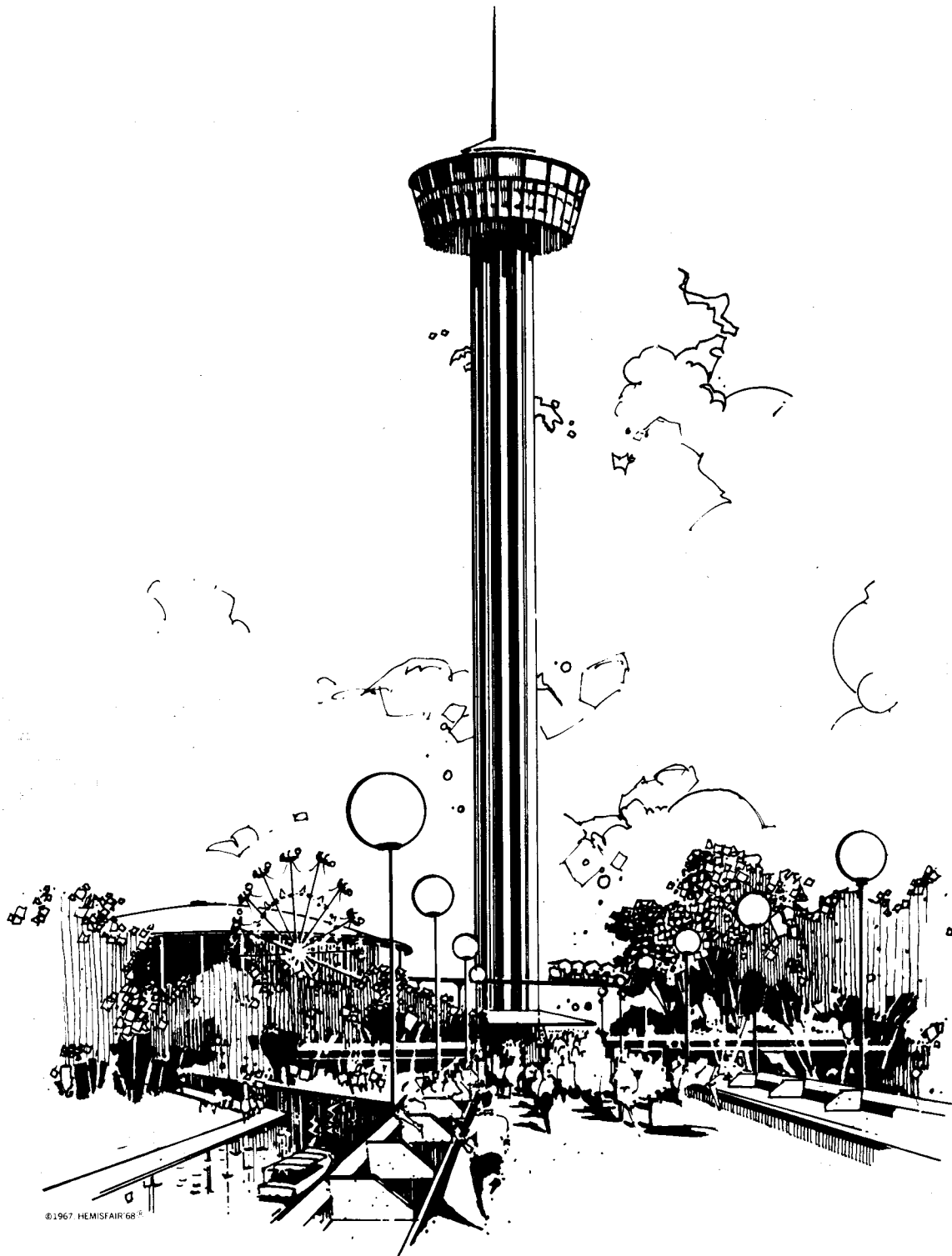


HIGHWAY NEWS

For Texas Highway Department Employees - - Austin, Texas



To HemisFair

TPEA Now Offering Discount on Tickets

Texas Public Employees Association is offering members a discount on HemisFair tickets. Those wishing to take advantage of this advance ticket sale should mail checks or money orders to TPEA HemisFair Ticket Fund, Box 567, Austin, Texas 78767, by March 22.

