

# Arkansas Highways



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# DIRECTOR'S DESK



*Director Henry Gray*

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

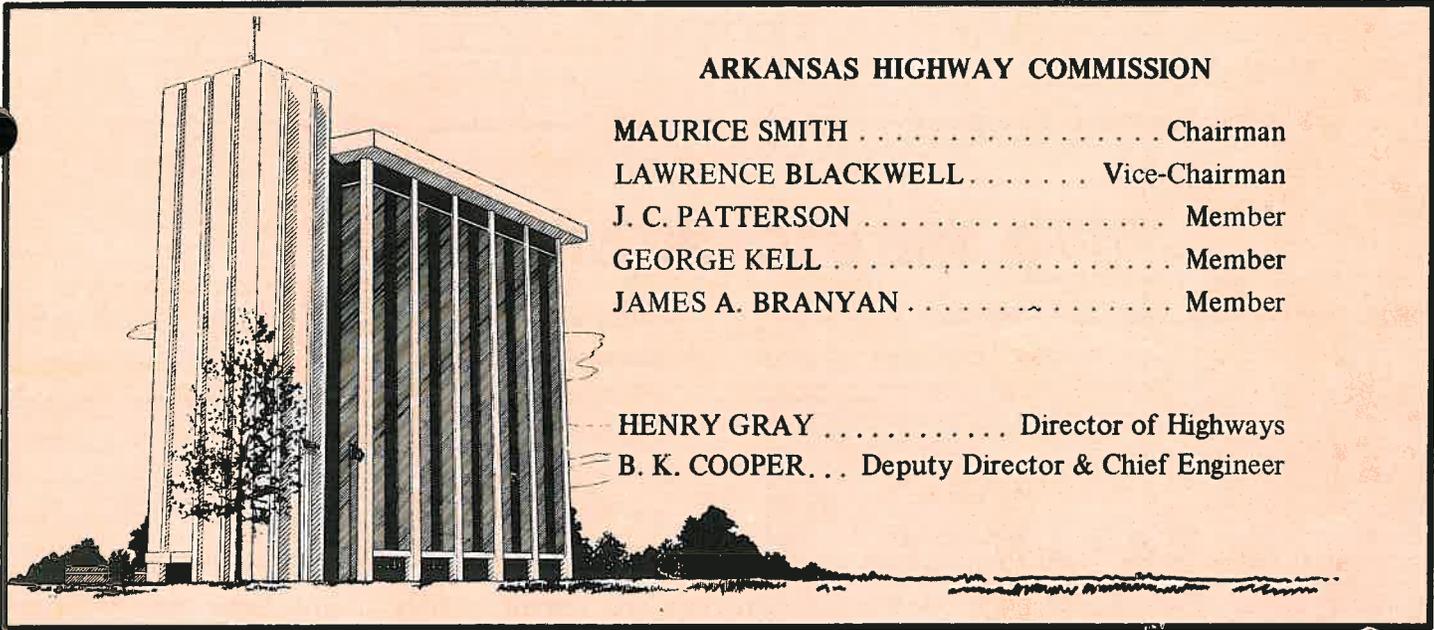
Within the last month the Highway Commission has taken advantage of every opportunity to travel over the state to inspect some of the major highway facilities that have been completed this year.

On August 29, the day after the regular monthly Commission meeting in Little Rock, the Commission toured the Pine Bluff area, attended the dedication and formal opening of the 6.5-mile U.S. 65 Expressway through Pine Bluff, and the Open House held at the new District 2 Headquarters for public inspection.

On September 4, the Commissioners traveled to Hope to meet with the Chamber of Commerce and attended the Open House held for the public at the recently completed District 3 Headquarters.

From Hope, members of the Commission traveled to Texarkana where they met with the Texas Highway Commission on September 5, and took a bus tour of the Texarkana area to inspect transportation facilities in both Arkansas and Texas. This was an historic event, since it is the first time these two State Highway Commissions had met to discuss joint problems, and the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce

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- GEORGE KELL . . . . . Member
- JAMES A. BRANYAN . . . . . Member

- HENRY GRAY . . . . . Director of Highways
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**COVER:** The Broadway Bridge crossing the Arkansas River between Little Rock and North Little Rock as the Fall sun sets.

**BACK COVER:** New Rest Area and Roadside Park located off U.S. 71 near Waldron. See story page 10.

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# THE ORGANIZATION

At that point in time of the evolution of man when he suddenly realized that other men roamed the face of the earth were organizations created. These organizations first began as clans or cults, then into nomadic tribes, and finally villages and towns. Each time a slightly higher level of organizational structure was created. This early type of organization was forced on man out of necessity to assure the welfare and safety of himself and the members of his family.

As our society has become more technology-oriented we have seen the development of much more sophisticated organizations and the manipulation of human behavioral patterns and emotionalism into the organizational structure so that predetermined goals can be attained. An organization can be technically defined as "a machine of management that provides a structure of duties and responsibilities for achievement of the ends determined by administration." Advanced management techniques have also determined that for an organization to continue to exist, it must have growth, stability, and interaction. When any one of these three functions fails to exist

within an organization, deterioration of the structure and responsibilities occur, thus making the organization vulnerable to outside forces.

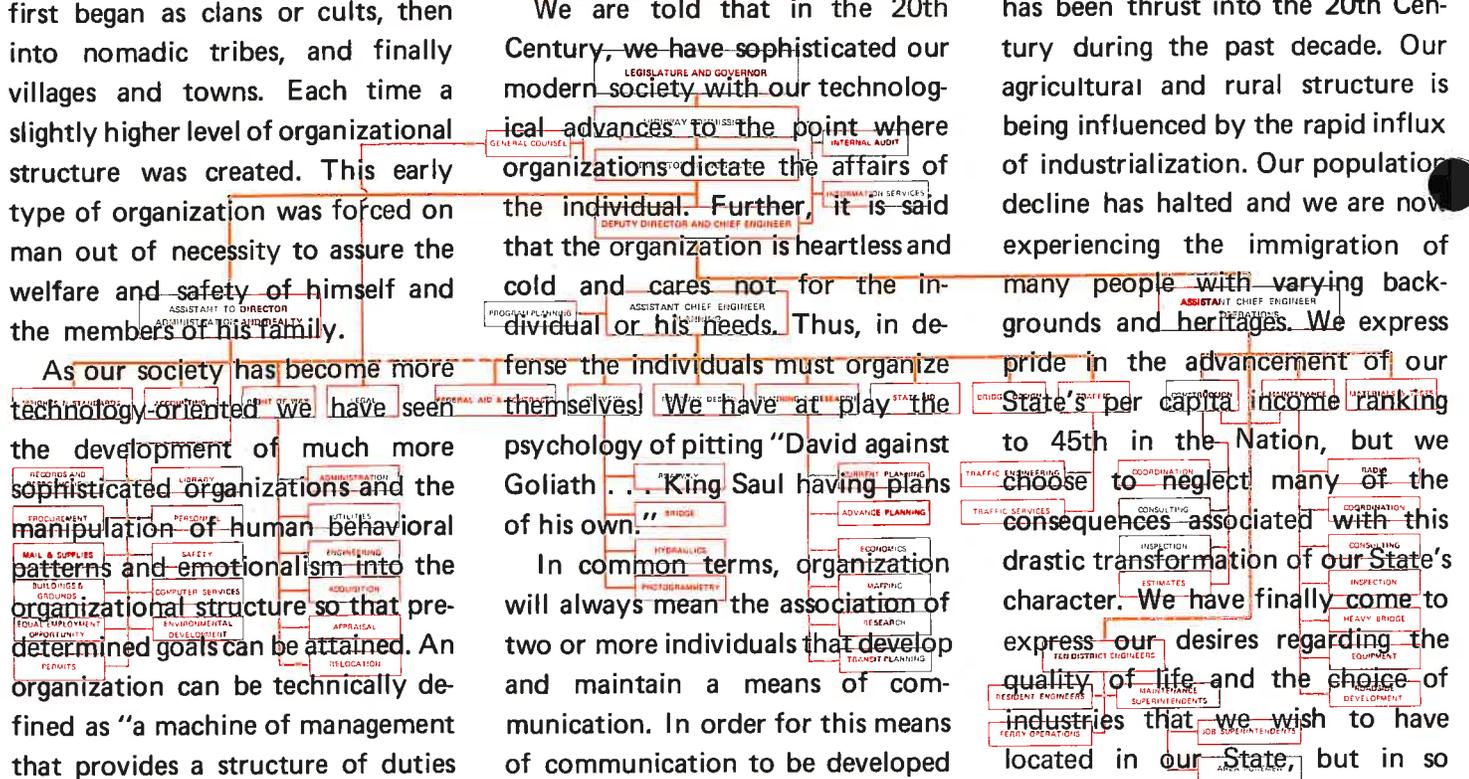
We are told that in the 20th Century, we have sophisticated our modern society with our technological advances to the point where organizations dictate the affairs of the individual. Further, it is said that the organization is heartless and cold and cares not for the individual or his needs. Thus, in defense the individuals must organize themselves. We have at play the psychology of pitting "David against Goliath . . . King Saul having plans of his own."

In common terms, organization will always mean the association of two or more individuals that develop and maintain a means of communication. In order for this means of communication to be developed and maintained, these individuals must have a cause. This cause can be generated by the fear for survival that brought our early ancestors together, or in modern day, it can result from legal directives and under the most favorable conditions; it can result when individuals share com-

mon interests and goals. But, it is only in the latter case that personal respect and friendship results from an organization.

It has been said that Arkansas has been thrust into the 20th Century during the past decade. Our agricultural and rural structure is being influenced by the rapid influx of industrialization. Our population decline has halted and we are now experiencing the immigration of many people with varying backgrounds and heritages. We express pride in the advancement of our State's per capita income ranking to 45th in the Nation, but we choose to neglect many of the consequences associated with this drastic transformation of our State's character. We have finally come to express our desires regarding the quality of life and the choice of industries that we wish to have located in our State, but in so many ways we have accepted the 20th Century definition of organization at face value and been moved toward irrationally casting aside our precious possession of employee association through common interests seeking common goals.

