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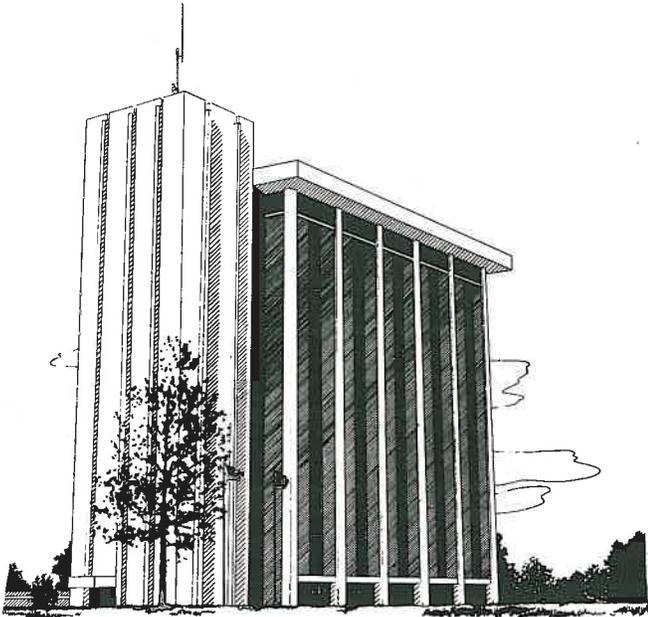
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*Our heartiest wishes to each of you and your families  
during the approaching Yuletide season.*



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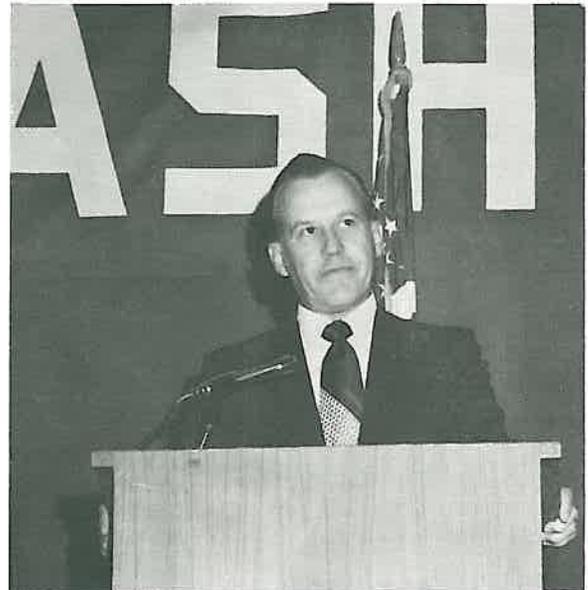
*We hope Santa will fill your  
 sock right to the top with a  
 host of blessings that never stop -  
 and to all a*

**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*Bill Jim  
 Mary Mary Jack  
 Ferol Johnnie  
 Louie*



**Governor Dale Bumpers:** "Air travel is limited and Amtrak is not here (Arkansas) yet, so we are wedded inseparably to automobile transportation."



**Mayor Ellsworth**

After many months of committee meetings, planning; more committee meetings and more planning, all of a sudden it was October 7! The planning and committee sessions were over, for the delegates to the 1973 SASHTO convention – more than 850 of them according to the best count – were beginning to arrive in Hot Springs.

The weatherman – being the independent cuss that he is – dropped a blanket of fog and mist on the entire central part of the state on Monday morning, the 8th, when the convention began. Visibility on the ground was limited and virtually nil aloft, so that planes couldn't land, including the Highway Department's Aero Commander, which was scheduled to stand by for emergencies.

However, the sun burned through the mist about the time the Opening General Session broke for coffee, so that the day looked much brighter by the time the ladies boarded their bus for the Hot Springs Village tour. From that time through the closing session, the delegates had a chance to enjoy some of Arkansas' "just right" days.

## OPENING SESSION

The opening session, with Arkansas Highway Director and SASHTO president Henry Gray presiding, got under way at 9:00 after a breakfast hosted by Associated General Contractors. The roll call took on the gay tone of a political party's convention as the various state representatives stood when their state's name was called, and intoned with mock solemnity: "The sovereign state of - - proudly announces the presence of - - delegates, - - wives, and - - FHWA representatives." A bit of levity ensued when the Virginia speaker announced that they had one more delegate coming by way of bicycle and West Virginia's rejoinder that the bicyclist had been run over while passing through their state.

Governor Dale Bumpers officially welcomed the delegates to the state and Mayor Tom Ellsworth welcomed them to the spa city.

# CONVENTION



**Hammerschmidt: "Highways will continue to be the principal means of transportation."**

Third District Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt was the keynote speaker. He directed most of his comments to explaining some of the more difficult points of the 99 parts of the 1973 Federal Aid to Highways Act signed by the president in August. He pointed out that highway needs across the nation would require \$600 billion by 1990 and mass transit systems \$63 billion by that time, and said there is not enough money to finance the programs. He apologized for the technicality of his remarks but said that the Highway Act was complicated because of compromises necessary to satisfy 60 areas of discord between the House and Senate versions of the bill.

