

The 1986 Lady Bird Johnson Award Finalists

Six finalists have been chosen for the 1986 Lady Bird Johnson Award for highway beautification.

Each year, the former first lady presents a plaque and \$1,000 in cash to the maintenance supervisor judged to have done the best job of beautifying the roadsides under his care.

This year's finalists are Billy Rushing, Canton, of the Tyler district; Donald W. Wilson, in charge of highway maintenance in northwest Harris County in the Houston district; Donnell Gowens of Floydada in the Lubbock district; Bobby J. Erwin, Brazos County supervisor for the Bryan district; Wallace B. Daily of Woodville in the Beaumont district, and Jack Blossman, in charge of highway maintenance in San Saba County for the Brownwood district.

Also from these six, a runner-up will be chosen. He will receive a certificate and a \$500 cash award. The finalists and their wives will be Mrs. Johnson's guests at ceremonies and a luncheon at the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park at Stonewall on October 8.

Supervising Landscape Architect Craig Steffens, who coordinates the program for the department, also announced finalists in a district competition also started by Mrs. Johnson.

The prize is awarded to the district judged to have done the best job of enhancing the natural beauty along its highways. The finalists in that competition are District 21, headquartered at Pharr; District 13, Yoakum; District 16, Corpus Christi; District 20, Beaumont and District 23, Brownwood.

Another regular award to be presented at the ceremonies in October is one for preserving and propagating colorful fall foliage. ★

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At the end of this month, I will be retiring after almost 40 years with the department. Reaching this crossroads causes me to reflect on many things which have occurred during this time.

One of the real pleasures of this job has been my associations with many, many employees of this department, and that includes both professional and personal relationships.

And it pleases me to remember many people who have contributed to the department and to the team effort which has allowed us to achieve so many goals.

During these almost four decades, there have been times of uncertainty about the future. All in all, however, it was never too difficult for me to maintain a positive, optimistic point of view, because together we always found that we have been able to accomplish our goals.

We have made great progress. Some of the things I am most proud of are:

- The increase state and federal funding which has made it possible for the first time to set realistic, long-term goals for the transportation infrastructure in Texas.

- The development of employee training programs within the department.

- A positive recruiting program that enables us to hire the highest quality



employees.

- The development and application of automated techniques which has brought our department to national, and sometimes worldwide, prominence.

- Rehabilitation and preservation of the existing highway system. This program is well under way and we are beginning to address in a positive manner the major congestion problems in the big cities.

- Coincidentally, my career as an

engineer parallels the development of the Interstate Highway system, from its early days to its current state of near-completion. I am proud to have shared in this outstanding national accomplishment.

I believe all these achievements were made possible by total cooperation and a can-do spirit of teamwork among ourselves and with other entities. That is the only way any of this could be accomplished.

Incidentally, I am pleased to be able to leave the department in such a positive position. We have a huge program of work under way—the development and revitalization of a highway system which will support and sustain our state as it seeks out and develops new economic directions.

The department's program is far from complete. In reality, it never will be complete because our work is a continuous effort to meet ever-changing conditions. I encourage all employees to also look beyond current conditions. In the long run, the future is filled with opportunities. Of course, there will always be problems but I am confident that the people of this department will solve them, always in keeping with their own high standards of work and service.

Mark Goode

Dian Neill to become MVD chief

Dian Neill has been named the new director of the Division of Motor Vehicles. Neill, who began her career with the highway department 19 years ago as a file clerk, is the first woman to assume the title of division head in the 69-year history of the agency. She will assume the position on October 1.

As director of the division, Neill will supervise the 17 regional offices throughout the state and more than 480 employees. The division maintains records the 14 million vehicles registered in Texas and issues four million titles each year.

Neill is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy



Dian Neill... designated D-12 chief.

in Austin and is completing a degree in Public Administration at St. Edward's University. She is a member of the Texas Reciprocity Committee and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. She also serves as the highway department's liaison to the Governor's Commission for Women.

Neill replaces Bob Townsley, who is retiring



Bob Townsley... closes out long departmental career.

after 45 years with the highway department. Townsley implemented the automation of motor vehicle registration in the state. He coordinated several other changes in vehicle registration in Texas, including staggered registration, multi-year license plates and

automated license renewal notices.

He joined the department in 1941 after attending North Texas Agricultural College, then a part of the Texas A&M System. When he left for World War II Air Force service in North Africa and Italy, he was a certificate of title examiner.

Returning to the department in 1945, he served in various supervisory capacities, including chief of registration. He became director of the division in 1960.

Townsley has served as regional president of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) and was Texas' representative on an ad hoc panel advising the federal government on highway safety standards.

He received the AAMVA "Distinguished Service Award" twice in his career, the first person in the history of the organization to receive two awards, and was elected international president of the AAMVA in 1977. In 1984, he received the distinguished service award of the Texas Motor Transportation Association. ★ Marcy Goodfleish

Goode retirement dinner set Aug. 29

A retirement dinner for Engineer-Director Mark Goode has been scheduled for August 29 at La Mansion Hotel in Austin. All department people throughout the state are invited.

Don Clark, director of the information services section, is in charge of arrangements.

Tickets for the dinner are \$27 each. Checks should be made payable to "Special Dinners '86" and sent to Clark, in care of the SDHPT, Travel & Information Division, 11th and Brazos Sts., Austin, TX 78701-2483. ★



Milton Dietert... Taking over in District 12.

Omer Poorman retires; Dietert new Houston DE

Omer F. Poorman, district engineer in Houston, will retire August 31. Engineer-Director Mark Goode has appointed Milton M. Dietert of Austin to succeed Poorman.

Poorman is a native of Katy. He graduated from the University of Houston in 1948 and started with the department as a draftsman in the Fort Bend County residency. Other assignments took him to Angleton and Bay City before he came to the district office in 1963 as administrative engineer.

He was appointed district engineer in 1973. Since then, more than \$20 billion worth of

highway improvements have been made in the six counties—Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery and Waller—in the district. Also, a new bridge across the Houston Ship channel has been designed. When constructed it will be the largest of its kind and probably the largest contract ever let by the department.

Omer and his wife, Betty, have a son, Wayne, and one grandchild.

Dietert, 46, is a native of Comfort and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He started with the department in 1958 as a summer employee and, after graduation, joined the department permanently in the Kendall County residency.

He also worked in Kerr County, in the South Bexar County residency and the San Antonio district traffic section. In 1984, he was named the department's Chief Engineer of Safety and Maintenance Operations.

He served for two years as chairman of Professional Engineers in Government in Bexar County. He and his wife, Diane, are members of the Presbyterian Church. ★

Bohuslav to succeed Watson in San Angelo



Benjamin W. Bohuslav... Moving from Yoakum to San Angelo.

Durwood R. (Doc) Watson, district engineer in San Angelo, will retire at the end of August. His successor will be Benjamin W. Bohuslav, now district maintenance engineer in Yoakum, Engineer-Director Mark Goode announced.

Watson has directed the activities of the department's largest district in land area since 1973. A native of Lampasas County and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, he joined the department in June 1950 as an instrumentman in Clarksville.

He later worked in the Sherman and Mount Vernon residencies before becoming district

construction engineer and district planning engineer in Paris.

He and his wife, Kitty, have two daughters, Kay Bernethy and LeAnn Renfrow, and four grandchildren.

Bohuslav was born at Moulton, Lavaca County. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1958 and completed three years in the Air Force before joining the department in the Yoakum district's design section. Later he served as district traffic engineer and, in 1981, was appointed district maintenance engineer. In 1981, he received the Gibb Gilchrist Award for significant engineering achievement.

