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DIRECTOR'S DESK

ADDITIONAL REVENUE NEEDED

The members of the State Highway Commission, at their July 29 monthly meeting, expressed their deep concern for the need of some additional highway revenues to offset the special revenues that were authorized temporarily by the last General Assembly to help match Federal-aid funds that were authorized by the President.

Two very important things have happened in the last few months that will have a great impact on the Arkansas Highway Department. A group of interested citizens across the state are organizing a "Good Roads Council" that will help keep local citizens better informed – and more recently, the members of the Legislature, and Governor Pryor, have appointed a "Blue Ribbon" Committee made up of 19 responsible citizens. This committee has been charged with the responsibility of preparing a report with recommendations, on how to provide for the state's future highway needs. The Study Commission was created in the Special Session of the Legislature earlier this year and plans to have a final report by October.

The members of the State Highway Commission agreed that they would now await the recommendations of the State Highway Needs Study Commission before preparing a program to submit to the 1977 Legislature for increased revenue for the State Highway System.

Commission Chairman Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff, and other commissioners, said they were optimistic that the Commission would find an answer to the Highway Department's financial needs, and that the Legislature would be receptive, since the Study Commission was created by the Legislature and approved by Governor Pryor. Financial projections have already shown that the Highway Department will need about \$60 million in additional revenue just to maintain the highway system at the existing level.



Director Henry Gray

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TRAFFIC



DIVISION PROFILE

BY SUSAN ISHMAEL

The Traffic Division of the Arkansas State Highway Department is responsible for a wide area of work encompassing many aspects of traffic operations on the State Highway System. With a total of 69 employees, the Division is composed of three sections – Traffic Engineering, Traffic Services, and Traffic Safety – all of which function under the direction of Otha Hewitt, Chief of Traffic, and his assistant, Jim Barnett.

The Traffic Division has a rather varied background, the specifics of which many people are not aware. In 1950, a Traffic Services Section of Maintenance Division was established with Otha Hewitt as Supervisor. It remained as such until July 1, 1963 when Administrative Order 63-11 established a Traffic Services Division with Hewitt as Chief.

Then, in October 1967, Hewitt was transferred to Right-of-Way where he was Division Chief for two years. During that period, the Traffic Services Unit functioned as a section again, under the direction of Jim Lowder, Maintenance Engineer at that time. On May 16, 1969, the Traffic Engineering Section of Planning and Research Division joined the Traffic Services Section to form the Traffic Division as it now exists, with Hewitt back as Chief of Traffic. Since that time, the Division has remained the same with the exception of the establish-



Otha Hewitt



Jim Barnett

ment of a Traffic Safety Section in September, 1974.

A native of Pine Bluff, Hewitt was in business there for twenty years before coming to the Department in 1950. Among his accomplishments is a paper he wrote which was presented in 1965 at an annual meeting of the Highway Research Board. The paper, entitled "Cost Analysis for Interstate Guide Sign Maintenance," describes the results of a study of refurbishment of Interstate guide signs. The report was reprinted in several national magazines. After 26 years of service, Hewitt plans to retire in December. He is married and has one son.

As Assistant Chief of Traffic, Jim Barnett has 15 years of service with the Department, all of which have been spent in the area of Traffic Engineering. A native of Valley Springs, he holds a BSCE from the University of Arkansas and a MSCE from Texas A&M. A Registered Professional Engineer, he is married and has three children.

Division secretaries are Joann Niehaus and Louise Smith.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SECTION

The main responsibility of the Traffic Engineering Section is providing technical assistance in the operation of the Highway System, and to some extent, in traffic related matters off

the State System. Regardless of what the assignment may be, whether it pertains to traffic operation studies, geometric design, access driveway permits, highway illumination signing studies, railroad grade crossing protection, or public contact, it is imperative that the Traffic Engineering Section work closely with the various District and Division offices. The Section Head is Frank Vozel, who has been with the Department six years.

Another major responsibility of this section is conducting traffic operation studies. The scope of these studies varies in type and magnitude. For example, the section may conduct a speed limit study on a highway going through a town of less-than-100 population, while, on the other hand, may conduct accident studies on an area-wide basis in the state's larger cities.

TOPICS, a program established by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1968, was administered by the Traffic Engineering Section. This program was instigated for the purpose of increasing the capacity and safety of the roadway networks of cities with population over 5,000.

Although TOPICS is no longer in existence, it created an awareness in the cities of the continuing need of traffic operation studies. Because of this new awareness and interest the Traffic Division has been quite involved in developing operational improvements and coordinating with the various local, federal and departmental agencies for their implementation. One such task is the development of projects for the



Frank Vozel, right, talking over plans with Governor's Coordinator, center.



Mike Selig, standing, with Rex Spurlock.

Federal Aid Urban Systems Program. Improvements developed under this program include railroad protective devices, traffic signals; intersection widening and channelization, and intersection radii improvements.

Although the Department is not responsible for the maintenance of traffic signals and roadway lighting on the highway system, the Traffic Engineering Section does regulate their design and usage. During 1975, approximately one million dollars of signalization projects went to contract. Besides the signalization included in roadway projects and individual signal jobs let to contract by the Department, signalization plans were developed for many cities for installation by municipal forces.

Another responsibility of this section is reviewing access driveway permits. All requests for permits for access driveways along the Interstate System are forwarded to the Division for review, and recommendations are then made to the Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations, Jim Lowder, regarding the issuance of a permit. Permits for access drives off the Interstate System are also reviewed if large traffic generators or abnormal geometrics are present. Recently the Traffic Engineering Section was involved in the updating of the "Access Driveway Manual."

Since the need for traffic engineering assistance is more prevalent where high volumes of traffic are present, this section spends a large share of its time working with the cities in relieving their traffic problems. However, studying for proposed improvements in the rural areas is also a continuing effort with various studies for the establishment of speed zones, the channelization of isolated intersections, and the upgrading of all traffic control devices for conformity with nationally accepted standards.

TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION

In September of 1974, the Traffic Division was expanded to include a Traffic Safety Section. Although this section was formed to administer the safety improvement programs established in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1973, it is responsible for the study of all safety improvements on the Highway System.

Also headed by Frank Vozel, the Traffic Safety Section works on a continuing program to select, program, and evaluate highway safety improvement projects for reducing the number and severity of highway accidents. Work in this section is presently centered around the selection of high accident locations in each district for future improvement under various safety programs. "Before and After" studies at each location will assist in choosing projects in the future from which the greatest benefits can be derived. Since this section is responsible for the recording and analysis of all accident data on the Highway System, these studies will be made entirely within the Traffic Division.



Charles Rains

During the past year, the Safety Section assisted in obligating approximately 70 percent of the State's share of funds established in the Highway Safety Act of 1973. Improvements included the installation of protective devices at highway-railway grade crossings, pavement marking demonstration projects, the elimination of roadside obstacles, and the installation of guardrails. Work is now progressing with the implementation of programs established by the new Federal Aid Highway Act.

Through an Agreement between the Department and the Governor's Coordinator of Public Safety, the Safety Section is also providing considerable assistance in conducting safety programs off the Highway System. Initial priority in this field has been given to railroad-highway crossings and signing projects.

TRAFFIC SERVICES SECTION

The Traffic Services Section consists of four separate units: Pavement Marking, Signing, Sign Shop and Interstate Sign Design. These units must be very flexible because of the changing priorities created by the completion of construction projects, and by overlays and detours, as well as by the needs of the ten districts.

Lee Gibbons, Section Head, has spent nearly 23 years with the Department in the area of Traffic. His assistant is Frank

Blalock, who has been with the Traffic Division 12 years.

In order to better visualize the work of Traffic Services, the four units may be viewed separately in regards to specific areas of responsibility:



Frank Blalock, left with Lee Gibbons, right.



PAVEMENT MARKING

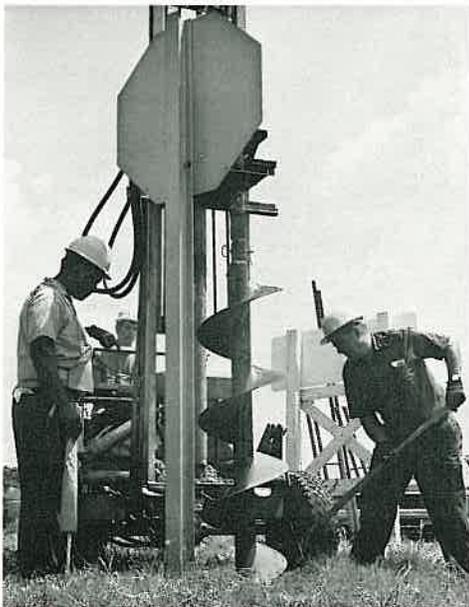


Pavement Marking – presently operates with five striping machines consisting of a four-man crew on each. Claudis Bryant and Charles Latture are the Supervisors and must coordinate the striping activities along with keeping abreast of the district's sealing programs, construction projects, laying out special markings, etc. They have the responsibility of marking centerlines, lane lines, no-passing stripes, edge stripes, left-turn lanes, word markings such as "School," "Slow", "Stop", "RR", symbols and transition markings. A traffic line remover must be used in many cases where it is necessary to eliminate existing lines before the above striping can be marked.

During the calendar year of 1975, approximately 6,100 miles of highways were striped and numerous island curbs were painted utilizing 140,085 gallons of reflectorized paint, 597 plastic arrows, 6,450 lin. ft. of reflectorized plastic line, and more than 2,500 raised pavement markers were installed at various locations to improve safety and nighttime visibility.

Signing – six statewide sign crews are presently responsible for the installation of traffic control signs and route markers on new construction. This operation is coordinated by two supervisors, Frank Blalock and Chester Jester, who must keep in touch with the districts in an effort to see that new construction and other improvements are quickly and adequately signed. They must determine the message to be placed on the sign and its proper location so that the sign will command attention and fulfill a need. Signing logs and detailed sketches must be prepared so the sign truck foreman will know where to make the installation.

SIGNING



Every effort is made to eliminate all unnecessary signs, thus, minimizing confusion and the number of roadside sign posts that might be struck by vehicles. Attempts are made periodically to inspect each sign and to assist the districts in seeing that all damaged signs are repaired immediately. Sign Crews installed approximately 12,000 signs in the past year in an effort to upgrade the existing signs. Furthermore, approximately 3,100 signs were erected on new construction and temporary signs of the Interstate routes. In maintaining Interstate signs, 190 new breakaway sign supports were installed, also approximately 16 breakaway sign supports were repaired in the field after being struck by vehicles.

Sign Shop – Howard Stoebener is the Sign Shop Superintendent. The Sign Shop prepares signs for all ten districts. These signs are ordered by transfer request and the Traffic Division is reimbursed for all such signs. Approximately 55,000 signs were manufactured during 1975 of which approximately 39,000 were issued to the districts.

All regulatory, warning and guide signs must be uniform in color, shape, and size. Signs with larger letters or symbols are prepared only where proper investigation shows that such signs are needed for adequate emphasis. You have probably already noticed that black is the only color of material used that is not reflectorized and that these signs display the same color by night as by day.

The signs fabricated by the Sign Shop range from a 5" x 5" diamond delineator to a 22-foot long sign on I-30 with the message "Scott Hamilton Dr." As you probably know, several steps are involved before a raw piece of material makes its existence as a fabricated sign.

SIGN SHOP

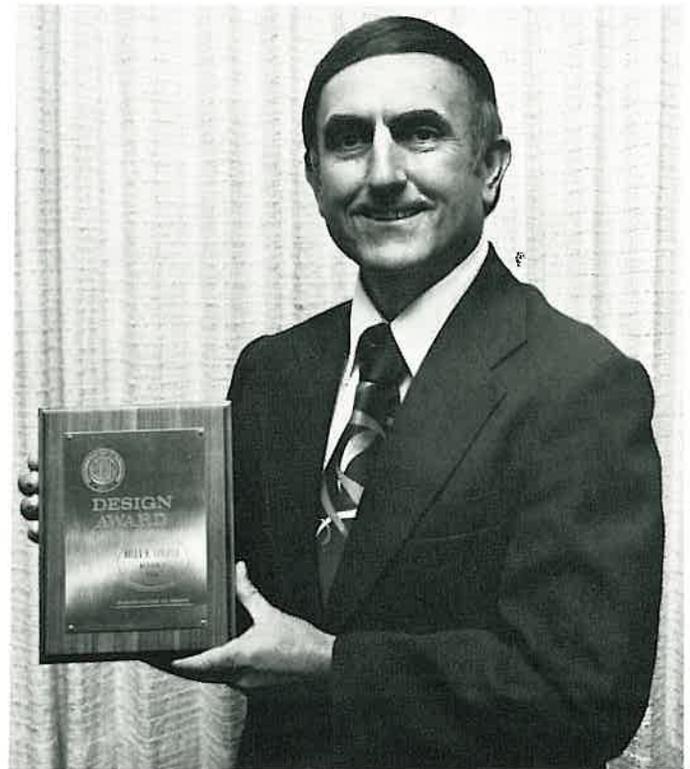


Interstate Sign Design — Rick Henriksen prepared the plans for Interstate signs. An interstate signing project is similar in many ways to a normal construction contract. An interstate signing project normally calls for the erection of permanent signs (roadside mounted and overhead) delineators, raised pavement markers, and striping.

Construction plans for two interstate signing projects were developed at Jefferson Avenue Interchange in Texarkana and I-430 in Pulaski County during the past year. Also, plans were completed for 277 miles of thermoplastic and raised pavement markers and these have been let to contract. Sign posts along I-55 in Mississippi County were modified to breakaway sign supports.

Considering the increasing number of traffic problems caused by an ever-growing population, the work of this Division is extremely important. Through the programs carried out by each of its three sections, Traffic Division constantly strives to improve and further develop the many areas of traffic operations on our highways, and above all, to reach the highest possible level of safety for each and every road-user.

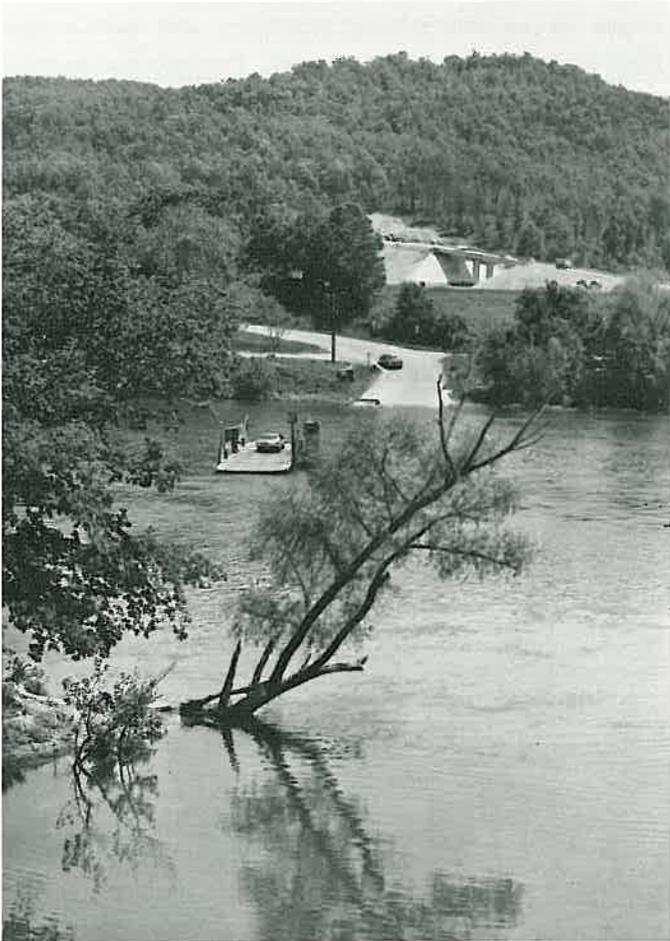
BILL COOPER RECEIVES DESIGN AWARD



The AASHTO Design Award for 1976, was presented to B. K. Cooper, Subcommittee Chairman, at the Region II Meeting which was held in Orlando, Florida, June 9-11.

DEDICATIONS

ANOTHER FERRY REPLACED



May 20 marked the official opening of a new bridge across the White River on Highway 9 at Sylamore, located about six miles north of Mountain View. Those sharing dedicatory remarks at the ceremonies were Governor David Pryor, Highway Commissioner George Kell, Highway Director Henry Gray, and Representative John E. Miller.

In addition to the new 784-foot-long bridge across the river, about one-half mile of new roadway has been constructed which includes a 245-foot railroad overpass.

The bridge replaces a ferry which has carried Highway 9 traffic for a number of years.



James Branyan, George Kell, Governor Pryor, and Henry Gray.

Governor Pryor, in his remarks, said "This bridge represents determination to move out of an age of ferries and into a period of modern highway transportation in the great State of Arkansas."

CAMDEN CELEBRATES BICENTENNIAL



Some 700 persons gathered on June 4, at the crest of the new bridge across the Ouachita River for the dedication of the U.S. 70 Bypass at Camden, which was chosen for their Bicentennial celebration. Com-



Commissioner James A. Branyan

Commissioner James Branyan welcomed the many guests and Governor David Pryor made the dedicatory address. Additional remarks were made by U.S. Senator John L. McClellan, Commission Chairman Lawrence Blackwell, State Senator J. A. Womack and State Representative Julian Streett of Camden. Congressman Ray Thornton also attended, and spoke to the 150 persons gathered for a noon luncheon preceding the dedication. The traditional ribbon was cut by Mrs. Martha Crowder, daughter of the late Thomas Gaughan.

The new 4.9 mile four-lane divided highway, which cost more than \$12 million, will relieve downtown Camden traffic congestion and provide highway users in South Arkansas a new time saving route constructed with maximum safety features. In addition to the bypass, a new four-lane access route from Camden to the Cullendale industrial area was also opened. The 2.5 mile facility on Highway 7 cost more than \$4.5 million.

In his welcome remarks, Commissioner Branyan, a resident of Camden, called the opening of the project a "historic moment" and predicted it would be the beginning of a new economic era for the area.

Following the ribbon cutting, Governor Pryor, Senator McClellan and other guests led a motorcade along the entire new highway facility.

