There's all sorts of news from our division.

Jean Cadjew is leaving toward the end of this month. Her husband, Ralph has been transferred to the Dallas office of

Mayflower Co. We understand that it is quite a promotion. She has been a joy to know and work with. We shall all miss her.

Susie Nix has resigned to work at the Saline County Courthouse. Her successor is Billie Boyd, also from Saline County. Billie and her family have almost completed a rather large project — a new home, which they started last June. Her husband, Vance, works at Alcoa, and their three girls attend Bryant Schools. The Boyds enjoy camping.



Christmas was a joyous season for all. Patricia Ellis will be paying for her Christmas quite awhile. Her Cutlass Supreme is parked on the far side of the parking lot. Can't decide if she is showing off or avoiding scratches.

The office Christmas party was held a day or so early so everyone could participate. Some of us wanted to take a few days' vacation.

Lewis Wade gave a lift (laugh?) to the office (the whole floor?) by wearing his wig. Several girls in the other offices asked who the new buyer was, and one even considered a date. By the way, Wade is eligible, still.

Pasty and Eulin Downing spent the holidays visiting relatives in Tennessee and Iowa.

Henry Plunk and family spent the holidays with relatives in Memphis. Henry didn't have much to say for the trip except that he was glad about the service station just off one of the exits. He mumbled something about getting a new transmission (?) for Christmas.

Al Sacco hasn't mentioned Christmas at his house because the bug hit the whole family, including him. He did say he enjoyed the football games.

Frank Caple celebrated a birthday in November, but neglected to mention which one and we forgot to ask. During the holidays, the Caples had visitors in and out, some from out-of-state. His family stopped by the office and wished all a Merry Christmas. They have a granddaughter named J. J. who is so sweet. She found out about typewriters while visiting with her mother, Pam. Granddaddy was pleased. The Caples' youngest daughter, Debbie, and husband also came by. I understand they have recently completed papers for a new home.

Bernie Cox was counting all his grandchildren and other members of his family before Thanksgiving. He wasn't sure he had enough chairs to seat all of them at the same time for dinner at his home. He found that he had just enough chairs for Thanksgiving but then came New Year's Day and he had a problem. Another grandchild had arrived by then, but of course finding someone to hold him was no problem. Bernie also celebrated a birthday during the holidays, and deferring to position in the office, we did not ask!

To top off all the activity, he received an award from Toastmasters for 13 years service as a Charter Member.

Harvey and I spent the holidays at home for the first time in years, and it was quiet and peaceful. The children were pleased with Santa's gifts and our boy, Mike, received his first train. I haven't decided who has had more fun with that train. It is a rather large one, it seems, but we are building another home (bigger and better as the saying goes) so we can have a place to put the train!

(We are glad to have you as Procurement's new reporter, Ann. Editor)

REPRODUCTION

by sue walls

Welcome to Dick Godfrey, our new

ozalid operator. He is married to the former Eulura Boggs and the father of four children, Sandra, Janet, Gary, and Greg.



Dick Godfrey

Kathy and Kenneth Ingram are expecting a visit from the stork in June, so Kathy will be leaving soon. We certainly will miss her bright smile. Best wishes to the prospective parents.

Larry Foreman, Pete Escarre, Jerry Dixon, Tommy Daniel and Jerry Heffington went deer hunting together at a deer camp near Prescott.

Larry was the only fortunate one to kill a deer. Wonder what else they did while gone?

Frank Knowles and wife Janean, recently moved into a new home, 3315 Wynne. Congratulations!

One of our favorite co-workers, Lucille Huffstutlar, has retired. At a retirement party given December 20 more than 150 guests came to wish her well and a happy retirement. Her husband, Roy, was present to help her welcome the guests. She was a good friend to all and will be missed by many in Reproduction as well as throughout the building. We hope she will come visit us whenever possible.

Mariea Bornemeier, a former employee in the Microfilm Section, was among those who came to wish Mrs. Huffstutlar a happy retirement. Mariea is working for the Opportunity Schools and enjoys her work very much.

Wedding bells will be ringing in the spring for Angela Vick and Richard Blackwell, Angela works in the Microfilm Section and Richard at the main post office. We wish them much happiness.

We learned with regret of the death of Mamie Fanning's husband on January 15. Mamie worked in Reproduction a number of years. After her retirement they moved to Durham, N. C.

RIGHT OF WAY

by the staff

ADMINISTRATIVE mary dry

Weather — This seems to be the topic around our office. I would venture to say 376-8111 has been called at least a dozen times a day by several of our weather conscious people.

Rusty Kauffman has left us to go in the furniture business in Monroe, Louisiana. This reporter missed his party, but from all the comments, it was a good one. A cake and a gift were part of the festivities. Good luck, Rusty!

Retha Griffin spent the holidays in Dumas with her family. Her oldest son Terry was home from Florida. Bob, her youngest son, will be returning to UAL very soon.