ORGANIZATION CHART  
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



# AHD Dedications

By Information Services

National Highway Week (September 22-28), was celebrated in Arkansas with four major dedications, held the week of August 29 through September 5.

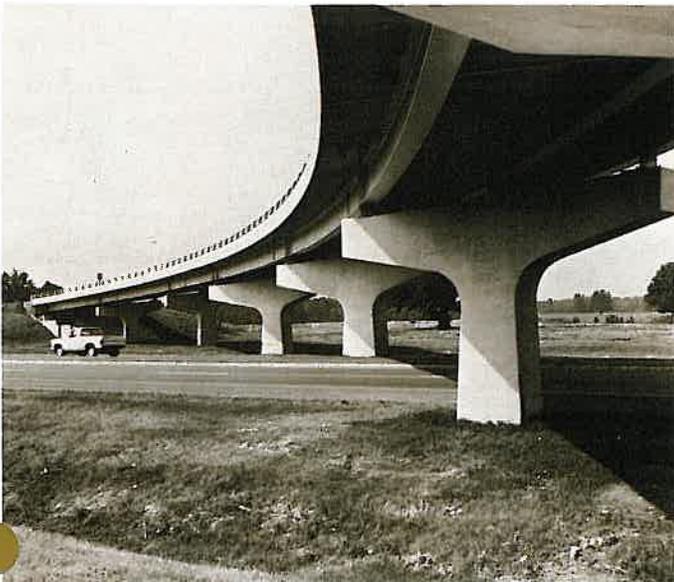
## U.S. 65 EXPRESSWAY IN PINE BLUFF

On August 29, the 6.5-mile U.S. 65 expressway through Pine Bluff was opened in formal ceremonies. This new expressway represents a multi-million dollar investment that provides improved access through Pine Bluff with increased mobility, convenience and vehicle safety. It will attract trade and business, and improve community services for the Southern sector of the State.

Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff, Vice Chairman of the Highway Commission, said that the expressway truly represented the opening of "the gateway to Southeast Arkansas", rather than the "traffic snarl" that had existed in the past.

G. W. (Buddy) Turner of Pine Bluff, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, gave a brief dedicatory address. He stated that the public often times took roadways for granted and that it was "only fitting and proper" that homage should be paid to those responsible for bringing the expressway into existence.

About 200 persons attended the ribbon-cutting event, including the Highway Commission members,



U.S. 65 Expressway in Pine Bluff.

Highway Department officials and various state, county and local officials.



From left to right: Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell, Miss Arkansas, Rhonda Kay Pope, Director Henry Gray, and District Engineer John Harris.

Miss Arkansas of 1975, Rhonda Kay Pope cut the ribbon opening the new section of the expressway. That made 6.53 miles of the expressway available to motorists from Blake St. to Highway 65-South.



Seated on the front row: (Left to right) Commission Chairman Maurice Smith, Members, J. C. Patterson, James A. Branyan and George Kell.

The Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce honored the State Highway Commissioners and Highway Department officials with a luncheon at the Pine Bluff Country Club.

The total cost of work in this part of the expressway is \$13.2 million and other contracts have been let to extend the expressway to Highway 104 north of Pine Bluff.



*John Harris  
District Engineer*



*District Two Headquarters*

### **DISTRICT 2 HEADQUARTERS**

The \$1.3 million facility, which is located on a 30-acre tract of land on U.S. 65-South, was occupied several months ago. An open house was held in conjunction with the U.S. 65 dedication.

District Engineer, John S. Harris, Jr. and District 2 employees served refreshments and conducted tours around the new building complex for the visitors.

This handsome new facility replaced the old District Headquarters Building which was erected during the Great Depression under the Works Projects Administration Program and had been occupied since 1937.

## **DISTRICT THREE OPEN HOUSE**

The Hope Chamber of Commerce literally rolled out the red carpet to honor the Highway Commission at the dedication ceremonies for the new District 3 Headquarters Building on September 4.



*Charles Mitchell  
District Engineer*



*District Three Headquarters*

The official welcome to the several hundred who attended the dedicatory ceremonies was given by Hope's Vice Mayor Mel Thrash.

Vice Mayor Thrash stated that "over \$1-million have been invested in new highway facilities and more than 250 persons employed in our eight-county area which comprises District Three. We appreciate the fine citizens that this industry and its employees make in our community."

Maurice Smith, Chairman of the Arkansas Highway Commission, introduced Highway Commissioners, Lawrence Blackwell, Vice Chairman and George Kel member, Highway Director Henry Gray and other officials. The District Engineer is Charles Mitchell.

Senator Olen Hendrix introduced Highway Commissioner James A. Branyan, the principle speaker for the dedication.

In his address, Mr. Branyan stated that the three most basic needs of any society are churches, schools, and roads. It cannot be disputed that roads are a special ingredient for an aggressive society. They insure the development of commerce, trade, industry, and the ability of people to travel freely and with ease. The speaker also reported that eighty percent of our nation's goods and 92 percent of our passenger travel move over highways. The economy and standard of living of this country are dependent upon the exchange of goods between producer and consumer.

According to Mr. Branyan, the Arkansas Highway Commission is the envy of nearly every other state in the union. The staggered ten-year terms of our highway commissioners afford continuity and long-range planning which has allowed Arkansas to be the first in percentage of completed interstates. It has allowed Arkansas to make greater progress. This

has been brought about by a combination of dedicated commissioners, a dedicated legislature, and a dedicated staff of about 4,000 highway employees who take pride in their work.



*Cutting of the Ribbon – Dedication of the New District Three Headquarters.*

Crystal Pheifer, Arkansas Poultry Princess cut the ribbon for the occasion. After the dedication ceremonies there was a tour through the New District Three Headquarters.

## TEXAS - ARKANSAS MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME

### Dedication of State Line Avenue



*Texas and Arkansas Highway Commissioners – (Left to right) D. C. Greer, (Texas) B. L. DeBerry, (Texas) Maurice Smith, (Arkansas) James A. Branyan, (Arkansas) Reagan Houston, (Texas) Henry Gray, (Director of Highways - Arkansas) Lawrence Blackwell, (Arkansas) and Charles E. Simons, (Texas).*

State Line Avenue dedication ceremonies continued on Thursday afternoon, September 5, as Earl Jones, Jr., President of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce said, "Now we come to a time we have all looked forward to for a number of years." Jones referred to the major thoroughfare as "the street that has united us rather than divided us."

Arkansas and Texas Highway Commissioners and Highway Department officials were introduced amid cheers and appropriate music being provided by Texarkana, Arkansas and Texas High School Bands to get the ceremonies started.

Chairmen of the Arkansas and Texas Highway Commissions, Maurice Smith and Reagan Houston joined in the ribbon cutting activities. They were wearing construction hard hats painted red and orange.



*Texas Highway Commission Chairman Reagan Houston (left), and Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman Maurice Smith.*

Arkansas Highway officials present for the day's activities included Maurice Smith, Chairman; Lawrence Blackwell, Vice Chairman; George Kell and James A. Branyan, Members, Arkansas Highway Commission; and Henry Gray, Director of Highways, Arkansas.

Texas Highway officials who participated were, Reagan Houston, Chairman; Dewitt Greer and Charles E. Simons, Members, Texas Highway Commission; and B. L. DeBerry, State Highway Engineer, Texas.

Other officials attending were Charles Mitchell, District 3 Engineer, and Charles Mauk, Resident Engineer, Arkansas Highway Department; Lawrence L. Jester, Jr., District 19 Engineer, and A. H. Hodgson, Resident Engineer, Texas Highway Department.

John Harsh of Magnolia, Arkansas, former member of the Arkansas Highway Commission from that area, was also recognized.



*Dedication Ceremonies - State Line Avenue, Director Henry Gray.*

Mayor Jack E. Trigg, Texarkana, Arkansas, and Mayor David Keller, Texarkana, Texas, during a luncheon honoring the members of the two Highway Commissions declared by proclamation September 5, as Highway Commissions Appreciation Day.

"I think we all recognize the importance of this project to the whole area, not just the people of Texarkana," Bowie County, Texas Judge Robert Dalby said.

Miller County, Arkansas Judge C. R. (Rudy) Burgess said, "State Line Avenue has created many problems and difficulties, but they have all been overcome."



*State Line Avenue*



# Administrative Officers

## DIVISION PROFILE

By Gloria Holliday

### Arkansas State Highway Department

#### Directors of Highways

James R. Rhyne	Feb. 4, 1933 to Sept. 26, 1934
J. C. Baker	Sept. 27, 1934 to Jan. 12, 1937
James R. Rhyne	Jan. 13, 1937 to Jan. 31, 1938
W. W. Mitchell	Feb. 1, 1938 to Jan. 30, 1945
J. C. Baker	Jan. 31, 1945 to Dec. 15, 1951
Olen Fullerton	Jan. 1, 1952 to Aug. 31, 1952
Orval Faubus	Sept. 1, 1952 to Jan. 21, 1953
A. E. Johnson (Acting)	Jan. 1953 to April 1953
Herbert Eldridge	May 1, 1953 to Feb. 28, 1959
R. B. Winfrey (Acting)	March 1959 to July 1959
F. R. Oliver	Aug. 1, 1959 to April 30, 1963
Ward Goodman (Acting)	May 1963 to Jan. 1965
Mack Sturgis	Jan. 16, 1965 to March 31, 1966
W. E. Hicks	April 1, 1966 to Dec. 31, 1966
Ward Goodman	Jan. 1, 1967 to March 15, 1973
Henry Gray (Acting)	March 1973 to March 1973
Henry Gray	March 28, 1973 to present

Office created by Act 3 of 1933



*Director Henry Gray*

## DIRECTOR

The administration of the Arkansas State Highway Department is the responsibility of the Director of Highways, who is appointed by the five-member Arkansas State Highway Commission.