MORRILTON'S NEW BYPASS OPENED



Morrilton's new Highway 9 Bypass was dedicated with pomp and ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on June 10, then the new \$4.7 million facility was opened to traffic.

Commissioner George Kell said, in his dedicatory address, that Morrilton and Conway County have



experienced a tremendous economic growth in the past few years, and he believed that a substantial part of the credit for it may be attributed to the modernization of the transportation system in the area.

Others on the program included Representative Manuel Allison of Morrilton, Mayor Thomas Hickey of Morrilton, and Highway Director Henry Gray.

The 3.6 mile facility runs along the eastern edge of the Morrilton city limits beginning one-half mile northeast of the Arkansas River Bridge and extends northward to Interstate 40. Included in the project is an overpass of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and an interchange at U.S. 64.



After the traditional ribbon cutting by Miss Morrilton, Donna Duewall, the dedication participants led a motorcade down the new bypass, then were guests at a luncheon hosted by the Morrilton Chamber of Commerce.

Construction on the bypass began in late 1974. Elmer Smith was the Resident Engineer and David Moore, District Engineer for the project.

U.S. 71 BRIDGE AT INDEX



Commission Chairman Lawrence Blackwell



Both State Highway Commissions from Arkansas and Texas formally opened and dedicated the new U.S. 71 Index Bridge over the Red River on August 5.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was held Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the center of the new structure, which is approximately 5 miles north of Texarkana.

Among the special guests invited to participate in the dedication were area Legislators of both states —

City Officials of Texarkana and Ashdown — and County Officials from Miller and Little River Counties in Arkansas and Bowie County in Texas.

The 1.8 mile section that was opened, includes the new Index Bridge — which is over 2,160 feet in length. The cost of this new facility has been almost \$5 million, which has been jointly paid for by Texas and Arkansas.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND ARKANSAS HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEMS

The National Conference on Soil Mechanics which was held in Higuey, Dominican Republic during the month of July was attended by B. K. Cooper, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer of the Arkansas Highway Department.

The conference was conducted at the Dominican College of Engineers, Architects and Surveyors (CODIA) by the Secretariat of Public Works and Communications.

Mr. Cooper presented certain projects during the symposium, especially those closely related with AASHTO, of which he is chairman of the Design Subcommittee.

After inspecting some of the construction work

done on the LaRomana El Piutado highway, Cooper stated the need to improve communication so that real progress could be made. He pointed out that the Dominican Republic, just as the United States, and Arkansas, needed many good highways. At the same time in his explanation, he saw difficulties in neglecting the maintenance of the main highways, those which it counts so much on. And even with this concern there are many areas that lack good roads and other means of communication.

Mr. Cooper stated that careful analysis of observed failures and discrepancies would help improve and enhance the quality of our highways.



OLD STATE HOUSE



The Old State House was originally built to serve as the first capitol of the State of Arkansas. The building was intended to provide suitable housing for the government of the Territory of Arkansas, but statehood came before the building was finished. When Congress made provisions for its construction, it was not generally believed that Arkansas would be ready to apply for statehood within the next few years.

John Pope, the third governor of the Territory of Arkansas (1829-1835), was primarily responsible for the construction of the Old State House. Ambrose H. Sevier, delegate to Congress from Arkansas Territory, secured a federal donation of land to finance its construction, which began in 1833. Most of the money necessary for its construction came from the sale of public lands donated to Arkansas by the United States Government. Additional money was donated in 1840 by the General Assembly to complete the building. Construction was completed on November 8, 1842.

The first sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives held in the Old State House in 1836, with members of the Senate numbering 17 and the House of Representatives numbering 54. By 1909 the number had increased to 35 senators and 100 representatives.

From 1840 until 1884 some of the rooms in the east wing were used as a county court house by Pulaski County. The Old State House was also used to house federal courts from 1842 to 1869.

The Old State House was the meeting place for four constitutional conventions held in 1861, 1864, and 1874.

From the outbreak of war in 1861 until the capture of Little Rock by Union forces in 1863, it was the seat of the Confederate state government. Early in 1864 a Union State government was organized in the Old State House, and when the war ended in 1865 this government extended its authority over the entire State.

Even though the Old State House was large enough to house the state government through the pre-Civil War Era, as early as 1871 several state agencies had to rent offices elsewhere. As the state government grew the building became more and more crowded. So, in January 1911, when the General Assembly met for the first time in the present State Capitol, the Old



State House ceased to be the capitol. After the Old State House ceased to be the seat of government, the General Assembly gave the larger part of the building to the medical school of the University of Arkansas.

While the Old State House served as the state capitol it was not always kept in good repair. More often than not the building was in a run-down condition, due to the State's financial problems and to other reasons. The need of repair was being discussed as early as 1844, only two years after the building was finished. When repairs were made they were seldom equal in quality to the original building.





From time to time there were a number of movements to change the seat of government, and the bad condition of the State House was often one of the arguments used. In 1858 the condition of the State House was mentioned frequently in connection with an attempt to move the capitol to Des Arc.

Following the fall of Little Rock the building was occupied by Union troops and kept in fairly good condition. After the troops left, the State had no money to keep it up and it was almost a total ruin before repairs got underway in 1866.

In 1885 the first general remodeling and enlargement of the building were authorized by the General Assembly. The central building was extended northward toward the river, and two-storied office areas were built to connect each of the wings with the main structure. The job cost \$35,000.

In the 1909-1913 period as the new capitol neared completion, there were numerous proposals to sell the building or tear it down. The Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs led a successful fight to save it.

Discussion of restoring the building began in 1945, by a temporary group, known as the Arkansas Museum Commission under the direction of Governor Ben T. Laney. Detailed planning commenced in 1947 after formation of the Arkansas Commemorative Commission.

The major work of restoration was done in 1948-1950, though the project was not completed until 1954.

In the early days of the Old State House, an assassination took place on the floor of the House

of Representatives. On December 4, 1837, John Wilson of Clark County, who was Speaker of the House, killed J. J. Anthony of Randolph County in a fight with knives. The killing took place in the room now called the Senate Chamber, which at that time was the hall of the House of Representatives. Wilson was expelled from the House of Representatives and tried for first degree murder, but was acquitted on the ground of self-defense.

The large cannon which stands on the grounds in front of the Old State House is named "Lady Baxter." The cannon was brought to Little Rock from New Orleans by the Confederates early in the Civil War, but was never used in that conflict. During the Brooks-Baxter War of 1874, the Baxter militia took over the gun, hence its name. It was fired to celebrate Baxter's return to the State House and has been on the grounds ever since.

A new iron fence, at first painted green, was built in front of the State House early in 1874. The new gate at the main entrance, with its two bronze eagles atop the posts, was erected in 1880. For several years during the 1920's stone posts, with a pile of cannon balls atop each one, flanked the entrance. In 1928 the Little Rock Garden Club returned the iron gate and gate posts to their original positions.

The large three-tiered water fountain, which is in front of the building, was purchased by the ladies of the Centennial Club of Arkansas and used in the Arkansas State Building at the United States Centennial Exposition, Philadelphia, in 1876. It was installed in its present location with funds raised by public subscription in 1878, and began operating when the first city water system was turned on the following year.

Appearing over the colonnade at the front of the Old State House is the great seal, or coat of arms, of the State of Arkansas. This particular emblem was placed in its present position in 1877, after being displayed at the United States Centennial Exposition, Philadelphia, 1876.

The Old State House was and is today one of the outstanding historical monuments of the State of Arkansas. Many people tour the Old State House each year to relive the many memories it holds.

Tours of the Old State House are free of charge.

TRANSPORTATION IN ARKANSAS

(Territorial Years and Early Statehood)

1804 – 1836 & 1836 – 1850

(Second of Three Articles)

In March of 1804, the U.S. Congress created two territories out of the Louisiana Purchase Area. The Territory of Orleans was roughly equivalent to the present State of Louisiana with the seat of government in New Orleans. The remainder of the province was designated the "District of Louisiana," but commonly known as Upper Louisiana, under the administrative power of the Governor and judges of the Territory of Indiana, of which it was a defacto part, governed out of Vincennes. A year later in March 1805 its Territory of Louisiana was created or elevated from the District of Louisiana to be governed out of St. Louis. At the same time the Territory was subdivided into Districts. The District of New Madrid included the present State of Arkansas and the lower part of the present State of Louisiana. In the following year, June 27, 1806, the lower part of the New Madrid District was laid off in a new district, the District of Arkansas, and the upper section added to the District of Louisiana.

As soon as the Louisiana Purchase lands were transferred to the United States, a great wave of westward navigation began and its basic commerce, the fur trade, grew rapidly. Oddly enough, the District of Arkansas received a rather small share of both. By 1810, the white population had soared since the Purchase to about 13,000 in the Territory of Orleans and to 19,783 in the District of Missouri but in the District of Arkansas it had little more than doubled at 1,062 white persons, mostly males still. Arkansas was described then as a dense wilderness filled with wild animals, a hunting ground for the Indians, and "still awaiting the advent of the settler."

This was in large part due to the geography of transportation as an element of the United States political and economic structure. The direct coincidence of administrative and commercial channels of communication and activity along the Mississippi River which had prevailed under the French and Spanish governments was no longer operative. Transportation was still best served by the Mississippi riverine system tying into international commerce at

New Orleans. But administration was now centered upon the Federal City on the Eastern Seaboard and transportation between the Arkansas Territory and the seat of Federal Government entailed a long difficult overland journey.

Territorial Years and the Steamboat

It was not until this transfer to American sovereignty in 1803 that the objectives of permanent settlement and policing frontiers brought the wagon and the cart upon the scene, and a new need was born, a need for wider paths to accommodate vehicular travel.

The steamboat made its bow upon the scene rather early in the century, almost coincidentally with this socio-politico-economic pressure, and vastly augmented the need as it dumped men and freight upon the river banks in heretofore undreamed of volumes. This new vehicular need did not call for alteration of the existing land route (game trail) patterns since it, too, was based upon the waterways as the major arterial transportation corridors. It asked only for more commodious facilities, mostly local. Riverports grew up at the fords (low water crossings) of major streams and the game-trail routes leading to the ford were widened with their own labors by the axe-bearing users for their wagons or carts. Fiscal problems did not arise for the settler since his economic need for these primitive facilities was satisfied by his economic labor contribution.

The Military Roads – Police Power, Trade, Settlement

The military and the federal government were confronted with a different situation. Each needed a higher type direct-travel arterial facility to link established centers of commerce and government to the east with frontier trading and military posts to the west. These arterial facilities were costly and the territory had no local taxing authority. The labor was beyond the reasonable capability of the sparse local population. Hence, the national government allocated funds and the use of military manpower to build a limited mileage of "military" roads from east-to-west (Memphis to Fort Smith) and northeast to southwest

(St. Louis to the Mexican Border near Ashdown), during the territorial years, 1815–1836. These Federally funded roads served three major needs to accommodate the westward socio-politico-economic expansion of the young Nation. It opened up safe, commodious, direct arterial facilities to serve:

- (a) The wave of western population migration while the government encouraged to settle in the new Louisiana Territory;
- (b) The strategic and logistic needs of the military posts protecting the frontier; and,
- (c) The trains of heavy freight wagons of commerce in the burgeoning trade with the Western Plains Indians, and the Mexican ranchers and merchants in Santa Fe.

Early Statehood and Post Roads

With statehood came Post Roads. These were roads built and maintained under contract at Federal expense to link major centers to government and population away from the navigable rivers. They were constructed under the aegis of the Post Office and Agriculture Departments. The major function of these roads was to provide a communications network prior

to the advent of the railroad for government and commerce in those inland areas where navigation by the Steamboat was impossible. In Arkansas and many States west of the Mississippi River, the Post Roads developed as an extension of and absorbed the military roads opened up during Territorial Years, providing relatively "rapid" horse powered mail and passenger service by stagecoach between the river ports or towns on the military roads and the newer towns in the hinterlands. The steamboats on the navigable rivers and their adjunct, the stagecoaches and covered wagons on the Post Roads into the inland areas provided the highest type of arterial transportation service available in the State for the first four decades of its existence—in its time the equivalent of the freeways and railways of today.

The first Post Road in Arkansas was built very soon after Statehood between Batesville on the Little Rock/Saint Louis Military Road and Lewisburg on the Arkansas River. Batesville was then the dominant population and governmental center of the northern half of the State while Little Rock's influence was oriented more to the southern half.

NEXT MONTH: The Railroad Era.

8.6 MILE SECTION OF I-30 OPENED



The Highway Department opened the southbound lanes of Interstate 30, between Little Rock and Benton, to traffic on August 15. The 8.6 mile section

has been under construction since last fall and previous plans to open the roadway earlier were delayed in order that safety centerline buttons and special safety pavement striping could be installed.

During the construction period, southbound traffic on the section of Interstate 30, from the junction of University Avenue to the Highway 183 Interchange in Saline County, has been rerouted over the adjacent frontage road.

The latest in modern safety design features, such as new non-skid seal on the roadway surface, grade-line catch basins in the median, extended culvert headwalls, breakaway sign posts, and additional intersectional channelization have been included in the reconstruction of one of the earliest sections of freeway constructed in Arkansas. Financing of the \$3.4 million improvement was with 90% Federal Interstate Funds.

24-HOUR AIR SAMPLER DEVELOPED

BY Susan Ishmael



In long-range system planning, the Arkansas Highway Department transportation planners take into consideration the impact our future transportation systems will have on air

quality throughout each of our urban areas. Before consideration can be made about future air quality, a determination must be made regarding existing air quality.

In order to accomplish this air quality sampling, it was necessary to obtain a device capable of taking the samples automatically on a 24-hour basis. The Environmental Section gathered available information on air samplers being used in various places throughout the nation. An air sampler developed and being used by the state of California was selected as a basis for developing one for use by the Department. The California model samples for a maximum period of 16 hours. The Department's need was for a 24-hour sampler.

The Research Section of Planning and Research was asked to assist in the development of a 24-hour sampler which would meet the needs of the Department. A design was conceived, using the same components as those in the California model, which would provide a 24-hour automatic sampler.

In modifying the design used by California, it was necessary to obtain components which would control a 24-hour unit. One of the major changes was the use of a 40-position stepping switch. Twenty-four positions of the switch were connected to 24 12-volt D.C. solenoid valves. Each valve was connected in a manner which would allow air to be drawn through it into a plastic bag for a 1-hour period. The sampler is operated by 2 automobile batteries.

Referred to as "the Sniffer," the new air sampler will be used by the Environmental Section to obtain samples of air in a given area. These samples will then be tested in an analyzer recently purchased by the Department.

In using the air sampler, the device is set in a particular spot where the air is to be sampled. Every hour one bag inside the sampler is filled with air which is held in the bag until ready for analysis. After 24 hours have passed — and all 24 "tedler" bags have been filled with air — the air samples are taken to the laboratory and tested in the analyzer, which plots the trends of air content and shows variations of pollutants.

The air which is gathered over a 24-hour period will show different levels of pollutants present at different periods of the day — early morning traffic, noon rush, and afternoon traffic — as well as quieter periods during night hours.

The new 24-hour sampler has obvious advantages over its 16 hour predecessor in California. The Department's improved and advanced means of taking air quality samples should prove to be a tremendous help in making Environmental Impact Statements for aid in future planning.

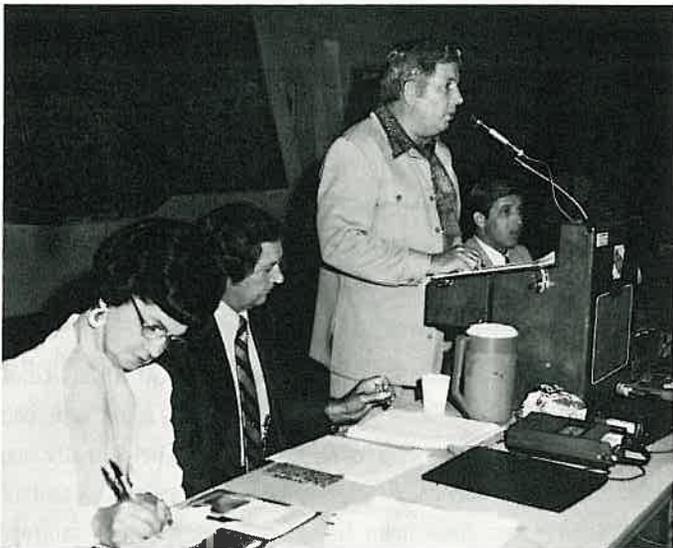
PUBLIC HEARINGS

SPRINGDALE

The Arkansas Highway Department held a public hearing in the Springdale High School Girls Gym (Old Central Junior High Field House) in Springdale on Tuesday, June 22, to explain the proposed location of U.S. 71 from the Fayetteville Bypass to McKisic Creek near Bella Vista.

For the convenience of interested persons, a large aerial map of proposed alternate routes was on display in the meeting room between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on June 22, for viewing with Arkansas Highway Department personnel in attendance to provide information prior to the meeting.

More than 600 Northwest Arkansas residents attended the public hearing on the location for a new four-lane highway between Fayetteville and Bella Vista.



Bob Mattox addressing the audience.



STUTTGART

There was no public opposition voiced at a public hearing July 27 at Stuttgart for the proposed 22nd Street widening.

The proposal generally consists of widening the existing two lanes to a four lane facility, curb and gutter, and resurfacing.

The plan calls for improvements to be made to 22nd Street, from a point near the intersection of Buerkle Street east to approximately 200 feet east of Main Street.

The construction contract, estimated to cost \$200,000, can be let within six months if no problems arise.

The city has the responsibility for securing the right-of-way agreements and relocation of utilities.



Paul Debusk, Jr., discussing future plans.

WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP

By Steve Wilson

The Arkansas Highway Department, in cooperation with the National Highway Institute (FHWA) was host of a training workshop entitled "The Impact of Highway Systems on Water Quality."

Environmental specialists and engineers from several State and Federal agencies as well as AHD and FHWA attended the five-day course.

State and Federal water pollution control regulations as well as the National Environmental Policy Act require that the impact of construction projects on water quality be fully addressed. This assessment involves the characterization of ambient water quality, the estimation of pollutants produced during and after construction and the projected impacts of this pollution on the ambient water quality.

This workshop was developed and presented by personnel of the California Department of Transportation in cooperation with FHWA.