Kay Jones and her daughter Sherry spent the holidays in El Dorado with her parents.

Henry Droughter came in the other day sporting a flashy new black coat. Seems someone wanted the coat to go with a hat, but Henry wouldn't part with it.

The latest Right-of-Way fad is to grow a mustache. Even our boss, A. C. Ledbetter, is joining in. Chuck Hicks is also in the race with some advice of his own that A. C. tells us about.

Butch Wilson and Jimmy Giles took off a few extra days during the holidays and just enjoyed being with their families.

A word of advice from Bob Thornton, Don Galloway and Marie Crawford! Don't laugh when you see someone fall on the ice, because you can be sure your turn is next.

Dick Andry's son Ricky and his wife were in for the holidays. They all had a very nice time I'm sure.

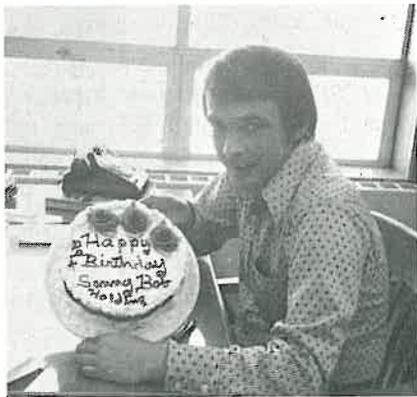
Oh yes! "Scarlett" didn't get her new

dress for Christmas. Seems that green velvet drapes are very hard to find. All of my friends can now be at ease, Scarlett has given up!

For a very unusual Christmas tree ask Denny Webster. He can tell you all sorts of ways to have a unusual Christmas tree, one even including Colonel Sanders.

Marylin Ford is busy helping her sister with wedding plans. Maybe Marylin is practicing up. I'm sure she wouldn't have any trouble finding a husband.

What does that cake say - "29 and Holding"? Yes, Bob Thornton is only 29! His co-workers surprised him with a cake and a few special gifts. His birthday was back on November 24, but after all, most of us stay in the "holding pattern" longer when we're 29, so he might as well enjoy



Bob Thornton

APPRAISAL SECTION jean barrett

Here's hoping that everyone had a most enjoyable Christmas this year. The decorations on all floors of AHD seem to get prettier each year.

Charlie and Allena Scott's daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Ted Bemis and children visited the office during Christmas; Allena had the misfortune to fall during the ice and snow, and broke the bones in one ankle. She had to have surgery but is now recuperating on crutches and a wheel chair. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Jim Johnson and family traveled to Kentucky to spend Christmas with relatives. Walker Watson and his family spent Christmas in Nashville, Ark. with family. family.

We enjoyed the goodies our office served during the holidays. We certainly appreciate all the delicious food the men brought from home. Their wives are great cooks. I'm sure we all gained a couple of pounds.

We enjoyed a visit with Bud Brooks' sons when they came by a few days ago. They're fine looking boys. (Bud says they look "just like him". Wouldn't you know he'd say that!)

We, in Appraisal, extend our sincere sympathy to Leroy "Tiger" McLain in the death of his wife. We also extend sympathy to Fred and Lil Sloan in the death of Lil's step-father, Jack Norwood.

Zack and Mrs. Mashburn visited the office January 3. They had just returned from spending Christmas in Washington with their daughter and family and had a wonderful time.

Henry Williams' daughter, Natalie Ann, broke her arm November 7 when she fall from a swing in the back yard. The cast is off now and she is doing fine.

Del Lewis is a new appraiser who joined us January 1. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and has been in the army. His hobbies are archery, hunting and water skiing. (He's single, girls.)

We're pleased to welcome Del to our group.



Del Lewis

Several of us purchased new cars during recent months, the latest being Jim Fooks. He's sporting a new Chevy Impala, green with green vinyl top. Congratulations, Jim!

Former employee Rochelle Cullins visited us a few days ago. She said she's really enjoying her new role as co-owner

of Youngland Children's Shop in Southwest City Mall. They have very attractive clothes. Ro extended an invitation to everyone to come in and visit.

ENGINEERING SECTION

shirley childress

The Right of Way Division publicly thanks the businesses that so generously donated toys so we could provide a happy Christmas to the seven children we selected to help this year. The businesses included Western Auto, Sterlings, Osco Drug, the Radio Shack, Magic Mart, TG&Y and K-Mart.



The children were from two families and ranged in ages from nine months to 13 years. Each child was given three gifts

to open at the office party and the remainder of the gifts were delivered to their mothers a few days earlier for Santa Claus to bring Christmas morning. Money donated to our Christmas Fund was spent on clothing and food. Cameras and film were presented to the mothers so they could take pictures of the children Christmas morning.

A special thanks also to everyone in the Highway Department who helped us out by donating food, money and groceries. We also thank Santa Claus for taking time out from a busy schedule and dropping by our party. David and Dusty seemed a little awed by him but Dusty got brave enough to ask Santa where his reindeer were.