AASHO president T. F. Airis and Henrik E. Stafseth, executive director, were present and discussed highway problems at the national level. Airis is the chief administrative officer of the Department of Highways and Traffic of the District of Columbia.

Stafseth, a former director of Michigan Department of State Highways, was employed by AASHO a year ago when Alf Johnson, former Arkansas Highway Department chief engineer, retired from the position and returned to Arkansas to live.



**Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper takes the roll call.**



**Chairman Maurice Smith answers for Arkansas.**



**Airis**



**Stafseth**



**Arkansas delegation**

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Virtually all the committees were chaired by Arkansas Highway Department personnel, the exceptions being Administration, Air & Waterways, and Public Mass Transportation committees. In addition, a number of Arkansas Highway people had responsibilities on various committees, including Charles Venable and John Hall, Electronics Committee; Leonard Hall, Maintenance & Equipment Committee; Roger Almond, Planning & Programming Committee; Bob Thornton, Arthur Watt and Mike Hunter, Right of Way; Bryan Davis and Charles Mitchell, Roadside Development; and Bob Faulkner, Traffic Engineering.



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1. Members of the Planning & Programming Committee panel are, left to right: Ray Metzger, Jr., Jason Rouby, Leland DuVall and A. E. Johnson, Jr., committee chairman.

2. J. E. Lowder, chairman, Roadside Development Committee.

3. John Tallant, chairman, Construction Committee.

4. Roy Johnson, chairman, Commercial Vehicle Sizes & Weights Committee.

5. Roy Shelby and Jerry Conway, second and third from left, were among those attending the Electronics Committee meeting. Pat Huddleston was the chairman.

6. John Kizer, chairman, Secondary Roads Committee.

7. Max Hall and Hubert Holland (front row) attending the Secondary Roads Committee meeting.

8. Veral Pinkerton, right, chaired the Bridge Design & Construction Committee. Calvin Peevy and J. C. Patterson are to Pinkerton's immediate right.

9. Bert Rownd and Maurice Head.



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One of the highlights of the convention was a banquet and dance on Wednesday evening. Purchasing Officer Frank Caple acted as master of ceremonies and delighted the audience with a number of magical tricks. Vice-president Harbison presented out-going president Henry Gray an appreciation plaque on behalf of the SASHTO states.



Nancy Sipe, left, and Ferol Jones, rated a prestigious escort from the elevator to the banquet hall by Commissioner Maurice Smith. They were two very hard-working gals during the convention.



Among those at the head table were the Knox Nelsons. He is executive secretary of AGC.



Frank Caple in great style as emcee.

### LADIES ACTIVITIES

Bob Mattox, chairman, and Ferol Jones and Nancy Sipe, members, made up the Ladies Activities Committee. Immediately after the first part of the General Opening Session was finished, the ladies boarded buses for a tour of Hot Springs Village and luncheon. The Village is one of the new complete-community concepts now being developed off Highway 7 north of Hot Springs. There the ladies saw various craftsmen and craftswomen practicing their particular specialty. They were entertained at the Arlington with a style-show and luncheon. The apparel was furnished by Pfeifer-Blass of Hot Springs and modeled by Mary Jack Tatum, Kay Jones, Donna Barbee, Sandra Hall, Sharon Sullivan, Charlene Looney, Mary Beth Gray, Wilma Perkins, Maxine Kizer, Florence McCall and Virginia Williams.



J. R. Harbison, left, presents plaque of appreciation to Henry Gray.



All aboard for Hot Springs Village



"Smile girls", left to right, are Yvonne Mulhollen, Kay Jones, Ferol Jones and Nancy Sipe as they prepared to serve at the coffee given for wives.



Mrs. J. C. Patterson, left, holds the box while Mrs. George Kell draws a number for one of the door prizes.



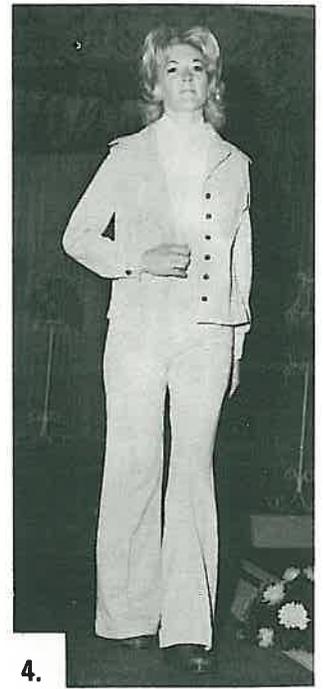
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## AHD Models

1. Florence McCall
2. Charlene Looney
3. Donna Barbee
4. Kay Jones
5. Mary Beth Gray
6. Sandra Hall
7. Sharon Sullivan
8. Virginia Williams
9. Maxine Kizer
10. Mary Jack Tatum
11. Wilma Perkins

At the General Closing Session on Wednesday morning, October 10, President Gray handed over the gavel to J. R. Harbison, state highway engineer with the Kentucky Department of Transportation, who will host the 33rd Annual Meeting to be held in Louisville October, 1974.