Although the discount is available to TPEA members only, other state employees may buy advance tickets by joining TPEA. Discounts are sizeable. For instance, until March 22 TPEA members may purchase a bonus book normally selling for \$15.85 for only \$9.

The TPEA advance ticket sale has won praise from Governor John Connally, who wrote W. P. Watts, executive director, TPEA. Connally said, in part, "TPEA is again demonstrating its support for better understanding of our government and culture through the sponsorship of these advance ticket sales. The first World's Fair to be held in the southern half of the western hemisphere will attract over seven million visitors to our state. Exhibits will tell the historical development not only of our state and nation, but of nations from every continent. Fun has not been forgotten in this international exposition, and there will be something for everyone to enjoy."

For more details on the bonus-book discounts, see your TPEA representative or floor captain.

Of Chapter 1

Sandberg President

Harry Sandberg (Materials and Tests Division) was installed as president of Chapter 1, Texas Public Employees Association, on January 25.

Installed along with Sandberg were Max Farris (Right of Way), first vice president; R. S. Williamson Jr. (Highway Design), second vice president; Marie Conrey (Motor Vehicle), secretary; Jack Jordan Jr. (Right of Way), treasurer; and Tommy Kouri (Motor Vehicle), assistant treasurer.

Roy Rodman (Maintenance Operations Division), Kathryn Butler (Planning Survey), and Norvell Goodwin (Highway Design), are new directors.

R. S. Williamson is membership committee chairman; K. K. Moore (Materials and Tests Division), public relations committee chairman; and Max Farris, chapter activities committee chairman.



H. C. VEAZEY . . .
. . . retires



CARL V. RAMERT . . .
. . . new DE

Of District 13

Veazey Retires: Ramert New DE

Carl V. Ramert, an employee of the Texas Highway Department since 1948, was named district engineer at Yoakum. The appointment was announced by State Highway Engineer J. C. Dingwall.

Ramert succeeds Henry C. Veazey, who retired after heading District 13 at Yoakum since March, 1964. The appointment was effective March 1.

Ramert has been assistant district engineer at Yoakum since June of 1964.

His entire career with the Department has been with the county residency and the district office in Yoakum.

Ramert and his wife, Julia, are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Yoakum. They have three children, Martha Ann, Carl Wayne and David.

Veazey was born in Bell County in 1903. He received a BS degree in civil engineering from The University of Texas in 1926, and was employed by the Highway Department as an instrumentman in the Grimes County residency in the same year.

He worked in field and office engineering positions in Galveston, Uvalde and Val Verde Counties from 1927 to 1934. He left the Department briefly for private engineering employment and returned as district office engineer at Yoakum in 1936.



HATS OFF . . . to another long-time employee, John Mares, Equipment and Procurement Division. The Stetson was a present from D-4, who honored Mares with a luncheon February 29 at the Terrace for his retirement. Mares had worked for the THD for 39 years.

DE Loses Two Sons In Glider Accident

Edward Lee Lytton and James Patrick Lytton, sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Lytton of San Antonio, were killed in a glider plane accident in California February 25.

Witnesses told sheriff's deputies that the glider was flying at 3,000 feet when its wing snapped and the glider crashed.

Lee was employed at Edwards Air Force Base in California; James was a recent law graduate of St. Mary's University.

R. O. Lytton is district engineer at San Antonio.

Of T. S. Huff

Road Building Era Ends with Retirement

The packed auditorium was hushed as T. S. Huff spoke of his successor, Bob Lewis, and said, "He'll make a good leader. I hope you give him the same backing you gave me."

Although speaking before scores of retired employees, friends from other divisions, engineers from the districts, and others attending a coffee honoring the close of his 30-year Departmental career, Huff's words were aimed primarily at those in Highway Design. The Division hosted the retirement gala, which was held on January 26 in the Big Hearing Room.

Although Huff's retirement was official February 29, he vacated his post early for a well-earned vacation. Lewis, research engineer, served as acting chief engineer of Highway Design during February, becoming chief engineer March 1.