We welcome Ray Sherwin, who was transferred from the Mail Room. At this writing he is vacationing in Florida. Ray really knows how to time his vacation because he was gone during the week of our lovely ice and snow.

Several of our men had to go on a diet or should I say back on their diets after Christmas. I won't call any names but you will recognize them by the bottle of water in their hand.

By the way, Harold Highsmith has his second creme . . . puff, a brand new '64 Nova that very seldom runs . . . unless it is being pushed.

UTILITY SECTION dorothy hupp

Wedding bells will be ringing this Spring. During the holidays Carolyn Halbert received a beautiful diamond from Johnny Ashcraft. We will miss her but wish them much happiness. Carolyn was "Secretary for the Day" on her birthday, November 27. All enjoyed her flowers and helped celebrate with cake.

Carl Petz is engaged to Judy Scott. She will graduate from Arkansas Baptist Nursing School in April.

All New Year's resolutions have been typed, posted, (and broken.)

This reporter enjoyed a trip to Houston and spent an afternoon at Astro-World during New Year's weekend.

We were glad to see Glen Wilson. He is enrolled at University of Arkansas. We

miss him but are happy for him to be back in school. He plans to be a corporate lawyer and will make a good one.

At this moment all students are back in school. It will be nice to use the phone again and there may even be a coke in the refrigerator. Now we must condition ourselves for "Spring Break."

SECONDARY ROADS

by shirley wesson

Ronnie Smith, draftsman, has finally returned to work after a long honeymoon. He was married on Saturday, December 23 to Sandra Kay Holt of Mount George, Arkansas. Sandy is the sister of Willard Holt, formerly a draftsman in Right-of-Way.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith honeymooned at Red Apple Inn on Eden Isle for a few days after a long engagement and a short ceremony. They are now residing at Oakwood Manor Apartments on Mabelvale Cut-off Road. Rumor is that the honeymoon will last forever. The best of luck to you.



Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith

Our office Christmas party was nice, with plenty of food and presents galore. Little Eric Kizer, the boss's son, was a mini-Santa and distributed our gifts, assisted by secretary Jane Jones. Guests other than Eric were his mother, Maxine, Barbara and Jim Oldham and little Johnnie Bryan, who was the center of attraction dressed in a red Santa suit complete with peaked cap. Most of the credit for the success of the party is due

the wives who made all the bakery goodies, sandwiches and other assortments. Thanks to everyone who helped make Christmas an enjoyable season.

Jane Jones will be leaving us when Barbara returns to work February 1. Jane is a splendid person and we certainly regret to see her go. Her work here has been greatly appreciated. Jane, you'll have to come back and visit with us.

Again, we extend our deepest sympathy to Leroy "Tiger" McLain in the death of his wife on December 24.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

by the staff

Congratulations to Dale Gossien and Katherine Jones. They were married December 23, in the Heritage House Chapel in North Little Rock. Dale began work in the Traffic Division in February, 1972, after returning from a tour of military duty with the U.S. Navy Seabees. Prior to military service, he worked with R. C. McConnel in our Conway office.

Bob and Alta Faulkner are proud parents of Michael Allen Faulkner born October 4. He and his big sister Lisa, three years, seem to be hitting it off just fine.



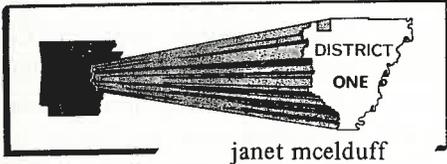
Lisa and Michael Allen Faulkner.

Bill Headrick has been doing quite a bit of traveling this past month. He visited points in Tennessee, Virginia, Pennsylvania and several other states while on vacation.

Frank Vozel lost his roommate, Ken

Bynum, a former employee of the Traffic Division. Ken has moved to Miami, Florida where he will be a traffic engineer for the Dade County Metropolitan Government.

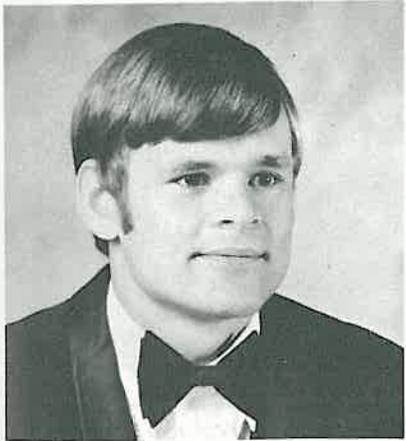
DISTRICT NEWS



janet mcelduff

There is no way to get back in the good graces of employees of District One, no way, except to appoint another reporter to send in news. Ten years is a pretty good haul and the well's gone dry! How about it, District One? Are there any takers for this job?