Gray to Harbison, the newly-elected president: "It's all yours, now."



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## AHD Workers



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1. Left to right: Bill Mulhollen, V. V. Hellums of Portland Cement Association, Coy Campbell and Don Martin.

2. Brenda Weber, seated, and Madge Livingston give instructions to Eugene Hatfield, left, and Jan Weinberg, who transported guests to and from the airport.

3. Standing, left to right: Marilyn Coffman, Ferol Jones and Joyce Spencer, Reservations chairman. Seated, Donna Martin, left, and Bertie Carr.

4. Raymond and Bobbie Jones, left, and Bob and Gloria Andrews before the registration rush set in.

5. Gladene McCrory, FHWA Division Engineer Chuck McMillen's efficient secretary, also helped out.

6. Troyce Wilson, left, and Gloria Holiday, second from right, chat with Vice President Harbison's lovely wife, Dee, and another guest.

7. Congressman Hammerschmidt and Commissioner Branyan visit after the opening session.

8. Mary Morrow, information desk.

9. The convention began Sunday for the Registration Committee. Here Max Koehler assists a couple get signed in.

# State-aid Highway Improvements Underway



County judges present when the first State-aid road contracts were let were, left to right: Milton Willis, Crawford; Director Henry Gray; Commission Chairman Maurice Smith; James R. Burchfield, Chicot; R. W. Henderson, Columbia; Paul Shuffield, Hot Spring; Bonnie Zook, Desha; Vol Lester, Washington; and W. T. Higginbotham, Ashley.

With 20 contracts for State-aid projects awarded through October and two more expected to be let to contract at the November 28 letting, the Department has improvement of 115 miles of county gravel roads underway in 20 counties. The improvement is being made under provisions of Act 445 signed into law on March 23 by Governor Bumpers. With no federal or environmental compliance necessary, processing the State-aid contracts can progress with dispatch. The work in most instances will consist of hot mix surface course over gravel roads, overlay of deteriorated sections of blacktopped roads, and bridge repair to bring the roads up to better riding and safety standards.

The first six contracts, which helped make up the largest number of projects on which the Highway Department ever advertised for bids at one time, were

for work in Ashley, Chicot, Columbia, Crawford, Hot Spring and Washington counties. The county judges from each of those counties were present at the bid letting in August.

The first of the projects to be completed was a five-mile overlay of Chicot Road in Saline County from the Pulaski County line southward. Ben Hogan Company was the contractor.

The State-aid projects will be financed by \$7 million of revenue from the one-cent gasoline tax increase which went into effect July 1, \$2 million from the State's general revenue surplus and \$6 million in matching funds from the counties. The initial improvement program was based on 5,000 miles of roads; however, additional roads may be added later.

The Department's overall expanded construction program will cost an estimated \$32 million over the next six years.

# Arkansas Highways has 20th BIRTHDAY



Left to right: Mary Jack (Tatum) Wilson, seated; J. Louie Greene; Mary Day Herndon, editor; and Johnnie Gray.

With this issue, *Arkansas Highways* begins its 21st year in publication. As pointed out on our 15th birthday, the first issue, published in November, 1953 was little more than a beginning. Volume 1, Number 1 was a little 8½ x 7 mimeographed bulletin with a sketched cover. The copy was typewritten, apparently on a manual typewriter. It contained no pictures and the back cover (page 24) was blank. The magazine was published as a facet of the Personnel Office, with Miss Hazel S. Erdmann as editor.

Herbert Eldridge, in an "Open Letter From Our Director", stated that "... this magazine is an employee venture by and for employees of the Highway Department." It still is.

As time passed, many improvements were made in the magazine. It progressed to a color cover in June, 1954, even though the "color" was colored mimeograph paper! Later, the copy was set on a typesetting machine which allowed variations in style of type, the size was changed to its present one, a better grade of paper was used, printing was turned over to a professional printer, photographs were included on the cover and inside pages, and still later, the covers began to be run in four-color on a heavier stock. *Arkansas Highways* is presently listed

in the Library of Congress and goes out to some 12-15 college libraries, seven foreign countries and virtually every state in the United States. The standard 16 pages published for several years has now increased to anywhere from 20 to 44 pages.

The magazine staff makes an effort to not only acquaint the many AHD employees (an average of 3,600) and retirees (more than 800) with each other, but to make known the interesting and varied hobbies of employees. Present circulation is approximately 5,000.