Bohuslav has been active in the Kiwanis Club at Yoakum and served eight years on the Yoakum city council. He and his wife, Lou, are members of the Catholic Church. Ben has three children, Steven, Sarah and the late Wanda Hermansen.

The San Angelo district includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Kinney, Menard, Reagan, Real, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, and Val Verde Counties. ★

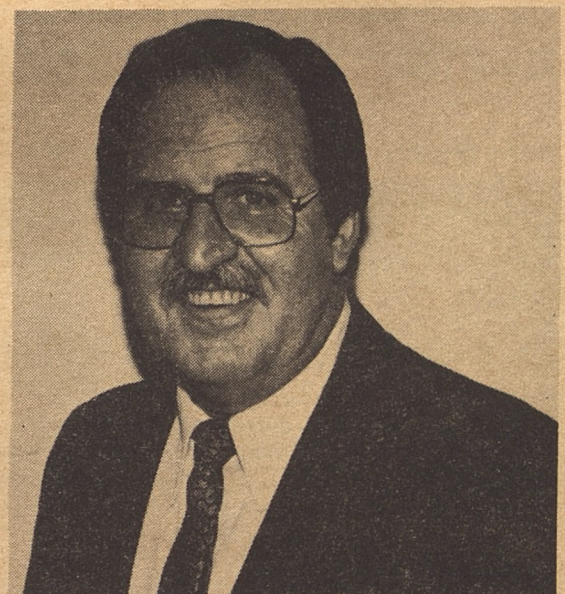


Omer Poorman... Directed a \$2 billion program in Houston.

New at D-10 and District 9



Al Luedecke... new State Planning Engineer.



Kirby Pickett... to become DE in Waco September 1.

(Pictures were not available of Luedecke and Pickett for the July issue).



Doc Watson... Closing out departmental career.

TexaSaver Plan II, new retirement plan, explained

The State of Texas is one of the first in the nation to offer its employees a new optional retirement program called 401(k). The supplemental plan—to be called TexaSaver Plan II—is an excellent benefit for public employees.

TexaSaver Plan's key features:

- Lets you shelter up to 10 percent of your current income from taxes.
- Provides a choice of three investment funds to help your savings grow.
- Investment fund earnings grow tax-free.
- You can withdraw funds under certain circumstances.
- You can borrow from your own account (after 1988).

Because the State Comptroller's office is the administrator of deferred compensation plans, it was the first state agency to participate in TexaSaver Plan II. The comp-

troller's office tested the program to make sure it ran smoothly before offering it to other agencies whose payroll systems can accommodate pre-tax salary deferrals. All full-time and part-time permanent employees are eligible to participate in TexaSaver Plan II.

TexaSaver Plan II is similar to the Deferred Compensation Plan I we now have, but there are some additional benefits. One is 10-year forward averaging—a special tax treatment for money withdrawn from the plan. Withdrawals must meet strict requirements. They are taxed as ordinary income.

But 10-year forward averaging allows you to spread out the lump-sum amount as though it had been received over 10 years. Another advantage is that money can be taken from TexaSaver Plan II and deposited into an Individual Retirement Account to further defer taxation.

If no other funds are available, money can be withdrawn from TexaSaver to buy a primary home, finance a college education or handle a major uninsured medical expense.

Employees can keep their Deferred Compensation Plan I and any IRA's they now have, and still take advantage of TexaSaver. But—they cannot transfer the balance of their Deferred Compensation Plan I into TexaSaver.

TexaSaver investment options include a Guaranteed Investment Contract Fund (GIC); a Money Market Fund; and a conservatively managed Stock Fund. All should offer high yields plus tax deferral.

To enroll in TexaSaver Plan II, you agree to save at least 1 percent but not more than 10% of your paycheck each month. Then you decide where your savings should be invested in 10% amounts. For example, you could put 40% in the Income Fund, 20 percent in the Money Market Fund, and 40 percent in the Stock Fund.

Once you get started saving, you will receive quarterly statements showing the amounts contributed, where your money is invested, and any earnings your investments have made.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions about TexaSaver Plan II and get additional information during meetings to be scheduled. ★

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If you would like a personalized statement showing how saving in a TexaSaver Plan II would affect your take-home pay, complete this form and forward it to Human Resources Division (D-13) before August 18.

New engineer group formed in Lufkin

After being approached this spring by several members of the American Society of Civil Engineers about creating a local chapter, J.L. Beard, Lufkin district engineer, organized and guided twenty civil engineers in the formation of the Deep East Texas Branch of the Texas Section of ASCE.

The first meeting, after being recognized by the Texas Section, was held May 8, 1986 in Lufkin with Frank Howard of D-19's photogrammetry section as the speaker.

Howard discussed the advanced automation technologies used by the department in preparing plans, including satellite surveying, photogrammetry and interactive graphics.

His presentation illustrated that the department is a leader in the development and implementation of automation. ★

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Making time is hobby of employee

Many people never seem to have enough time to spend on a hobby, but that's certainly not true about Wesley Henry. In fact, this 33-year veteran of the Department has made a hobby out of making time.

Henry has spent over 20 years equipping his wood working shop with table saws, band saws, lathes, sanders, hand tools, routers, etc. He has also built many wooden handicrafts such as small furnishings, candle holders, bowls and such. However, his most challenging and rewarding work ahs come from building clocks.

"There's just something about a clock that makes it seem almost alive," Henry said, "It serves more of a purpose than just sitting there looking pretty."

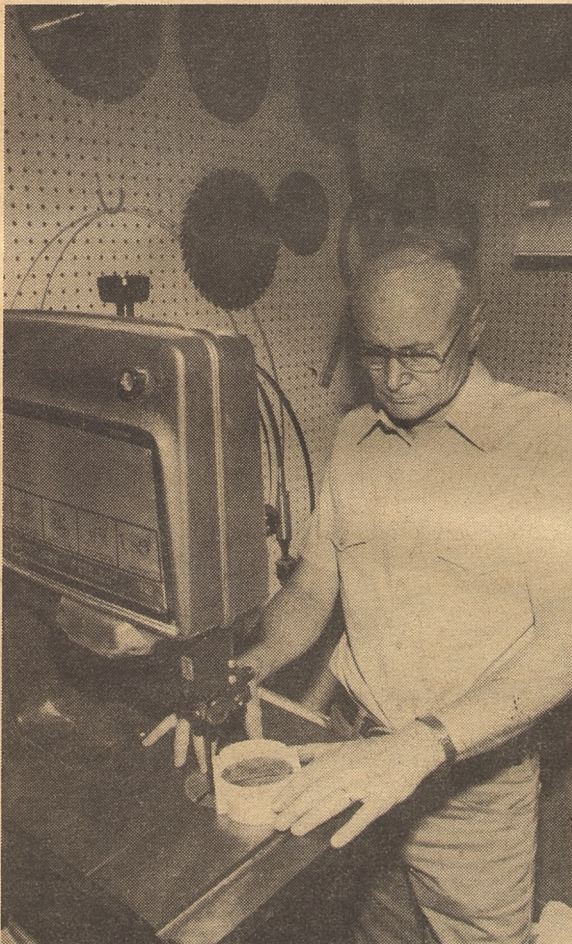
To make a clock takes a lot of time, patience and skill. The first step begins at the drawing board where Henry's experience as an engineering technician at the Atlanta District Headquarters comes in handy.