The lecture portion of the course included discussions of elementary aquatic biology, hydrology and sediment transport, analysis of ecosystem data, etc. Several practical problems were solved by the participants. These problems involved field collection of data in a nearby stream and laboratory analysis of the data.

Hopefully everyone participating in the course gained a clearer understanding of the requirements of a water quality study.



BRIDGE REMODELING A TRIP INTO THE PAST



When one leaves the community of Briggsville, he may travel south on a winding gravel road that will carry him to a remote wooded area. It is here he may venture into the past as he reflects on earlier days of travel, for he will come upon an old bridge which is part of a bygone era . . .

The nameplate, still intact on top of the old bridge reads: "Built by Illinois Steel Bridge Company, Jacksonville, Illinois." The approximate construction date of the bridge was 1900, and during its nearly 80-year life span, over a million vehicles have traveled over its timber floor, now cracked and wobbly with age and wear.

This intriguing old structure in Yell County is the Fourche La Fave River Bridge. Located on State Highway 307, two miles south of Briggsville in western central Arkansas, the bridge seems to immediately draw one into the past with its rust-colored trusses and old wooden supports now overgrown with ivy.

The bridge, which extends over the Fourche La Fave River, was previously owned by the county. It was made a part of the State Highway System in late 1975, at which time an accurate description would have been "delapidated."

The costs for rebuilding the bridge completely would have totaled over a half-million dollars. It was decided that a remodeling job was feasible, which



would extend the life of the bridge, and could be done for approximately \$48,000–\$50,000, including the cost of a low-water crossing which was built for heavy trucks.

The steel trusses of the bridge were still adequate for use. However, the timber — including the flooring and most of all, the approaches — were in poor condition. The necessary repairs included building new abutments; removing, rebuilding and extending the approach spans; redecking the truss spans, and sandblasting and painting the trusses.

The weight limit for vehicles crossing the bridge had been lowered to 5 tons, but will be raised upon completion of the overhaul. For standard trucks the new limit will be 11 tons and 14 tons for semi-trailers.

In earlier days, a small ford near the bridge provided a means for heavy trucks to cross the river. A low-water crossing has replaced the ford and will remain for use by trucks exceeding the new weight limits.

It is easy to see that a lot of changes are being made to the Fourche La Fave River Bridge. Probably many more vehicles will cross the bridge in its extended lifetime. In a secluded and one of the most nostalgic areas of Arkansas, this bridge will remain a part of past days while at the same time, renovated for extended use as part of our Highway System, it will serve our people until funds become available for replacement.

DEPARTMENT HOLDS 2nd PUBLIC AUCTION

Equipment Superintendent, Maurice Head, said 2,000 persons registered to make bids on surplus equipment during the departments second Public Auction. The auction was held in July at the Central Shops in Jacksonville.

There were more than 654 items of surplus equipment ranging from transits and levels to motor graders.

Mr. Head said, "Public Auctions move the equipment quicker and this method has proven to provide a greater dollar return for the Highway Department".

Proceeds from the sale of the equipment were in excess of \$395,000.00.

The Weights Division contributed much to the success of the auction by the efficient manner in which they handled the traffic and directed those attending the auction.

Representatives from the Internal Audit staff and from the Legislative Audit staff were also present during the auction.

The Auction Company's services were secured by the Procurement Section.



7th JOINT HIGHWAY RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Putting highway research results into practice across a widespread area was the prime focus of the 7th Joint Highway Research Workshop held August 2-4.

The workshop, sponsored by the Arkansas State Highway Department, is for Federal Highway Administration Regions 4 and 6, which include New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. Attendees include representatives from several other states who were not in Regions 4 and 6. Research managers and administrators from as far away as Oregon and California attended the meeting to observe and obtain information to set up a workshop in their regions.

The workshop opened with a welcome from Highway Director Henry Gray and FHWA Regional Administrator J. W. White. Emphasis at the conference was on more effective management of transportation related research programs and implementation of results from these efforts.

Bob Kessinger, AHD Research Manager, said "that while development of new technology tends to come

gradually, the bigger problem is to get government to accept and use new methods already developed."

This workshop, which meets biennially, is held in a different state in one of the FHWA regions each time. This was the first such to be held in Arkansas. Personnel from the Department's Research Section have been involved in all previous workshops.

Many of the participants were from the Washington office of the FHWA. Rex Leathers, Director of the Office of Development, was on the program. Mr. Leathers is a former Division Engineer for the Arkansas Division of FHWA. John Kizer, State Aid Engineer, was the after dinner speaker for this conference.

The new name which was voted on is the Southern Area Transportation Research Manager Conference.

Current projects of AHD's Research Section include development of an asphalt-like material from wood waste; field and laboratory testing of bridge foundations; skid testing in high accident locations; and faster evaluation methods to test the load-carrying capabilities of bridge pilings used in less stable soil.



BRIDGE DECK EVALUATION SEMINAR HELD

To acquaint State and Federal personnel with the latest evaluation techniques and procedures for concrete bridge decks, a 3-day seminar was held July 26-28 at the Highway Department.

The seminar was conducted by a demonstration team from Region 15 of the Federal Highway Administration. Project Manager was Don Corum and Assistant Managers were Norm Truillo and Ted Breneman. Among those attending the study session were representatives of the cities of Little Rock and Fort Smith and of the State Highway Department.

The causes of bridge deck deterioration have been better identified in the last several years, and detection techniques have been developed for better deter-

mination of the extent of damage. Techniques discussed included corrosion detection, delamination detection, concrete cover measuring, chloride analysis, concrete sampling and membrane testing.

Among items demonstrated was a rolling pachometer, which measures the depth of concrete cover over the top mat of reinforcing steel. Also shown was a delamination detector, originally developed by the Texas Transportation Institution. This detector is an acoustical device which records signals on a strip chart recorder.

A training film was shown on the use of the corrosion detection device, and operation of the device was field demonstrated.

The seminar ended with the evaluation of a bridge deck, and finally, a discussion of evaluation findings. Final details of bridge selection, visual-aid equipment, and traffic control were discussed with region and division personnel prior to the arrival of the Region 15 demonstration team.



A VISIT FROM BOYS STATE

Eight members of the American Legion Boys State visited the central office this summer.

The young men met with Director Henry Gray for an orientation session on the operation of the Highway Department, then were shown the Highway Movie and taken on a tour of the central office complex.



GEYER SPRINGS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION COMPLETE



BALING ALONG ARKANSAS' HIGHWAYS

By Pat Sullivan

While driving thru Arkansas, you may encounter numerous bales of hay along highway right-of-ways and perhaps your first thought would be that our Highway Department was in the hay baling business. Well, with a total of over 250,000 mowable acres we would certainly have the raw materials.

Mowing expenditures in fiscal 1976 totaled \$2,959,320.29 and this is money spent on salaries, wages and equipment rental on routes and sections other than those where hay baling is going on.

About 20,000 acres are being mowed and baled this year by individual contractors. Each district determines which sections are going to be available for baling of hay and contracts are made on a first come first serve basis. Contractors are responsible for its own equipment, safety signing, and insurance, for the work on the right-of-way is independent of Arkansas Highway Department liability. The reasoning behind contract baling is that we save money by not having to mow the sections on which hay is being baled and at the same time someone could benefit from the grasses which grow there.

Enough time has not past to determine actual dollar saving from our baling program, but a reasonable estimate made would be \$150,000.00 a year.



Reconstruction of Geyer Springs Road between 65th Street and Baseline Road was completed in May.

The Highway Department, under an urban project with the City of Little Rock, widened the narrow, overcrowded two-lane street to a modern four-lane urban-type facility with left-turn lanes and curb and gutter.

The work was done in two phases. The first phase, from Baseline Road to I-30, was completed in May, 1975. The second phase, from I-30 to 65th Street was completed, with the resurfacing of the intersection at 65th and Geyer Springs, May 16, 1976.

The 1.6 mile project was completed at a cost of \$2.4 million. The Federal Government furnished 70 percent of the funds. The remaining 30 percent came from the City of Little Rock.

LETTERS

Ruel Staggs, Supervisor
District 3
DeQueen, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Staggs:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you on the exceptionally fine manner used in cutting the right-of-way on State Highway 24 from the Cossatot River to the Junction of State Highway 41.

Since I have been living on the highway, this has been the best job that I have seen anywhere in cutting right-of-ways. This work not only adds to the attractiveness of the highway but to the property adjacent to it.

Yours truly,
Walter J. Leeper
Cossatot Vocational Technical School

Mr. Charles Mitchell, District Engineer
District 3

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Each fall we travel south to Texas and each spring we travel back to Toronto.

We are always happy to reach Arkansas. Not only because it is the halfway mark but because Arkansas is such a delightful state to visit; beautiful scenery and friendly people.

We appreciate the friendliness and courtesy of the staff at the information centers. We are especially indebted to the charming young ladies at the Texarkana Center for their help and particularly to Mr. Floyd Perry who, on his own time, drove us several times to town to help us find parts for our car which had broken down. He was very kind and helpful and would accept no recompense.

Allow me to congratulate you on your excellent staff.

Yours truly,
David L. Kirk
Willowdale, Ontario

Kenneth Cowart, Foreman
District 3
Glenwood, Arkansas

Dear Kenneth:

I would like to compliment you and your Highway Crew on the way you have kept your roads in Pike County the last year or so. Especially, the way the shoulders and right-of-ways have been mowed. We drive the Glenwood-Amity and Amity-Daisy road often and these always look very nice. I am sure the rest of your roads in Pike County are kept in the same condition. It would be a pleasure to drive, if all roads in our State were kept as well.

Sincerely yours,
Cleman East
East's Nursery

Gentlemen:

Our party of five from different states has just returned from a long tour through Arkansas and several other states along I-40.

We agreed that Arkansas should be congratulated for their system of rest areas along this particular highway - they are most unique unfortunately but most welcome. We only wish our own states were as progressive and thoughtful.

Our very sincere thanks for a substantial boost to an enjoyable vacation.

George P. Boggs
Denver, Co.

Jim Chaney, District Engineer
District 5

Dear Jim:

Just a note to thank you specifically for pulling back the curb at St. Louis and Lawrence for us, and in general for all the nice things you have helped us with in so many ways for which maybe we have not expressed how much we really do appreciate it all. I have made the statement to many people that if it were not for the Arkansas State Highway Department and the friendly people running it, Batesville would not be near as far along as it is.

Additionally, I want to thank you specifically for letting Eligah Coles help us on our curb work in such a fine way. He is great, and I regret that circumstances have caused us to need him so much. We hope we will be in shape to let you have him back soon, and again, we certainly do appreciate his help.

Sincerely yours,
Peyton Golden, Mayor, Batesville, Arkansas

Henry Gray, Director
Arkansas State Highway Department

Dear Sir:

This State Highway employee who is the caretaker of the Dora State Highway Park in Arkansas is certainly to be highly recommended. This young man is very accommodating, very helpful and friendly.

I was traveling through Arkansas on my way to Oklahoma City and having difficulty, needing water for my camper. I requested him to allow me to run a hose to my camper as the water had to be cut off at the area because of a broken pipe, and there was no general water available. Mr. Parrish was very accommodating, turned on the water and allowed me to run a hose to my camper and fill the tank with drinking water.

This was of great benefit to me as I was out of good water and am unable to drink most water available at the road side parks, but knew that this particular park had water which I had always been able to drink.

It is certainly encouraging to still meet individuals who can be friendly, courteous and considerate of others with no gain to be received from it.

Sincerely yours,
John L. Davis, M.D.
Northwest Allergy Clinic, Oklahoma City
(Ed. note: Caretakers name, Lydall Parrish)

GRADUATES



CATHERINE ALEXANDER

Graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from the U of A at LR. Magna cum laude - grade point 3.7. Elected to the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Daughter of Frank Battisto of the Surveys Division.

and plans to attend Capitol City Business College. Daughter of Bob Barnett of the Photogrammetry Section.



WALTER VAN DYKE CHAVIS

*Pine Bluff High
Football, Weight Lifting. Holds a title in Karate. Will attend U of A at Pine Bluff. Grandson of Selma Chavis, payroll clerk District Two.*



MARY RUTH HARDCASTLE

*Northeast High School
Pep Club, Gymnastics Team, Young Life, Campaigners, Y-Teens, FBIA, Jr. and Sr. Homecoming, Cheerleader, DECA, Key Club Sweetheart, 1976 Calendar Girl, will attend U of A in Fayetteville. Daughter of Rita Hardcastle in Computer Services.*



RAYMOND ALLEN

*Hartman High School
Annual Staff, paper staff, Honor Roll, Junior Class Play, Baseball team, Bowling team, FFA, Key Club President, Who's Who Nation Wide. Entering College of the Ozarks after receiving Ozark's Scholar Award which is a full tuition scholarship. Son of H. L. Allen in the Johnson County Crew, District 8.*



RONALD G. FENTON

*McClellan High
Member of DECA and Band II and III. Son of L. R. Fenton in Photogrammetry.*



MACHAEL (Mike) DALE HUCKABEE

*Ouachita Baptist University
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion. Magna Cum Laude, listed in the Who's Who in the National Colleges and Universities Annual, Top Ten in his graduating class. Will be working on his Masters Degree at the Southwestern Seminary. Son of Dorsey Huckabee, District 3.*



ROBERT STEVEN GLOVER

*Lepanto High School
Football & Basketball, All District Football player. President Senior Class, Letterman Club and FBLA. Plans to attend Harding College. Son of Bob Glover in the Jonesboro Residency.*



PAMELA M. BARNETT

*Ole Main High (NLR)
Summer employee of the R of W Division*



KIM MICHELLE HUDSON

*Benton High School
Honor Graduate, Pep Stepper on the*

Benton Panther drill team, National Honor Society. Will be attending Arkansas Tech University at Russellville. Summer employee in the Personnel Division and Daughter of Margaret Hudson, of the Photogrammetry Section.



MARK KARNES
*Monticello High School
 Honor Graduate, captain Football team, Most Valuable Player Award, Best Defensive Lineman Award, all-Conference Player and awarded an Athletic Scholarship to U of A at Monticello. Son of George Karnes, District 2.*



DAVID MAUK
*Arkansas Senior High School
 Son of C. F. Mauk, Resident Engineer in Texarkana, District 3.*



MITCH WELDON NELSON
*Grove High School
 FFA, Basketball, Baseball, Drama Club, Basketball player, and Student Council. Baseball scholarship to Southern Baptist*

College. Son of Buford W. Nelson, crew leader in Greene Co., District 10.



MELANIE ORTON
*White Hall High School
 Honor Student in the Top Ten in the class, annual staff, received scholarship and will attend the John Brown University at Siloam Springs. Daughter of Travis Orton, Jr., Resident Engineer at Monticello, D-2.*



VICKIE STANBROUGH PERRY
*UALR
 1976 graduate from UALR, with a BSE Degree. Daughter of O. H. Stanbrough, Jr. District Five.*



DEBORAH ASHCRAFT RAMSEY
*University of Arkansas
 Graduated from the School of Allied Health Professions in Dental Hygiene. After passing the mid-south examination, Debbie will be practicing Hygienist in Hot Springs. Daughter of Gene Ashcraft of the Construction Division.*



SHEILA RICHMOND
*Rivercrest High School
 Member of the FTA, the Library Club and Newspaper staff, Radio Club. Daughter of Leon Richmond of the Osceola Crew in District 10.*



RICK ROBBINS
*McClellan High (LR)
 Beta Club, FTA, FHA, Student Council, Reporter, Vice President, Science Club, Boys State, Football, Basketball, Ark. Youth and Government. Letterman's Club Student of the Month. Will attend UALR and is the son of Benny Robbins in Roadway Design.*



KIM THOMPSON
*Parkview (Little Rock)
 Member and Officer of Y-Teens, FBLA, Pep-Club, Senior Talent Show, "Parkview Liberty Belles" Drill Team, (1st place blue ribbon for individual marching and Drill Team School SMU, Dallas). Enrolled at the U of A in Fayetteville. Daughter of Pat Thompson of Roadway Design.*



BETH SHERLEY
Sulphur Rock High
 Valedictorian, Awarded McClains Scholar and will enter Arkansas College of Batesville this fall. Daughter of Charles Sherley District Five.



KAREN WESSON
Hall High
 Employed this summer at the Veteran's Administration Hospital and plans to attend UALR this fall. Sister of Shirley Wesson of the State-Aid Division.



PAM WELCHER
Malvern High School
 Member of Choir, National Honor Society, VP Science Club, Sec.-Tre. Spanish Club, Represented Malvern High in the Alpha Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Sorority International Jonquil Award Tea. Received \$50. savings bond and an Outstanding Youth Award Certificate. Awarded an scholarship to attend UCA where she will study nursing. Daughter of James Welcher Malvern Area Foreman, District 6.



LEROY SQUIRES
Bryant High School
 Will attend UALR on a Grant and then plans to attend Pharmacy School. Son of Leroy Squires of Roadway Design.



CINDI SLAUGHTERBECK
Waldron High School
 Plans to attend Betheny Nazarene College in Betheny, Oklahoma. Daughter of Ed Slaughterbeck, Asst. Res. Engr., District 4.

AHD SUBMITS ENTRY



Sections of Arkansas highways have been entered in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Ninth Annual Awards Competition for "The Highway and Its Environment."

The purpose of the competition is to give public recognition to agencies, organizations and business enterprises

which have achieved outstanding results in coordinating highway location and design with its natural or manmade surroundings. Work performed directly by federal agencies is not eligible.

Each entry submitted will be judged upon the basis of (1) excellence of project development; (2) enhancement of the highway or highway corridor environment; (3) general highway interest; (4) excellence in design for ease of maintenance; and (5) excellence of photographic quality and composition.

The Arkansas Highway Department has entered eight entries in four categories. General rules have changed this year requesting three views of each composition and a mandatory aerial view of a Roadside Park.

Photo's of various areas in the state were entered in these categories: (1) one photo of a New Highway In Its Rural Environment; (2) two entries in Sections of Reconstruction In Its Rural Environment; (3) three submissions for Outstanding Bridge Structures and (4) two submissions in Safety Rest Areas.