The magazine was published once a month from the time of its inception until mid-1970. Since that time, a greatly increased workload in the Information Services Section has resulted in the magazine being published only bi-monthly or each three months in some cases.

## WILL CONTINUE AS BI-MONTHLY MAGAZINE

Due to new state printing regulations, the magazine will be printed bi-monthly beginning the first of 1974. The staff plans that issues will reach the readers around the 25th of the even-numbered months, except for December issues. An effort is always made for the December issue to reach the readers before Christmas.

Mary Day Herndon has been your editor since April, 1967. Johnnie M. Gray, staff photographer, has handled photography, except for those photos submitted by correspondents and other employees, since pictures began to be used in the publication in 1958. He now shares the workload with Louie Greene who was employed in September, 1971. Mary Jack (Tatum) Wilson is the compositor and layout artist. The entire magazine publication is under the supervision of Information Officer Bill Looney.

## 20 YEARS AGO SECTION BEGUN

Each issue hence will contain a short section entitled "20 Years Ago." Because of the interest generated by the "Who Is It?", beginning with the January-February, 1974 issue, a new Who Is It? will be run each issue, instead of every other issue.

# Energy Crisis Confronts AHC

Barely six months ago the Arkansas Highway Commission and Department administrative officials were handed a real challenge when the 69th General Assembly passed three major pieces of Highway legislation, the most encompassing being a \$32 million supplemental construction program for highways and state-aid roads. Such a program engenders an unbelievable amount of design and other paper work, as well as more personnel and equipment to accomplish the actual work. Financing was projected on the basis of a one-cent gasoline tax increase which motorists did not begin to pay until July 1 of this year. By that time the state-aid program was well under way, even though the first year's revenues from the tax (an estimated \$12 million) would not be realized until the end of June, 1974. Some of the projects have already been completed and many more would be by the end of the fiscal year.

The Commission must now contend with a problem much more serious – how to plan for a continuing, adequate highway program and meet reduced highway speed and cutbacks in fuel consumption, both of which will cause revenues to come up short of the anticipated amount. The Six Year Program, already revamped once because of delayed and diminished Federal-aid funds, will probably have to be re-worked again.

The work required is vast! Future projection of available funds is indeed bleak! Economical operation is imperative! Tightening the belt must begin now! While the public is aware that road-building and maintenance revenues come mainly from highway users, they will continue to demand that more roads be built and others improved, for safety, educational and economical reasons.

The energy crisis is expected to cut fuel consumption by 15-35 per cent, with possible rationing looming in the background. Viewing the highway program from any angle, it is apparent that it will be slowed for awhile.

Most people are realizing that the shortage is going to bring about some changes in their lifestyle – most of them unwanted. And while everyone wishes he could go to bed tonight and wake up tomorrow to find the crisis over, there is no basis for such comfortable thinking. Predictions are that the fuel shortage will last from four to six years. Therefore, it is incumbent upon each and every employee to see that he or she gives a full dollar's worth of work for each dollar expended.

The Commissioners and administrative officials will cooperate with the President's request for conservatism, even beyond the mandatory measures. Lighting has been reduced and temperatures lowered in AHD buildings. Field trips are to accomplish two or more purposes if possible. A Fuel Conservation Committee has been appointed by the Director to establish other means of conserving energy. Central headquarters personnel have been encouraged to organize carpools for transportation to and from work. Other cuts and substitutes may be forthcoming as the winter progresses. How binding and restrictive the energy shortage is will depend in great part on how much restriction individuals voluntarily impose upon themselves. While the Commissioners and administrative officials have no intention of controlling the private lives of employees, they do suggest that employees lead out as examples in their neighborhoods by turning out lights in unused rooms of their homes, curtailing outside ornamental lighting, etc.

## Santa's New Idea!

Said Santa Claus one winter's night,  
"I really think it's only right  
That gifts should have a little say  
'Bout where they'll be on Christmas Day."

*So then and there He called the toys  
Intended for good girls and boys,  
And when they'd settle down to hear,  
He made his plan for them quite clear.*

"Soon now", said he, These were his words:  
"You'll all be speeding off with me  
To bring the Christmas joy and cheer  
To little ones both far and near.

*"Here's my idea, It seems but fair  
That you should each one have a share*



*In choosing homes where you will stay  
On and after Christmas Day.*

"Now the next week before we go  
Over the miles of glistening snow  
Find out the tots that you like best  
And think much nicer than the rest."  
*The toys called out 'Hurrah! Hurrah!  
What fun to live always and play  
With folks we choose – they'll surely be  
Selected very carefully."*

When you do see So, children dear,  
Your toy in socks or on a tree,  
You'll know in all the world 'twas you  
They wanted to be given to.