Henry will make up to a half-dozen drawing of designs before deciding what he feels will be the best from which to work. Each clock he makes is similar in design, but differs in detail size and proportion.

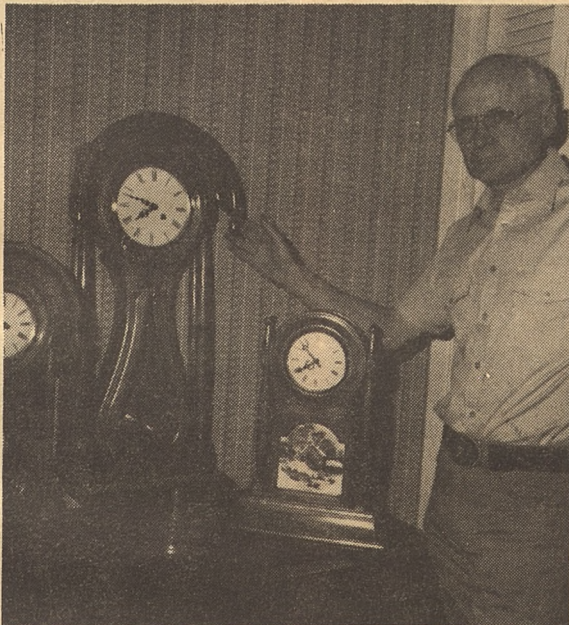
Although mmost of his clocks are made from walnut, red oak or cherry wood, Henry always experiments with new designs by making models out of cheaper white pine. He often keeps these models form himself.

The first pieces to be made are the head and spindles which are crafted at the lathe.

"The bottom of the clock is made of flat lumber," He explained, "and that part is done with a saw and router."



Henry works on a belt buckle design at his band saw.



Wesley Henry shows some of the clocks he has built.

When the pieces are formed, Henry assembles them together to make sure each piece fits properly. Then it is disassembled, sanded and hand-rubbed to a smooth finish.

I don't like shiny finishes, "Henry commented. "I prefer the satiny feel and look. I rub the pieces with steelwool until that effect is achieved."

After staining and laquering, the clock is reassembled, screwed and glued together.

One primary feature of most of his clocks is a pendulum which is displayed in a hour-glass shaped cabinet, illuminated by light passing through plain or leaded glass on the front and sides of the cabinet.

Some of the cabinets are ornamented with glass inserts that vary in textures or designs. Others have ceramic discs with scenes fired onto them and are placed at the back of the pendulum cabinet.

Finally the movement goes in.

The face of the clock is plain white or beige with black Roman numerals to designate the hour. Henry uses two different types of movements. One is a relatively new electronic chime.

"This one can be programed for four different tunes," He noted. "It can also be programed to chime during certain hours, for instance from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. If you want a silent clock while you sleep."

The other type of movement is the regular brass movement which he said some people still prefer.

"Whereas the electronic chime runs off a bettery, this one is wound the old-fashioned way--with a key," Henry said.

Once all of thepieces are in place, one cannot help but admire the detailed perfection and talent needed to create such a masterpiece of chronography.

As a finishing touch to each clock, a small glass plate is attached to the back which says: "Designed and created by Wesley Henry" along with the year it was completed.

Another specialty that Henry has begun crafting in recent months is wooden belt buckles.

Even though they are less time consuming, the same patience and fastidiousness goes into each creation.

Working with smaller pieces allows Henry to use more exotic and decorative types of wood, such as maple, birdseye maple, bois d'arc and spalted oak. He even purchases imported woods such as Zebra, Padouk and Ebony from Africa, and Rosewood from Bolivia and India to add beauty and contrast to his buckles.

Admitting he did not originate the idea of wooden belt buckles, Henry decided to try his hand at them after John Hoes from Division 18 came into the district office one day wearing a buckle made from mesquite wood.

henry used single pieces at first, but soon began inlaying various types of wood to create different designs.

"My most popular design is one resembling the stare seal of Texas," He said. "I use maple for the star and surrounding circle with walnut as a background."

The buckles sell from \$10 to \$25 depending on the cost of materials and the intricacy of design.

"When I finally do decide to retire I plan to go into woodworking fulltime," said Henry, who had once retired in October of 1984, only to return to work two days later. There is still speculation as to whether it was his or his wife's idea that he return. ★ Marcus Sandifer, Atlanta District



A few of the buckle designs Henry has created.

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Bobby J. Erwin, Bryan Bryan district

Bobby J. Erwin's interest in beautification stems from his keen interest in the outdoors. His love of nature is evident in his attempts to enhance the natural beauty of the highway right-of-way.

As maintenance supervisor for Brazos county, he implements these efforts with careful planning and monitoring of mowing and vegetation management measures.

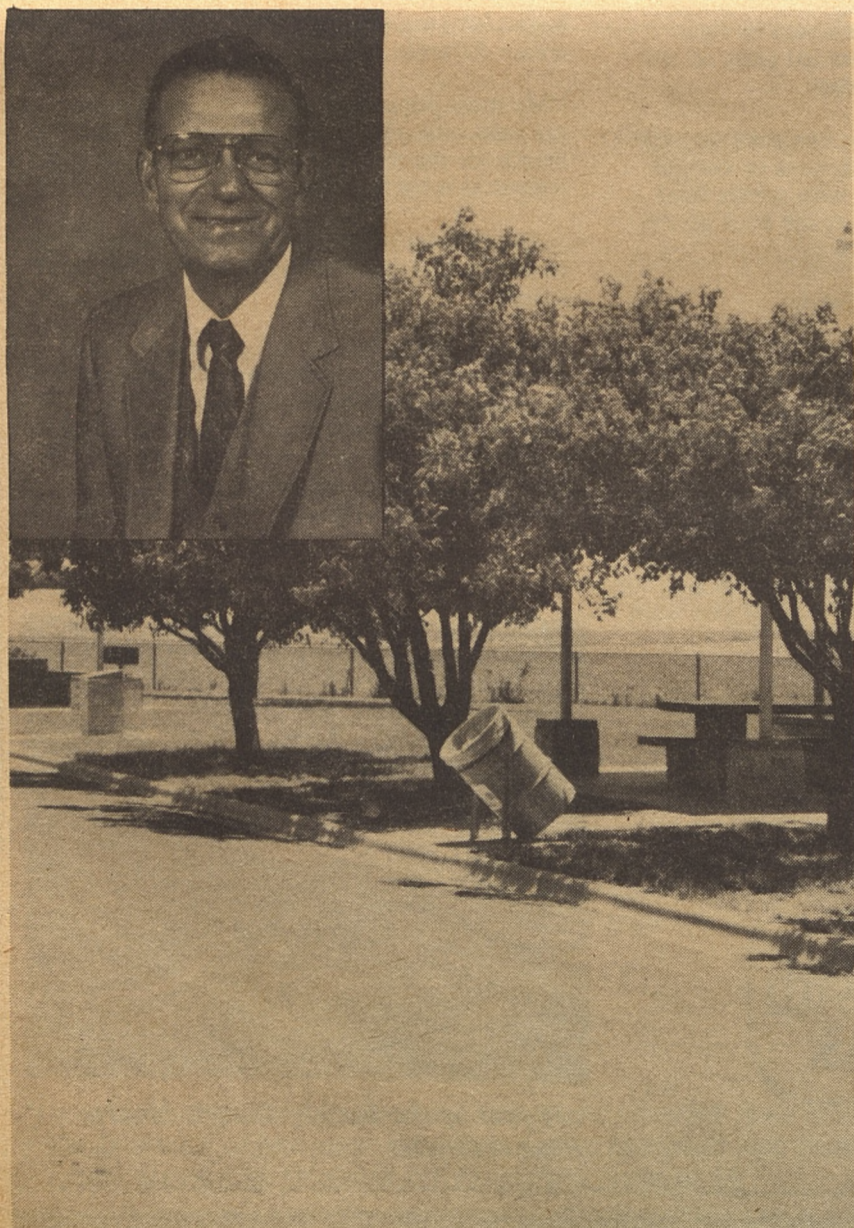
Bobby received a broad base of knowledge through department training programs and long experience. He was an expert maintainer operator for many years prior to advancing to supervisory positions.