Entries for the contest were selected by a committee of AHD employees made up of Surveys Engineer, Bob Mattox; Roadway Design Engineer, Brooks Nichols; Information Officer, Bill Looney, and Staff Photographer Johnnie M. Gray. Selections were made and approved by judges, Director Henry Gray; Deputy Director & Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper, and Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations, J. E. Lowder.

AWARDS

MAY—JUNE—JULY

40 YEARS

Brewster M. Shalmy, District 2

30 YEARS

Jackie Wallace, Personnel
William C. Pillow, District 10
Eugene A. Ashcraft, Construction
Fred L. Beliew, District 6
Lester M. Rabb, District 2
Leonard O. Roberts, District 1
Josh P. Suitt, District 2
Raymond W. Jones, Construction
Arthur Pilgreen, District 3
Grover F. Smith, Computer Services

25 YEARS

Jim B. Mabry, District 6
James P. McConnell, District 9
Premo P. Regenelli, District 2
Talmadge O. Snow, District 3
Ellis Stewart, District 9
Irene A. Hawkins, Accounting
Hershel Russell, P&R

20 YEARS

George H. Brewer, District 5
Gene A. Burns, District 1
Thomas R. DeWitt, District 4
William R. East, District 10
Wiley P. Felts, District 5
Albert A. Hodges, District 3
Perry L. Johnson, District 4
Alvis H. Pense, District 4
William M. Rowland, Jr., District 7
Finis D. Brewer, District 10
Harry T. Castleberry, District 7
Charles E. Jackson, District 1
Fidelis J. R. Koelzer, District 3
Harlon B. Oliver, District 4
James M. Plum, District 7
Henry T. Purvis, District 6
Erlene A. Rowland, District 3
Lewis M. Wade, Procurement
Kermit S. Wendell, District 7
Thomas L. White, District 2
Tommy L. Williams, District 6
Robert J. Holder, District 3
A. C. Ledbetter, R of W
Wylie F. Lindsey, District 1
Billy R. McAlister, District 8
Burley L. Oglesby, District 10
Floyd L. Pharris, Jr., Computer Servs.
Jack Renfro, District 9
Donald F. Turner, District 4

15 YEARS

Donald W. Armstrong, District 1
Norman A. Breedlove, District 9
Mack W. Brown, District 10
Newell D. Combs, District 10
John H. Gruben, District 8
Alton O. Hallum, District 8
Robert M. Hickey, M&T
Clarence L. Kight, District 6
Malcolm I. Markham, District 1
Glathan O. Monroe, District 3
Joseph B. Parker, District 9

Silas Y. Powers, District 8
William E. Short, District 10
Hardin H. Shuberte, District 1
Douglas M. Snow, District 6
James L. Briley, M&T
Don J. LeMay, District 10
Ruben C. McConnell, District 8
Dan S. Morgan, P&R
Rommie M. Belt, District 7
Scarler R. Lyons, District 2
Bobby J. Parker, Construction
Isabelle Psalmonds, District 10
Dan A. Terpening, District 9
Mary Day Wilson, P&R
James D. Woolsey, District 4

10 YEARS

Melton R. Beavers, District 9
Samuel L. Bumgarner, District 3
Alfred E. Crumley, District 5
Gene W. Davenport, District 10
Wesley W. Fairchild, District 2
J. T. Godwin, District 5
Wallace F. Hubbard, District 8
David R. Joiner, District 7
Alvin Justice, District 5
Bill Ray McCollum, District 5
George E. Palmer, District 8
John A. Pendergrass, District 5
George Powell, District 10
Steve M. Reeves, District 2
Kenneth H. Riggs, Surveys
Gary K. Smith, District 5
Jerry L. Smith, Traffic Services
Norwood Smith, District 1
Ralph E. Toward, District 7
Harold H. Wilhelm, District 6
Benny J. Bagley, District 6
Thelma I. Blalock, District 8
Boyd S. Bonds, District 8
Kenneth R. Brock, Legal
Bont Carter, District 4
Jack L. Dickey, District 9
Dale R. Gossien, P&R
Floyd F. Harrell, District 1
Billy C. Karber, District 6
John W. Sandifer, District 7
Lewis F. Shafer, District 1
Douglas M. Sipe, District 5
J. B. Stuart, District 4
William E. Tyler, District 3
Clarence L. Underwood, District 8
Dickey L. Williamson, District 8
Chester D. Alexander, District 10
Charles E. Boothe, District 3
Herman F. Brown, District 10
William H. Duncan, Roadway Design
Fred M. Freeman, District 9
Bobby E. Fulton, Maintenance
Irbin L. Hollis, District 1
Dorothy A. May, Chief Engineer
Loyal D. Moore, District 10
Gary L. Roberts, District 3
Albert Smith, District 1
Charles W. Smothers, R of W
Kenneth Turner, District 2
John H. Woodard, Jr., District 1

5 YEARS

Billy J. Barnett, District 1
Billy A. Bolding, III, District 5
Tommy D. Briggs, Weights
Roy L. Clotfelter, District 4
Charles R. Davis, District 5
Emanuel DeLong, District 9
Henry T. Ederington, District 3
Jerome A. Forst, District 4
Robert L. Haynes, District 2
Thomas J. Heyward, District 7
Mack Jackson, Sr., District 2
Charles L. McGowen, District 9 HF
Doyle L. Patterson, District 7
Leonard Payne, Jr., Traffic Services
Arthur L. Pumphery, Jr., District 7
William G. Ramsey, Surveys
Patrick M. Raspberry, District 10
Irwin G. Richmond, District 4
Ronald C. Rogers, District 10
Connie J. Shaddox, District 3
Arvil C. Smith, District 4
Buster C. Snellgroves, District 4
Jim W. Vines, District 7
James I. Watson, District 7
Steve J. Anselmi, District 5
Dale A. Arnold, District 10
Jackson H. Barton, District 5
Bobby F. Bearden, District 4
Fred Belin, District 7
Raymond G. Covey, District 7
Thomas W. Crawford, District 1
John P. Hart, District 3
Bob M. Massingill, Weights
Debra A. Moore, District 6
Kurt F. Moritz, District 3
Loy G. Phillips, District 4
Jerry A. Sieger, District 3
Chalmer J. Smith, District 9
Ed M. Thompson, District 7
Willie H. Anderson, District 1
Mearl A. Bates, District 4
Isaac J. Carter, District 9
Dallas E. Corley, District 4
Billy R. Cowan, District 1
Robert L. Crayton, District 1
Ronald D. Ellis, District 1
Carl E. Erwin, District 6
Larry D. Foreman, Reproduction
William S. Granderson, District 2
Ann Harrell, Construction
Ruby V. Herren, District 10
Eddie Marlowe, District 1
Benjamin F. McDoniel, District 5
Alvin Newton, District 7
Lonnie Ray, District 6
Danny G. Reed, District 1
Donald W. Rogers, District 10
Thomas T. Rotton, District 2
James G. Teal, District 8
James R. Tucker, Computer Services
Shirley M. Wesson, State Aid

RETIREMENTS

MAY—JUNE—JULY

Andrew Hall, District 6
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REDBUD TREES PRESERVED

By Steve Wilson

The Arkansas State Highway Department, Arkansas Power and Light, and Pollution Control and Ecology Commission cooperated recently to preserve a unique 2-acre stand of redbud trees (*Cercis Canadensis*) in the South Terminal Interchange of I-30.

The East Belt Freeway has necessitated the relocation of Arkansas Power and Light powerlines in the

Interchange area and clearing for the powerline would have eliminated these showy shrubs.

Redbuds bloom early in Spring before leaves appear on any other trees making their delicate rose-purple blossoms even more conspicuous.

Personnel of the Arkansas Highway Department, Arkansas Power and Light and Pollution Control and Ecology Commission recently marked all the shrubs in the 2-acre area. Contractors have agreed not to clear the marked trees.

BLOODMOBILE RETURNS



In July the American Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the Highway Department to renew our agreement covering the blood needs of all employees assigned to the Central Offices and District Six. To maintain our coverage we must reach our quota of 130 units. Blood coverage is provided to all members of the group and their immediate families.

Immediate family includes spouse, children under 18, single children over 18 living in the home if permanently deferred as blood donors, parents and grandparents of either spouse.



RURAL ROAD FUNDS USED

Arkansas is leading the nation in the use of federal-aid funds for rural primary and rural secondary roads, and is second in the nation among the 50 states in the obligation of all federal-aid funds, according to Federal Highway Administration statistics just released.

The high rankings by Arkansas in the obligation of federal funds continues to indicate the effective balance of planning and efficiency put forth by the Highway Commission and the Highway Department staff.

The rapid economic and industrial growth of the state in the past few years has demanded a great expansion and improvement of the State's transportation system — and since Arkansas is a rural state, we depend on Highways for the movement of people and goods. Tourism, the State's third largest industry, is expected to reach \$1 billion this year and the increase in tourism is directly related to the recent improvement of our highway system.

Around the Department

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

By Maribeth Atney

The employees of the Accounting Division are now having an opportunity to get acquainted with some interesting new people. Our only regret is having to give up those familiar faces.

Judy Prewitt left the division to spend the summer with her three boys. From her last visit to the office, it was obvious that she was enjoying herself.

Laura Hinze has moved with her family to the beautiful Colorado mountains. It was a big move for them and we wish them the best, but hope they will be back soon for a visit.

Stephanie Shearin is our new accountant and a recent graduate of UCA at Conway. Stephanie is single and says her favorite past-time is watching football games. This should be some interesting news for the single guys out there.

Vickie Martin has replaced Jayne Hoffman who resigned from the division in July. She is married and her husband Pat is a student at UALR. Vickie is currently engaged in raising Dobermans and, judging from the ribbons, her efforts have been well rewarded. Vickie is the daughter of Bennie Robbins in Roadway Design.



Vickie Martin

Debbie Franklin comes to us from Levi-Strauss and replaces Laura Hinze as secretary to Mr. McCarthy. As for hobbies, she and her daughter Stephani have recently developed a great interest in motorcycle races — but as spectators only, we understand.

The Accounting Division received some help which needed assistance from summer employees this year. Tammy Gibson is a student at UCA at Conway and the daughter of Mary Gibson in Right of Way. Sandy Kee, a student at the U of

A at Fayetteville, returned for her third summer with us. We have all enjoyed working with them and hope they will be back next year.

The bundle of joy expected in late August by Mike and Margie Shaw turned out to be a bundle of surprises when he arrived a month early. Mike had to be retrieved from the bank of the Arkansas River where he was fishing, but managed to be in on most of the excitement. Matthew Justin Shaw was born July 24 and weighed 6 lbs. 5 ozs. He and Margie are home and doing well. Mike says he has purchased a fishing pole for his future fishing partner.

In July Irene Hawkins was the honoree at a party given by the Accounting Division to recognize her twenty-five years of service. In December, she will officially receive her Certificate of Service from the Highway Commission. Over the years, Irene has become well-liked and well-known throughout the highway department.

Few vacations have taken at this writing. A trip east to Pennsylvania and Washington, D. C. over July 4, by the Jack Keilch family was nipped in the bud before it got started. The Keilch's unfortunately have a difficult time getting any farther out of town than Dardanelle. Maybe you can make it for the tricentennial, Jack. Irene Hawkins and husband Jim went to California and enjoyed taking in the sights around San Francisco, including the former prison at Alcatraz. Mike Eden got a two-week



Irene Hawkins

vacation furnished by Uncle Sam, but had to recuperate for another week at Houston and Galveston, Texas before coming back to work.

All-in-all it has been a relatively uneventful summer for the employees of the Accounting Division. Since photographs of our most recent employees have not been published previously, we decided to get them together and give the rest of you a glimpse of some good, hardworking people. This is the most excitement we have to offer.



The New Employees in Accounting

BRIDGE DESIGN

By Bonnie Wesson

Many here at the Highway Department remember Alice Joe Dong who was an engineer in Bridge Design a few years ago. Alice has recently been reemployed and is catching up on the news from many friends. She left the department to attend Memphis State University for a MS in structures; then worked for an architectural firm until recently. Alice has a 16 year old son, Tunney, who is a sophomore at NLR Ole Main, Tunney is working at Bonanza this summer. It is good to have Alice in our office. She will see that being in the minority in Bridge Design sure can't hurt.

We are glad to have Don Edmiston as a new employee in John Sage's design squad. He has a BSCE from Memphis State. Don is from Memphis but now lives in Winston Manor Apartments. Seems most every weekend, Don visits his family and friends back home in Memphis.

Dale Loe, design squad supervisor, took a beautiful scenic trip with his sister Janice McFatter, and family, and mother and dad, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Loe. They drove to Colorado and Yellowstone, then onto the Black Hills of So. Dakota and Mt. Rushmore. Janice and family live in Florida so getting all the family together for a vacation was the best part.

Eddie Fain, design engineer, and his wife Vicki took their daughter, Kristin on a two week camping trip to Florida and Disney World. They spent a few peaceful days on the beach and visited such historic sites as Cape Canaveral and Kennedy Space Center. Driving thru Florida is like taking the scenic route all the way, the orange groves are so colorful.

Jim Kuykendall, design squad supervisor, and Cindy got another baby boy, Jeffrey David, on May 14. Now brother Dan has someone to share his toys, clothes, room, and cookies.



Mandy Tribo

Jim Tribo, design engineer, and Kay are new parents of Amanda Louise. Mandy was born May 17. By Jim's delighted smile, we know that he agrees - a little girl is grand. Jim and Kay had just moved into a new home.

They eagerly got the nursery ready with the help of Kay's mother, Mrs. Kitty Davis of Memphis.

David Lambert, design engineer, and Deborah Cushing were married May 22, at Highland Heights Baptist Church in Benton. Familiar names of some of the attendants were Mike Selig, Traffic Division; Bill Wall, M&T; and Carl Lancaster, recent engineer trainee. David and Debbie pledged to do all those things forever; happiness could not have come to two dearer people. Tradition then drove well-wishing friends to cover their car with cute words of cheer and throw bags of rice. They were glad to leave us jokers at the church and start to Navaree Beach Florida on their honeymoon. In July David became a registered professional engineer.



Mr. & Mrs. David Lambert

Speaking of being pinned to the wall, Phil Brand, design engineer, has just become engaged to Teri Turnipseed of Sullivan, Missouri. September 10 is the day and all of us in Bridge Design were happy to meet Teri and glad care-free Phil is taking some responsibility. Whatelse can you wish single people when you are up to your flanks!

CENTRAL SHOPS

By the Staff

Eugene Eggman II and Anita Carol Simmons were married July 30th in The First Baptist Church in Lonoke.

Mrs. Simmons is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray New of North Little Rock. Ray is a retiree of the Highway Department from the Central Shops.

Mr. Eggman is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Eggman, Sr. at Pleasanton California. He attends the Beebe Branch of Ark. State University. Anita is employed by the State Employment Division.



Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Eggman II

COMPUTER SERVICES

By Fay Sullivan

The latest two employees to Computer Services' staff are Stevie Stouffer, Data Control Clerk and James Hauk, Computer Operator. Welcome aboard Stevie and Jim!

Also, two summer employees - Michelle Kerr and Laura Parker are applying their skills to our advantage this summer and we will be sorry to lose them when they return to school in September.

Our congratulations to Jim Tucker's family on the arrival of a baby girl, Stephanie Susan Lee, on July 7.

Jane Mobley has just received word that she has a new grandson, born in Indiana on July 24. She now has 3 grandsons and 3 granddaughters.

Our thoughts this week are often with Art Johnson who had to have heart surgery in Houston, Texas, July 22. Art is doing well, expecting to come back home the last of July.



Mrs. Ronald Chavoya

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Chavoya. They were married September 18, in The Little Church of the West in Las Vegas. Mrs. Chavoya is employed by American Airlines and Mr. Chavoya is a senior customer service agent for Delta Air Lines. Father of the bride is Art Johnson. He and his wife, Gene have traveled to many interesting places via American Airlines, thanks to daughter Lynne being able to get passes for them.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

By Donna Crain & Amanada Moore

Congratulations to Gene Ashcraft who has been with the Highway Department for 30 years. He started in the field as a Chainman and now is the Office Manager for Construction.

Cake and coffee were served among the office and Final Estimates Section. Mr. Tallant, Construction Engineer, presented Gene with his pin.



Gene Ashcraft, left with Mr. Tallant.

Gene & Joyce Ashcraft, and their daughter, Patti along with 34 young people from the Church of Christ in Pulaski County, spent two weeks in Terreon, New Mexico in July. Terreon, A Bureau of Indian Affairs Boarding School is located in the remote northwestern part of the State where primitive hogans, unimproved roads sheep, mountains, bare rock and sand storms are commonplace.

The program of work was developed with the Terreon Boarding School Administration to encourage preschool and elementary school aged Navajo children to learn to speak English, become educated, and be good productive citizens.

Congratulations to Jimmy and Donna Crain on the new arrival of their son, Brooks Wayne, on June 6, weighing 8 lbs. 12½ ozs. Marvin Staton, who works in Office Engineer, is the proud grandfather.

John Helgen and his wife, Pat recently enjoyed a weekend away in Baton Rouge, La. on Thunderbird Lake.

They attended a family reunion, and for the people who came, it was the initial visit to this part of the country. They had plenty of food and jokes. Later this summer they'll be flying to Atlanta to visit their youngest daughter.



Donna & Brooks Wayne Crain

The Construction Division is very fortunate to have two hard workers as their summer employees. They are Jackie Laha and Pam Thompson. Jackie is a sophomore at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Her major is English. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.



Jackie Laha

Pam attends Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. She is a junior and her major is Speech Pathology. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority.



Pam Thompson



Mrs. Jones pins Raymond Jones pin on, while his group look on.

Raymond Jones of Final Estimates Section in the Construction Division was awarded his 30 year pin by John Tallant in July. Cake and lemonade were served.



Raymond Jones, left with Ann Harrell.

Another award was received by Ann Harrell for her five-year service pin. Raymond Jones, head of Final Estimates presented Ann her award in July. Cake and lemonade were served.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION



(Left to Right): Highway Director Henry Gray; James A. Branan, Commissioner; Lawrence Blackwell, Commission Chairman; Otha Hewitt, Chief of Traffic Services; George Kell, Commissioner; and David Solomon, Commissioner.