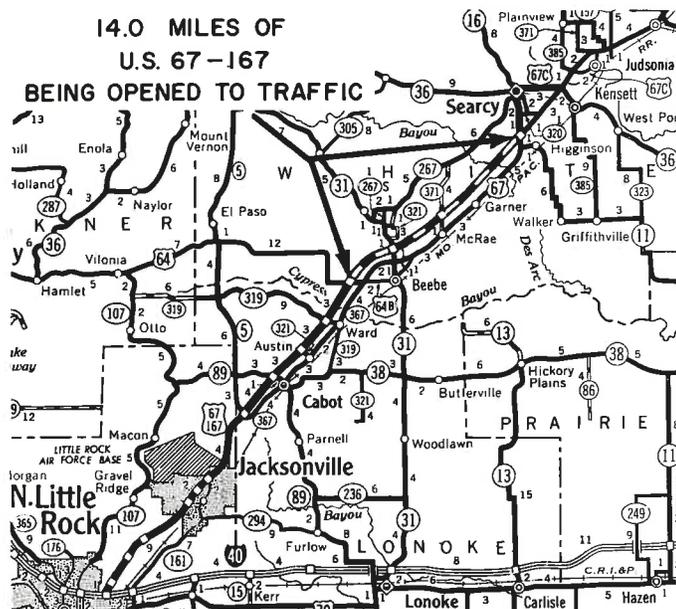
# U.S. 67-167 Opened to Searcy

The \$8.6 million section of highway had been under construction since late 1968. Jeffrey Contractors of Fort Smith built the roadbed and structures under a \$3.6 million contract. Co-contractors Ben Hogan Company of Little Rock and Freshour Corporation of Sweet Home were low bidders for construction in interchanges and surfacing. That contract was just over \$5 million.

## CARRIES MOST TRUCKS

A four-lane bypass of Searcy is under construction and scheduled for completion next year. A \$46.7 million contract was let last month for relocation and reconstruction of U.S. 67-167 beginning at the Highway 36 junction and extending to Highway 157. Present plans include making the route four lanes all the way to Bald Knob. One of the most heavily-traveled two-lane routes in the state, the average traffic volume was 7,200 vehicles per day prior to completion of the new section. It carries the greatest volume of truck traffic of any two-lane highway in the state — an average of 1,300 per day.

14.0 MILES OF  
U.S. 67-167  
BEING OPENED TO TRAFFIC



Another 14 miles of four-lane, high volume highway was added to the main St. Louis-Little Rock route when the section of U.S. 67-167 from the junction with U.S. 64 near Beebe to just south of Searcy was opened to traffic Thursday, November 8.

## Bulletin!



Subject II

Word has just been received that two of the Arkansas Highway Department's six entries in the Sixth Annual DOT awards competition — "The Highway and Its Environment" — have been selected as third place winners. It is the second consecutive year AHD has received an award in the nationwide competition.

Photos were entered in five of the eleven categories (or subjects). The winners were in Subject II, "The Outstanding Section of Highway in Its Urban Environment" and Subject III, "The Outstanding Bridge, Overpass, Tunnel Approach, Interchange Structures, or Other Highway Structural Feature." Somewhere between 800-1,000 photos are entered in the contest each year.

The Subject II winner shows restoration of the aesthetic appearance of the grounds and access drives to residences which front Highway 10 in the vicinity of the I-430 interchange just west of the Little Rock city limits.

The Subject III photograph is of the White River Bridge at Norfolk on Highway 341 in Baxter County.

Subject III



## Motorist Services Signs to be Erected

**FOOD - PHONE  
GAS - LODGING  
HOSPITAL  
CAMPING  
SECOND RIGHT**

Signs indicating the availability of gas, food, lodging, camping, telephone and other services ahead will soon be erected on the state's interstate highways.

Fosco Fabricators Incorporated of Dixon, Ill., began erecting the signs the last week in October. They were awarded a \$144,101 contract in May to furnish and install the signs.

The service signs will be erected within the highway right-of-way at interchanges where essential services are available. Only services that adequately serve the needs of freeway travelers will be shown. Service signing will only be provided at interchanges where the motorist can return to the freeway and continue in the same direction of travel with a minimum loss of time.

The colorful white legend and border on a blue background will be attractive and distinguishable from other roadway signs. The signs will be erected in conformity with the *U.S. Department of Transportation Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways* and will be an attractive replacement for outdoor advertising devices that must be removed as part of the federal beautification program.

## Toastmaster Month



Governor Bumpers proclaimed the month of October as Toastmasters Month. With him at the signing of the proclamation are, left to right: Art Johnson (Computer Services), Area 2 Governor Jack St. Clair, District 43 Lieutenant Governor and Hi-Noon President Hurley Perkins (Construction), Wilbert Chapman (P&R), and Mike Donovan.