Bobby began with the department in Hearne as a truck driver and equipment operator in the Robertson County maintenance section. He transferred to Fairfield in 1971, becoming assistant foreman there. In 1975 he took up similar duties in Brazos County and became maintenance supervisor in 1978. He has 29 years of service with the department.

Brazos County is the most populous county in the Bryan district and its many civic and service organizations have demonstrated great interest in making the area more beautiful.

Bobby has worked closely with the groups in landscaping and plant propagation efforts to the benefit of the state. He also has been successful in working with the local mental health and retardation organization providing mentally handicapped people with jobs in litter control through the state set-aside maintenance program.

An Air Force veteran, he and his wife of 41 years, Margaret, have three children.



Donnell Gowens, Floydada Lubbock district

Donnell D. Gowens, roadway maintenance supervisor for Floyd County, works hard to maintain high standards on the roadways under his care. The same goes of the picnic areas and rights-of-way in the area.

Floyd County suffers washouts and erosion and presents a constant challenge to preventative control methods. Planned mowing, however, helps promote the development of vegetation along the highway to prevent loss of soil by wind and water.

Gowens also promotes the propagation of wild flowers and native grasses, allowing them to reseed prior to mowing. He also specifies a seven-inch mower blade height, resulting in better vegetation growth.

Gowens has filled in sparse vegetation areas with seeded-in native buffalo grass. In one picnic area, a sprinkler system has been installed to help Mother Nature. Native shrubs and cedars have been transplanted here, accenting hardy flowering mimosa trees which also lend an aesthetic impact to the overall scene.

Gowens also utilizes handicapped persons under the state set-aside program for scheduled watering, mowing and litter pickup. State forces apply herbicides as needed, especially to control undesirable plants in picnic areas.

This year, seed broadcast in 1984 are blooming after laying dormant during 1985. Often the ground around roadside signs is ringed with flashes of color from these displays.

Gowens is a native of Crosbyton. He has been with the department for 19 years, the last 10 of then as the top man in maintenance in Floyd County. He and his wife, Wilma, have two sons and three grandchildren.

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Billy Rushing, Canton Tyler district

Billy Rushing of the Van Zandt County maintenance section in Canton has now made a dream of establishing a profusion of wild flowers along the highways under his care a reality. But it wasn't easy.

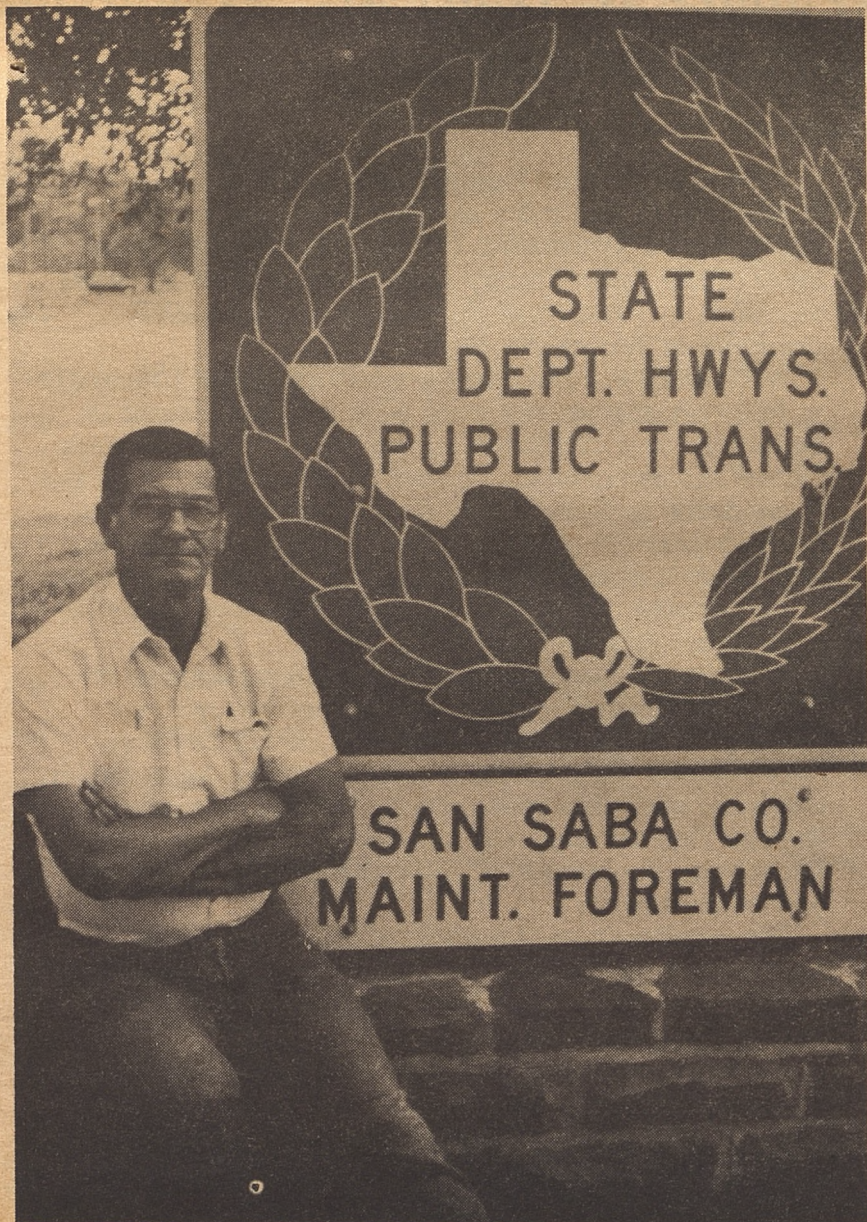
For one thing, gathering native wild flower seed is tedious and time-consuming. But the only alternative is buying the seed, an expensive proposition.

Before becoming supervisor of the section, Billy was assistant foreman. His responsibilities included the care and appearance of the rest area on I-20. He wanted to increase wild flower stands around the area, and he carried a hand sickle and a plastic bag with him during the course of his daily duties.

When he came across a area where there was desirable seed, he harvested some. It was better than gathering the seeds by hand. Still, it did not yield the volumes that he wanted for the highways of Van Zandt County.

That necessity led to the invention of an efficient seed harvester. Starting with a bagging lawn mower, Billy modified it to adjust to the height of the seed heads he wanted to harvest. Then he added larger wheels to handle rough terrain and a partial steel bottom to sustain an updraft, bringing most of the seeds into the bag.

The machine removes about 80 percent of the seeds from the plant and scatters the rest. In this way, he assures the continued growth and expansion of the existing wild flower area while harvesting seed for other beds elsewhere.