One belated bit of proud news we all share was the appointment by U.S. Rep. Bill Alexander of James W. Turner, recent graduate of Earle High School, to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. James had an outstanding record at Earle High School, both scholastically and in extra-curricular activities. His father is Albert Turner, a member of the Crittenden County crew. He and Mrs. Turner have reason to be proud of their son.



James W. Turner

One feller we miss seeing around District headquarters is Leroy Thomas, who retired due to a heart condition last summer. Leroy worked for the Department for about 20 years and was a

loyal, hard-working member of Jack Lindley's asphalt crew.

The little girl below is Lana Sue Wilkins, Jack Shirley's only grandchild. She has the distinction of having two great-great grandmothers, three great grandmothers, two grandmothers, and two granddaddys. Figure that out! She is two years old and the pride and joy of her granddaddy Shirley.



Lana Sue Wilkins

We welcome two relatively new field clerks. Darlene Stokes Corley, who works for V. H. Shassere in West Memphis, is 21, a graduate from Forrest City High School, and married since she started work with us. We also say hi to Ernestine Abel, better known as "Ernie", who started work at the West Helena residency in October. Ernie graduated from Central High School in West Helena in 1955, is married and has one little girl. One of these days maybe we can have a "field clerk day" in the District office and all get acquainted face to face as well as voice to voice.

Three of our distinctive employees received 25-year service awards in Little Rock at the December Commission meeting; V. H. Shassere verbose (adjective checked for approval with VHS), resident engineer in West Memphis; Leroy Curtner, who has been keeping up with District One stock in the parts room longer than I can remember, and Mildred A. Stacy, the best bookkeeper in the whole state of Arkansas! We are justifiably proud of these three, but no less so than the long

list of other employees who have received 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-year awards since we last sent news.

We have all been saddened by the death of employee James Carl Camp, who died January 1 after receiving injuries while on duty December 12. He leaves his wife, Virginia, one son, Dennis, and a daughter, Tammy, as well as his mother and father, and a brother. James had worked since 1969, a part of that time in District 9 at Springdale. He was very active in his church and was a man who lived his faith. Services were January 9 at the Landmark Baptist Church in Wynne.

We are grateful to have Walter Mays, who was injured in the same accident, back on the job with us.

I have seen twelve Decembers with the Highway Department and never until this year have I seen a December that was so busy we couldn't relax and rejoice a little! We did manage on short notice and little preparation to have dinner in the EOC room on December 19. We sent out word to the men that we needed desserts and you never saw such a beautiful array of homemade desserts as their wives did send. They were added to turkey, ham, beans, potato salad and slaw, and a feast was enjoyed by all! Just goes to show what can be done without worry, fuss or bother. We do apologize to any local retirees that we didn't get the message to, but several of the men dropped by. We were so glad to see all of them.



Look at all the goodies.

The offer is still open to a new reporter, someone who can cover the entire district. Tell you what, if outlying personnel want to send in news just from their

area, submit it here, ready to go, and we'll accumulate all submitted and forward it in a bundle of GOOD NEWS FROM DISTRICT ONE!

(The news from District 1 is interesting enough — it's just not written often enough!! Ed.)

HELENA BRIDGE

george cloud

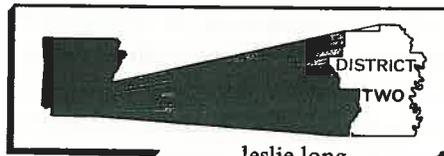
I'm sitting here in a big rush to finish my work and go home to watch the Super Bowl when a little bird tells me that the notice said tomorrow is the deadline for news. Well-l-l, this ain't news but we don't want anybody to think that we're mad either. You know, about that "Nun"-support bit.

Well, let's see now, no deaths — for which we're thankful. And no births either, for which we're also very thankful. Everybody here is getting too old to be walking the floor nights! No marriages, but with Henry Sewall doin' some heavy courtin', we may have an announcement to make soon.

There has never been a fall turkey season in my neck of the woods, so it's pretty risky to practice with a turkey call in my back yard without telling me. I was lying on the couch recovering from a fast pulse when a turkey called right under my carport! Running over my wife to get to the gun closet and nearly having a shell in the chamber, I stopped when the "turkey" walked in the door in the person of Johnny Gray, followed by Archie Jones. They came to offer their sympathy and some home remedies. One remedy they gave me tasted pretty good but didn't help otherwise. The turkey bit almost cost the magazine a darned good photographer!

We've had an unwelcome visitor for the last few weeks — Helen Hywater. She flooded our favorite hunting areas and caused one tow of barges to break up and slam into one of the bridge piers, resulting in loss of life for two members of the boat crew. There have been a lot of phone calls also, wanting to know if the bridge would hold up their cars.

If any of you had planned on crossing on the way to a Florida vacation, come on, we've got'er propped up.



leslie long

I've always been leery of gloriously mild December days! Invariably, it seems, Nature is just saving up something particularly nasty for January and February, AND we did get our share the first part of January! Our crews are to be commended for their diligence and everlasting vigilance during those slippery times.