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell, Commission Chairman, was pleasantly surprised during a break in the July Commission Meeting. The 10th Floor Staff presented him with a Birthday Citation and everyone enjoyed cake and coffee.

INTERNAL AUDIT

By Virginia L. Williams

Johnnie L. Parks, Auditor in the Internal Audit Section, was married May 22, to the former Veolia Morris. The wedding was held at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. A reception followed at the Embers of Pine Bluff. The couple spent their honeymoon in Danville, Illinois. Veolia is a secretary with the Parks & Recreation Division of the City of Little Rock. Congratulations to the both of you.

LEGAL DIVISION

By the staff

On July 15, Ken Brock, Staff Attorney, received his 10 year pin and certificate. Tom Keys presented the award with a party following. Congratulations!



Ken Brock, left with Tom Keys, Chief of Legal.

Chris Parker is our newest attorney in the Legal Division. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Georgetown Law School.

While in Washington, D.C., he worked with Congressman Bill Alexander doing Legislative Research. He also has worked for the Attorney General's Office in Little Rock. Chris enjoys canoeing and backpacking in the Ozarks.

With the summer upon us many of our employees in Legal have been taking vacations. Tom Keys and his wife, Marilyn, and daughter, Anna, went to Miami, Florida, where they soaked up a lot of sun and enjoyed the beach. Jim Dowell and wife, Helen, travelled to Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky, for a delightful visit in the Bluegrass State. Rita Huie just returned from visiting Treasure Island and Disney World in Florida and touring the battleship USS Alabama at Mobile, and the Sunken Gardens at St. Petersburg, Florida. Gulf Shores, Alabama, was the destination of Bob and Dorothy Ann Diles and daughter, D'Ann and

friend, Jane Browning, where they all surfed, sunned and played golf. Regina and Neil Laidler visited friends in Indiana on their way to Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and then eastward to Stone Harbor, New Jersey to visit relatives.



Bill Spratlin

On July 30, Legal Division and Office Engineer got together for a party in honor of Bill Spratlin. Bill is retiring with over 19 years service to the Highway Department. He will be missed by all of his fellow employees, and we wish him the best of health and a happy retirement!

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

By the Staff

John Hall received his 25 year service award from Bert Rownd, State Maintenance Engineer in July. A party was given in his honor. Mr. Hall is the Bridge Maintenance Engineer.



Bert Rownd, left, with John Hall, right.



Hurley Perkins

Hurley Perkins, Asst. Maintenance Engineer, has just completed the 75-76 term as Governor of District 43. In this capacity he traveled across the States of Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi. As a token of remembrance, the Officers of District 43 presented Hurley with the "Doctor of Letters" certificate. In addition, Hurley earned the highest honor bestowed on any Toastmaster, that of Distinguished Toastmaster.

Toastmasters is a world wide organization of Business and Professional men and women who are interested in improving their ability to think, to listen and to speak - to communicate with their families, their faith, their profession and their fellow man. Many Arkansas Highway Department employees have enhanced their communication skills thru Toastmasters. There are several clubs in the Little Rock area, one in Russellville, Ft. Smith, Pine Bluff and El Dorado.

MATERIALS & TESTS

By Sibyl Maddox



Left to right: Jim Briley, Henry Hart, R. M. Hickey, all receiving 15 year awards.

Congratulations to the following for Service Awards received: Jim Briley - 15 years; R. M. Hickey - 15 years and Henry Hart - 15 years.

Before we know it summer will be over and our tall fishing tales will be no more. Many of us have joined in the "camping fun". It has been a pleasant summer with temperatures mild.

We have our regular summer employees back with us and one new addition, Donna Adams, daughter of John Adams in State Aid. Donna is nineteen years old and is a Chemical Engineer-major. Glad to have you, Donna.

Melissa Faurie, Clerk-typist is a new regular employee. She is twenty years old, married to Glenn Faurie. She is a graduate of Jacksonville High School. They recently moved here from Alexandria, Louisiana, where Glenn was stationed at England Air Force Base.



Allan Holmes

Allen Holmes has transferred to Construction Division as Assistant Construction Engineer. He replaces Norman Pumphrey, now District Engineer of District Ten. Jake Clements, Civil Hwy. Engineer V, replaces Allan. Jake has been an employee of the Highway Department since 1958.



Jake Clements

Julia and Arden Rowe motored to Carmichael, California to visit Arden's brother and family. While there the family went to Reno, Nevada and Chouchilla, California. She and Arden stopped in Winslow, Arizona on the way back to visit Julia's sister and family.

R. C. and Georgette Turney are vacationing a long, long way from home . . . Belgium. They will be gone six weeks. They are visiting Georgette's parents and family.

Your reporter is planning a trip to Las Vegas the middle of August and a trip to New Orleans in October.

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

By Sue Walls

It's vacation time again and almost everyone in our office has been on vacation.

Roger Taylor and his family spent their vacation in a cabin on Lake Ouachita. They spent their time fishing, skiing and swimming. The only bad thing about their vacation was that it rained. That usually happens when you plan a vacation like that.

Bob Barnett's vacation was more like a work week than a vacation. He worked harder at home during his vacation than he does at work. I hope he has a better vacation next time.

Margaret Hudson and her family also spent their time at Lake Ouachita fishing and skiing. Margaret became an "expert" at horseshoes during her vacation. Is there anyone who would like to take her up on a game of horseshoes?

Margaret and her family also took a trip to Missouri and stopped for a while at Silver Dollar City.

Another of our employees who did a lot of work on his vacation is David Hunter. He said he really got a lot of work done around the house. Sometimes that is the only way to get things done is to take a vacation and do them.

My husband and I did a lot of work around our house on vacation also, but we did manage several trips while we were off. One trip we made was to see the "Great Passion Play" at Eureka Springs. This is a real good play and we enjoyed the pretty scenery on the way up. The trip was really worth it.

Lynn Bridges went to the Great Smokey Mountains National Park and camped out. In Cherokee, North Carolina, he saw a play called "Unto These Hills" about the Cherokee Indians and their movement on the "Trail of Tears."

Lynn also went to Opry Land in Nashville Tennessee and did some family research while in Tennessee and North Carolina.

Lynn is the proud owner of a new home on Mississippi Street. He is planning on getting married in September to Cherly Bradshaw. We wish them lots of happiness.

Farrell Adams and his family made a visit to Blanchard Springs on his vacation. They

camped out at the Springs and toured the Caverns while they were there. They also went to Dogpatch.



Photogrammetry and Surveys had a picnic at Lake Sylvia on July 25. We had lots of food and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Most of the children went swimming and the adults played horseshoes and corquet. If you ever get a chance to play croquet, don't use the black ball; it has some kind of jinx on it. Isn't that right, Charlie?

Bob Barnett's daughter, Pam and Margaret Hudson's daughter, Kim, are working at the Highway Department this summer. Pam is in the R of W Division and Kim is in the Personnel Office.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

By the Staff



Pete Benetz, left receiving award from Roger Taylor.

Pete Benetz, an employee of the Mapping & Art Section was the winner of a \$50.00 US Savings Bond. The prize was for his entry in a theme name contest for the 1977 American Society of Photogrammetry and American Congress of Surveying and Mapping Fall Technical Meeting to be held October 18-21, 1977 in Little Rock. Benetz's winning entry was "Charting a Better Tomorrow."

Benetz, on the left, is shown with Roger Taylor, Convention Director.

On July 17, Charles Hood, of Mapping & Art, married Karen Harris. The wedding was held at the Union Baptist Church in Morrilton. The happy newlyweds took a week-long honeymoon trip to Atlanta. Congratulations Charles and Karen!



Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hood

Betty Wiggins and friend Sandra Miller spent a week's vacation touring Northwest Arkansas and Silver Dollar City at Branson, Mo. Betty also recently attended an American Institute of Planners meeting at DeGray Lodge.

Otto and Shirley Potter enjoyed a vacation in New Orleans before the weather became too hot. As anyone knows who has been there in summer, hardly any place is more oppressive in hot weather.

Jim and Lou Ann Head have been giving their home in East End a face-lifting. Must be quite a project from the morning reports that Jim gives about hanging light fixtures, staining cabinets, etc.

Melanie Keene, Transit Planning Section's secretary, and her husband Charlie have purchased and moved into a lovely home in one of Benton's new subdivisions. It's a bit further for Melanie to drive than from Indian Springs but pictures of the house look as though it compensates well for the difference.

Tom Davis is making plans for an August vacation in New York City. While there he will attend a friend's wedding.

Jim Sanders is a pleasant and intellectual addition to Transit Planning. He came from Advance Planning Section.



Jim Head, left with Mary Day Wilson.

Mary Day Wilson's husband Charles, was critically injured in an on-the-job accident June 3, and hospitalized for six weeks. He is recuperating well but will be unable to return to work for another four months.

Congratulations to Mary on receiving her 15 year Service Pin and Certificate. She is shown here with Jim Head who presented them to her in July.

Florence Routh, of the Advance Planning Section has been named Woman of the Year by Diamond Charter chapter, ABWA. She will represent the chapter in national competition for the 1976 Top 10 Woman of the Year and for American Business Woman of the Year awards. Annually, each ABWA chapter selects one of its members for this award. Selection is based on the member's achievement in her field of business, education, participation in the association and in community activities. Announcements of the national award recipients will be made at ABWA's National Convention October 21-24 at New Orleans. The association has over 83,000 members throughout the US and Puerto Rico.



Florence Routh

We welcome Paul Simms to Advance Planning. Paul is from Memphis where he received his BSCE from Memphis State University in May. Glad to have you, Paul.



Dale Gossien

Congratulations to Dale Gossien! He received his 10 year award in June. Dale has worked at Resident Engrs. offices, Bridge Surveys Party & Bridge Design, and Traffic Division before transferring to Advance Planning in 1973. Nuts and coffee were served in his honor.

Also coming to Planning and Research was Billie Boyd who replaced Becky Talbert as secretary in Program Planning. Billie was formerly a secretary in Office Engineer. Welcome to you too, Billie.

A beautiful wedding was held at sundown on July 15, when Debbie Standard of Current



Mr. & Mrs. Doug Barclay

Planning was wed to Doug Barclay. The ceremony was performed by Debbie's brother, on the patio at the home of her brother-in-law and sister. Both bride and groom looked stunning, but both naturally were a bit nervous. Debbie giggled all through her wedding vows, and Doug accidentally slipped her ring on the wrong finger! The happy couple took a honeymoon trip to the Ozarks. Doug is a student at UALR and is employed by Ark-La. Gas Co. Congratulations Debbie and Doug.

We are happy to see Polly Cloud of Current Planning back in the office. She has been on a long vacation which she took to spend with her daughter Stacey, who just celebrated her thirteenth birthday. To top off the summer, they took a trip to Hot Springs where they spent a week of swimming, sunning and relaxing. Polly came back smiling and tanned!

Karen Cummings came to work in August in Current Planning. She replaced Jackie Maxwell who is on leave due to a visit from the stork. Karen and her husband, Bob, have been married only 7 months. Welcome to P&R!

More details on Jackie's latest arrival! Keisha Andrea was born July 25 and weighed 9 lbs 2 ozs. Jackie came in to visit with Keisha Gerald, her 6 year old son, and everyone enjoyed seeing them. Keisha was the center of attention!

We were happy to have several summer employees working who were a big help during the past months and will be missed more than you know!

Karen Cunningham worked in Current Planning in Mayo White's office. She is from LR and has completed her freshman year at SCA. This year she is attending Ouachita.

Karen Snodgrass, from Nashville was an all-around, Welcome addition to the Economics Section. She is a junior at the University at Fayetteville. She is majoring in Public Administration and after graduation hopes to continue her studies in law school. We'll miss you, Karen!

Delania Ramus worked in Current Planning most of the summer, but also helped in Research and Administration. She is from Benton and has finished her freshman year at Henderson. She returned this year to continue her studies in Home Economics. She plans to teach after graduation.

Marilyn Cullivan returned to work for P&R for the third summer. A senior at Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Marilyn has just changed her major from Civil Engineering to Mechanical Engineering.

Phyllis Hannah, a junior at the University at Fayetteville, worked in Advance Planning most of the summer. She is from Alexander, and is studying Bacteriology.

Thelma Jones worked in Current Planning summer, and left in the fall to continue teaching school at Jacksonville Junior High School.

PROCUREMENT

By Ann Johnson

Lewis Wade has been dropping hints, subtle suggestions and then, just outright statements of fact for the last 6 months. Actually it began 20 years ago, but reached its climax on June 4 when Frank Caple present the coveted "Certificate of Appreciation" for 20 years of service to the Highway Department. We all dined at a local restaurant, and then had coffee and cake in the office that afternoon. It must have been an interesting 20 years because he still enjoys saying "Now, we used to . . ." our Congratulations to you, Wade.



Lewis Wade, left, with Frank Caple.

Moving onto other things – and moving on is what a lot of us in this office are doing. No sooner than Henry Plunk got settled in his new home, Frank Caple moved "back home" to Benton. He and Sylvia have really enjoyed the move and their new neighbors are really old friends from high school days. Patsy and Eulin Downing are about to move into their new home, and Harvey and I have sold our home, moved into a double wide (with the 4 kids and dog) until our new home is built, which hopefully will be by the 1st of October. I made one of those rash statements and believe me, no one in this office will let me forget it.

We have a new employee in our office. Nikki Lewis began working the latter part of May, and we have just really begun her education. She is a graduate of Quitman High School and Petit Jean Vo-Tech School at Morrilton. She is living at Conway and commutes with several other employees in the building. She is a joy to work with, and we appreciate her very much.

RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

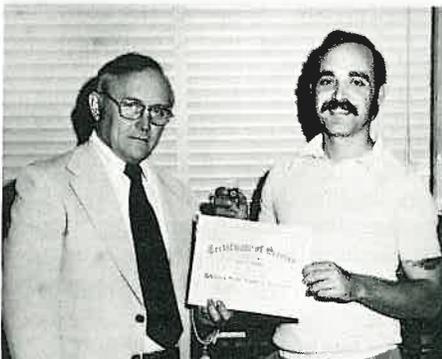
By the Staff

Reproduction Section is testing a new piece of equipment. This printer is very versatile. It will print and collate all in one operation.



Al Dunn demonstrating the new machine.

Tommy Daniel recently spent three weeks at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He had a real "fun" time. Larry Foreman and Jerry Heffington are presently serving two weeks duty at Fort Chaffee.



Al Dunn with Larry Foreman, right.

Congratulations to Larry Foreman when he received his 5 year Service Pin recently from Al Dunn.

Debra Allen returned to work June 7 after a leave of absence. We all welcome her back.

Frank and Janean Knowles are the proud parents of a beautiful baby daughter, Andrea Nicole, born June 8, weighing 6 lbs. 3 ozs. On June 19 Frank learned the hard way how not to slide into second base. He received a badly sprained ankle and has been hobbling around with a cast and crutches. He now has the cast off and is much improved. Janean has had her hands full with a new baby and a crippled husband.



Andrea Knowles

Bonnie Hodge and her children spent 3 days at Six Flags Over Texas and her sons, David and Brian, spent a weekend in St. Louis with the Big Brothers program. They saw a St. Louis Cardinals vs Los Angeles Dodgers game and toured the city.

Jerry McKown is building a new house on his acreage on Lawson Road. He plans to do a lot of the work himself. The house will be sided with cedar.

Patsy Latson and family plan to vacation the last of August. They will pick up daughter, Vaneesa, who has spent the summer working in Estes Park, Colorado, with Campus Crusade Summer Project.

Pete Escarre is on vacation this week. He said he would be camping and fishing. Do hope the air conditioner in his tent is working good during this 100 degree weather.

Patsy Roling was in the hospital recently. She is home now, doing much better and will soon be back at work.

We have enjoyed our two summer employees: Sheila Stacey and Karen Nunes. Both will be leaving August 13 to return to school. Sheila will be studying to be a registered nurse with the Baptist System School of Nursing at the Baptist Hospital. She has attended one year of college at UALR and one year at UCA. Karen is returning to Arkansas Tech University this fall as a sophomore. Her major is pre-law. We will miss them. We wish them the best of luck in their studies.

RIGHT OF WAY

By the staff

Administrative Section

By the Staff

Our Section has a lot of exciting news this month.

First and most important was our boss, A. C. Ledbetter, has just celebrated his 20th anniversary with the Highway Department. A party honoring Mr. Ledbetter was held on July 22 when many friends and co-workers stopped by to offer congratulations to him. Mr. Martin, Chief of our Division, presented him with a lapel pin and certificate.

Billie Boyd's daughter, Carla, has been in the hospital for several days and finally having surgery. She is now home, but as of this writing may have to make a return visit. Hope she gets better.

Billie and her family have just returned from a vacation to Florida. They toured Disneyworld, Cypress Gardens, and the Kennedy Space Center while stopping along the way.

Florida must be the place to go this summer, as Wanda and Larry Tackett also traveled through that beautiful state. Wanda brought back some souvenirs and gorgeous pictures from the trip to Disneyworld. Get Wanda to tell you about her encounter with an alligator.

Butch Wilson has had a great vacation this year. He spent two weeks helping around the house while his wife is recovering from knee surgery. He has really become a good cook and bottlewasher. Hope by this time, Ruth will be fine and returned to work.

Our boss, A. C. and his family have enjoyed camping at Lake Catherine for a week. He really seems to like the life of fishing and relaxing at the lake.

Marie Kling enjoyed her vacation this year by moving into a new home she and Larry have purchased. She swears she will never move again. Her dogs have really enjoyed moving to the country. Her Saint Bernard has just had surgery on her eyes. Hope by now she and the dog have both recovered from the surgery.

We have had another addition to the family of Vic Winchell. All along he said if it was another girl, he was leaving. Guess What? Another girl born June 26 weighing 8 lbs. 12½ ozs. making the score 3 to 1. Vic and Sue named her Jennifer Lynn. Surprisingly enough, Vic, has had a change of heart after the little one was around for awhile.

Jimmy Giles has been traveling on the weekends to various places in Arkansas. It is really a beautiful State. He has also been catching a few fish on some of those trips.