Jack Blossman, San Saba Brownwood district

Since his earliest days with the department 32 years ago, Jack Blossman always has taken a keen interest in the trees along San Saba County highways.

To him, the pecan, live oak and mesquite trees are a great asset to be cared for and protected. He and his maintenance section have what Blossman terms "a progressive, selective trimming and pruning program" in which they trim trees on a regular basis, scheduled with usual maintenance work so that all trees get the attention they need. In times of drought, Blossman also tries to water them enough to keep them alive until the rains return.

"We used to spend very little time trimming trees," he said. "It was hard enough using picks and shovels just to keep the road open. Now with better equipment for both maintenance and landscaping, things are different."

With a "front yard" as big as all outdoors, Blossman says he never stops landscaping the 1,500 acres of right-of-way under the care of his section.

Blossman and his crew work landscaping into other maintenance jobs. In cleaning ditches, for example, they use the soil from the ditch to fill in eroded areas and top it off with soils containing heavy growths of wild flowers and native grasses.

The crew has perfected a method of using a maintainer to take a light layer of soil, sand and seed where wildflowers are abundant, gather it up, and transplant it to previously barren areas.

Blossman and his wife, Donna, live on a ranch near San Saba. They have five children and two grandchildren, all residing nearby.

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Donald W. Wilson, Houston Houston district

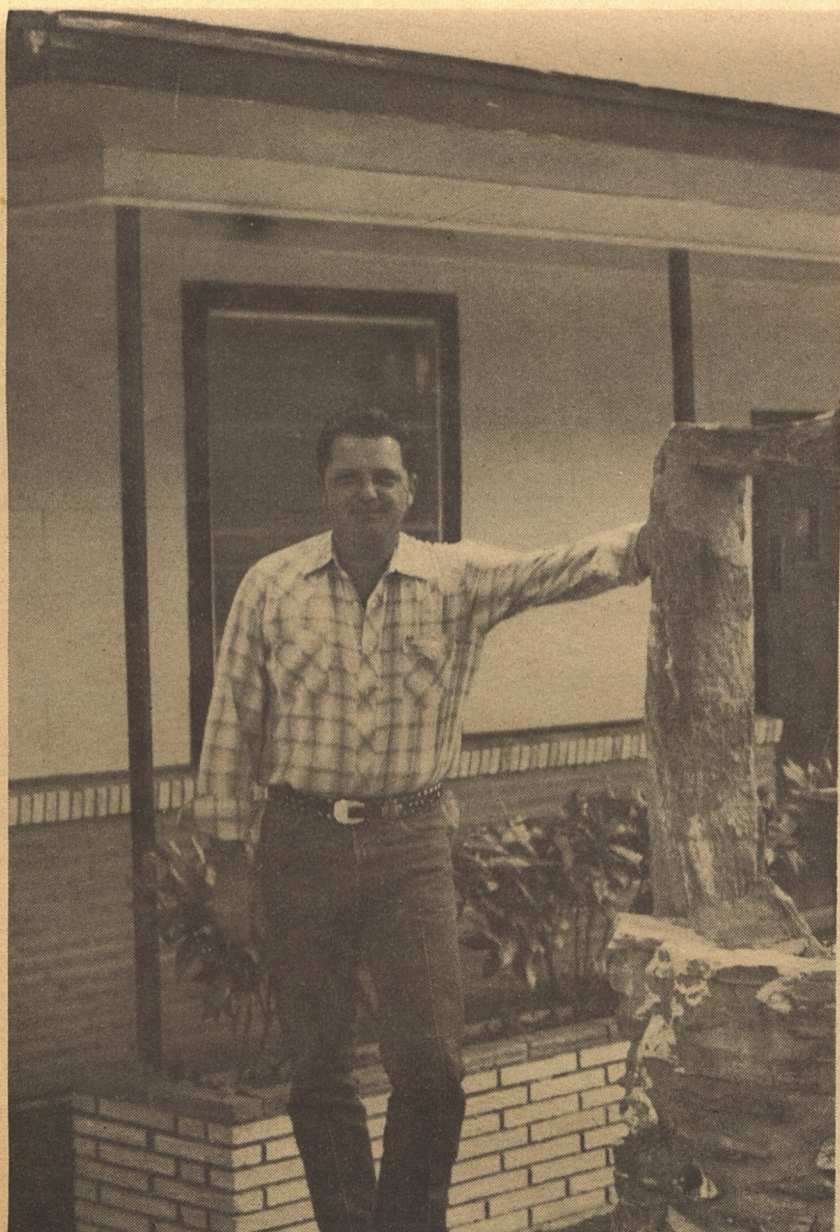
Donald W. Wilson, maintenance supervisor for northwest Houston and Harris County, has few natural areas left in his area of responsibility. Ninety percent of all the highways he and his 35 employees maintain are urban. Wilson, his crew and Mother Nature have to battle more than just the climate. Roadside beauty must compete with people, traffic, smog and a fast pace as well.

There are large areas of landscaping in Wilson's area in freeway interchanges and on downtown freeway rights-of-way. These of necessity have to be colorful and interesting to be visible at all. Wilson has accomplished this by adding all kinds of vivid-colored plants to the interchanges, not just wild flowers, but flowering shrubs also.

Programs have been developed to landscape hard-to-maintain areas with plants requiring little or no care. Still, Wilson's section counts 31 acres of wild flower plantings in its development program. Some 20,000 pine seedlings have been planted in a reforestation program which also includes 5,000 pampas grass plants and 600 crape myrtles.

All this landscape development has removed 25 acres from mowing which results in savings of \$2,500 a year. In areas where the traffic makes it absolutely impossible to mow, landscape development more than pays for itself.

Wilson has been with the department for 25 years and has been supervisor of the Northwest Harris County Maintenance Section for 17 of them. He and his wife, Sally, live in Spring Branch, where they have raised four children, two boys and two girls.



Wallace B. Daily Jr., Woodville Beaumont district

Who says you can't go home again?

Wallace B. Daily Jr., maintenance construction supervisor at Woodville, counts himself lucky to be head of the Tyler County Maintenance Section. After all, W.B. is a native of Tyler County and a 1962 graduate of Woodville High.

W.B. attended the Southwestern Business University in Houston and started work with the department in Beaumont as a draftsman in the district headquarters. He left the department to work in Houston in 1964, but came home to Tyler County five years later. He went back to work for the department as a laborer on the sign crew and later was assigned to the section office.

He became assistant foreman in 1979 and took over as maintenance foreman in 1985.

As assistant foreman, he worked on a program to adapt rest areas to reflect the outstanding natural features of the area. At a rest area on US 287 with rock-rimmed walls and native stone steps, he added a retaining wall on a steep slope, leading to a natural spring. This allowed him to control erosion and to encourage the growth of azaleas complementing the native dogwood.

The construction of additional covered picnic arbors with rough-hewn logs is a pleasant encouragement to tourists visiting Tyler County during the annual Dogwood Festival.

Taking maximum advantage of Tyler County's natural conditions, he sows wild flower seeds annually and has worked to establish grass and crimson clover to serve both as erosion control and to enhance the beauty of the highways.

Two Extra Mile Awards in San Antonio

Henry Geigenmiller and Fred Jimenez have received the statewide Extra Mile Award, the first won by personnel in the San Antonio district. The award honors SDHPT employees who have performed courageous action above and beyond the call of ordinary duties.

The presentation was made during recent Safety and Service Awards ceremonies. Byron Blaschke, assistant engineer director of the SDHPT and a former District 15 engineer, presented the awards saying,

"without a doubt they exemplify the spirit of this department."