Brewster and Sunny Shalmy flew to Schenectady, N. Y., where they visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Becky and the children. They did a lot of sight-seeing and enjoyed being with the grandchildren and seeing the new split-level home.

We are anxiously awaiting the move into our new "home". Betty Carter, a new employee, will be the communications clerk-receptionist when we get into the new headquarters. She came to us from State Farm Insurance and we are very happy to have her. She and her three girls, Candy, Connie and Christy, reside in Belmont Addition. Betty is active in Girl Scout work, the PWP Chapter and Trinity Lutheran Church. The girls have a tandem bike and the entire family enjoys bike riding, camping, swimming and boating.

First Baptist Church of Monticello was the setting for the November 23 wedding of Miss Leslie Dawn Rabb and Thomas Rex Larance. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rabb and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larance. The newlyweds are living in McGehee, where Thomas is a coach. Leslie attends U of A-Monticello. Lester Rabb is our job superintendent over the Sealing and Asphalt crews.

Our birthday people this month are Stockroom clerk Joe Leopard, Maint. Supt. Brewster Shalmy and storekeeper Sarge Nissblatt. Joe's wife baked a cake

for US for HIS birthday. Selma Chavis in the Stockroom also baked one. We had coffee and cakes for Shalmy and are looking forward to the frozen strawberry cake that Selma bakes for Sarge to commemorate his occasion. We will not divulge their ages.

We heartily congratulate our 20- and 10-year recipients of certificates and awards: Desha County Area Foreman John C. Hughes, 20 years; and Larry C. Tucker, engineering aide at the Monticello residency; Paul R. Carter, equipment operator with the Sealing crew; and Russell L. Brantly, station attendant at Monticello, 10 years each.

Newton J. Suitt of the McGehee residency recieved his 30-year certificate and award from the Highway Commission at Little Rock on December 13. Newt and his wife reside at Dumas and are the parents of three sons and grandparents of five. He is a member of Masonic Lodge 547 at Dumas and a member of the Baptist Church. His hobbies are fishing and hunting.

Res. Engr. Maxie Bagwell and his family at McGehee have a brand new Pontiac and it is a beaut. He came by to show it to us one day. During the first icy spell in December Mrs. Bagwell fell at school and broke her back. She is still recuperating. Maxie philosophizes: "You have to take the bad along with the good."



This regal rack, worn by a buck killed at the same stand a year ago, lacked one-half inch equalling the world record for width at that time.

My report from the Deane Hunting Club at Monticello for the entire deer season is two bucks each for Virgil Green and Gary Williams, and one each for

Woodrow Wilson, Floyd Fullbright, Van Bratton, Jr. and Joe Akin. Boy! That's a lot of BUCK, anyway you look at it!

John Hughes, can you top this? While at deer camp the second time around, I saw a rack with 21 points, with my own eyes! We didn't kill it at our camp. One of the boys' father killed it at a camp somewhere between Warren and Rison. We did have a great time, though — even with all the ice and snow! — and killed a couple of deer.



A 21 pointer.

The two men who robbed the Fil-A-Bill Store across the street from us shortly after 11:00 the morning of January 15 created quite a flurry of excitement in our office as well as at the store. The robbers forced a milk company employee, who happened to be in the store at the time, to lie on the floor, took his billfold, emptied it and then put it back in his pocket. (Real neighborly). The robbers fled with their loot down the side street by our building to the drainage ditch at the back, with the police chasing and shooting. One of our employees saw one of the robbers hide the loot and reported it to the police. Both robbers were apprehended. (Sounds like Virginia City! Ed.)

Our office and shop celebrated Christmas with a lunch for employees and families. Everything was very Christmasy-looking, plus the traditional tree in the shop. We had all kinds of delicious goodies with everyone participating in the "fixings."

Res. Engr. Van Bratton's crew also had a get-together on Friday, December 22. The *piece de resistance* was a heaping

platter of venison, boldly named "Mr. Bratton's Didn't Get Away." Several other dishes gave credit for a job well done to Mrs. Bratton and Mrs. Bernard Hart. Plenty of delicious homemade cake and candy were enjoyed by everyone.



debra smith

Our Christmas party was held Thursday, December 14 at Town & Country Restaurant in Fort Smith. Nice door prizes were given to lucky winners but all enjoyed the good Christmas dinner and live entertainment. Commissioner and Mrs. J. C. Patterson were guests of honor. All employees and their families seemed to have a good time.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Martha Harrison and family in the loss of her husband, R. D. "Cotton" Harrison on November 23, 1972. "Cotton" retired from Sanders' residency in April, 1972, due to serious illness. Also, our sympathy goes to Mrs. Emily Rogers, with the loss of her mother, Mrs. Della Frazier December 27. Mrs. Frazier was a resident of Columbus, Georgia. Emily is our bookkeeper.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Roper announce the birth of twin boys, Clayton Kent and Paul Kirk, on December 29! Lyman is the maintenance coordinator.