Utilities Section

By the Staff

As the different seasons of the year occur,



A. C. Ledbetter and staff celebrating.

so do different changes occur within our lives. We have different opportunities which we readily accept and challenge. Charles Smothers, after being with the Department for ten years accepted such a change and challenge. Charles left the Department to go into real estate business in the growing town of Benton. We wish Charles much success in his endeavor.

On June 15, the Utilities Section gave Charles a little going away party. He was presented a pen and pencil set. We thought this would help him in signing all those contracts, selling all that real estate.

We were fortunate to have a very sweet summer girl, Pam Barnett. Pam has a beautiful smile and quiet winning ways. We all have enjoyed working with her this summer.

Vacations began in June for some of us and continue at this time. Buddy Cazer and his family spent some of their vacation in the "land of opportunity" and some in Missouri. They saw all the sights at Eureka Springs and visited Silver Dollar City. Jim Moody and family went to Nashville, Tennessee. Of course they went to Opry Land! Angie Hobson went to Florida and Angie came back with a nice sun burn. Jim Bartlett went on a "Honey Do" vacation in July. "Honey do this and honey do that". Knowing Jim, he enjoyed every minute of it. Arthur Watt and his family chose Dallas, Texas as their vacation spot in August. Mary Gibson and her family went to Disneyworld and other points of interest in Florida.

By the time this goes to press, we will be saying goodbye to Ron Smith. He is going back to college in September. We extend our best wishes to Ron. It has been a pleasure working with him.

Doyle Rowland and Dennis Cramer have not been on a vacation this summer. Doyle is waiting for a favorite season, deer season. Dennis

has brightened our Section by the African violets he has in the window.

So ends the summer season with the Utilities Section. We look forward to the falling leaves of fall.

Appraisal Section

By the Staff

On July 1, W. E. "Bill" Hayes retired after 14 years service with the Highway Department. Mrs. Hayes, daughter and son and family attended a party Appraisal Section held in his honor. Cake and punch were served to the many friends and co-workers that attended. Herbert Hooten, Chief Appraiser presented the award. Bill will be missed by all of us. Good luck in your retirement.



ROADWAY DESIGN

By the Staff



(Left to Right): Glen Trammel, Brooks Nichols and Bob Green.

On June 18, Roadway Design employees enjoyed cake and punch to celebrate the occasion of a total of 60 years of service from three employees in our division.

From left to right are pictured Glenn Trammel with 30 years service, Brooks Nichols with 20 years service, and Bob Green with 10 years service. Awards were presented by Charles Venable and Brooks Nichols.

STATE AID DIVISION

By Shirley Wesson



Randy Reed

This division is exploding with news and without further delay here it is. Barbara Oldham along with Randy and Susan Reed attended an Arts & Crafts Show at Dogpatch a few months ago. Barbara entered a bridal bouquet and won a 1st place blue ribbon and \$50 cash prize for her outstanding flower craft. Barbara has made flowers for eight weddings now. A special feature is the intermingling of small flowers made from the bridesmaids' dresses. The bouquet is made with white organza roses and tulle. The Kroger store at Baseline & Geyer Springs now carrying Barbara's flowers. Randy's first craft show was this year and he featured powder horns, a musket, and a pistol which he hand-made. They had a very enjoyable time.



Barbara Oldham

Tiger and Connie McLain are expecting a visit from the stork sometime in September. Tiger is a proud papa-to-be and we are happy for both of them.

Steve Breeding, a draftsman in this division, and Tara Mounger were married in Geyer Springs Church of Christ on Friday, July 9. We wish them both the best of luck and happiness in years to come.

Several fellows in our office have been golfing lately and they are John Kizer, John Adams, Jake Weston, Melvin Hall, Steve Breeding and Ralph Williams. Max Hall has been inspired by their golf stories so much until he went out and purchased himself a set of clubs.

John Adams and Tiger McLain along with some other fellows on the Radford's Equipment team won a bowling trophy at Park Plaza Lanes.

The following persons attended the County Judges' Convention at DeGray State Lodge in Arkadelphia: John Kizer, Max Hall, Jake Weston along with their wives and Barbara Oldham and her husband. You might ask "Why did Barbara attend?" Well, for the mere reason of demonstrating and conducting flower classes for the Judges' wives as a part of their entertainment. Barbara was humorously introduced by John Kizer as being his secretary who could (type and answer the telephone.) Mr. Kizer presented a speech to the County Judges on the State Aid Program.

This reporter spent a week's vacation in Louisville, Kentucky. She toured the following places while there: Fort Knox Army Base, Churchill Downs Kentucky Derby, The Louisville Bell Riverboat and saw the Goard House which is on the riverfront. This was a very enjoyable trip.

Welcome to Earl Kirkpatrick who transferred from Roadway Design to State Aid as Squad Leader. Earl has been with the Highway Department for 14 years. Earl is married and has three children. He fits right in with our Division because he is a worker like the rest of us.

On May 1st, Barbara Oldham was the lucky winner of a "Bicentennial Vacation" trip to Williamsburg, Virginia. Each year for the last

10 years Barbara has bought a ticket from Ferol Jones in support of the Razorback Chapter ABWA's Scholarship fund. Just like any other year Barbara told Ferol to give her the winning



Shirley Wesson



Barbara & Jim Oldham

ticket. Barbara and her husband Jim flew Delta and stayed 3 days and 2 nights at the 1976 Resort and toured the Old Country Busch Gardens.

Colonial Williamsburg - the restoration of the eighteenth century capital of Virginia is one of the largest and more comprehensive of its type. Barbara and Jim had a wonderful "Bicentennial Vacation" to remember always as their special trip of all times.

Something special happened to Barbara again in Busch Gardens, the merchandising department gave her the largest order she could possibly imagine for her "Fantasy Flowers" and will be carrying them year round. Not only does Busch Gardens have a touch of Europe, it also has a touch of ARKANSAS in its shops.

SURVEYS DIVISION

By the Staff



Kenneth Riggs, left with Bob Mattox.

Congratulations to Kenneth Riggs, Instrumentman with the Bridge Surveys. He received his Service Pin and Certificate from Bob Mattox Chief of Surveys. Kenneth has been with the Department 10 years.

Welcome to a new member of Surveys. Terry McClure graduated from Memphis State with a BSCE. He has just completed the Orientation Program.

INFORMATION SERVICES

By the Staff



William E. "Bill" Stanton began working for the Highway Department August 16.

He has ten years experience in the broadcasting field. Seven of those years were spent in radio and television news.

Prior to joining the Highway Department, Mr. Stanton was a reporter and weekend coanchorman at KATV-TV in Little Rock. He has also worked for the Arkansas Radio Network.

He attended Arkansas Tech, majoring in General Business. He has transferred to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he is enrolled in night classes, majoring in Speech and Journalism.

At the Highway Department he will assist Bill Looney, Chief of Information Services.

Mr. Stanton and his wife Carolyn are both natives of Fort Smith. They have one daughter, Abbe, six months old.

DISTRICT ONE

By Janet McElduff

A plea for District news was forwarded to every supervisor, area foreman, and resident engineer early this month so that District One would be well represented in the magazine. B. J. Barnett's residency gets the prize for sending in the most news, the newsy news and the only news in response to that plea!

First of all Joe Barnett himself is proud as punch over passing his professional engineer's examination and now being a bonafide "pro" number 4084. Those who know him well get to call him "40" for short. We kid a lot, but it goes without saying that this is a mark of professional status well-earned!

Next to the boss of the shop, John Horton, assistant resident engineer, and his wife are equally proud of Jennifer Lynne Horton, born June 28, weighing in a dainty 9 lbs. 12 ozs. I'd get run off if I didn't mention that Gene Horton, District Stock Clerk, and Marion, are the paternal grandparents of Jennifer. Gene tries to be nonchalant but he is just as big a fool as any of the rest of us swelled-up grandparents.

Back to Engineering Office No. 13, B. E. (Peaches) Meachum, Ruby Nell, son Billy, daughter Brenda and husband Charles, and grandson Jeremy, vacationed at St. Louis where they saw the St. Louis Cardinals play, went to Six Flags, then on to Branson, Missouri, and to Silver Dollar City, and ended their vacation at Palm Beach, Florida. What a vacation!

Jasper Riley and Ernestine his wife, along with Donna, Walter and Larry, their children, traveled to Norfolk for a weeks vacation with friends. Scuba diving, water skiing and fishing took top priority for this group.

Bill and Greg McCormick, sons of Lois McCormick, field clerk, attended the Arkansas State Police Academy at Camp Couchdale for a week. Classes in the morning taught about police work, motor cycle safety, first aid courses and swimming safety courses. Recreation in the afternoon offered the boys swimming, and other sports.

In other offices Robert Talley of the Forrest City residency, has a new son, well, not brand-new but four months old now. He was born March 18, weighed 8 lbs. 2½ ozs. and his daddy says he looks just like him, getting better looking every day.

Virgil Parr's son, Virgil, was in the office today. He is one of these young men that grew up locally, left home and then when he comes back you can't believe it. He is in town for his 10th year high school reunion, and that makes it even harder to believe.



Pat Russell



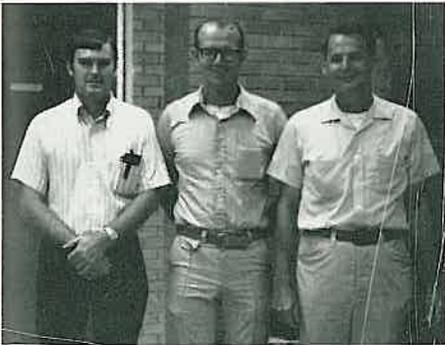
(Left to right): D. W. Armstrong, H. H. Shuberte, M. I. Markham, Leonard Roberts, Charlie Pittman.

Pat Russell, Jr., age 8 years, is playing his first year of softball. Ol' dad Pat is some proud of this boy, and from his picture you will understand why.



J. H. Gaynor & C. O. Jones

A retirement and service award party was held in the District office on July 16 honoring the following: J. H. Gaynor and C. O. Jones, retiring; Leonard Roberts with 30 years service; C. E. Jackson, Charlie Pittman and Gene Burns, 20 years; D. W. Armstrong, M. I. Markham, and H. Shuberte with 15 years service. A beautiful cake was served along with refreshing punch. Tom Snider, who has been with the Department for 9 years, was also honored. Tom recently resigned to become affiliated with Woodruff Electric in the engineering department, and he will be missed around here.



Tom Snider, center.

Amos Hall, of the District-wide bridge crew, was stricken recently and has undergone major surgery twice. Amos was to retire the end of June and while on vacation earlier that month had to enter the hospital. We wish him God-speed.

Dave Calaham, Jr., who works on the Monroe County crew, was in the office this morning, looking fine and with a great attitude. Dave was injured in May, lost his leg below the knee, so it was good to see him out.

DISTRICT TWO

By Betty Carter

The big news this time is the arrival in Pine Bluff and District Two of our new District Engineer and "Boss" that being M. S. Smith, "Sam" Smith and his family have settled in the Robinhood development in western Pine Bluff. It has been as much a pleasure to meet Mr. Smith's family in recent visits to the office as it is to work with him. We hope they will like us here in Pine Bluff and District Two as much as we like them.



L to R: Mr. Harris, Brewster Shalmy & S. Smith

Brewster Shalmy "Mr. Maintenance in Southeast Arkansas" as he is known, was awarded his 40 year pin after 40 years of service with the Highway Department. A surprise "get together" in the District office was given for Mr. Shalmy by the office staff. The honor of presenting the award was given to John S. Harris, Jr. District Two's former District Engineer, recently retired. Mr. & Mrs. Harris were special guests at the presentation. Mr. Shalmy began work with the Highway Department in 1935 as a laborer in Chicot County and has advanced to today's position of Hwy. Dist. Maint. Supt. which he has held since 1955.



Van Bratton, left with Sam Smith

Van Bratton, a man well known around Pine Bluff with Hwy. Construction, especially along the proposed Pine Bluff to Little Rock Highway was equally honored by his "Office Force" next door with coffee and doughnuts to

recognize his 25 year service. Van received his 25 year pin from Sam Smith in the presence of co-workers and friends, including special guests Mr. & Mrs. John S. Harris, Jr.



Mary Lynn Mabry

Welcome to a new face in District Two that being Mary Lynn Mabry, the office secretary for Max Bagwell's residency at McGehee. Mary Lynn is a native of McGehee and she is married, and mother of two teen-age children, Dee-ann and James Clifton. It was a pleasure to meet Mary Lynn during a meeting here at the Dist. and we hope we get to see more of her.

In the news this time is the marriage of Lisa Rawls to Leland Lybrand both of Rison. Lisa is the daughter of Calvin Rawls the Equipment Suprv. for District Two. The couple were married on June 10 at the Trinity Faith Tabernacle at Rison. Both are graduates of Rison High School and Mr. Lybrand is employed by Charles Roberts, a contractor.

Much missed these days around the area headquarters here in Pine Bluff is George Heath. George has been off with a serious illness and everyone that works with him has been concerned for him. George always had a cheery word and good attitude for each day. We miss you George.



J. P. Suitt

The co-workers of J. P. Suitt in the office at Max Bagwells Residency in McGehee noted his retirement with a party in his honor. Two decorated cakes made by Mrs. Bagwell were served to his co-workers as well as special

guests: Mr. Cannatella, Mrs. Suitt, Mr. & Mrs. Newton Suitt (Brother), Mrs. Bagwell, several maintenance employees in McGehee, and Mr. & Mrs. John S. Harris from Pine Bluff. Along with his pin for 30 years service with the Highway Department, he received a "weed eater" and an extra long fishing pole and extra size fishing equipment to go with it for his retirement.

Ask "Peanut" Woodfield how he can grow string beans 25 inches long. That sounds far out but he brought some to show us and its true. I'd like to see the rest of his garden! Mr. Woodfield is the Asst. Maint. Supt.

Also new is one half of the weight unit assigned to Pine Bluff, Chuck Jackson. Chuck is a native of Pine Bluff and the son of Dist. Auto Diesel Mechanic Charles Jackson. He is single and likes antique cars as a hobby.



Tina Bullock

We have several new babies to be proud of as well as grandchildren. Congratulations to A. G. and Betty Bullock on the birth of their first child Tina Antoinette. Tina was born May 27 weighing 7 lbs. 3 ozs. A. G. is the station attendant at the DeWitt Area Hdqtrs. in Arkansas County.



Jeremy Rabb

Lester and Ann Rabb are proud grandparents for the first time. Their daughter Leslie and her husband Tommy have a new son, Jeremy Saint Lawrence born Feb. 7 here in Pine Bluff. Lester is Job Supt. for District Two over the Sealing Crew and he and his wife reside in Monticello. Lester is one proud "grand-daddy".



Christopher Cingolani

Shown also the new son of George and Karen Cingolani of McGehee. Christopher George was born April 25 weighing 7 lbs. 14½ ozs. His father is Hwy. Engr. Aide III in the Max Bagwell Residency.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you that attended the ABWA Regional Convention in Nashville this spring, this fall at the National Convention in New Orleans. It is my pleasure and a great honor to represent my chapter as their Woman of the Year at the convention. I've always wanted to see New Orleans and this will be extra special!



Randall Fain

Randall Fain has been awarded a \$2,500. scholarship by the Federal Highway Administration to study engineering at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Fain has been employed for the past year as an engineering aide. He is a native of Memphis and a graduate of Henderson State University at Arkadelphia.

August 14 will be the date for the wedding of Debra Kay Bratton and Robert Henry Irvin II both of Sheridan. Debra is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Van Bratton. The setting will be the First Landmark Baptist Church in Sheridan. Both are students at the University of Central



Debra Kay Bratton

Arkansas where Debra is a Special Education major and her fiance is a Junior Industrial Arts major. Best wishes to both of them. Van Bratton is a Resident Engineer in District Two.



Keith (left) & Philip (right)

Shown in the picture are the sons of Burl Robertson and his wife. Phillip is 6 months and Keith is 4 years old. Burl is a Auto Diesel Mechanic in the District Shops and he and his family reside in Star City.



Leslie Smith

Congratulations to a fine young lady, that being the daughter of our Dist. Engineer, Sam

Smith. Leslie won the Poultry Princess Contest in Springdale and went on to the finals in Hot Springs placing second. With this honor was a prize of \$250. The judging was rated on swim, evening gown and interview competition. A student of U of A at Fayetteville, she is majoring in architecture and will be a junior in the fall. Good luck to you, Leslie.

Monticello Residency News

By the Staff

It is certainly good to have George Karnes back after a two week stay in the hospital due to a back ailment. Welcome back.

Kenny Akin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Akin decided to try his hand at rodeoing July 17, at the Little Britches Rodeo in Monticello. For his first experience Kenny won events as follows: tied for first in bareback riding, tied for third in bull riding and placed fourth in pole bending.

Kenny is a regular rider in the playday shows and trophy shows in and around the Monticello area. He won the high point trophy in the Pee Wee Division of the Warren Tomato Festival trophy show this year. In this year's riding season Kenny has earned about thirty trophies. He is working hard to win a place in the end of the year totals in the Pore Boy Horse Association.

Kenny is eight years old and has been riding in playdays since he was four years old. During a four years period, he has collected about 100 trophies and several belt buckles. He is a member of the Monticello and Tyro Saddle Club.

Little brother Joey will soon be following in Kenny's footsteps. Joey already enjoys riding a horse with his brother holding him and as soon as he masters the art of walking on his own two feet, his proud daddy will be in the market for another horse.



Kenny Akin

The employees of the Monticello Residency celebrated the fourth of July again this year with an old fashioned barbeque. Jack Camden in charge of barbequing deer ribs with a home made sauce prepared by Ann Hollinger wife of Steve Hollinger. Ann's custard pies were also the hit of the day.

The cookout was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Akin. The table was spread with good food contributed by each family that attended.

The children as well as the neighbors became excited when Sammy Denton fired his home made cannon as his contribution to the Celebration of the Bi-Centennial.