Geigenmiller and Jimenez, while on sign maintenance duty with the Southeast Bexar section, found a man lying obscured in grass beside the highway. The victim of a motorcycle accident, he had been there two days. One of his feet had been severed.

Using the radio in their sign truck, the two summoned medical assistance for the victim. Until help arrived they did their best to make



Jimenez and Stotzer.

the victim comfortable and to control traumatic shock. Later, Geigenmiller and Jimenez learned that their quick and skillful actions saved the man's life.

Geigenmiller is a senior signman. He conducts sign and delineator inspections, erects needed signs and maintenance crew in 1964. A native San Antonian, Geigenmiller is a graduate of Brackenridge High School. Married to the former Mary Pacheco, he is the father of one son and one daughter.

Jimenez retired a few months ago as a senior crew leader after 37 years of meritorious service. During that time he worked in nearly every maintenance assignment. Born in Elmendorf, Jimenez attended area schools before serving in the U.S. Army. He is married to the former Maria De Witt. They have five sons and one daughter. ★



Geigenmiller and Stotzer.



AUGUST

- 4-7 AASHTO Region IV Subcommittee on Design, San Antonio, File BCB
- 4-8 Microcomputer Training, Austin, D-19
- 5-7 International Right-of-Way Association Regional Educational Refresher Seminar, College Station, D-15
- 6-8 Interactive Graphics Training, Austin, D-19
- 11-13 Advanced Course in Bridge Inspection, Austin, D-18M
- 11-15 Microcomputer Training, Austin, D-19
- 12-13 FREQ8 Freeway Evaluation Workshop, Austin, D-18T
- 12-14 Highway Construction Lettings, Austin, D-6
- 14-15 TEXAS Model for Intersection Traffic Simulation Workshop, Austin, D-18T
- 19-21 Workshop on Critical Path Method Analysis, Austin, D-8
- 20-22 Interactive Graphics Training, Austin, D-19
- 27 Holiday, LBJ's Birthday
- 28-29 Commission Meetings, Austin

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Holiday, Labor Day
- 2-5 NHI Workshop on "Geotextile Engineering," Austin, D-8
- 8-10 Interactive Graphics Training, Austin, D-19
- 9-11 Highway Construction Lettings, Austin, D-6
- 10-12 AASHTO Green Book Training Course, Houston, D-8G
- 18-19 Research Area II (Materials, Construction and Maintenance), Galveston, D-10R
- 23-24 Supervisors In-service Training Conference, Austin, D-12-1
- 24 Commission Public Hearings, Austin
- 25 Commission Meeting, Austin

OCTOBER

- 2-3 Area I (Geometric and Environmental Design, Safety, Traffic Right-of-Way, and Economics) Research Advisory Committee Meeting, Beaumont, D-10R
- 7-9 Highway Construction Lettings, Austin, D-6
- 8 Lady Bird Johnson Awards Ceremonies, LBJ State Park, Stonewall.
- 8-9 Area III (Pavement Design) Research Advisory Committee Meeting, Odessa, D-10R
- 20 Fall District Engineers and Division Heads Meeting, College Station, File BCB
- 20-23 60th Annual Highway and Public Transportation Short Course, College Station, File BCB
- 29-30 Commission Meetings, Austin

NOVEMBER

- 4-6 Construction Engineers' Meeting, Austin, D-6
- 11 Holiday, Veteran's Day
- 12-14 Highway Construction Lettings, Austin, D-6
- 24 Commission Public Hearings, Austin
- 25 Commission Meeting, Austin
- 27-28 Holidays, Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 10-12 Highway Construction Lettings, Austin, D-6
- 24-26 Holidays, Christmas
- 29 Commission Meeting, Austin

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1987

Nothing Scheduled

MARCH

- 25-26 District Laboratory-Engineering Personnel Meeting, Beaumont, D-9

APRIL-JULY

Nothing Scheduled

CALENDAR EXPANDS

As you can see, the DHT Events Calendar has become bigger and better—it's been expanded to cover a 12-month period.

The T-News calendar will list meetings formerly shown on the quarterly DHT Calendar of Scheduled Conferences, Workshops and Seminars, which has been discontinued.

Clip the calendar each month, and you'll have an up-to-date roster of department events.

AWARDS

Service Awards

(August 1986)

Administration

Victor J. Holubec, five years.

Automation

Donald G. Buck, 20 years; Mark A. Ashley, Michele M. Howard, five years.

Bridge

Albert S. Schotz, 20 years; Ella A. Woytek, five years.

Equipment and Procurement

James Justice, 20 years; Joe Howard, 10 years; Laddie L. Bordovsky, James C. Sessions, Don R. Walker, Donald C. Washington, five years.

Finance

Portia Salm-Hausmann, five years.

Highway Design

Gary L. Graham, five years.

Insurance

Martha A. Douglas, 15 years.

Materials and Tests

Theodore W. Becker, 35 years; Clarence W. Stark, 30 years; Larry G. Miller, five years.

Motor Vehicle

Leroy J. Clark, Daniel J. Havelka, 25 years; Judy S. Dodd, Frances P. Higginbotham, 20 years; James H. Davis Jr., Darrel R. Hunt, Cynthia W. McCelvey, 15 years; Rita B. Foster, Carolyn G. Williams, Ann N. Harper, five years.

Safety and Maintenance Operations

Roy A. Adkins, Barney R. Derr, five years.

Transportation Planning

Eugene F. Goertz, 30 years; Charles L. Barker, 20 years; Bruce A. Myers, Herman M. Nelson, Lealean W. Peace, five years.

Travel and Information

Linda J. Frederickson, 15 years; John G. Appold, five years.

District 1

Robert L. Carpenter, Dewey W. Vandenberg, 30 years; Melba H. West, 10 years; Kenneth W. Matthews, five years.

District 2

Billy F. Bratton, Thomas N. Tuck, 30 years; James L. Walden, 25 years; Bobby C. Shuler, 20 years; Ronnie Brady, David N. Oster, 15 years; Jose H. Lagunas, Glen J. Liles, Mary M. Pritchard, five years.

District 3

Billy R. Browning, 20 years; Ralph D. Self Jr., 15 years.

District 4

Euel P. Smith, 30 years; Eldon D. Chandler, Johnny F. Langford, 25 years; James L. Bilingsley, Bill R. VanHooser, Billye J.

Lloyd, Billy D. Popham, 15 years; Tommie S. Dickey, 10 years; Amado Arellano, James R. Garis, Mary H. Watson, five years.

District 5

Glenn D. McCaslin, 35 years; R.L. Clark, Gerald L. Drager, Coy M. Smith, Kenneth R. Sylvester, 20 years; J.R. Collins, Jim H. Osby, Wallace R. Posey, Stevan C. Reyna, five years.

District 6

Johnnie L. Brooks, 30 years; Tommy M. Dominguez, 10 years; Steve W. Esparza, Francisco M. Rodriguez, Israel P. Rubio, five years.

District 7

Robert V. Sifuentez, 35 years; Charlene S. Carr, Dan A. Harrison 25 years; Jesus M. Escobar, Guadalupe R. Gonzales, Richard W. Paske, James E. Taylor, 20 years; James L. Anderson Jr., Jon C. Elliott, Antonio F. Gonzalez, John R. McClure, Robert C. Parker, Dorothy R. Plowman, Roland R. Sowell, 15 years; Natalie S. Evancheck, Jose E. Morales, five years.