Clayton Kent and Paul Kirk Roper.

Both Fay Barber and Carl Winn were hospitalized in January. Fay went in for surgery on January 9, and Carl suffered a heart attack. Both are recovering rapidly

without the lending hands of all those pretty nurses.

D. C. SPENCER'S RESIDENCY:

Now that deer season is over, maybe everyone can get back to work.

During the November season, H. L. Henry bagged an 8-point and a 9-point, which ended his deer hunting for both seasons. L. W. Lynda scored with a 4-point buck. That was the extent of the deer kill this year.

Henry fell and hurt his ankle but has recovered and is back to work.

Glen Deramus, motor patrol operator who works out of the Polk County maintenance headquarters, has been bothered with his neck since early December. We wish him a speedy recovery.



S. L. SWINK'S RESIDENCY

dwayne harrison

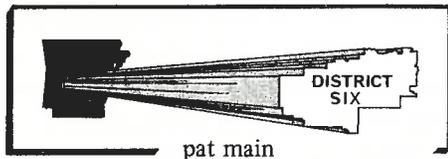
The Searcy residency had a Christmas luncheon on December 23. A note of thanks goes to all who helped make it a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlon Roberson celebrated their silver wedding anniversary December 24. Congratulations to both of you. Here's wishing you another 25 happy years together.

Six employees from the Searcy office donated blood during the recent Red Cross blood drive here. This reporter donated for the first time and surprisingly it wasn't bad at all. Do you know that if only 25 percent of the employees in your group or office donate blood during a one year period, each employee in that group or office plus his family may receive blood from the Red Cross any time they need it during that one year period? Think about it the next time the Red Cross asks for donations in your area and maybe you'll decide to become one of that 25 percent.

Things will be hopping around this residency during the coming year. In addition to finishing the four-lane section

of U.S. 67 between Beebe and Searcy, we have the added responsibility of three overlay jobs coming up, plus rumors have been circulating that the contract for a new section of four-lane U.S. 67 between Searcy and Bald Knob will be let some time this next year.



We still seem to have a little problem getting together on the Service Awards – but here are a few: Jerry “Yankee” Dumeny, 20 years; Ralph Jones, 25 years; J. Frank Williams, 25 years; and Gary C. Hawkins 5 years.

Jim Rives was promoted to maintenance area foreman at Benton (That’s down there by R. Jones’ office). I don’t remember the exact day, as it all came about rather suddenly, but it was some time just shortly before the big snow! How was the snow, ol’ buddy? We sure thought of you, as we huddled by the fire looking out at those big ol’ flakes falling.

RALPH JONES’ RESIDENCY:

We’re writing a special note on our calendar to remind Carl Boerner of his anniversary, January 13, 1974. Since he was our newlywed we want to keep him headed right and not let him forget the first one. (Maybe he’ll only be the first of this year’s newlyweds, so be sure to let us know.)

We also had a couple of other additions to our little family group. Bobby Graham is our newest graduate engineer. The other addition is sort of borrowed. Our congratulations to Hara Don and Susy Dillard on the birth of Nancy Suzanne, November 15.

The residency Christmas party was at the Magnolia Inn on December 21. Everyone who came said they sure had a good time.

Snow is a funny thing – an ecologist’s dream and a motorist’s nightmare. It’s hard to drive on but it covers up all the litter-bug leavings. Around here it un-

covered a few things, too. Seems certain people here have some real hidden talent in the office skills department. We’re keeping notes, fellows. Look out for the next final estimate!

Thanks for the help, Carolyn (Wise).
“CHIP” YOUNG’S RESIDENCY:

We had our Christmas party December 16, and though there weren’t as many people there as should have been we had a ball. (David Wiseman explained his absence very well . . . he had an opportunity to meet Jimmy Driftwood and hear him play. David, you’re in the clear, but some of these other guys are really gonna catch it!)

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marczuk attended our little gathering. We really enjoyed their company. Louis is with Vogt & Conant, sub-contractor on the river bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rowlett were also guests. Mrs. Rowlett brought a delicious dessert which she called Mississippi Mud. . . guess that’s where my extra 3 pounds came from . . . but it was well worth it.

We were also pleased to have the pleasant company of Asst. Const. Engr. Ruben McConnell and wife Barbara. And speaking of these guests, I have a confession to make (I was one of the loudest voices against inviting children), I missed Ken, Cindy and Laura. Hope they forgive me, as my own have not.

Mrs. Bill Blackwell had recently been very ill, and Bill wasn’t sure they’d be able to attend, but we were happy to see them come in. I might add that Mrs. Blackwell looked lovely and was feeling quite well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parish helped us celebrate the holiday. It was the first time this reporter had met Mrs. Parish, and it was a pleasure. We’re always glad to see Tom, and any of our other retirees are welcome to drop in. They have a standing invitation to any kind of get-together we have.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sutton had planned to be with us but Mrs. Sutton was ill and they didn’t make it. Mrs. Sutton is looking forward to surgery again, and we sure

hope it will be the last time needed to bring about good health. Our hearts are with her all the way.