Act 3 of 1933 established the position of Director of Highways to be named by the Commission. This Act remained in effect until 1935 when Act 328 was established. It provided that the Director would be appointed by the Governor to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Department, subject only to the powers delegated to the Commission. Act 42 of 1945 stated that both the Commission and the Director were to be appointed by the Governor for terms coincident with the Governor's term. It also stated that the Director would attend all Commission meetings and in case of a tie, would cast the deciding vote.

Amendment 42 of the Arkansas Constitution, now the basic law and generally known as the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, provided for a five-member State Highway Commission to be appointed by the Governor for staggered ten-year terms. The Commission would elect, from its number, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman and appoint a Director of Highways as the chief executive officer of the Department.

The present Director, Henry Gray, has carried out the duties of this office since March 28, 1973. During his 11 years of service with the Department he has held positions as Chief of Right-of-Way Division; Chief of Right-of-Way and Legal; Assistant to the Chief Engineer, Assistant Director of Administration and Realty, and Assistant Director. Mr. Gray's secretary is Nancy Sipe, who has held this position for the past 13 years.

The Director is aided by an Assistant to the Director for Administration and Realty, the Chief Counsel, Internal Auditor, and Public Relations Officer.

The Director is also ably assisted by the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer.

## DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER



*B. K. Cooper*

The Deputy Director and Chief Engineer is responsible for the overall supervision of the engineering functions of the Department. During lengthy absences of the Director, he assumes the functions of the Director for the administration of the Department in addition to his numerous duties as Chief Engineer.

The job title "Chief Engineer" apparently was given official status by the Highway Commission in 1933, the same year the office of Director of Highways was created.

During the twenty years prior to 1933, holders of this position were known as State Highway Engineers. This group included six State Highway Engineers and one Acting State Highway Engineer. The first engineer was E. A. Kingsley who served from May 26, 1913 until January 16, 1914, and the last was C. S. Christian, who was often termed "Chief Engineer," but his official designation was always "State Highway Engineer."

From 1933 until the present, this position has been ably filled by eight men. In two different cases, the Director of Highways also served as Acting Chief Engineer and in another instance, W. W. Zass, who was the Chief Engineer from February 3, 1933 until July 20, 1942, again filled this office in 1946. The present Chief Engineer, B. K. Cooper, has held the position since February 1, 1970. In March of 1973, he was elevated to the position of Deputy Director and Chief Engineer.

B. K. Cooper, a Highway Department career employee of 18 years, has worked as a traffic engineer, Assistant Division Head of Planning and Research, and Engineer of Roadway Design. Bertie Carr serves the Chief Engineer as secretary.

## ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR



*Gip I. Robertson, Jr.*

## ADMINISTRATION AND REALTY

This branch is headed by Gip I. Robertson, Jr., who has been with the AHD for 21 years. He is a former Chief of the Right-of-Way Division and was promoted to Assistant to the Director in April 1973. As the head of this Branch, he establishes and coordinates the production effort of the 20 divisions and units in the Branch. He is responsible for coordinating the administrative and housekeeping func-

tions of the Branch with the total Departmental function. Secretary to Mr. Robertson is Kay Jones.

## CHIEF COUNSEL

The Chief Counsel, who at present is Thomas B. Keys, advises the Commission, the Director, and others in the Department on legal matters and is responsible for all litigation for the Department. He also supervises the work of the Legal Division, an element of the Administration and Realty Branch of the Department.

## INTERNAL AUDIT

Internal Audit, headed by E. N. Orsini, functions independently of the Accounting Division and reports directly to the Director and Commission. This section tests the adequacy of accounting controls, accounting system, fiscal procedures, fiscal reports and inventories, which includes shop and road equipment, office furniture and equipment, payrolls, budget control, and cost and labor distribution, to name a few. The Internal Audit Section does not confine its activity to the Districts, but also covers the other

Divisions and Sections of the Highway Department itself. It performs stock loss investigations and special audits as may be assigned.

Six auditors are employed in this section and secretary, Virginia Williams.

## INFORMATION SERVICES

The Information Services Section, headed by Public Relations Officer Bill Looney, is charged with informing the citizenry of the state on the goals and objectives of the State Highway Program. Looney is ably assisted by Assistant Information Officer Jim McCall and Ferol Jones, the section secretary.

This section maintains a close contact with the news media and other governmental agencies, civic groups, educational organizations and other sounding boards to create an informed citizenry. The section recently was delegated the responsibility of coordinating all public hearings and also publishes the Highway Department "Employee News Letter."

Each of the separate divisions included in the three major branches will be featured in upcoming issues of "Arkansas Highways."

## THE ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEERS



*Charles Venable*



*J. E. Lowder*

## PLANNING

The Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning is Charles Venable. He began employment at the Highway Department in October 1959 as an Engineering Assistant in the Bridge Design Division. He transferred to the Surveys Division in June 1962 and in 1967 was promoted to the head of that Division. In April, 1973, he became the Assistant Chief for Planning. Adele Fiedler serves as Mr. Venable's secretary.

Mr. Venable supervises the functions of the Planning Branch of the Department and is responsible for the production effort and the coordination of the seven Divisions in the Planning Branch and the correlation of the work with the rest of the Departmental organization. The Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning must keep abreast of, even anticipate and explore, contemporary trends and techniques of highway, road and street planning, and evaluate their application in the improvement of the State Highway System's

transportation service to the people of Arkansas and the United States.

## OPERATIONS

This branch is supervised by J. E. Lowder, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations. Mr. Lowder is a former Resident Engineer and District Engineer for the District 3 office at Hope. He has also served in the capacity of State Maintenance Engineer, and on July 1, 1969, was promoted to his present position. Mr. Lowder's secretary is Ann May.

Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations is responsible for three Divisions — Construction, Maintenance, and Materials and Tests — and also for the ten State Highway Districts. His responsibility covers the correlation of all maintenance and construction on the State Highway System with the ten District Engineers, and the other two branches of the Department.

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## Back Cover

### Waldron City Dump Converted to Roadside Park



The Arkansas Highway Department was the first State Highway Department in the Nation to use Federal-aid funds for the improvement of a solid waste disposal area. The funds were used for the relocation of the Waldron city dump, the site of which, in the path of relocated U.S. 71 near Waldron, was developed in part as a unique roadside park and rest area.

During the early stage of right-of-way acquisition, the Highway Department and the Pollution Control Commission worked out an agreement with Waldron city officials whereby a new 40-acre site was secured for solid waste disposal. The Highway Department used approximately 10 acres of the old dumping grounds for the new highway facility. About 15 acres of the remaining acreage was protected and developed as a scenic public use area containing a small lake which is maintained by the Game and Fish Commission, who stocked it with fish to challenge the traveling angler. The Game and Fish Commission also will handle the ecological management to assure a proper vegetation and fisheries environment. The waste from cuts and fills for the highway was utilized to impound a small stream for the lake.

# Accomplishments

## AWARD WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS



*Johnnie Gray (center) with Bill Looney (left) and Commissioner James Branyan.*

The 14th Annual American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials – American Road Builders (AASHTO - ARBA) Public Information Workshop was held July 31 – August 2 in Nashville, Tennessee. This meeting of the Public Information and Administrative Representatives from the various Transportation and Highway Departments was held to provide an opportunity for the sharing of ideas relating to highway information.

The Arkansas Highway Department was highlighted by the showing of the 1974 highway film,

“Highways: Arkansas Economic Lifeline”. Following the film, Johnnie Gray, Staff Photographer for the AHD, led an informal discussion of Public Information tools and techniques, including both still and motion picture photography. This was a completely open question - and - answer period and included the analysis and critique of highway films. Later in the meeting, Johnnie was presented a Special Award by Hugh Gillespie of the Transportation Research Board in Washington, D. C., for his outstanding achievement in still photography and cinemato-

graphy over the past 20 years.

On display at the meeting for the first time was our Color Photograph Booth showing photographs of all of the highway and bridge facilities that have been winners of past National Awards.

Attending the meeting from Arkansas were Commissioner James A. Branyan, and his wife Shirley; Bill Looney, and wife Charlene; and Johnnie Gray, and wife Elyene. Barbara Oldham, Johnnie’s daughter and an employee in the State Aid Road Division, flew to Nashville for the Awards Luncheon.

## STATE CHAMBER LAUDED

The Better Roads and Transportation Council presents charter to the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber was recognized for its grass-roots campaign for the support of an improved transportation system in Arkansas.

The charter was presented to K. V. Browne, Chairman of the Board of the Chamber and Bob Lamb, the Chamber's Executive Vice President at the regular meeting of the Arkansas State Highway Commission by Highway Commissioner James A. Branyan.

In making the presentation, Branyan expressed the Highway Commission's appreciation for "hard work and support that the State Chamber of Commerce has provided for the creation of a better highway transportation system for all of Arkansas."

Commissioner Branyan, on behalf of the State Chamber of Commerce, had previously accepted the charter during a joint meeting of the American Road



*James Branyan, left and K. V. Browne, right*  
Builders Association of State Highway Officials and the American Road Builders Association. 

## "EXCELLENT MOTORWAYS"

"Excellent Motorways" is the description of the Arkansas Highway System by one of its recent visitors from Ireland in commenting on his tour of Arkansas.

The Arkansas Highway Department hosted two very interesting young men, Alan Costello and Richard Rountree, guests of the Little Rock Rotary Club for the summer. They were escorted through the Central Headquarters Complex to better acquaint them with the construction and maintenance of roads in the United States.

Alan is an engineer from Sligo, Republic of Ireland, and will return to Edinburgh University in Scotland this fall to study for a Master's degree. Richard, a resident of Omagh, Northern Ireland, will



*Director Henry Gray welcomes visitors from Ireland.*

enter law school at Campbell College in Belfast.