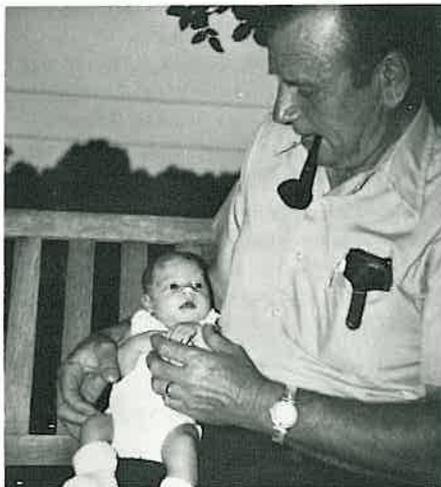
Obituary -

News of a sad nature was the sudden illness and death of Virgil L. Green. Mr. Green suffered a heart attack while working on a job in Arkansas County and died in the Stuttgart Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his widow and a daughter. Being a native of Almond in Cleburne County he began to work for the Highway Department in 1954 and was at the present Hwy. Job Supv. with the heavy equipment. The services were held here in Pine Bluff and burial at Almond.

DISTRICT THREE

From the Gang

Congratulations to the following employees: 30 years service - Arthur Pilgreen and Elmer G. Horn; 25 years - Cliff Ellis and Harlan Grimes; 20 years - Ab Hodges and Robert Holder; 15 years - G. O. Monroe; 10 years - Billy Turpin, Gary Roberts, Charles Boothe and Samuel Bumgarner; 5 years - Alvin Vaughn, Connie Shaddox, and Henry Ederington.



Elizabeth Jean Littleton

Elizabeth Jean is the infant daughter adopted by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Littleton of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was born May 19 weighing 7 lbs. 12 ozs. This is their first child. Carolyn Littleton is the daughter of W. C. Beck, Hempstead Co. Area Foreman.

Elvis Presley is a name we hear quite often in our District Office. We have one who is truly a "FAN" of his, but I have to report that lately the number of those who think he is the greatest has increased. Sonny Williams, Mrs. Richard Leonard, Helen Kidd and Mrs. Tom Brooks, along with several of their families

and friends, went to Shreveport to see him perform. Then a few days later Sonny Williams, LaVerne Arledge, Joey Waddle and Kathy Barksdale, along with 15 others, went to Fort Worth to see him. Needless to say that we will be well represented at Pine Bluff in September. Just think, we owe it all to Sonny. Oh yes, I heard that one of the ones who went to Ft. Worth made the statement, while EP was up there doing his thing, that she had forgotten how he could "shake his leg". Doesn't that send chills down your spine just thinking about it?



Kathy Barksdale

We want to welcome Kathy Barksdale who is our field clerk in the Hope Residency. Kathy is a tall, blond, blue-eyed gal from Prescott who is 23 and makes the best cup of coffee our men have ever tasted. At least that's the story they tell me when they come into the District carrying a cup of coffee. She must have the best tasting water that comes out of a fountain also, because several just have to stop there first for a drink; just can't seem to hold out another minute and a half for them to get to this office. But that's OK because I can't blame them. She has a great personality and does a most efficient job in the office. We all enjoy her company and she is really an asset to our staff. Of course, you can't believe all the dieting, hair curling, and fixing of makeup that goes on over here now. Welcome to our District, Kathy.

Miss Patricia Lynne (Pat) Huckabee became the bride of Mr. James Otis Harris, III, July 24. Pat is the daughter of Dorsey and Mrs. Huckabee of Hope and James is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Otis Hassis, Jr., of Arkadelphia. The wedding took place at the Garrett Memorial Baptist Church with Reverend Mike Huckabee, brother of the bride, officiating. Mrs. Harris will enter her second year of teaching in the Lewisville, Arkansas school system and Mr. Harris will begin his second year as photo-features editor of the local newspaper. The Hope Star. Dorsey is our District Maintenance Repairman.



Mrs. J. O. Harris III

Ronald Kidd, 13 year old, entered the Junior National Fox Hunt which was held at Bearden, and came home with eight (8) trophies. There was 120 dogs entered and so we feel that he really did make a good showing. His mother Helen, is our District Bookkeeper, and his dad, Kenneth, is our Job Superintendent of the district construction crew. Congratulations, Runt.

The Whites got together – that is Robert White's family for a reunion which was held July 17-18 at Tenkiller State Park, Oklahoma. Robert, our Stock Room Supervisor, and his wife, Joy, who planned the whole event, said that 30 Whites attended and that a great time was had by all. I read the invitation quite some time ago and my mouth is still watering. I never heard of so much food to be at one place. Joy sends us "goodies" quite often so we sure know what we missed by not being one of the clan.



Chad Presley Williams

Becky and Sonny Williams and big brother, Charles Dudley, are happy to announce the arrival of a baby boy on June 9. He weighed 6 lbs. 5 ozs. and has been named Chad Presley. Sonny is our Permit Clerk.

John Glass, our District Warehouseman, and his wife, Betty, attended a reunion of her family, the Kluvers. It was held the weekend of July 10 at Weatherford, Oklahoma. John said it was

just for the immediate family so there wasn't a large bunch there but they had a ball. Betty is always sending us something like meatloaf for lunch which is absolutely delicious so she sure holds a special place in our hearts.



Susan Martin

Our fuel clerk, Susan Martin, is one of our most active employees in civic affairs. She and her husband, Glendon, spend much time and effort working with the local Jaycee and Jaycee-ette Clubs. They are both officers of the Hope Clubs and have been given many awards for their conscientious work. Susan was recently named the Outstanding Local Officer, will serve on the advisory committee for the FHA, and they have both been nominated to serve on the Board of the Cancer Society for Hempstead County. At the Arkansas Jaycees State Convention in May, the Hope Jaycee-Ettes were awarded the Outstanding Service Award Plaque by the Kidney Foundation of Arkansas, The Fayetteville Club Award, and the Outstanding First Year Club. Susan was given special recognition and awards.



This cute little girl is the daughter of Freddie J. Hawkins of Ashdown. Jessica Ann is one year old.

Nashville Residency

By Connie Shaddox

F. J. Koelzer received a 20 year pin recently for service with the Department. He employed as a Highway Engineering Aide at the Nashville Residency. He is married and the father of four children. Congratulations Phill for many years of fine and faithful service. Congratulations also go to Connie Shaddox on reaching 5 years of service with the Department. Connie is a Clerk Typist II in the office.

W. E. Dull, E. A. Fears, Sr., and F. J. Koelzer have celebrated birthdays since our last issue. We wish them many happy others.

I took an interesting and exciting trip down the Buffalo River by canoe recently. We traveled 23 miles in two days. The scenery was just beautiful and the trip a great success. To anyone who likes to float rivers this one is a river to add to their list.



Mr. & Mrs. Michael D. Cooley

Wedding vows were exchanged on May 22, at the Memorial Baptist Church in De Queen by Robin Kay Fears and Michael D. Cooley. Robin is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Fears, Sr. Ed is a Highway Engr. Aide III in this office. Robin is employed at Union Bank in Monticello and Mike is a senior this year at the U of A at Monticello, majoring in Forestry.

Robin Kay Fears and Susan Renee Fears, daughters of Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Fears, Sr., graduated in May from the De Queen High School. Robin was Honor Graduate, a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, FBLA Secretary and on the staff of the school annual. Susan was Senior Class Vice President and on the staff of the school annual.

By D. K. Eaton

Well summer is here and it's vacation time again. J. W. (Porky) Burt has just returned from the Emolay State Conclave held in Conway on July 15-18. Porky represented his local chapter as "Chapter Dad" an office he has held for the past two years. LeRoy Ray and family enjoyed a camping trip to Narrows Lake. The fishing was good and the cool air was a relief from all the heat we've been having down here in the lowlands.

Several of our crew took a trip to Shreveport, La. to see the one and only Elvis Presley. Charles and Ruby Mauk, Dennis and Genie McWilliams, and Wayne and Kandis McKnight all thought the trip was worth it and that Elvis is still the greatest. A little bird told us that Genie stood up and screamed, "I Love you Elvis" and that Dennis was so excited he did the same thing. Wayne and Kandis sat behind the Mauks and they tell us Charles put on a better show than the star.

Kellie Pilgreen, who retired in 1974, drops by our office frequently on the way to his fishing hole. He is staying active by raising a garden and buying racing forms. Put \$2 to show on the third race for me, Kellie.

Larry Myers has been selected for the All-Star Team in the Texarkana Slow Pitch Softball League. Myers plays short-stop for the Texarkana Sports, who won the Texarkana Invitational Tournament on June 25. Larry works in one of our survey crews.

If anyone has anything that needs breaking up just see Dale Fulmer. He bought a guaranteed "unbreakable" boat and it has somehow developed a hole in the rear. The manufacturer has taken it back to the factory and Dale is dry-docked for awhile.

Jim Karnowski's son, John, played soccer on the undefeated Boy Scout Troop 3 Soccer Team and received a written commendation and resolution from the City of Texarkana, Texas. The team won a trip to the Dallas-Los Angeles soccer game held in Dallas on June 20. Jim and his wife went along to drive the bus and chaperone the boys.



I really had an exciting Fourth. We went fishing on Millwood and I caught my first big bass. The fish weighed 5¼ lbs.. It was some job landing it while everyone in the boat was trying to knock it off my line. It was really a thrill and I'll have fishing fever for quite awhile.

Tom Hubbard and his wife celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on March 28 and Wayne and Kandis McKnight celebrated their first on July 11. Both couples agree married life is wonderful and we would like to congratulate them.

Gary Roberts and Danny McWilliams celebrated birthdays in March, Leroy Ray and Charles Mauk in April, Emmett Barrett in May, Larry Myers in June, and R. M. Harrison and I in July. We're not getting older though - we're getting better.

DISTRICT FOUR

By Helen Butler

There must be many graduates this summer, but all I have heard about is that Linda, wife of "Tex" Brown, District yard Station Attendant, graduated from LPN training at St. Edward Mercy Hospital in Ft. Smith on July 1. Linda says she could not have made it without the encouragement of her family - "Tex", David (8) and Tammy (13) who also did much of the housekeeping while her mother studied. Congratulations to Linda; her personality will cheer up any patient!

We are extremely honored and proud that one of our teenagers was selected to perform in the string section of the "American In Concert" project. Keith Sanders (16), a Junior in the Ft. Smith Southside High School, and son of our Asst. District Engineer, Carl and Duane Sanders, was the only Arkansas representative in the group of outstanding young musicians who were chosen to tour Europe during July. Keith's family is extremely proud of him, and anxiously awaiting his return. Some of the places he is visiting are: Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Austria, France and England. Before leaving the US, concerts were given at Carnegie Hall in New York and Independence Mall in Philadelphia.

Both Carl and Duane have also been busy. Daughters Kerry (14) and Connery (10) were entered in the State swim meet held in Ft. Smith at Creekmore swimming pool, and at which Carl was a timer and Duane a lane judge. Son Kelley (8) was busy being Kelley.

Another teenager of who we are proud is Randy Lister (15) who won two "First" blue ribbons at Carnall Riding Club to add to the other ribbons and trophies he has earned in the past two years. But Danny Lister, Sign Man, and Jean are proud not only of Randy but also of Kenny (12) active in their church choir. Kenny and his dad were part of the 1,000 voice chorus



Bobby Allen Lister

which sang on July 3 at the Life and Liberty Rally at Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium.

Dan Lister, Equipment Operator Sub. Co., has added to the family events with a blessed one - the birth on May 27 of Bobby Allen, weighing 8 lbs. 9 ozs. Congratulations to Kathy and Dan, and Grandma person, Jean, who is almost bursting with pleasure, as is Grandpa Danny.

Other delighted families are that of Ralph Fulton and wife, Kay, who presented their 2 year old daughter, Kim with a 7 lb. 9 oz. sister, Jennifer Leigh, born July 12.



Howard Ernest Rutledge

Another proud family, from West Fork Area, are Howard Rutledge and Carolyn. Little Howard Ernest, born July 7, is the new brother of Harold, 7, and Sherri, 4.

Van Vanarsdale, who has kept our grounds so beautifully trimmed and offices so clean, has had to leave us due to ill health. We wish him well.

The stockroom had an eventful few weeks. Charles Marr's little girl, who had a ruptured appendix, is doing fine now. Jim Adams was on vacation, enjoying a visit from his parents from California. Bill Hartman was on military leave. David Goodson came in as our new yardman. Welcome Dave.

Bill Sanders, Sebastian II Foreman, was on sick leave due to a leg injury in a motorcycle

accident. The cure was worse than the injury, as the medication caused an infection. To recover from that he took a vacation on the river bank. One morning at dawn he quietly decided to do some fishing. You guessed it! He slipped on some twigs and grass, and now his arm matches his leg! Fortunately, Bill's sense of humor is never damaged, and laughter is the best medicine.

Your reporter had a marvelous 2-week vacation with grandchildren Brigitte (13) and Steve (11) on a bus tour thru history. Seeing Mount Vernon, Washington D. C., New York, Plymouth and Plymouth Rock, Boston, Valley Forge (where the historic Wagon Train met July 4), the Gettysburg. It made our American Heritage seem more alive and real!



Roe Dewitt

Jerome Forst

Foreman Darrell Roper, of Logan Co., was busy awarding Roe Dewitt a pin and certificate for 20 years continuous service, and a 5 year pin to Jerome Forst, in ceremonies at Area Headquarters in Paris. Other service awards went to: L. B. Young, Logan Co., 5 years; H. E. Trotter, Crawford Co., 5 years; H. L. Henry, Polk Co., 10 years; R. L. Gortemiller, Polk Co., 10 years; and Tommy Riley, Dist. Shop.



Ralph Fulton, left, with W. H. Smither, right.

In Construction: J. N. Barker, Means resid. Waldron, 10 years; W. H. Smither, Fulton resid., Ft. Smith, 15 years.

A retirement coffee for Charlie Dalmut and celebration of Archie Lewis completion of 30 years service was held at Greenwood Area Hdqtrs. on June 11. Friends and other well-



Archie Lewis, 30 years; Bud Hodnett, Charles Dalmut, retired; and Ralph Goodson.

wishers were present as Charlie was presented with a rod and reel by members of his crew. Bud Hodnett, Maint. Supt., presented the awards.

Means' Residency

By the Staff

Hello again from Waldron! Congratulations go to Jim Barker who has been with the Department for 10 years. Jim is shown being presented with his pin & certificate by Charles Means, Resident Engineer.



Jim Barker, left receiving award from C. Means.

Welcome to David Brixey & Paul Frazier who are working in our office this summer. David is an Engineering Student at the U of A in Fayetteville and Paul is a Physics major at Hendrix College in Conway.

Since our last issue, birthdays have rolled around (again) for the following employees: Betty Millard, Ed Slaughterbeck, "Pete" Page, and Lyndell Lyda.

DISTRICT FIVE

By Marilyn Coffman

Employees receiving Service Awards since our last issue are: Charles R. Davis, Billy A. Bolding, Dennis R. Williams, Jessie A. Hubbard,

and B. F. McDoniel for 5 years; Gary K. Smith John A. Pendergrass, Alvin Justice, Bill Ray McCollum, J. R. Godwin, Alfred E. Crumley, Billy J. Robbins, and Charles R. Brokaw for 10 years; Billie D. Anderson and James Folk for 15 years; Wiley P. Felts, George H. Brewer, Billy J. Weaver, and Taylor H. Howard for 20 years.



Best wishes for a happy retirement are extended to Bill Spriggs, Equipment Opr., Cleburne Co. Crew, with 20 years service; and Hassell Glover, Equipment Opr., White Co. Crew, 27 years service. Both employees were honored with refreshments and a gift by their respective crews.



Hassell Glover receiving gift.

Several of our employees have acquired new son-in-laws. Mr. and Mrs. O. H. "Stan" Stanbrough, Jr., traveled to Little Rock to give away their daughter Vickie in marriage to Jerry Perry on Father's Day, June 20. The newly married couple are making their home in LR, where Vickie will be an elementary teacher this fall.

Congratulations to Julia Reding and Albert Wiltrout on their marriage. Vows were exchanged in a beautiful garden setting at the home of the bride's Aunt in Sulphur Rock on July 24. Julia is the daughter of M. J. "Mutt" Reding.

Miss Valerie Odom and Paul Brock were united in marriage May 29 in Bald Knob. Valerie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Odom (White Co. Area Foreman). The couple

will be at home in Tallahassee, Florida, where the groom is employed in the Criminal Division of the State Police and the bride with a real estate firm.



Luke Wright

We have two new Grandpa's. Luke Wright made his appearance on June 16 weighing 6 lbs. and 8 ozs. He is the son of Roger and Jo Wright, daughter and son-in-law of H. C. "Cliff" Martin, Asst. Dist. Engr. Grandpa brought us a picture to share.

Ronnie and Carlotta Brown are the proud parents of Gloria Suzanne, born July 28, weighing 7 lbs. 9 ozs. Carlotta is the daughter of G. Burge, Mechanic, in the District Shop.

Jennifer Jones, niece of Mary Lee McCown, and Alecia Morris, granddaughter of Winona Jones, tied for runners-up to Little Miss Batesville and participated as royalty in the White River Water Carnival. Both of the cuties are 4 years-old.



Ronald Satterwhite

Gene Steward, White Co. Foreman, took time off from his busy schedule to chaperon the Methodist Youth Group to Texas, visiting Six Flags and other points of interest along the way.

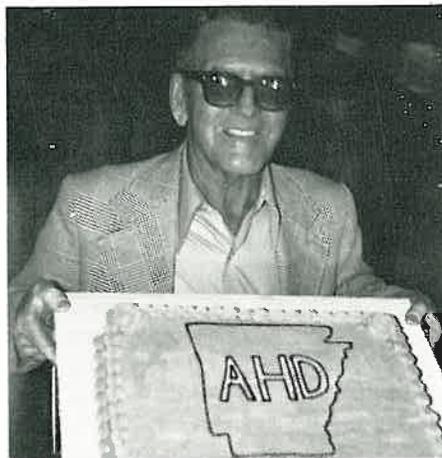
Congratulations to Ronald Satterwhite, Engineering Aide in the John Smith Residency. Ronald was the first place winner in the 1976 Ozark Mountain Music Makers String Band and Fiddler's contest. His winning numbers included "Daley's Red" and "Kiss Me Waltz."

We would like to wish the best of luck to Kathy Landers, who will be leaving the department this month to devote all her time to her young son Nelson.

DISTRICT SIX

By Olga M. Estell

A retirement party was given in honor of "Red" Merriman on March 27, at Murray Park in LR. Red retired after 24 years of faithful service with the Department. We all wish Red many, many happy years of retirement and hope he comes often to visit his many friends.