Ed Carl, master of ceremonies at the coffee, told the crowd, "We are here to wish Mr. Huff well and to tell him how much being with him has meant to all of us." Carl also spoke of the "spontaneous response of all D-8 employees joining in the tribute" to their boss.

Carl, Burette Balfour, and others, had their turn at bat for their boss, an avid baseball fan, extolling Division sentiments on his dedicated service to the Department. Various employees also made presentations. Huff had a bonanza day. He received a 33mm Miranda camera, a leather case for camera extras, a reversible T-shirt, an attache case, a card signed by all D-8 employees, and a nameplate.

Huff also received a remembrance, a leather brief case for his "secret stuff," from a close friend, Tom Collier. After publicly thanking Collier, Huff

said, "I hate to admit it, but I learned nearly everything I know from Tom Collier. He was my boss for many years. In spite of that we have remained steadfast friends."

While the venerable engineer opened one package, his wife—both his wife and daughter Millicent were given red corsages—stood up and said, "The thing that has meant so much to us has been the wonderful sense of community we've had with D-8 and the Highway Department."

Huff's retirement was short-lived. On March 1 he became consulting research engineer for Texas Transportation Institute, Texas A&M. The Huff's will continue to live in Austin, for he is also teaching a graduate course in advanced highway engineering at The University of Texas. The silver-haired engineer wouldn't say whether his new nameplate would enhance his office at TTI or UT.

Huff's 46-year old successor, Bob Lewis, worked for the Highway Department. (See Huff, page 6)



EMPLOYEES past and present gathered on January 26 in the Big Hearing Room to honor Highway Design head T. S. Huff and his wife. Huff's 30-year career spanned a crucial road-building era.

In Memoriam

SID S. TOWNSLEY

Materials and Tests Division

March 7, 1968

First DE Dies

William F. Hutson, the first division (district) engineer for the San Antonio district, died in Austin February 22 at the age of 93.

Hutson, a graduate of Texas A&M, served as district engineer in Waco, Tyler, Dallas, and San Antonio, and later, as resident engineer. He retired in 1947 with 26 years of Departmental service.

Lewis Appoints John Nixon Head of Research Section

A lively young man with a hatful of honors and elected offices to his credit, John Nixon, is taking Bob Lewis' place as research engineer.

Nixon has been with Highway Design Division since 1954. Since 1960 he has served as field engineer, working in liaison between Highway Design and the districts in East and West Texas. Before transferring to Highway Design Division, Nixon worked in the Wichita Falls and Childress districts.

He received a civil engineering degree from Texas Tech in 1950. He and his wife have three children. In announcing the appointment, Highway Design head Bob Lewis said, "I am sure Mr. Nixon will provide excellent leadership and balance to our research program."



T. S. HUFF and his successor, Bob Lewis. Lewis, research engineer until his promotion, has been with the Department for almost 22 years.



THE veteran highway leader received numerous gifts from Highway Design Division, which were presented by various employees. Mrs. Huff watches Master of Ceremonies Ed Carl make the first presentation, followed by . . .



. . . Geraldine Bair,



TEXAS Highway Design Division employees and their wives honored the Huffs with an open house February 11 at the Ex-Students Association Building. From left, front row, are Mrs. Huff, Maurine Kennedy, Peggy Tutt, Margaret Frey, Ann Teinert, Millicent Huff, Kay Wilson, Mercy Carl, Marie Peck, Nancy Mueller, Billie Nixon, and Vonnice Lewis. On the second row are, from left, Mr. Huff, Ed Carl, Paul Tutt, Frank Frey, Temple Kennedy, Bubba Williamson, John Nixon, Bob Lewis, Willard Teinert, and Leo Mueller. The twelfth host couple were the Burette Balfours.



FORMER Planning Survey Engineer George Billy Rogers watches. After retiring, C an engineering consultant, but is now liv

Photographs by Herman Kelly



. . . Willie Lindsey,



. . . and Janet Owen.



A reversible T-shirt—maroon and white on one side and orange and white on the other—makes a big hit with Huff, who now works for both Texas A&M's TTI and The University of Texas.

AND the gang's all here. Recognize anyone?