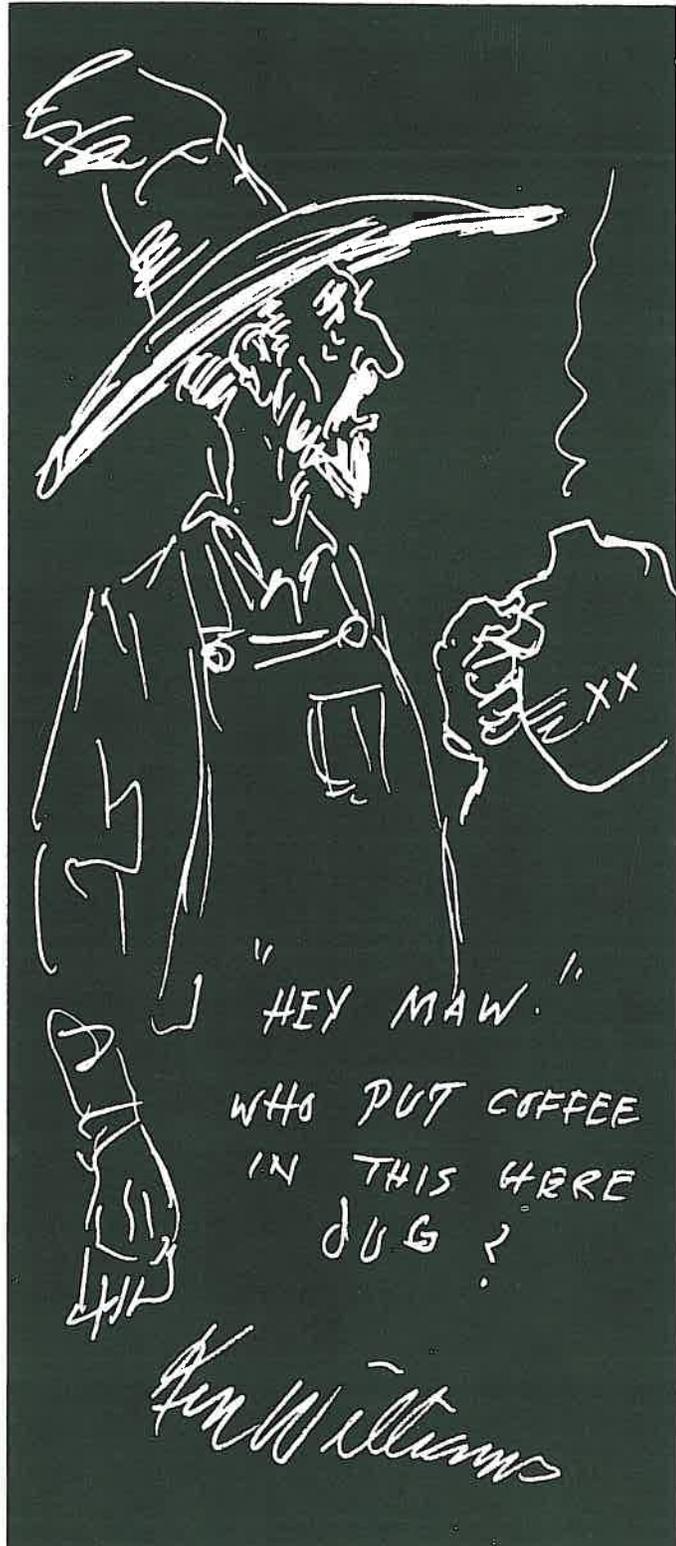
Johnson and Wink are members of the Little Rock Club. Perkins, Chapman and Donovan belong to the Hi-Noon Club, and St. Clair is a member of the Federal Club.

# Artist Exhibits Paintings at AHD

Kenneth Victor Williams, well-known artist from Colorado Springs, Colorado, exhibited a group of his paintings in the lobby of the main Highway Building on October 31, the day of the monthly Highway Commission meeting. He was invited by Carl McChesney of P&R's Advance Planning Section to show his works while on a cross-country tour. McChesney met Williams through mutual friends, Wayne and Virginia Dill, who are former students of Williams.

Although his work is diversified and portrays people from all walks of life, he is known best for his historical murals and sculptures of the Old West. He has made an extensive study of the American Indian and their culture, and has many paintings of Indians. Some of his paintings are portraits of actual people, others are purely fictional subjects. An artist with a great deal of expression and realism, Williams is also gifted with a great sense of humor which interjects itself into his work.

The one painting which seemed to draw the interest of more highway employees than any other concerned a group of ghosts who returned to the corner saloon of a ghost town in the West to have a party. Williams has been a teacher of arts for many years. Exhibitions of his work have been held in the metropolitan areas of Denver, Washington, D. C. and New York City, and numerous other local showings. He has been asked to place an exhibition in the State Capitol next spring. The sketch at left, dashed off in minutes while engaged in conversation with the magazine editor, bears out his sense of humor.



"Ma, who put coffee in this here jug?"

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## 20 YEARS AGO!

November, 1953. A. E. "Alf" Johnson, our chief engineer, was elected president of the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) at its 39th annual meeting in Pittsburgh the week of November 9th through the 13th.