W. H. "Red" Merriman

MSG William Terry of the James House Residency enlisted his daughter Denise, (left) 17, and Rhonda Smith, 18, both seniors at LR's McClellan High School, in the U.S. Army Reserve. Both girls will leave September 5 for



16 weeks of basic and advance training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

A surprise party was held at the Office for Georgia Russenberger on May 21. Georgia and Sonny have been married 32 years and we sort of felt that a party was very much in order since Georgia has been with District Six for quite a while and it was a surprise! Can you imagine Laura, Teresa, and I keeping a secret from her? Laura did the honors with a home made cake, and decorated it very prettily while I did my usual thing and made the coffee. Many happy returns, Georgia! Of course, Sonny called and since it was his anniversary also, we sent him some cake.



Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Appleby

A retirement party for Glenn Appleby was held at the Office on June 25. Refreshments were served and a monetary gift was presented—after all, what do you give someone who has been with the Department as long as he has? We will all miss him and hope he comes back often to visit us. We will keep our antique lamp he made us in the office so Glenn can check on it from time to time.

District Six also had a fish fry for Glenn Appleby from his men. This took place on June 26 and because of rain threats, we moved it around until he got wind of the fish fry and knew more about it than some of us. We finally had to have it at Mr. Nute's Headquarters, but we had a real good turn out. Of course, some of us were a little late and had to get along, but there was plenty of food and it didn't slow us down a bit.

Another loss in the District Six office was Debra Simpson — we usually call her Debbie, but since she has departed, we now call her Debra. Debra was our payroll clerk and has transferred to Maintenance Division. We had a going away party for her on June 30. A very good time was had by all and there was plenty of chicken with all the trimmings. Debra was presented with a corsage and a gift from the gang. Come see us, Debra.



Debbie Simpson

Woody Jones will be leaving for California on his vacation soon, and if the truth was known, I'm sure he still thinks there is "gold in them there hills". Good luck to you Woody and don't forget your shovel.

Teresa is back after her bout with surgery again - this time on the other knee. Good thing she has run out of knees, we need her here at the office. We have gotten so used to her crutches, we should have them bronzed and hung.

Laura is very much excited about her trip that is coming up next week. She is off to Silver Dollar City and J. J. is all ready to go and can hardly wait for the day to arrive when they can be off.

My summer has been filled with ball games and swimming trips to Lake Norrell and the city pool. Nothing exciting yet, but come August 9, and J will be off on my vacation! I would like to just load up and take off to Where-ever.

School is right around the corner, so if you haven't been get with it!

George Ingle and family have gone to Los Angeles, California. Sure hope they have a good time. Jim Gee and family spent vacation on Lake Ouachita. I understand his son David is now skiing like a pro. Russell Owen will be on vacation August 9 on a trip to Lake Sylvia. Georgia will be on vacation the week of the 19th, headed up north. Then there is Jack. His new trailer will be here July 28, so he will take off to get it all set up and move in. I still think there is something he isn't telling us.

Laura is now our payroll clerk and our newest addition is Ann Patterson. Ann is our fuel clerk and the daughter of Shirley Childress from R of W Division. Happy to have Ann with us.

DISTRICT SEVEN

By Althea Campbell

We, in District Seven, are so very proud of our new sections of highway. Dedication cere-

monies were held June 4, the old bridges on Highway 79 north and two on Highway 7 to El Dorado are forgotten. The new bridges are beautiful and highways so convenient and easy-riding. Y'all come down for a visit, you'll love them too!

This is vacation time and some of the employees have been sharing their experiences with us. Nicole and L. D. Hopper (Equipment Superintendent) toured Missouri and Kansas where he purchased a 1936 Ford Pickup of which he is very excited. Marilyn and Colin Bridges (Permit Officer) toured 21 States, 6,268 miles. Colin now states he has viewed every state in the Union, plus Mexico and Canada. Dell and James Jones (Sign Supervisor) flew to vacationland - Hawaii, and enjoyed it very much. Mamie and Ralph Toward (Store-room Supervisor) enjoyed scenery as well as friends and relatives in Pennsylvania. John Harvey (Office Manager) shared with us interests in New Mexico. Vernell and Ben Loe vacationed with Frankie and Hurley Loe (both Loes are Auto/Diesel Mechanics) in Pennsylvania. John & Mildred Russ (Fuel Clerk) had a very enjoyable trip to Bozeman, Montana visiting with Mildred's cousin and family, seeing Yellow Stone National Park, Old Faithful among other places. John has recently received his license to preach. Doris and Arvis and Arvis Loe (Auto/Diesel Mechanic) went to Michigan; they also were delighted to have a visit from their son, Larry, recently who married while he was here and the couple have returned to Denver, Colorado where he is stationed with the Air Force.

Martha Capps, wife of Stephen Capps (Auto/Diesel Mechanic) has been chosen "Girl of the Year" by the Gamma Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, the highest honor that can be held by a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Robert Dickey, student at Henderson State University, is employed in the office of Bob Myers, Resident Engineer, for the summer months.

A. W. Hardy, Resident Engineer, at Camden is an avid Philatelist - he has a large and beautiful collection of postage stamps, some so rare as to be unbelievable.

The District Office and Shop held a fish fry on June 12, which was thoroughly enjoyed by employees and their families. Ralph Toward, Loy Cross and wives arranged the dinner, which was up to perfection!

Theresa Griffis, daughter of Frances and George Griffis (Job Superintendent) graduated from UALR and has accepted the Assistant Coach, which includes Graduate Scholarship for advanced education, at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro.

We enjoyed a visit from Brad White, nephew of Carolyn Milner (Bookkeeper) who lives in Dallas. Brad has visited the office several times

in his younger years and we were glad to again visit with this delightful young man.

Bob Myers (Resident Engineer at Camden) and Claude Parton (Asst. District Engineer) played in a 4-Ball Tournament at Fordyce May; they placed First in the 3rd Flight. They had a Ball!

Earlena Campbell (wife of our District Engineer) and Bertha Hardy (wife of Resident Engineer) have enrolled in Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia. Good luck!

I am so happy to have my daughter, Marcia, with husband, Gary Howard and two daughters moving to Monticello from Jacksonville, Ill. Gary is Pharmacist and Manager of the new 'Super D Drug Store' in Monticello.

Also, my son Robert Campbell, is new Asst. Basketball Coach and Asst. Athletic Dir. at Arkansas Tech University, Russellville. He has been a coach at Fairview in Camden, we will miss him, wife Joan and family but are proud of his promotion.



Ann and Bill Anderson (Carpenter) are pictured with their Great-Granddaughters - Melanie Shea and Melissa Courtney, 9 months old twin daughters of Randall and Shirley Williams of Vicksburg, Mississippi.



Erika Stroud

Erika Stroud, another granddaughter of Ann and Bill Anderson is 5½ years old. She is the daughter of Maureen and Aubry Gene Stroud of San Angelo, Texas.

Kimberly Lynn Howard, granddaughter of Elwood and Althea Campbell (Secretary) is the daughter of Marcia & Gary Howard. Kimberly's



Kimberly Lynn Howard

Grandmother & Grandfather Howard built, furnished and decorated the unusual doll house; this being the third for six-year old granddaughters. Dixie & Louis Howard of Camden have completed the house in detail as to curtains, bed linens with fitted sheets and bedspread, lamps, cooking utensils, food, stone fireplace, etc. all handmade. Kim is really enjoying this!



April Ann Westmoreland

April Ann Westmoreland, granddaughter of Maye and Jodie Waddle, Area Foreman in Lafayette County is 2½ years old. She is the daughter of Jim & Judy Westmoreland.

DISTRICT EIGHT

By Nancy Kennedy

Those receiving Service Awards in April were Jerry B. Williams, 5 years, Joe Smith, 10 years, Loyd Cochran, 20 years. Those receiving Service Awards in May were W. F. Hubbard, 10 years, George Palmer, 10 years, S. Y. Powers, 15 years, A. O. Hallum, 15 years, John Gruber, 15 years. Those receiving Service Awards in June were Jean Blalock, 10 years, R. C. McConnell, 15 years, Dickey Williamson, 10 years, C. L. Underwood, 10 years, B. S. Bond, 10 years. Those receiving Service Awards in July

were Billy R. McAlister, 20 years, and James G. Teal 5 years.



Ermon Hill

Ermon Hill retired April 23, after 15 years with the Highway Department. A party was held in his honor at the Perry County Headquarters.



Larry Moore's children

Larry Moore is the Timekeeper in Perry County. He is very proud of his children and sent this cute picture of Michael, who is 2 years old, and Michelle, who is 4 years old.

Miss Martha Ann Reed became the bride of Steven Ray Ellis in a candlelight ceremony May 29 at Grace Baptist Church in Russellville. Parents of the couple are Mr. & Mrs. James D. Reed of Russellville and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth R. Ellis of Dover. Kenneth is a mechanic in the District Shop.

Miss Belinda Gail Hamilton became the bride of Raymond Edward Nabholz on July 23, in the Second Baptist Church at Conway. Their parents are Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nabholz all of Conway. Dewey is the Area Foreman for Faulkner County.

Karen and Kenneth Buchanan are very proud of their new daughter. Jennifer Lynn was born June 30, and weighed 7 lbs. 9½ ozs. Kenneth works in the District Stockroom.

When the ground was broken for the Rogers Boy Scout Reservation near Booneville on



Jennifer Lynn Buchanan

April 10, Scout James Brown, Jr., of Troop 221 of Dardanelle was representative of all the scouts of the West-Ark. Area Council. James is the son of James Brown, Sr., of the Weights Division, and the grandson of Netha Brown, district bookkeeper. Heading the list of dignitaries & speakers were Gov. David Pryor, Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt, and Sen. Dale Bumpers.



James Brown, Jr., with David Pryor, Dale Bumpers and John Paul Hammerschmidt.

Tena Denise Davis and Michael Lynn Stahl were married June 26, at the First Freewill



Mr. & Mrs. Stahl

Baptist Church in Russellville. Parents of the couple are Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Davis of Russellville and Mrs. Frankie M. Stahl of Plainview. Mike joined the Highway Department June 21 as Parts Runner replacing Jimmy Moudy who transferred to the Pope County Crew.

Perry Glenn Rackley graduated from Russellville High School this spring with 24 credits. Perry was a member of the FFA for 3 years and achieved much recognition for his work. Perry is the son of Glenn Rackley, who works in the District Shops.

DISTRICT NINE

By Shirley Morton

Sam Smith, District 2 Engineer, was the guest speaker at the July 16 supervisor's meeting at the District 9 Headquarters. His presentation covered up-to-date retirement information which was very interesting and appreciated by the group. It is always a pleasure to visit with Sam and we will look forward to his next trip to District Nine.



V. O. Shelby, left with Jim McConnell, right.



Ellis Stewart



J. B. Parker



N. A. Breedlove



Jack Dickey

Service Awards were presented at the July supervisor's meeting to the following: Ellis Stewart - 25 years; Jim McConnell - 25 years; J. B. Parker - 15 years; N. A. Breedlove - 15 years; and Jack Dickey - 10 years.

DISTRICT TEN

By Isabelle Psalmonds

Alfred White who was in charge of the District Service Station resigned on April 30, after more than twenty years of service with



Mr. & Mrs. Alfred White

the AHD. The District employees gave Alfred "Smitty" a watch. We had cake and coffee and Mr. Pumphrey presented the watch to Smitty. Mrs. White was here too. She has through the years baked cakes and goodies and sent them out for our coffee breaks. Would you believe she had continued to do this even after Alfred's retirement, and they come out and join us. Our thanks to the Whites and we hope for them a long retirement.



Bob Pillow, left, with Darrell Holder



Finis Brewer, left with Darrell Holder

Some of those who have received pins and certificates recently are Bob Pillow, Mechanic, 30 years; Finis Brewer, Low Boy Driver, 20 years; J. H. Burton, Truck Driver, 20 years; Leroy Swindle, Part Runner, 20 years. Others

in other areas have received certificates and we will be hearing from them later.



J. H. Burton, left with Charles Hesselbein



Leroy Swindle, left, with Norman Pumphrey

Jason Hyde, son of Gary and Leslie Hyde, made his appearance on October 7. He was born at Blytheville and weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 ozs. You can see by the picture he weighs more than that now and isn't he cute. Gary is Engr. Aide I at Osceola Residency.



Jason Hyde

July 5, was the scene of many a picnic. One of the big ones in this area was the one at Portia. And Bob Kelley, Station Attendant at the Walnut Ridge Area Headquarters, was especially proud when his daughter, Carol Ann, took second place in the Baby Show. There were 43 entries in the contest.



Carol Ann (middle)

Here is a picture of Rex Hall's newest grandson, Hancel Hall, son of Terry Hall. Hancel was born on May 23. Rex is Bridge Foreman. He has so many beautiful grandchildren now that it looks like he would be getting used to it. But somehow he gets excited about everyone of them.



Hancel Hall

Congratulations are in order for B. B. "Sonny" Lofland and D. C. "Danny" Stafford. They both recently passed the Professional Engineer's Examination. We are happy for them, and are glad to see the worried looks on their faces replaced by smiles.

The Osceola Residency, Jim Garrett, Res. Enr., sends this news:

Vacation time is here along with payments to the bank for the bank, etc. for the vacations. James Gibson, Engr. Aide IV, and family toured Tennessee, Kentucky, and Shiloh Military Park (Pittsburgh Landing to you Yankees). Jim Garrett and family spent several days in Nashville enjoying the many sights, and Jerry Wright,

Engr. Aide IV, and family have toured Northwest Arkansas and Southern Missouri with stops at Eureka Springs and Silver Dollar City. All have reported back to work tired and short of cash.

We want to welcome Corkey McArthur as the field clerk in the Osceola Residency. She replaced Jenny Saliba who was married recently to Tony Maynard also of the Osceola Residency.

We also want to welcome Bob Harris back with us, after 2 years away at college.



Mr. & Mrs. Tony Maynard

In a ceremony at First Presbyterian Church in Osceola on June 26, Miss Jennifer Marie Saliba became the bride of Tony Wayne Maynard. The bride was escorted by her father. Following a trip to Mountain Home and Eureka Springs, the couple is residing in Blytheville.

Jenny is former field clerk in the Osceola residency and Tony is Engr. Aide I in the residency.

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Francis J. Drake, District 2
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 Matthew W. Skelton, Central Warehouse
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 Wiley P. Felts, District 5
 Melton R. Beavers, Henderson Ferry
 Imon A. Harris, District 3
 Paul S. Watts, District 1
 John F. Smith, District 7
 William N. Spriggs, District 5
 Clifton H. Almond, District 3
 Clyde O. Jones, District 1
 Robert L. Goforth, District 5
 Sherrell J. Turner, District 3
 William E. Hayes, Right of Way
 Amos L. Hall, District 1
 Roy S. Jackson, District 6
 Charles Dalmut, District 4
 Lucion G. Appleby, District 6
 Josh P. Suitt, Construction

Last night while I lay sleeping,
 I died — or so it seems.
 Then, I went to Heaven
 But 'twas only in my dreams.

But it seems St. Peter met me
 There at the Pearly Gate.
 He said, "I must check your record,
 So stand right here and wait."

He returned and said, "Your record
 Is clouded up with flaws.
 But on earth, I see, you labored
 For a very worthy cause.

You fought snow and ice in the winter
 Made calls in the heat of the day
 Made Maintenance a plenty
 Then sweated it out for your pay.

I see where you drank whiskey,
 and used tobacco, too.
 Fact is, you've done 'bout everything,
 That a good man shouldn't do.

We can't have men like you up here.
 Your life was full of sin."
 Then he read the last of my record,
 Grasped my hand and said, "Come in."

He took me up to the Big Boss.
 Said, "Take him in and treat him well.
 He worked for the Highway Department Sir —
 He's had his share of hell —

SPORTS

The Arkansas Asphalt Pavement Association (AAPA) softball team concluded another successful year. The Arkansas Highway Department employees won 1st place for the 2nd straight year at Kanis Park Industrial League with a record of 19-1.

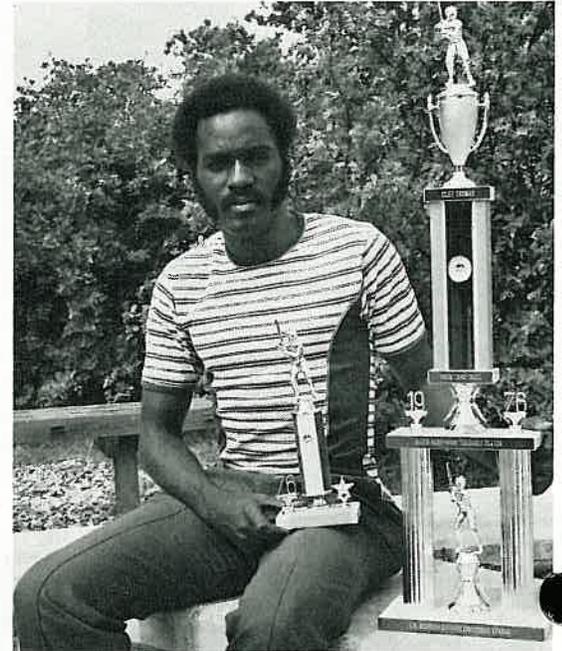
The team finished second in the Industrial Division of Little Rock. Third place finish for the team in the Police Department Tournament.

AAPA had an opportunity to play in two major tournaments. Finishing 4th place in the State and were invited to play in the Regional Tournament.

Clif Thomas of Roadway Design was selected "Most Valuable Player" for the Kanis Park League. Along with Clif other team members selected to the All-Star team were Jake Clements, (coach), Roy Walden, and Henry Droughter.



Coach Jake Clements



Clif Thomas



Back Row: (Left to Right) W. Holt, T. Watts, T. Nanney, Jake Clements; Middle Row: F. Vozel, L. Newman, J. Stevenson, P. Edwards, J. Qualls, M. Butler, C. Venable; Front Row: C. Thomas, R. Walden, J. Rogers, C. Lindstrom, H. Droughter, J. Westerman, D. Moore; Not Present: J. Wilson, G. Bullock and Steve Wilson.





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