Boy, Doc and Lucy Ballard have sure been on the go! Sure happy to know they are doing so well, but do hope they can be with us for the next occasion.

Don Dunn and Mike Selig both were present, and both had lovely blonde dates. This reporter wholeheartedly approved of both girls, and gradually turned green remembering the years. (That’s when I drowned my sorrows in that luscious Mississippi Mud.)

We surprised Chip by presenting him with a portable tape recorder, and since his birthday is December 26, we also gave him a birthday gift of three extra blank tapes.

Gary Hawkins was presented a 5¹-year pin and certificate. Guess that makes you an “old hand” now, Gary.

This reporter also had a birthday in the family. Theresa, the biggest of the “little kids”, had a birthday January 13. She is now 12 – going on 16.



Welcome to our new Commissioner for Districts 3 and 7. James Branyan of Camden has been appointed by Governor Bumpers to replace John Harsh, whose term expired January 14. We have enjoyed our association with Mr. Harsh and are looking forward to 10 years with Mr. Branyan.

Congratulations to Maint. Supt. Grover E. Nunnally, who received his 30-year service award December 13. He is back at work after a bout with a virus – can’t keep a good man down, you know. Union County Area Foreman W. V. Bradshaw received a 15-year service award in December.

We are happy to introduce and welcome Dianne Tuberville as the new receptionist. She and her husband Perry Don have recently moved to Camden from Houston where she was an executive

secretary with a legal firm. Dianne enjoys working in the Eastern Star. Her special hobby is horseback riding. The Tubervilles are originally from Camden. At the present they have their mobile home in Locust Bayou. Perry Don is employed with Camden Motor Supply.



Dianne and Perry Don Tuberville.

Asst. Equip. Supvr. Lee Parker has returned to work after being ill with pneumonia and other complications. Is good to have you back, Lee!

Christopher Eugene Gill, 15-year-old son of Arnold E. Gill, an equipment operator, had a serious motorcycle accident November 20, necessitating amputation of one leg. He is much improved and now at home.

Loy Cross, auto/diesel mechanic, slipped on the ice and broke his hip while returning from church January 10. He is improved at this writing and we hope can soon be home from the hospital.

Charles Conine in Clark County reports they have new arrivals — Ed and Jerry Carter announce the birth of twins, a boy and girl named Michael Ed and Michelle. Mike and Marsha Rodgers have a son, Scott Gregory. Congratulations! Ed and Mike are equipment operators.

Permit Officer Maxwell Smith is enjoying his "retirement cottage" on the river every chance he gets and invites company.

We have enjoyed visits from several former employees. Jewel Prince, former assistant maintenance superintendent who retired last year, paid us a call. John Coke, who retired after 16½ years, came by and wished to send good wishes to

fellow employees from himself and another retired relative, John Harcrow. Frank Mulligan stopped by and chatted a few minutes. We always enjoy visits from retired employees who have spent many years with the Department.

Our offices were beautiful during the holiday season. Everyone helped under the experienced supervision of Fuel Clerk Mildred Russ. Arlene Davis, Ralph Toward and Mearl Dempsey in the Stockroom made an "original small parts" Christmas tree using only colored items in the stock for decorations.

Mildred and John have recently remodeled their home, which has 12 foot ceilings. Their decorations were especially pretty this year. John is a commercial artist. They have several of his paintings in their home.

WILLIAMSON'S RESIDENCY

elaine mckinnon

During the holiday season everyone enjoyed an assortment of sweets, chips and dips prepared and brought to the office by Res. Engr. Jim Williamson's wife Earlene. We compensated with gifts to them from all of us.

Just before Christmas, Sharon Johnson, a part-time employee working as a clerk, had the misfortune of a fire in her kitchen as she was making candles. Luckily, the fire was put out before it destroyed the house. Sharon will be leaving January 15 and plans to redecorate to repair the fire damage. Everyone has enjoyed working with her the past few months. We will miss her friendship and pleasant smile.

Those who celebrated birthdays in December were Asst. Res. Engr. Earl Raines on December 30, and Huston Sage, engineering aide, on December 2. Earl Shrewsbury's and Bob Harrell's came up in January — Earl's on January 29, and Bob's on January 6. Both are engineering aides.

Boss Jim Williamson's will be coming up in February, the 4th, as will Stanley Smith's on the 16th, J. R. McVay's on the 18th and Red Hatridge's on the 23rd.

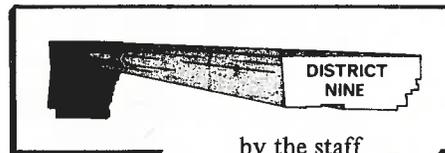
Jim and Earline attended the meeting of the National Society of Professional Engineers in Salt Lake City, Utah, on

January 10-12.