Al Johnson, Engineer of the P&R Division, showed the two students through the Division. Johnson explained cartography process as they

observed the mapping section. Jim Briley, of M&T, explained how tests are made on various highway construction materials. At the end of the tour, they were shown the current highway movie. 

## DIRECTOR COMMENDS EMPLOYEES

Two employees in District Nine recently were presented letters of commendation from Director Henry Gray for their part in the rescue of a fellow employee following an explosion at Henderson Ferry.

The following statement was given by Mr. Watkins concerning the accident. He tells the story as it actually happened that day at the Henderson Ferry residence.

*Repairs on the residence at Henderson Ferry were being made by Mr. Howard Rand and Mr. Thurman Snelgroes. At approximately 9:30 a.m., I left the Henderson Ferry Office and drove up to the residence more or less to see how they were getting along. Upon entering the back door of the residence, I commented to them that I smelled gas inside the building. I went around through the various rooms in the house and upon observing that they had the living room circulator burning, I became somewhat concerned and suggested that it be turned out and that we leave the building. Mr. Rand complied with my request. We then walked into the kitchen where Mr. Snelgroes was. I told him that I thought we should get out and have the system checked. I was standing to the best of my knowledge, within about three feet of the kitchen door going into the back room. The next thing that I knew was a terrific explosion and I was laying on my left side with my head in the doorway*

*with my legs laying between the floor joists. I tried two or three times to get up and saw that I couldn't and felt like that I was severely injured. I hollered two or three times for them to come back and help me that I couldn't get out. I was aware at this time that there was fire in various parts of the house and that it was going to burn rapidly. Howard Rand was the first one back to my rescue even though he also was severely injured in his left leg. Thurman Snelgroes had forethought enough to turn the gas off at its source of supply at the tanks. He immediately came into the house and between him and Howard Rand were able to uncover me from the debris at considerable risk to their own safety as the house was more or less a fire all over at that time. I feel certain that if one or two minutes more had elapsed I would have been burned alive. Mr. Rand and Mr. Snelgroes, I feel, should be commended on their being able to perform with an extreme amount of rationality under the conditions of such a terrific explosion as all three of us had been exposed to.*

*Hillman Watkins  
District 9 Ferry Superintendent*



This photo accompanying this story was taken following the presentation of the letters of commendation. From left to right are: Safety Officer Roland Humble, Rand, Watkins, Snelgroes, and District Engineer Curtis Pangle.

## SUMMER WORK PROGRAM



The Arkansas Highway Department provided summer employment for 362 young persons this year. Most of those who worked this summer were students who will return to school this fall. The Highway Department gave preference to civil engineering students, disadvantaged youth and members of minority groups.

Each summer, the Highway Depart-

ment attempts to fill existing job vacancies with students. This year the Highway Department was able to hire more of those who applied. The jobs provided many young persons with needed money to return to school this fall.

The Summer Work Program also benefits the Highway Department. In addition to being used in construction and maint-

enance crews, summer workers are used to conduct such jobs as truck weight surveys, tourist interviews, driver interviews on the Norfolk Ferry and traffic and corridor studies. Many jobs, such as these, can be completed during the summer months and it is not necessary to fill the positions during the remainder of the year. 

# Reflections

## “PAST TIMES”

By John Hall

Bridge Maintenance Engineer



On a recent trip to north Arkansas we stopped at Choctaw, a small community five miles south of Clinton on U.S. 65 in Van Buren County, and had a cup of coffee at one of the restaurants. While there I noticed a community newspaper “Choctaw-Clinton Past-Times” by the cash stand and bought one after glancing over the front page.

The front page contained articles of historical interest of “Past Times.” My mind wandered over the memories of the past times I have known. They appear as large “seas” of grass, blown by the wind and as each force of air passes over the grass, the grass appears to move as waves. As another force of wind passes, the same grass develops another set of waves and these waves move off into the distant field leaving the grass to be moved again at a later time.

I thought how history seems to repeat itself as forces of events pass over man’s work and efforts. The times are different, the fields of people are different, but the wants and desires are about the same.

As my eyes scanned the page, they were brought to focus on an article entitled “Mail Service – Clinton, Dec. 20, 1833.” I thought to myself, how long ago

that was. I wondered if the mail service then was of any real value or had any speed. To my surprise the article gave the following account:

### MAIL SERVICE

Clinton – Dec. 20, 1833

*An official United States Post Office has been established in Clinton. Daily mail service to Plummerville and Marshall has been instituted. Weekly mail service has been scheduled to Searcy via Shiloh, Mountain View, and Lewisburg. Applications for mail carriers are now being taken at the Clinton post office. All applicants must furnish their own horses.*

All applicants must furnish their own horses! The only difference in contract carriers today would be they must furnish their own trucks. And if you will please note, daily mail service from Clinton to Marshall and Plummerville. This is as good and proficient service as we have today, maybe better. Remember that was 1833.

The second article my eyes were drawn to focus upon was an account of an event that occurred in 1840, entitled “Cotton is King.” Please observe the ability of the described machine to produce the volume of work. Sounds much like an electronic computer of today.

### COTTON IS KING

Clinton – 1840

*Christmas Sunday morning was a time of excitement and curiosity in Clinton. Four miles south of Clinton on Highway 65, Dr. Owens has put the county’s first cotton gin. Until now, the picking of the seed from cotton by hand was a mighty job, a nightly task for the entire family. Some children around here are forced to pick the seed from one pound cotton before being allowed to go to bed.*

*It is hoped that this machine will change the whole cotton farming picture. Many families will now be able to produce a whole bale of cotton. Those with large families may be able to send to market at least two bales.*

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*The new gin can pick 400 bales of cotton each day. Unbelievable . . . . .*

Communication was much slower then and people did not have as much to entertain them and distract their attention. Yet, their desire for more efficient production and an easier way of life was very evident as it is today.

The cup of coffee was finished and we were on our way again, driving north along U.S. 65 toward Clinton.

Another article "rose" from the page as if the words were extruded reading, "First Automobile Appears", Clinton 1910. The article told of accounts that occurred on the very route we were traveling. The times are different, certainly the roads are different and the excitement is different, in fact, commonplace, but the desire for pleasure, work, and accomplishments are still the same.

### FIRST AUTOMOBILE APPEARS

Clinton - 1910

*A momentous occasion happened in Clinton today. Mr. Frank Greenshaw passed through Clinton on his way home to Leslie from a trip to Little Rock. Mr. Greenshaw was driving the first automobile to be seen in Clinton. Thanks to the help of some local young folk, Mr. Greenshaw was not delayed by being stuck in the mud while crossing South Fork. He rewarded his helpers by giving them a ride around the town square.*

*The advent of the automobile will cause wonderful changes in the lives and manner of living of the people of Van Buren County. It now takes a farmer four days to make the route trip taking his cotton - two bales in a load - to the market at Morrilton.*

*People in Van Buren County don't go far from home now. If their destination is more than walking distance, they must hitch up the two-horse wagon. Even a distance of five miles is a chore, jolting over rough, rocky roads and fording streams.*

*We welcome the automobile to Van Buren County and Clinton.*

As we rode along, we came to South Fork Bridge and passed over it. However, I noticed our crossing was without incident and a little more smooth than was Mr. Greenshaw's of 1910.

These accounts are of a different time in the history of our people, but the principles and desires in the souls of men for more improved highway travel are still the same as then, in "Past Times".

## HOMER F. HILL



*I went to work for the Highway Department in 1933, in the heart of the depression, as a gravel checker. Later, I became foreman over heavy maintenance improvements and after a time, was transferred into District 8 Office as bookkeeper and fuel clerk.*

*In 1941, I was made superintendent over state force blacktop construction jobs and served in that capacity until 1946 when I was appointed as assistant to the District Engineer in District 8.*

*In the Spring of 1947, I was transferred out to build more black-top roads. That Fall I was appointed acting District Engineer of District 5 at Batesville, serving until the Spring of 1949.*

*After my transferral to Little Rock as one of the three Assistants to the State Maintenance Engineers, where I served until the first of August and was then appointed acting Engineer of District 3 at Hope.*

*When the Mack-Blackwell Amendment went into effect in June 1953, districts were consolidated and district engineers were appointed. I transferred to Fort Smith as Maintenance man under W. F. Turner, District Engineer of Divisions 4 and 8.*

*In 1955, I was transferred back to Russellville as supervisor of Maintenance over Divisions 4 and 8 and served in that capacity until the last day of August 1958, when I retired.*

*I live in my home at 607 West 2nd, Russellville, since retirement where I've just celebrated my 86th birthday.*

Homer F. Hill

## **“THE DOLLARWAY ROAD”**

The Dollarway Road in Jefferson County between Little Rock and Pine Bluff has been named to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Dollarway Road was constructed in 1913-14 by the Jefferson County Road Improvement District No. 4, under authority granted to the District by Arkansas Act 164 of 1913. The Dollarway Road had a total length of 23.6 miles and costs \$158,000 to construct. It ran northwest from Pine Bluff and ended at the Pulaski County line.

It became known as “The Dollar Way” because the construction cost approximated one dollar per square yard or per lineal foot of the nine-foot wide pavement.

In its early years, “The Dollar Way” was significant because it was the longest continuous stretch of concrete pavement in the nation at the time of construction. It was the first rural concrete highway built west of the Mississippi River. It was the first use in the South of bituminous sealcoat on Portland cement concrete pavement, and the first use in Arkansas of reinforced concrete in road and bridge construction. “The Dollar Way” was the first of many improved district roads to be built in Arkansas prior to the establishment of the State Highway System in 1923-24. When this road was dedicated in 1914, there were only 5,643 motor vehicles, mostly automobiles, licensed in Arkansas. Fifty years later, motor vehicle registrations had increased 14,432 percent to 876,000, while Arkansas’ population had increased only 16 percent.