District 8

Winifred N. Ballinger, Lester W. Goswick, 35 years; Phil D. Allen, 30 years; Gerald E. Boyd, 20 years; Norman S. Massey, five years.

District 9

Tommie P. Todard, 30 years; Thomas E. Brazzil, 15 years.

District 10

Billy N. Henderson, Nellie S. Morris, 25 years; Wilbur E. Adams, Donald Weisinger, 20 years; John H. Cullon, Robert D. Hudgins, five years.

District 11

Charles E. Baldree, 40 years; Herbert C. Stephens, 35 years; Tommy B. Doggett, Billy E. Roberts, Elton C. Smith, Chester R. Still, 20 years.

District 12

Donald B. Muchaw, 35 years; Cecil A. Adams, 30 years; Floyd J. Goodney, James A. Hogan Sr., Bennett B. Parma, James H. Salmeron, 25 years; Thomas J. Austin, Jesus Guerra, Gale R. Smith, William H. Younts Jr., 20 years; Melba W. Barker, William A. Downs, David Sloss, Tommie A. Bosley, 10 years; Frank W. Baker, Luke W. Clarke, Rupert F. Davis, Carl O. Hagg, Rickey S. Harper, James C. Howard Jr., Davis J. Ladet, Mohammad Mosaffa, Marion Noski, Gregory A. Ofield, Genevieve M. Wyckoff, five years.

District 13

Harry R. Zander, 30 years; Cheryl A. Trott, 20 years, Wilbert B. Frank Jr., 15 years; Gloria C. Williams, five years.

District 14

Melvin J. Stephens, 35 years; Clyde W. Krause, Norman C. Pecht, 30 years; Jack D. Gindrup, Ernest L. Morris, 20 years; Bradley A. Eubank, five years.

District 15

Arthur Monsivais, Richard F. Pena, 35 years; Herman G. Gadeke Jr., Gerald K. Hewitt, Charles D. Johnson, Herbert H. Laubach, John T. Story, 30 years; Asa M. Farrer Jr., Arthur E. Seidel, Ralph J. Stumpff, 25 years; Pablo V. Cruz, Juan Fernandez, Christino F. Hernandez, Victor F. Jaramillo, Guadalupe M. Luna, James R. Mikesch, David W. Spennath, Elsie Z. Timmerman, Marvin D. Williams, Louis N. Zunker Jr., 20 years; Susie R. Villarreal, 10 years; Alfredo M. Esquivel, Harold J. Stevens, Kenneth W. Zigrang, five years.

District 16

Oscar Casanova, Robert P. Haley Jr., 20 years; Louis E. Foley, Juan Franco, Encarnacion Tamez, Norman Zamzow, 15 years.

District 17

Carol H. Hendrix, Marshall E. Schroeder, 30 years; Jerry J. Dusek, Bobby J. Paholek, 20 years; Johnny R. Baker, Elaine D. Belcik, five years.

District 18

Jack R. London, 35 years; Bobby Elmore, Jesse H. Rayzor Jr., Winford Venable, 30 years; Charles L. Kite, Mildred H. Williams, 25 years; Zebedee Favors Jr., Robert P. McCormick, Wallace B. Scaff, Labron R. Walker, 20 years; Adnan M. Turk, 15 years; Mark A. Marino, five years.

District 19

Otis N. Loper, 30 years; Carrell E. Bureson, Gary H. Overmyer Sr., 25 years; Debra E. Williams, 15 years.

District 20

Terrance J. Mercier, 40 years; James H. Woolsey, 35 years; Michael R. Follmer, Walter L. Pierson, Ivey R. Shepherd, 20 years; Jeffrey D. Cardozo, Mark S. Rutledge, five years.

District 21

Duwan E. Fagala, 35 years; Jose H. Cortez, Antonio Quintanilla, 30 years; Benito Benavides, Ricardo L. Guerra, Eloy Juarez, Cervando Mancha, Santiago Ramirez, 20 years; San Juan Galvan, five years.

District 23

William G. Ferguson, 35 years; Kenneth L. Killingsworth, 20 years; Darrel D. King, five years.

District 24

Ruben M. Hernandez, Guillermo Molinar, 25 years; Stephen L. Jones, William T. Neidhardt, 20 years; Lorenzo Carrillo, 15 years.

District 25

Billy G. Stewart, 25 years; Jim L. Fox, Robert Hosea, five years.

RETIREMENTS

Automation Division

Jimmie F. Terrell, Administrator of Technical Programs II.

Materials and Tests

William J. Astoria, Engineering Technician IV; John K. Grubbs, Engineering Technician III.

Transportation Planning

Jack L. Housworth, Director II.

District 1

Walter B. Ragsdale, Maintenance Technician III.

District 2

Helen D. Koen, Administrative Technician II; Freddie L. Mushinski, Maintenance Technician II; Clyde E. Widders, Maintenance Technician III.

District 3

George P. Larison, Maintenance Technician III; Mildred M. Odom, Accounting Clerk III.

District 4

Charles S. Westerby, Maintenance Technician III.

District 6

Richard E. Glenn, Maintenance Technician III; Conrado S. Ramirez, Assistant Foreman.

District 7

L.B. Taylor, Engineering Technician V; Leroy J. Muecke, Engineering Technician V.

District 8

Lester W. Goswick, Maintenance Technician III.

District 9

James D. Hall, Maintenance Construction Superintendent II; Joe D. Rickard, Maintenance Technician III.

District 12

Tony E. Bocco, Maintenance Technician III; Johnnie J. Cartwright, Administrative Technician III; Ivan I. Herzik, Maintenance Technician III; John B. Hill, Senior Marine Captain, Freddie Kocurek, Maintenance Technician III.

District 13

Hillery Edwards, Maintenance Technician III; Vernon C. Graf, Maintenance Technician III.

District 15

Santiago C. Sanchez, Maintenance Technician III.

District 23

Lawson C. Brown, Engineering Technician IV; Frankie D. Jones, Assistant Foreman.

(May 31, 1986)

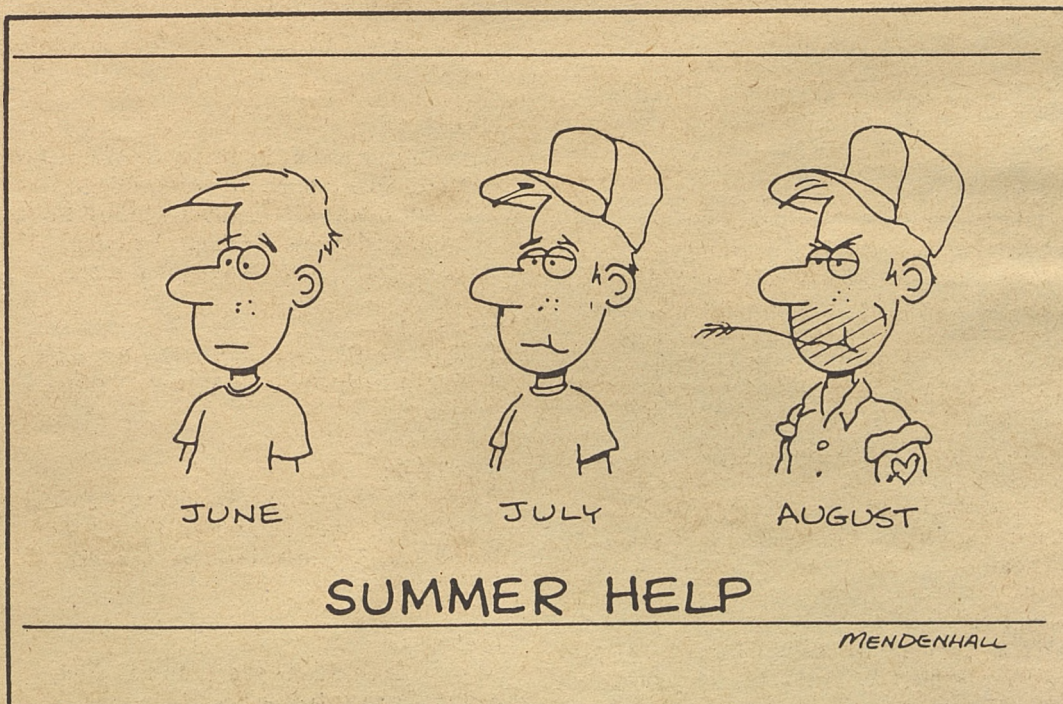
Brownwood's Ray Russell, district construction chief, retires after 36 years