Carver signs Kay Shelton's guest book as Carver spent a year in South America as Carver spent a year in Austin.





DISTRICT Engineers R. W. Crook (Fort Worth), left, foreground, and J. C. Roberts (Abilene) wait their turn at the guest book as Secondary Roads Division Engineer H. L. Arno adds his signature. Another DE, H. C. Veazey of Yoakum, shakes hands with two retired highway employees, Tom Collier and Willie Duval, (right).

HUFF . . .

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ment as a draftsman while attending The University of Texas. After receiving his engineering degree in 1952, Lewis became a full-time employee, serving in various field capacities before transferring to Highway Design in 1960. In 1965 he was named research engineer.

Lewis, incidentally, is moving to the top post from the same office Huff moved from 14 years ago.

"I spent half a lifetime on the seventh floor," recalls Huff, "and loved every minute of it."



THE WINNER. Charles Wood, right, accepts a certificate and medal for outstanding service and special achievement from Kenneth Sandberg, supervisor of D-9's structural section which had its quarterly area supervisor's meeting recently. Wood is area supervisor of the Dallas field office.

Up, Up, and Away

(The following commercial has been paid for at our regular rates by Joe Canfield, Materials and Tests Division.)

Do you have a suppressed desire to learn to fly?

If so, the Travis Aero Club invites you to join them in this popular world-wide sport.

The club, open to all public employees,

was formed in 1965 by a small group of flying enthusiasts. By pooling purchasing power, they lease aircraft at reasonable rates. Ground school instruction, qualified flight instructors, and aircraft are available through the club.

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PASSING out pamphlets and litter bags at the 16th annual PECU meeting December 31 in the City Coliseum were, from left, Credit Union staffers Brenda Kirchofer, Marie Roessing, and Margie Oakley, Judi Frasier, Ruth Schneider, Margaret Gier.



THANKS to all the rain, a better-than-average crop of spring flowers will soon transform Texas' roadsides into a panorama of color. The best drives should be around Goliad, La Grange, Hallettsville, Schulenburg, Yaakum, and Victoria, advises landscape head Roy Rodman. Rodman says a few wildflowers are already blooming south of Austin. Moreover, the bluebonnet brigade begins in two or three weeks. This picture was taken 10 miles north of La Grange on State Highway 237.



ALTHOUGH spring is nigh, the memory of the winter is still fresh as the snow in this picture, especially with uninvited northers as reminders. This picture was taken several months ago near the airport in El Paso—that's the Franklin Mountains in the background—by Tom Johnson of Automation Division while he, Burt Lundell, and Kenneth Jackson were snowed in. The trio were in West Texas on an aerial mapping assignment.

— Around the Buildings —

ACCOUNTING

Philip A. Fredericks and Michael J. Hodges are new employees.

Michael N. Borden transferred from District 4.

Pat Boswell has resigned and is working for the Welfare Department.

AUTOMATION

New employees: James Norton, John Smallwood, Fred Herber.

Joe Vaughan moved to Dallas where he is working for the Dallas Morning News.

Jennifer Smith's grandfather passed away recently, and Arabella Coleman lost her father.

Margaret Walter attended the opera in San Antonio recently.

Walter Arman vacationed in Houston and Louisiana.

Betty Duke has resigned.

Lindsey Hobbs' grandfather, Walter Lindsey, passed away. Lindsey's brother and his wife, stationed in Mississippi, stayed with the Hobbs for several days.

BRIDGE

Janice Klement became the bride of Charles McCourt on February 9. They honeymooned in New Orleans.

Ken Rigsbee has been dismissed from the hospital after a rough bout with a bleeding ulcer and a subsequent operation.

CONSTRUCTION

Dick Harris' mother passed away recently, as did Carol McCoy's grandmother and Charles Teich's grandmother.