This reporter and husband Jim entertained the employees and their wives on New Year's Eve. We had a delicious supper, then brought in the New Year with chips and dips.



Part of Williamson's crew: Standing, left to right: Larry Beard, office manager; Elaine McKinnon and Sharon Johnson, clerks; and Earl Raines. Sitting, left to right: Earl Shrewsbury, Dallas Smith, J. R. McVay, Bryant Hatridge and Jessie Milligan, engineering aides.



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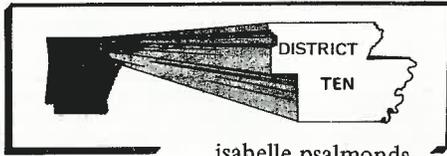


Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones

Carolyn Pangle, daughter of Dist. Engr. and Mrs. Curtis Pangle, was wed November 25 to Edgar Jones in an afternoon ceremony at Cedar Grove Methodist Church of Yellville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Trumann. Mr. Pangle gave his daughter in marriage. The newlyweds are living in Huntsville, Texas, where the groom is a student at

Sam Houston University, majoring in criminology.

The Pangles' older son, Curtis, Jr., has been awarded an athletic scholarship in football by Arkansas Tech. He is a senior at Harrison High School and plays linebacker.



isabelle psalmonds

Lea Wycoff, wife of L. S., brought her Cub Scouts out recently for a tour of the District headquarters. L. S. is a construction inspector.



Lea Wycoff and her Cub Scouts.

John O'Steen, welder, retired after 20 years of service. The shop and office personnel gave him a rod and reel. We hope you get to use it a lot, John, and that you have many years of happy retirement.



John O'Steen opens his gift while co-workers watch.

Ivie Justus, an engineering aide with Res. Engr. Cliff Martin's residency, has completed 20 years of service.



Cliff Martin, right, looks on as M. S. Smith left, presents Justus' certificate.

Wives Betty Hesselbein, Mary Virginia Smith and Betty Holder came out again this Christmas and gave the crew a party. There were cookies, cakes and lots of other goodies. Thanks from all of us. (Sorry you readers got cheated out of seeing the beautiful red in the tablecloth, flowers, Betty's jacket and Mary Virginia's blouse. Ed.)



Left to right: Betty Hesselbein, Mary Virginia Smith and Betty Holder.



Among those enjoying the spread of

goodies are left to right: PBX operator Jo Ann Carlisle, secretary Isabelle Psalmonds, payroll clerk Ruby Herren, fuel clerk Karolyn Gregory, stock clerk June Troxel, and June's daughter, Patty.

At least one fellow had some luck during deer season. Darrell Thacker, engineering aide, killed a seven point.



Darrell Thacker

Junior Wycoff, auditor and office manager, resigned to join forces with Metropolitan Insurance Company. Before he left we had cake and coffee in his honor and M. S. Smith presented him an attache case from all of us. Junior has been here over 16 years, so we miss him but we do wish for him every success in his new venture.



Sam presents gift to Junior. Darrell Holder is at left.

I was walking down the street and saw a man get hit by a car. He started crawling away very quickly. I asked him where he was going and he answered, "I don't want to get involved."

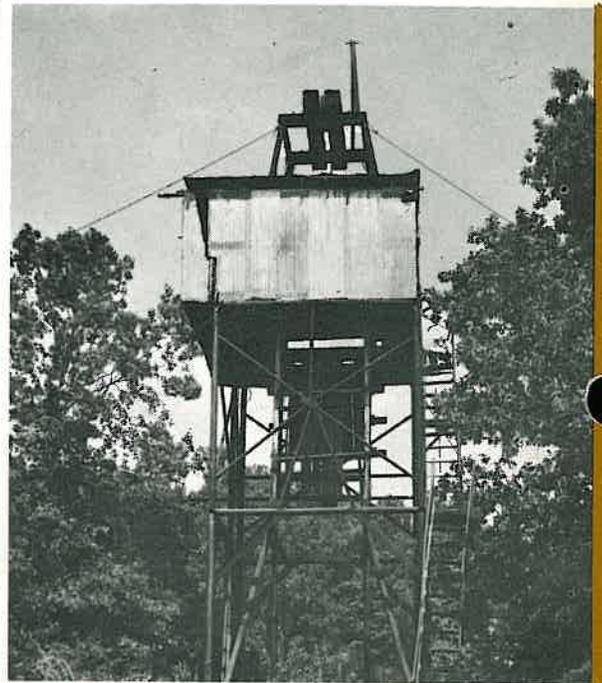


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Where Is It?



Last month's Where Is It? is state fire tower No. 211 near Oak Hill community north of Ashdown in Little River County. It was correctly identified by Jim Trost of Surveys and Earnest Arnett with the Little River County maintenance forces.