Billy R. "Ray" Russell, district construction engineer of the Brownwood district for the past 26 years, retired June 30 after a career of more than 39 years with the department.

After graduating from Texas A&M University in 1947, Russell started work as field engineer in the Comanche County residency of the Texas Highway Department. In 1949 he transferred to the district headquarters in Brownwood and was promoted to district design engineer. In 1960 he was named district construction engineer.

Russell's retirement plans include continuing his ranching operations near Blanket and assisting his wife Rudell with her "Keepsakes" business, which is the reproduction of antique dolls and quilts. Since Rudell also teaches classes in connection with "Rudell Russell Keepsakes", Russell is expecting to invest much of his retirement "leisure" in this activity, as well as pursuing his long-time hobby of restoring antique automobiles. He and Rudell want to travel and have planned a trip to Wisconsin as a start. ★

ROADWERKS



In Memoriam

Adam Havens, District 15, injured June 24, died June 30, 1986.

Robert E. McIntosh, District 9, fatally injured July 9, 1986.

McKinley Muse Jr., District 9, died July 17, 1986.

Retired:

Elbert Tilley, Bonham, retired from District 1, died July 2, 1986.

Guy O. Neely, Fort Worth, retired from District 2, died May 29, 1986.

Sidney A. Towrey, Fort Worth, retired from District 8, died June 18, 1986.

Edrie M. Mills, Mineola, retired from District 10, died May 31, 1986.

Weldon L. Stone, Quitman, retired from District 10, died June 19, 1986.

James H. Nix, Center, retired from District 11, died July 7, 1986.

Martin Lopez, Rosenberg, retired from District 12, died June 2, 1986.

Alois J. Wiesner, Driftwood, retired from District 14, died June 12, 1986.

McAfee D. Conover, Dilley, Retired from District 15, died June 10, 1986.

Max P. Hanz, New Braunfels, retired from District 15, died June 10, 1986.

John D. Nixon, Port Aransas, retired from District 16, died June 19, 1986.

John T. Parker, Corpus Christi, retired from District 16, died May 17, 1986.

Wilborn I. Brown, Madisonville, retired from District 17, died July 2, 1986.

Rudolph F. Engleman, Caldwell, retired from District 17, died July 6, 1986.

Henry Adams Jr., Dallas, retired from District 18, died June 9, 1986.

Aubrey D. Poindexter, Dallas, retired from District 18, died June 9, 1986.

Jess W. Hamilton, Warren, retired from District 20, died June 3, 1986.

Floyd A. Hoffman, Beaumont, retired from District 20, died May 12, 1986.

Alton Thibodeaux, China, retired from District 20, died May 14, 1986.

Adan Martinez, Falfurrias, retired from District 21, June 27, 1986.

Roy H. Tarver, Breckinridge, retired from District 23, died April 10, 1986.

Milton D. Hawes, El Paso, retired from District 24, 1986. ★ **Compiled by Bernice Kissmann, Human Resources Division.**

roadrunners



Barbara Baxter, a travel counselor in the Wichita Falls tourist bureau receives the 1986 Roadrunner Award from Gov. Mark White. The award is made annually to the outstanding travel counselor at the department's 12 bureaus and visitor centers.

A week ago, I was driving alone from DeLeon to Dublin when I had a flat tire. While I was trying to decide what to do, one of your highway trucks pulled up and stopped. The driver got out and immediately changed the tire for me. He was courteous and cheerful about it even though it was quite hot in the sun, he refused to take any pay so I thought you would like to know what a credit to your organization employees like this one are.

Though I can't recall this last name, his first name was Doug. He lives in Gustine and was working out of Comanche. I realize that any kind words of mine are inadequate to express how much I appreciate this kind act of his.

**Mrs. T. F. Henson
Dublin**

"Doug" is Douglas D. Hillhouse who works in Preston Cox's Comanche County maintenance section.

I live in Volente at Lake Travis on FM 2769. We travel this road constantly and over a period of time tree limbs have grown out over the right of way, causing, in one case, a broken windshield on my truck.

I contacted your district office and the immediate response was the trimming of the trees along FM 2769 and the cleaning up of the brush.

Our community would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to your

employees.

Please relay our thanks and appreciation to the personnel involved in this project. It's nice to have nice people of this caliber serving our needs with such quick response.

**C. M. Carter
Volente**

Jarvis Haverland is the foreman for the Western Travis County maintenance section which takes care of FM 2769.

I thought perhaps you might be interested in this poem my sister composed on June 15, 1982, while waiting for a bus at a littered bus stop. She is now 85 years old and her mind is still "sharp as a tack," as the saying goes.

This poem can be sung to the tune of America." I thought it might help "our

littered land" if school children could sing this song. If you can use this poem in any way, feel free to do so.

If you care to write my sister, I am sure she would be pleased to hear from you. Her address is:

Mrs. Helen Wollschlaeger
934 Cincinnati
San Antonio, TX 78201

**Mrs. I. D. Anderson
San Antonio**

*O littered land with garbage dumps,
Tin cans and broken glass,
Discarded cars, old rotten stumps,
And trash piles on the grass.
America, America,
God pity you today!
How can you dirty His good land
In this disgusting way?*

*With plastic cups and picnic scraps,
Torn bags and rusty wires,
Used paper cups and bottle caps,
Bent toys and worn-out tires.
America, America,
How far you've gone amiss!
What have you done to God's fair earth
To make it look like this?*

I am absolutely dying to get a "Don't Mess with Texas" bumper sticker and so are about 19 of my friends Let me explain:

My name is Sharrone Leftwich and I am 15 years old. I live in Diana, Texas and have lived in Texas all of my life. Before this campaign came out I never had a second thought about throwing trash out on the side of the road. I certainly never thought about it being a crime. Since your campaign first appeared I have become very strict on myself and my family about throwing trash out on the highway. If they do I usually make them stop and pick it up on the way home. If they cannot find that certain piece of trash I make them pick up two pieces in its place. I realized how much I lived Texas and that by littering I was making our state look trashy to tourists.

If you can manage it I would like 20 bumper stickers, I realize that that is a lot of stickers but I am the only teenager out of the twenty or so who want one that had the guts to write and ask for them. I will pay for them if you will just write me and tell me how much.

**Sharrone Leftwich
Diana**

P.S. If there is any other way I can spread the news of, "Don't Mess With Texas" let me know. I have really become concerned I am not the only one in my town that has gotten the message either. I think your campaign is working on the teenagers of Texas as much as it is on the older population.

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