Headquarters. Wedding anniversary congratulations to Hilda and E. L. Wales, Toby and Grady Putman, Frances and Ervin Roller, Hazel and Thornton Rowe.

Maintenance. Louis Cone, permit clerk, reports that the Permit Section, which came into being in July, is doing a land-office business.

District I. A central heating system has been approved for District Headquarters and the building is to be insulated. The entire personnel is looking forward to this badly needed improvement — and in the meantime, they are shivering it out with an oil heater.



**SERVICE AWARDS: 20 Years:** Ferol Jones, secretary to Information Officer Bill Looney; Photographer Johnnie Gray; Charles Simpson, engineering aide with the West Helena residency; and Jack Lindley, asphalt crew supervisor, and Oscar Sutherland, asphalt distributing crew, both in District 1.



Director Henry Gray presented Mrs. Jones' award, above, and Johnnie Gray's, below.



Left to right: Dist. Engr. B. D. Mulnollen, Oscar Sutherland, Jack Lindley, Calvin George, Lewis Crye, Charlie Simpson and Leroy Curtner.

**15 Years:** District 1 Maint. Supt. Calvin George and Lewis Crye of Brinkley, an engineering assistant with the West Helena residency.

Leroy Curtner, who worked in the parts room at Wynne, retired on disability in October. He received his 25 year service award in December, 1972. His fellow employees presented him an all-weather coat as a retirement gift.

**10 Years:** Henry Klober, half of roving unit No. 278 out of Russellville.



Klober, right, received his award from Weights Chief Roy Johnson.

Attorney Virginia Tackett couldn't resist rubbing a little salt (well, okay — sugar) on the wounded pride of the guys in Legal after Billie Jean King defeated You Know Who in that tennis match at Houston. She treated them to a box of candy adorned with a sign, reading "It's a Girl."



The Frank Battistos' daughter Carol Sue will be married December 14 to Michael Stormes of North Little Rock. Frank is in Surveys. Carol Sue is employed by Gordon Jewelers at McCain Mall. Michael is a junior political science major at the University of Arkansas and employed by ABF. Their vows will be

exchanged in Immaculate Conception Church in North Little Rock.

Both Virginia Williams and Marie Blankenship have had surgery; Virginia on the 12th and Marie, the 19th.

Retired Maint. Engr. Dick Winfrey visited central offices on November 15. He is thinner but looks well.

Cupid finally caught up with my pretty cohort. Mary Jack Tatum, compositor and layout artist, was married to North Little Rock businessman Bruce Wilson on November 7. Mary Jack plans to continue as a magazine staffer. (Thank goodness!) They are residing at Lake-wood Apartments.

Wedding bells also recently rang for Bob Sterley in the EEO Section. He and Lynn Boles were married November 17.

Jim McCall of the Information office and Florence enjoyed Liza Minelli's performance when she appeared at Memphis on November 8.

Nancy and Kenny Sipe spent several enjoyable days of vacation in Kentucky the early part of November. At this writing Bertie Carr, the "Chief's" secretary, and Bob are visiting his relatives in upstate New York.

The portent of gasoline rationing and/or closed stations on Sunday sent several of us scurrying to visit the folks Thanksgiving weekend. Donna Martin of EEO and Glen visited her sister and family in Dallas; Frank Newsham of EEO and Ceil visited their daughter Frankie and family in Lincoln, Nebraska; Van Campbell of the Traffic Division went away down in Cajun country to Crowley, La. and the writer visited kin and friends in Marion and Springhill, La.



Jennings displays a deer and the gun he made which felled it. (Photo courtesy J. E. Dunlap, Jr.)

William R. Jennings of the Harrison Weight Station killed a deer with a 40 caliber muzzle-loading gun during the muzzle-loading season. Jennings, who made the gun from parts purchased separately, says it is accurate at 100 yards.

John Black of Bentonville, who used to be half of a roving unit with W&S, resigned from AHD in November to become chief of police there. He is a former 2-term Benton County sheriff and had been with W&S 18½ years. He was honored by local Weights officers at a dinner at Holiday Inn in Bentonville on October 31. He comes from a law enforcement family, including his brother, Hugh Black, also a former Benton County sheriff and former Bentonville city marshal and currently deputy U.S. marshal for the Western District of Arkansas.

District 4 Engineer Calvin Peevy's birthday was November 9 and Ramada Inn at Fort Smith honored him by making note of it on their marquee. How 'bout that!



Earl Gene and Jane White wanted to share with us their happiness over the arrival of little David Earl on October 4. Earl is an equipment operator with the Montgomery County crew.



David Earl White

My husband enjoyed a cup of coffee recently with former Beautification employee Bud Witter and reports that Bud is just as jolly and smiling as ever. I knew that all of you who know Bud (and that includes most everyone in Arkansas and half of Canada!) would be interested in word about him. Bud, as many of you know, is in charge of the State's Green Thumb program.