The sporting motorists of 1914 found the unique uninterrupted length of smooth pavement highly attractive. In those years prior to World War I, many motorists drove long distances over primitive

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dirt and gravel roads or shipped their automobiles on flatcars to Pine Bluff for the thrill of spending a day or two traveling back and forth over 24 miles of bump-free, rut-free, pothole-free "superroad" at speeds up to 45 miles per hour. Outraged farmers along the route in the first months of its use complained about the possible harmful effects of the roaring, rocket-like movements of the automobiles upon their livestock.

The road was designed and constructed by Isaac Prather Shelby, B.C.E. From 1935 until his retirement in 1949, Mr. Shelby was an Arkansas State Highway Department engineer. Shelby was so distressed by the poor horizontal alignment of the road in many places that he urged the District Commissioners to correct the worst situations, right-angle turns, at his own expense. He was not allowed to do so since Act 164 of 1913 specified that new pavement be laid . . . on the road as now laid out.

At the Pulaski County line, "The Dollar Way" connected with the Pulaski County Section of the old Pine Bluff and Little Rock wagon road. "The Dollar Way" was replaced, after 18 years of service, by the construction of U.S. No. 65 between Little Rock and Pine Bluff, which utilized over 65 percent of old "Dollar Way." Most of it still serves, beneath a later and wider surface, in the facility which carries U.S. Route 65 across Jefferson County.

Patches of the road still exist all along the original route. Crumbling concrete meanders through tall pine trees giving the appearance of a sidewalk in the woods.

The longest and most accessible section of the road lies in the Dollarway Road Park, approximately 250 feet west of U.S. Highway 65, south of Redfield. Within the nine acre park is a 300 foot stretch of the original roadbed. A small portion of the concrete extends beyond the fenced boundaries of the park and disappears into the heavily timbered woods.

Inclusion in the National Register means that a site or building is one of the most important of the significant historical, architectural or archeological sites in the country. It cannot be destroyed by any federal or federally funded project, and is eligible for federal matching funds to acquire or develop it. The nomination of the Dollarway Road was handled by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the History Division, Department of Parks & Tourism.

*TO: ALL THE HIGHWAY  
DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES*

*Words cannot possibly say how grateful I am to all my fellow employees who were so good to me during my recent illness. The cards, visits, phone calls, and last but far from least the gift of money that was given me while I was in the hospital shall never be forgotten.*

*A person never realizes how many friends you have until you are down. In my case it was proven that the Highway Employees are all of one family and it proves that there is feeling for the other person in time of need. All I can possibly say is a "Sincere Thanks to Everyone" who took part. Your thoughtfulness and kindness shall never be forgotten.*

*Gratefully Yours,  
John C. Helgen  
Construction Division*

## LETTERS

*Mr. J. R. Francis  
Chief, Roadside Development  
Arkansas Highway Department*

*Dear Mr. Francis:*

*CONGRATULATIONS! . . . Your roadside rest areas around the state are just great!*

*You have certainly selected picturesque sites for these rest areas. I know you are proud of them and the way they are maintained. They certainly afford great pleasure for motorists.*

*Our Keep Arkansas Beautiful Association would like to help you "educate" the general public to take pride in helping keep these areas spic and span!*

*I am delighted to see that you have made an application to Keep America Beautiful for their awards program! Good luck!*

*Cordially yours,  
Al Pollard  
President*

# AWARDS

## AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

### 20 YEARS

Charles L. Ball, District 1  
Harold S. Culdice, District 9  
Willene R. Dorris, Accounting  
Francis J. Drake, District 2  
Thomas W. Goodson, District 4  
U. L. Gray, District 8  
Billy E. Langston, M&T  
Arthur G. Owens, District 3  
Louie Quinn, District 1  
Robert L. Thomas, Roadway Design  
Garlen A. Bowling, District 9  
William C. Dillon, Jr., District 6  
Patsy J. Downing, Procurement  
John E. Dunn, Roadway Design  
Max C. Hall, Secondary Roads  
William H. Potter, District 1

### 15 YEARS

Ernest E. Faulkenberry, District 10  
Daniel O. Garwood, District 5  
Billy L. Johns, District 2  
Leon E. Sneed, Safety  
Huston A. Alford, Traffic Services  
Coy Campbell, Jr., District 7  
Monte E. Deakins, District 6  
Paul J. Elcan, Planning & Research  
James M. Garrett, District 10  
Thomas L. Lindsey, District 7  
William H. Loyd, Traffic Services  
Richard A. Williams, Traffic Services

### 10 YEARS

Homer C. Allen, District 3  
Jerry D. Black, District 10  
Claude G. Dunne, District 1  
Lowell B. Gooden, District 6  
James C. Hixon, Equipment  
Larry G. Johnson, P&R  
Sidney E. Johnston, District 8  
Walter L. Jones, District 2  
William H. Locke, District 10  
Golden T. Maness, District 2  
Carroll C. Sanders, District 7  
Tony L. Tellus, District 7  
Thurman L. White, District 10  
Lloyd Williams, District 1  
George L. Willis, Maint-Heavy Bridge  
Doris P. Harper, Legal  
Ermon D. Hill, District 8  
Allan L. Holmes, M&T  
Clara W. Jones, District 5  
Ronald A. Jones, District 9  
Gary J. Lewis, Const.-Final Est.  
James R. McVay, District 7  
Donald R. Phillips, District 10  
Roy D. Pitts, District 5  
William K. Rounsavall, Office Engineer  
James F. Taylor, Maint. -Radio  
Terrell Watts, M&T  
Earl G. Wright, District 3

### 5 YEARS

Charles H. Binns, Jr., District 7  
Ralice C. Blackwell, District 10  
Elbert L. Brewer, District 9  
Jerry B. Burton, District 10  
Elmer C. Crumley, District 9  
Levell Fountain, District 7  
A. V. Herron, District 5  
Jimmy H. Hill, District 8  
Eugene L. Horton, District 1  
Connis R. Ingram, District 9  
R. V. Maxon, Traffic  
Lafayette C. McElroy, W&S  
Paul N. Morgan, District 10  
Larry Nine, District 3  
James M. Plum, Jr., District 7  
Lanie C. Quattlebaum, District 7  
Clifford Taylor, District 5  
Darrell R. Thacker, District 10  
Tom E. Vines, Jr., District 5  
Arthur T. Watt, Right of Way  
Bert A. Wells, District 9  
Travis M. Boyd, Weights & Standards  
Earl Bragg, District 10  
Alfred S. Brand, District 6  
James P. Branscum, District 5  
Donald R. Brewer, District 3  
John R. Carter, Computer Services  
Jerry C. Edwards, District 2

James P. Griffis, District 7  
Leland H. Halcomb, District 10  
Wayne S. Harper, Planning & Research  
James W. Harris, District 2  
Ronnie L. Heigle, District 5  
Vinie M. Holt, District 3  
David E. Jones, District 10  
Leslie E. Lewis, Bldg. & Grounds  
Norma J. McKinney, District 5  
A. G. Paulman, Jr., District 1  
Burl D. Robertson, District 2  
Brad J. Sneed, District 5  
Walter E. White, Personnel

# RETIREMENTS

## July

Arlene Delores Davis, District 7  
John D. Lankford, District 6  
James W. Weddington, District 1  
William C. Yearian, District 2  
R. L. Robertson, District 8  
Roy Lee Carter, District 5  
Leroy M. Burris, District 9-S

## August

William F. Duncan, District 7  
John L. Hoggard, Central Shops  
Claude F. Dacus, District 5  
John M. Black, Weights & Standards



## Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve

We recognize the National Guard and Reserve as essential to the strength of our nation and the maintenance of world peace. They require and deserve the interest and support of the American business community, as well as every segment of our society.

In the highest American tradition, these Guard and Reserve forces are manned by civilians. Their voluntary service takes them from their homes, their families and their occupations. On weekends, and at other times, they train to prepare themselves to answer their country's call to active service in the United States armed forces.

If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, a broader public understanding is required of the total force concept of national security – and the essential role of the Guard and Reserve within it.

The Guard and Reserve need the patriotic cooperation of American employers in facilitating the participation of their eligible employees in Guard and Reserve programs, without impediment or penalty.

We therefore join members of the American business community in agreement that:

1. Our employees' job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of their service in the Guard or Reserve;
2. Our employees will be granted leaves of absence for military training in the Guard or Reserve without sacrifice of vacation time; and
3. This agreement and the resultant policies will be made known throughout the organization and announced in publications and through other existing means of communication.

Secretary of Defense

Chairman  
National Committee for Employee Support  
of the Guard and Reserve

Title: Director of Highways  
Arkansas State Highway Department  
Employer

July 1, 19 24

# Around The Department

## BRIDGE DESIGN

by Bonnie Wesson

Congratulations to Garland Land, Jr. in passing the P.E. exam. Also, he was promoted to asst. squad supervisor in John Sage's squad. Garland and his wife Kitty have a son and daughter, Jeremy (5) and Katura (2). They recently moved into a new home off Hilario Springs Road in Little Rock.

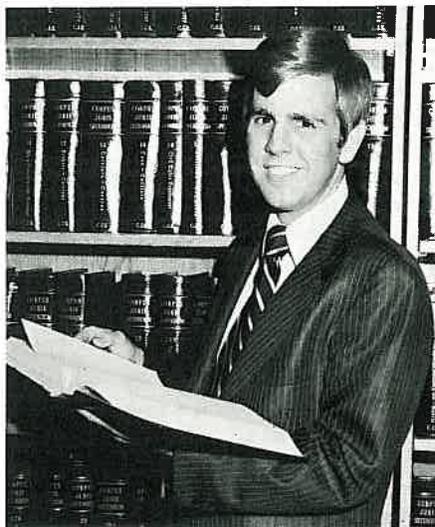
Tom Davis, recently employed engineer, resigned to accept an overseas assignment with a research team in Denmark. He plans to be there one year plus a couple of months traveling through adjoining countries before returning to the U.S. Tom received his BSCE from Vanderbilt University in Nashville this year.