Ted Ziller, Steve Salek, and Bob Keyser attended a seminar held in Dallas recently by the American Concrete Paving Association, highway contractors, and highway engineers.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

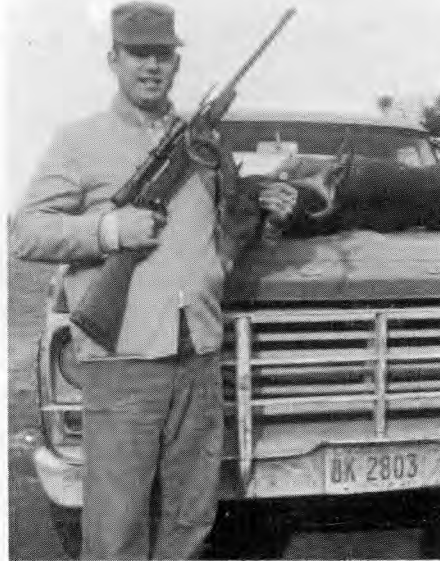
John Nations has become a grandfather. His son, Wally, and daughter-in-law Josie, have adopted a baby, Laura, who was born February 22.

Ann Sewell and V. T. Haggard are new employees.

Bo Eilers has resigned.

HIGHWAY DESIGN

Former employee Mattie Jank has been ill for several weeks.



IF deer season is over, can spring be far behind? We hope not. This is Tommy Kidd, Maintenance Operations Division, with his 13-point buck.

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

Ralph Banks became a professional engineer recently.

The Highway Department is upgrading its forces by hiring another davyankee, Carol Steele from Illinois. She replaces Beverly Allen, who has returned to Southwest Texas State College.

Other departing employees are Delbert Phillips, now an insurance man; and Ramona Nickel, who has gone to Dallas.

Pat Kleinert has returned to work, and Margaret "Peggy" Jordan and Vickie Davis are new employees.

Ken Collinsworth spent a week in Baton Rouge with his brother, who was injured in an automobile accident.

Don McGown's father passed away.

Margie Carlson is at home recuperating from surgery.

Benefits do come to people who do not observe the leash law. Brenda Kirk now has a new coon dog to match an older dog she had.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Sid Townsley retired on February 19, receiving mementos and best wishes from lab co-workers and business acquaintances. A week later, he suffered a stroke. He passed away on March 7. Townsley had been with the Highway Department for 37 years. He and his wife were married for 48 years!

Stella Rider's son, Seaman James Rider, is en route to San Diego, California where he is serving on the USS Bauer after a two-week visit here.

Upon completion of a six-month temporary assignment after retirement, Willard Moore has returned to his life of leisure.

Rai Genne Evans and Rosalie Stauffer are new employees.

Nancy Cole and James B. Giles have resigned.

Betsy Marler had a ball, literally, at Mardi Gras. She went to the King Rex Ball ("in a slinky black outfit"), saw parade after parade, and just had "a terrific time."

MOTOR VEHICLE

Former employee Barbara Thompson is proud of her baby, Jody Lawanda, who was born recently.

Clarence Morrow's son, Danny, left on March 4 for six-months basic training in North Carolina and Maryland with the National Guard.

Bess Brown's husband, Joe, underwent surgery this month, but is reportedly doing fine.

Muriel Duckett visited her son in Houston.

PLANNING SURVEY

Retirement must be wonderful. Doris Church and Robbie Robinson came by to say hello to their many friends.

Max Barton's son, Charles, has returned from Viet Nam and is being sent to Germany.

Fred Peisker attended the American Congress of Mapping and Surveying in Washington, D.C. His wife, Maurine, accompanied him and enjoyed a week's vacation.

Tony Pulliam has returned to Road Inventory after a year's absence in other employment.

Phil Thomas' father passed away.

Maria Townsend is a new employee in Tom Cartier's office.

Kathie Otahal has resigned and moved to Dallas.

Fred Krugman served as a witness in the bank-burglary and jewelry theft case in the Del Rio courts. Although not at liberty to talk about the case until after the trial is over, Krugman said his "involvement is very minor."

RIGHT OF WAY

Betty Franklin and Patsy Harrell have been ill.

Patricia Harris and Robert Knight tied the knot February 17.

Former employee Patsy McCray announced the arrival of Robert Lee Jr. (Nine pounds, five ounces!) on February 25.

Louella Vanderveer's sister passed away.

Linda Koenning spent a weekend in Lawton, Oklahoma.

TRAVEL AND INFORMATION

Pat Nevins resigned and is working in San Antonio.