Grandison "Buster" Royston who works with J. E. Belknaps' residency at Hope, passed on to me a newspaper story about Russia's Highway 10. Though our Highway 10 is a two-lane road and not one of our super best highways, it would apparently seem like a magic carpet compared to Russia's Route 10, which the writer describes as 40 miles of "mammoth potholes, stray cattle, drunks and people portering buckets of water on wooden yokes" between Moscow and Leningrad. It is virtually devoid of roadside services such as food, coffee and rest rooms. Wish there was space to print the entire story. It would greatly increase our appreciation for our road system.

## Highway Dames Hold Auction



The Highway Dames Auxiliary met at the Central Headquarters on November 15 for lunch in the cafeteria, followed by an auction of items made, contributed and collected for resale. Proceeds from the auction are used to help a needy Highway employee. The Christmas coffee, one of the group's most delightful meetings, will be held December 13 at Castle Valley Country Club.

## Christmas Needs a Little Girl

Christmas needs a lighted tree  
A bright and shining star,  
Some candy canes and holly wreaths  
No matter where we are,  
Christmas needs some mistletoe  
And candles in the night,  
A little bit of falling snow  
To make the outdoors bright.

*Christmas needs a happy song  
To fill a happy heart,  
A bit of wondrous Christmas love  
So very much a part,  
An angel in the heavens fair  
A Santa Claus with toys,  
And just so many little things  
To add to Christmas joys.*

Christmas needs a glowing fire  
An easy chair or two,  
And cookies in the cookie jar  
A doll all bright and new,  
A 'lectric train around the tree  
And packages with bows,  
So many presents tucked away  
Where no one else might know.

*Christmas needs so many things  
But none would be worthwhile,  
Without the laughter of a child  
That tender loving smile,  
The toys, the tree, the presents grand  
Could not be half so sweet,  
For Christmas needs a little girl  
To make it all complete.*

**THIS'LL  
KILL YA**



*Teacher: "Now, Johnny, if I lay two eggs here and three over there, how many will there be altogether?"*

*Johnny: "Personally, teacher, I don't think you can do it."*

*"Do you live within your income?"*

*"Certainly not. I have all I can do to live within my credit."*

*A thoughtful wife is one who has the pork chops ready when her husband comes home from a fishing trip.*

*"That fresh engineer offered me a quarter for a kiss!"*

*"He did? What are you looking in your purse for?"*

*"Gee! I thought I had lost the quarter."*

*If you make a right turn from a left lane, you are probably just careless and reckless and not what the fellow behind you called you.*

*Look at the bright side of things. What if all the errors you made were put into the newspaper everyday like that of a ball player?*

*Remember, gun powder and alcohol don't mix. It won't shoot and it tastes awful.*

*Mother of modern teenager to friend: "Yes, I always wanted to be the mother of a child with lovely, soft, long blond curls - but I always thought it would be a girl."*

*An elephant walked into a bar and stood at the rail. The bartender looked at it strangely. "Don't worry," said the elephant, "I'm over 21."*

*Wife to husband on Christmas morning: "You angel! Just what I need to exchange for what I wanted!"*

*Just to prove Santa Claus never lets a fellow down, we know a boy that asked for a soldier suit and 15 years later he got it.*

*Little boy to parents: "Take a look at this report card and see if I can sue for defamation of character."*

*A golfer is a guy who yells "fore," takes six and writes down five.*

*An accident is an event that, five minutes after it happens, anyone could see how it could have been avoided.*

## Happy New Year Glogg

2 Fifths red wine	25 whole cloves
1 Fifth red port	1Lb. blanched almonds
2oz. dried orange peel	1Lb. seedless raisins
2oz. cinnamon sticks	1Lb. lump sugar
20 cardamon seeds	1Fifth brandy

Combine the red wine and port in saucepan over low heat. Place orange peel, cinnamon, cardamon seeds and cloves in cheesecloth. Tie or sew the cheesecloth bag securely and place in mixture. Simmer for 20 minutes. Add almonds and raisins and simmer additional 15 minutes. Remove saucepan from stove. Place cubes of sugar in metal strainer. Rest it on top of the saucepan. Heat the brandy. Ignite the brandy and pour slowly to saturate and caramelize the sugar. Remove the spice bag and serve hot in heated mugs, with a few almonds and raisins.

## WHO IS IT?





*Dear Retirees:*

*This year 84 of you have joined the family of retired Arkansas Highway employees. Altogether, there is now 727.*

*As members of the Retirement Board, we realize that we accepted a great responsibility to administrate the retirement fund equitably and to your greatest benefit. The responsibility grows as the membership increases.*

*We hope that careful administration of the fund has made, and will continue to make, your senior years more secure, pleasant and carefree. May each of you enjoy a happy and comfortable Christmas season.*

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