The Pinkertons and the Wessons gave Opry Land the business this past summer. The crowd at the gate was just one family. Our boss, Veral Pinkerton and Mary took their five for a day during a vacation through the Smokies. When he came back to work and we were into the "welcome back" "did you have a good time" and "what did you do" he was heard to mutter "fun-filled day".

In line with my usual use of poor judgment, one Sunday I stayed out at the pool and got red as a lobster. I was well satisfied with my medical diagnosis and treatment; but after a few days and some rather unnerving reactions I decided to seek another opinion. So, tucked in a cubicle at the Emergency Room I kept my spirits up by reading the supplies while I waited for someone to "see me". Everything was there; tape, tubes, trays, pans, pads, tourniquet, flashlight, gloves- three sizes (that does it, I'm getting my clothes). Some skills had abbreviated labels. Just the suggestion made a chill run up my spine. My mind was really moving on when the doctor came in and saved me from my nightmare of staying there all night and my file getting switched. The doctor confirmed what I suspected, a few more days on my backside.

## LEGAL

by Gloria Holliday



Bill Trice

Bill Trice, an attorney in the Legal Division of the Arkansas State Highway Department, is not only a great lawyer but a fantastic actor as well. In July, he performed in the musical My Fair Lady at the Arkansas Arts Center and is scheduled to appear in Funny Girl in October. He became interested in the theater while serving as an Aide-de-Camp in the Army in New York. He managed his own production company and appeared in musicals on Broadway during that time.

Bill received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Arkansas in 1968 and received his Juris Doctorate from the University Law School in 1971. After returning to Arkansas in October 1973, he worked with the Arkansas Judicial Department before coming to the Highway Department in June of this year. His work in the Legal Division is in the area of Environmental Law, one that Bill finds very interesting because of the many diversified types of cases in which the Highway Department is involved.

The Department is very fortunate to have Bill Trice, the lawyer as well as the actor, employed here.

## MATERIALS & TESTS

by Sibyl Maddox

Bill E. Langston and James B. Earnhart received their 20 year service pins and certificates recently. The Department celebrated the occasion with cake and punch served to approximately 40 fellow employees. Bill's wife came to share in the awards. The girls did a beautiful job, Charlene, Frances & Julia (me too).



Bill Langston, (left) and James Earnhart

Bill came to work for the Highway Department in 1954. He has held several positions with the M&T Division, but is presently Inspector Technician II. He and his wife, Margaret, have three lovely daughters.

James started working for the Department in 1954. He is an Asphalt Plant Inspector. He and his wife, Billie Joyce, have one son attending State College of Arkansas and two daughters in high school.

Allan Holmes, Highway Civil Engineer IV, and Jake Clements, Highway Engineer III; will attend the South Eastern Highway Soils Engineering Conference in Covington, Ky., September 15 through 20. Both will moderate at the work-shop.

Terrell Watts, Highway Materials Inspector Technician II, and Allan Holmes, Highway Civil Engineer IV, will receive their 10 year service awards this month.

Terry Hardison, one of our cutest singles married recently. Congratulations,

Terry, she's a doll. By the way, we think she's pretty lucky too!

We will miss our summer employees. Hugh Battershell, one of our summer regulars, has returned to his teaching duties in Beebe; Mike White and C. N. Thompson have both returned to college. We will be looking forward to seeing them next summer.

## PHOTOGRAMMETRY

by Sue Walls

This section has a new assistant section head. Lawrence Fenton has replaced Freddy Greenwood, who left the Highway Department to work at the Corps of Engineers.

Larry, as he is known to us, and his wife, Marilyn, reside in Little Rock. They are the proud parents of four children, three boys and one girl.

We are happy to have Larry with us.

Several weeks ago, one of our employees became a hero. Ferrel Magby was on vacation in Texas and a girl almost drowned in the hotel swimming pool, and he pulled her out and revived her. Ferrel, we are proud of you.

## PLANNING & RESEARCH

by Kathy King

Marvin Leroy Beckett was honored with a luncheon and reception on August 30 on completion of thirty-five years of service and retirement from the Highway Department.

Beckett began his career in 1938 as a draftsman. Shortly thereafter he entered the Army during World War II, serving in Europe, mapping the entire Maginot Line.\* He attained the rank of Tech Sergeant and after three years returned to the Planning and Research Division in January of 1946.

His mapping experience and creative ability helped greatly in develop-



M. L. Beckett with family and Director Henry Gray.

ing an overall mapping program of the cities and counties of the State. His proficiency in this specialized field won for him promotion to Section Head of Mapping in 1959.

Many outstanding accomplishments and innovations have evolved under the direction of Mr. Beckett. One of these being the 4-color tourist map which has received special commendation from the Federal Highway Administration. Another step forward has been the scribing method of map development. This method has attracted highway personnel from neighboring states and private agencies to study these versatile procedures.

The Highway Department and especially the P&R Division is appreciative of the loyal and dedicative service of Marvin Leroy Beckett.

Charles Frazier, an assistant to Mr. Beckett for several years has been promoted to Section Head for Mapping.

*\*A series of fortifications of the northeastern frontier of France.*

Paul Elcan and wife, Carol, have a new addition to their family. Carol gave birth to a big 8 lb. 6 oz. boy on August 29th. His name is Michael Paul and needless to say the father is very proud. We had cigars and candy to celebrate.



Michael Paul Elcan

Lynn Sebastian is leaving Current Planning. Lynn will be getting married September 21 at Our Lady Good Counsel Catholic Church. Her future husband is Sgt. Robert C. Teeling. Lynn and Robert will be living in Hawaii.

We have four new employees in the Division. Kerry McLaughlin has joined our Current Planning Section. Tom Harrell and Jennie Jones our secretary are both in the Special Studies section. Bill Tippin is working in Economics, on his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the U of A. Welcome to the new employees.

## RIGHT OF WAY

*Relocation - Mary Dry*

Welcome to Relocation! Mike Hiley, Rex Boothe, and Don Matthews.

Mike Hiley has just recently graduated from Arkansas State. Rex Boothe is a graduate of UALR. Don Matthews is a graduate of University of Arkansas.

Mike Bearden spent a very exciting week in Toronto, Canada attending the National Legal Fraternity Convention. He really enjoyed the week, so he says.

Danny Arendt is waiting patiently for the arrival of his and Connie's first baby. I hope he doesn't forget Connie when it comes time to take her to the hospital. He gets very excited!

## REPRODUCTION

*by Jerry Dixon*

Jerry Dixon will be transferring to the Planning and Research Division. This will probably be the last issue written by him. As reporter, I'm gonna miss gathering information from Reproduction Employees and working with them. I will be close by to visit now and then. Pete Escarre said he's gonna miss my FM music. Now, he will have to ask Jim Head if I can play it in his department. If someone gets ill in Reproduction maybe I can fill in for them. Just pick up the phone.

## ROADWAY DESIGN

*by Bennie Robbins & Wayne Sutton*

Well, into fall again, which I love as it means football. We here in this Division are having quite a tug-of-war, as we have so many high schools and jr. high's represented here. (It's all in fun, tho).

Ron Wright came to our Division in July as a Draftsman. He is recently discharged from the Air Force, and is married to Denise Fern of Alton, Ill. We are glad to have you with us, Ron and hope you enjoy working for AHD.

Hugh Treece has returned to us after two weeks of hospital and convalescence. We are glad to have you back with us and in good health. Again, speaking of Hugh, he and his wife Marjorie are the proud grandparents of a 9 lb. baby girl named Cindy, their first grandchild. I'll wager she will be spoiled. Cindy is the daughter of Ellen (Hugh's daughter) and Dale Outlaw of El Dorado. We congratulate Hugh, from all of us.

Bill and Sharon Duncan are the proud parents of their second child, Andrew Gray. Andy was born in August weighing in at 8 lb. & 11 oz. Bill and Sharon have a daughter, Melissa, who is 3 years old. Bill at present is recovering from surgery for a tumor removed from his foot. It was diagnosed as benign, and we are relieved to hear this.

Bob Walters and his wife Trudy are the proud parents of a new baby girl, born August 27. They named her Amy Beth. (cute, eh.)



*Amy Beth Walters*

We just have to offer our congratulations to one of our favorite men in this Division, who is Marvin Bunch and his wife Thelma, on the arrival of their granddaughter. I know she is a doll. No matter how much Marvin brags on her.

Our boss, Brooks Nichols, gave his daughter, DeAnna, in marriage to Mark Johnson (who worked in the Bridge Division this summer) August 17. We want to offer our congratulations to Mark and DeAnna and wish them the best of everything.

Cliff Thomas was married on August 17, to Jacqueline McCoy of Lonoke. The Section treated Cliff to lunch at Shakey's for pizza, chicken, etc. We arrived by way of Richard "Section Head" Siegler's new 1972 Pontiac Grand Safari, fourteen passenger station wagon.

David Van Pelt, spent a weekend and all his leave time and all his money in Dallas, Six Flags and Seven Seas - a vacation to last all year. A belated congratulations to David. He and Olivia Edds were married this past April.



*Mr. & Mrs. David Van Pelt*

Dennald Stroud and Chris Anne Frizzel exchanged wedding vows on August 24, at the home of the bride's parents, where I've heard that it was quite an elaborate affair. After the wedding they honeymooned in Orlando, Florida and Disneyworld. Congratulations to both of you.



*Mr. & Mrs. Dennald Stroud*

George and Lynn Major just recently returned from the Florida Keys, where they spent two weeks deep sea diving and collecting marine life. Bet they had a great time.

Pat, Lois and Kim Thompson flew to Acapulco for a week to soak up the sun and sea. In August Pat bought a new 1974 Pontiac Grand Prix, solid black with white interior. Yes, it is beautiful and yes, that is Pat out there polishing it at noon every day. (not really).

## SAFETY

by Rachel Simmons



Leon Sneed, (left) with Roland Humble

Leon E. Sneed began his career with the Highway Department in 1959 with the Equipment Section. On October 16, 1968 he transferred to Safety Section.

Employees in the Safety Section served coffee and donuts and celebrated Leon's 15th anniversary of his employment with the Department in September.

Roland Humble, Safety Officer, presented his pin and certificate.

## SECONDARY ROADS

by Shirley Wesson

John Adams, Section Head, had three artery by-pass surgery in August at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston, Texas. The doctor that performed the surgery is the famous "Dr. Cooley."

We, of this division extend a hearty welcome to three new additions to our staff. They are Lee Freeman, Charles Waring and Phil Richardson, all of whom are draftsmen.

This reporter became an aunt for the first time on August 9. My sister and brother-in-law became the proud parents of a baby boy named Herman Banks, III. We are very proud of him.

## DISTRICT ONE

By Janet McElduff

District One employees earning service awards for June, July and August, were honored in August with a gathering at the District One Headquarters where pins and awards were presented by B. D. Mulhollen, District Engineer.



C. L. Ball receiving certificate



G. L. Foster, left



Louie Quinn, left

Twenty year awards to C. L. Ball, G. L. Foster and Louie Quinn.



James W. Davis, left



J. A. Gay, left.

Fifteen year awards went to James W. Davis and J. A. Gay.



Left to right: Jack Lindley, Oscar Sutherland, Retiree; and John Andrews.

At the same gathering Oscar Sutherland, who had to take a disability retirement last Fall, was presented with a gift from his fellow crew members. He had been awarded his twenty year pin in December and was honored then, but his co-workers, members of Jack Lindley's district-wide asphalt crew, asked him to come back so that they might give him their farewell present.



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weddington

J. W. Weddington, heavy equipment operator on Leonard Roberts crew, retired after 18 years loyal service, and Mrs. Weddington, who attended with him, was invited to cut the cake that day. Recognition was given by Mr. Mulhollen to each of these men, individually, prior to the cake-cutting and punch.



**Ann Ross**  
*Brinkley High*

Member FHA, VICA Club, Library Club.  
Daughter of H. M. Ross, Area Foreman,  
Monroe City, District 1.

## DISTRICT TWO

*By Leslie Johnson*



**Jack Clark**

Jack Harold Clark, standing beside a F102 Jet Fighter at Lackland Air Force Base, Corpus Christi, Texas where he has just completed his basic training. He is now taking special training at the Air Force Academy at Denver, Colo. He was employed for a short while at our Residency here in Pine Bluff. He is the son of Olan Clark, our Shop Supt. He hopes to make it home on leave for Christmas to enjoy some fishing and hunting.



*I. V. White with son and daughter-in-law*

I. V. White, mechanic in our District Shop, with his son and daughter-in-law, had quite a day fishing. The string of fish are crappie, caught at Jacks Bay on the White River. (I. V. is the barefooted one.)

Brewster & Sunny Shalmy are baby-sitting while son John and wife are vacationing in Florida. Hard to tell who is having the most fun. Their son, Mike, came down from Scotia, N.Y. and brought friends for a few days fishing trip. Brewster and John scouted for "good fishing holes" in advance and despite the rain the boys took fish home with them. Brewster is our Maintenance Superintendent.

Jane & Mel Doughty with two other couples rented a Winnebago for a sight-seeing tour to Mountain View, Blanchard Springs and Heber Springs. They enjoyed swimming, boating, fishing and a trip through the cave. Jane & Mel also treated their 7-year-old, Necole, to a vacation at Nashville before school started. Points of interest were Opryland, Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame. Jane is our Payroll Clerk.

Jean & Jerry Woodfield and daughter, Vicki, together with Jerry's sister and brother-in-law, motored to Panama City for their vacation. They sun-bathed and toured the area. "Peanut" says everyone enjoyed it but him. He had too much sun and blistered the "top of his feet" to the extent that he had to stay in bed part of the time. Believe it or not??? Jean, "Peanut" is our Asst. Maint. Supt.

This reporter and her husband, Clyde, motored to Streamwood, Ill. with Clyde's nephew and wife to visit Clyde's sister and family. From there we drove on up to their lodge located in the "Lake of the Woods" area in the Province of Ontario, Canada, where we enjoyed fishing, boating, swimming, etc. We travelled across the entire state of Wisconsin, crossed Lake Superior and crossed into Canada at International Falls, Minnesota. It was a very interesting trip.

We are glad to have Don Rouse back on duty after his tonsillectomy. Don is a mechanic in our District 2 shop.



**Monica Marie Herrington**

John Herrington, a carpenter in the Bridge Crew, is the proud father of the Monica Marie, born this summer at the Bradley Co. Memorial Hospital at Warren.



**Debbie Grimes**  
*Pine Bluff High*

Senior Beauty, Zebra Annual Staff, Natl. Honor Society, Spanish Club, Social Club, Home Room Secretary, MBYF President and Girl's Auxiliary Secretary. Daughter of Ouida Grimes, Dist. 2.

## DISTRICT THREE

*By Sharon Bailey*

Congratulations, congratulations, congratulations - we have been very fortunate in having so many good things happen to us in District 3.

First, we have moved into our new building and we are so proud. Everyone has been coming to work with a smile on their face and work is so much easier because everything is so much more convenient.

Helen Glanton, our bookkeeper, and Kenny Kidd, one of our district operators, were married at Idabelle, Oklahoma in the home of Reverend Parker. We wish them the best of everything in their new life.



*Mr. & Mrs. Emmet Barrett*

Pictured is Emmet Barrett and his wife the former Ima Gail Giles of Texarkana. The Barretts were married in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Texarkana. Emmet works out of our Texarkana residency. We all wish them lots of happiness together.



*Curt Moritz with son William Curt*

Welcome to William Curt Moritz who was born June 24 and weighed in at 8 pounds. The new father, Curt, is one of our district operators. I've also heard that the Moritzs have gotten a new car and I'm wondering — has anyone else heard about these two events?



*Jeffery Scott Seiger*

Jeffery Scott Seiger was born July 30 joining his two brothers, John and Bryan. Dad, Jerry, is a mechanic in our district office.

## DISTRICT FOUR

*By The Staff*

All of us in District 4 were saddened by the untimely death of J. R. (Dick) King, Job Superintendent. Dick suffered a fatal heart attack while delivering the morning message at the Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Arkhoma Sunday morning, July 28. Our deepest sympathy goes to Thelma and the children. Dick had worked 13 years for the Department all that time in District 4 and he was a great inspiration to all his fellow employees.



*Mr. & Mrs. Fred McLaughlin*

August 30th we had a Retirement Party honoring Fred McLaughlin, our Equipment Supervisor, who is retiring September 27th after 34 years service. We'll miss Fred's kidding but wish him a happy retirement.

Vern Nelson, of the Scott County Crew has been off work since May 13, due to a very serious illness. He's back at home now after 70 days in the hospital but his foreman, A. O. Zimmer, reports it will be along time before he can even consider returning to work.

Ethel Crockett, who has been our reporter the past several months, had surgery in August. She is getting along fine but has decided to be a lady of leisure for several months — at least until she regains her old vim and vigor.

In August, J. E. Lowder, Asst. Chief Engineer, came to District 4 and presented District Engineer Calvin Peevy a pin and certificate for fifteen years service with the Department.



*J. E. Lowder, (left) and Calvin Peevy*

## MEAN'S RESIDENCY

Our office wishes to congratulate Mack and Wanda Rose on the birth of their third child, Anita Kay. She was born on August 7, in the Mena Hospital. She has two older sisters, Tammy & Leanne. They will probably be a big help to their mother now. Anita Kay's father is a Construction Inspector II in this office.



*Anita Kay Rose*

Lyndy Holland's daughter, Sheila, has had surgery on her knee again. She was in the hospital at Memphis for several weeks. She is home now and doing much better. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Charlie Lance had a little accident with a sledge hammer in August. It seems that the sledge hammer slipped out of Hershel Henry's hand and hit Charlie on the foot. Charlie's foot is much better now and so is Hershel's grip!

Since the last magazine issue, birthdays have come up for: H. G. "Pete" Page, Lyndell Lyda, Jim Barker, Randy Barnett, and Hershel Henry.

## DISTRICT SIX

By Carolyn Bowden



Rebecca Cahoone

Rebecca Cahoone, daughter of District Engineer Don Cahoone, represented the Ouachita Girl Scout Council at a National Wider Opportunity in August, sponsored by the Red Lands Girl Scout Council in Oklahoma.

One hundred twenty Scouts from 38 states and two Girl Guides from Canada began their three-week tour of Oklahoma with a reception in their honor, welcomed by Governor David Hall and Mrs. Donald Fuhrman, president of the Red Lands Council.

Visits were scheduled to a oil refinery, quarterhorse ranch, the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, where buffalo and long-horn cattle range, Anadarko, and the American Indian Exposition at the Indian Capitol of the World.

Other tours of interest included the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. They followed a portion of the "Trail of Tears" and attended a rodeo before the final campout.



"Red" Merriman

Resident Engineer, Chip Young presented W. H. "Red" Merriman his 20 year pin and certificate.

Congratulations, "Red". We wish you many, many more years with AHD.



John D. Lankford

John D. Lankford, retired on July 5 after working 14 years of loyal service with the AHD.

Cake and coffee were served in his honor, by the office personnel and crew.

Fellow employees gave him a fishing rod and reel.

Congratulations, John, and best of everything to you and your family in the coming years.

### M. C. YOUNG'S RESIDENCY



Left to right: Debra Moore, Chip Young, Don Cahoone, and James House.

A surprise party was given in honor of Chip Young by his office crew. Chip transferred to Clarksville in District 8, June 1. They presented him with a rod, reel, and tackle box. Among the cake eaters were Don Cahoone, District Engineer; Jim Gee, Assistant District Engineer, and James House, Resident Engineer. James assumed the residency in North Little Rock.



Karen Jayne Ball

Mt. St. Mary

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Purvis.

### OBITUARY

Harvey Price, retired employee of twenty years, (District Six) after approximately two years of retirement, passed away August 28.

Harvey came to us (Hazen, Prairie Co.) a few years ago on a transfer from I. H. Nutes area in Pulaski Co.

While here we, of Hazen crew, learned to like him very well. Tho we cannot help the deceased, to his loved ones & relatives we extend our deepest sympathy and our helping hand when called upon.

Harvey was a member of The First Church of the Nazarene, North Little Rock.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Price, of the home. Three brothers, Dee Price, North Little Rock; Alfred Price, Rockford, Ill.; Willis Price of Memphis, Tenn. Two sisters, Mrs. Viola Eschelman, DeValls Bluff; Mrs. Anna Bell Wright, Leachville, Arkansas.

Rev. Wayne Gash, conducted the services. Interment in Edgewood Memorial Park, North Little Rock.

In Memory of Harvey Price, May he rest in Peace.

*The Co-Workers of Harvey Price.*

### DISTRICT EIGHT

By Nancy Kennedy

We have had three employees to retire recently. F. E. Moore, who worked in the District Shop, has retired after 16 years with the Department. Cecil Gilmore,

who was the Yell County Area Foreman, has retired after 20 years with the Department. Newt Hice retired after 21 years of service with the District-wide crew. Our best wishes to these men in the years ahead.



*F. E. Moore*



*Newt Hice*

M. C. "Chip" Young is our new Resident Engineer at Clarksville. He was transferred from North Little Rock to Clarksville. His wife, Sandy, who is a doctor is now practicing at the Ashcraft Clinic in Russellville. They have a son, Steven, who is 2½ years old.

We are pleased to announce the birth of a baby boy to Nancy and Lonnie Kennedy on June 24. They have named him Jason Montgomery.



*Ewin Caudle*

Ewin Caudle, job superintendent, caught a bass weighing 5½ pounds and 30 crappie while fishing with his brother from California in Lake Dardanelle.

## DISTRICT NINE

*By Shirley Morton*

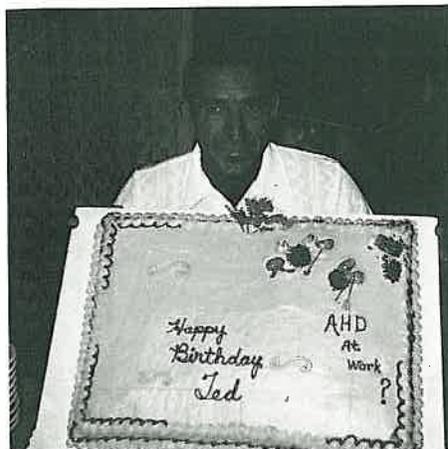


*Mary Lou Graves*

Mary Lou Graves, Harrison Rodeo Queen, represented the Harrison Round-up Club at the Miss Rodeo Arkansas Contest that was held at Springdale this year.

Mary Lou is the 18-year-old daughter of Fred Graves, Materials Inspector in District 9. She is a '74' graduate of the Valley Springs High School.

Ted Journagan observed his birthday while working in the Siloam Springs area. He was given a surprise party at the Motel-Cafe where the crew is staying.



Ted is shown above with the cleverly decorated cake presented to him. Who removed the candles, Ted??

Ted is an Equipment Operator in the District Wide Maintenance Crew.

## DISTRICT TEN

*By Isabelle Psalmonds*



*Mitchell Nelson*

Mitchell Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Nelson (Buford is Crew Leader in Greene County) has been selected as a Babe Ruth Baseball "Athlete of the Year" for 1974. As an "athlete of the year" his complete athletic record and school activities will be published in the 1974 edition of Babe Ruth Baseball's ATHLETES OF THE YEAR Annual. This Annual will contain the best players of the current Babe Ruth season and will be placed on permanent display in the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y. This honor is earned on the basis of athletic ability and outstanding contributions to his team. Congratulations, Mitchell.

It seems as if it has been a long time since District Ten had any news. We did have several graduates pictured in the last

magazine and now many of them have gone off to college. We wish them the best of everything in their college careers.

We have been very busy this summer, but even so it seems the work goes slowly sometime. The rains have certainly been a hindrance to the work on the highways, but have helped our gardens.

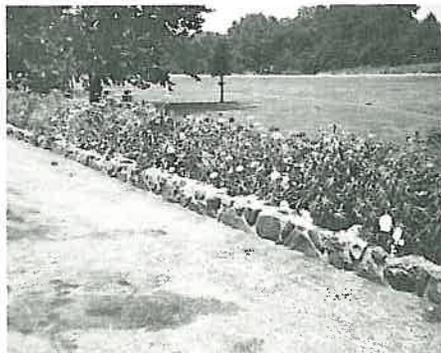
Recent visitors in our office were Bert Rownd, Frank Cagle, Jim Tucker, and Don Flowers. It is always good to have the folks from Little Rock to come by and say "Hello."

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hatley are the proud parents of a new daughter, Amy Leign, born in June, but we have not had a chance to get the news in. Terry is a member of the Bridge Crew.



W. C. Laughlin, (left) with Hamp Fletcher.

Hamp Fletcher, Equipment Supv. (the one with the cigar in his mouth) presented W. C. Laughlin, Auto/Diesel Mechanic, with his twenty year certificate and pin. The hammer in Bill's hand had some special significance that the men in the shop knew about, but they wouldn't let the rest of us in on the joke. Congratulations, Bill.



Lovely flowers at the rest area.

Melvin Brown, area foreman, Lawrence County, brought by a picture showing the lovely flowers at the rest area on Highway 63 between Black Rock and Imboden. Jeff Robins is the caretaker and it looks as if he has done a good job.

## TRAFFIC

*By The Staff*

Frank Vozel, Civil Engineer, has been appointed Head of the new Federal Aid Highway Safety Program Section. Congratulations, Frank.

Bill and Iva Harrod have a little baby girl, born September 6, weighing 6 lbs. The proud parents named her Michelle Dawn. Congratulations, to you both.

Jim Carvell is up and out running around now. We can't keep him in the office, although he is still wearing a brace on his leg. We are real proud to have Jim back with us again.

## DISTRICT FOUR



Ruth Rowland

Summertime employment may be difficult to find for some students, but for a gal with a little imagination and determination it is not impossible.

Ask Ruth Rowland who protects the safety of 10 to 15 construction workers as she serves as flag girl on a construction project along an exit from I-540, in District 4.



## FLOODING DAMAGES HIGHWAYS



This year has been one of the worst in recent history in terms of flood damage to highways. Heavy rain and flooding has caused serious damage to this section of Highway 19 south of Prescott.

In addition to damage that is immediately apparent following a flash flood, there will be damage that may show up months later as a result of water that has soaked into roadbeds and weakened the facility.

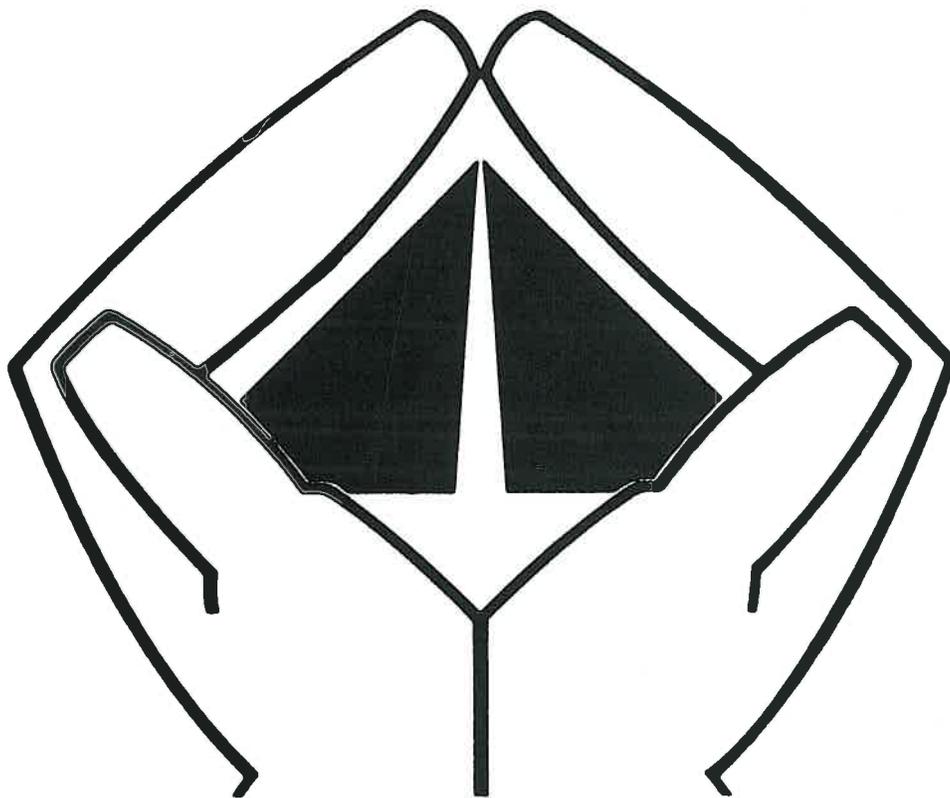
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was most pleased that both Commissions were so concerned with their transportation problems.

Later in the day, both Commissions participated in the formal dedication of the new urban State Line Avenue facility that will carry traffic from downtown Texarkana to the Interstate 30 Interchange.

On Friday, September 6, the Commission attended a public meeting at St. Charles, in Arkansas County, to hear citizens' pleas for a new bridge over the White River in the Wildlife Refuge.

The Highway Commission hopes to schedule trips to other areas of the State in the near future to visit with citizens and to get first-hand information on our growing transportation needs. 



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