



**ANCIENT AFTER 25 YEARS?**—William Frazier, Distribution Supervisor, accepts a bite of cake from wife Nancy Frazier during a 3 March reception in honor of his 25 years with Little Rock Municipal Water Works. When they started out in the work force, an individual with 25 years of service was thought to be "ancient," Nancy Frazier teased.

## *Frazier discovers 25 years of service might equal a couple of mysteries but not antiquity*

There are at least a two mysteries surrounding **William Frazier**, Distribution Supervisor. But neither has anything to do with his commitment to fellow employees or his commitment to maintaining the integrity of our 1,292-plus miles of pipeline and appurtenances.

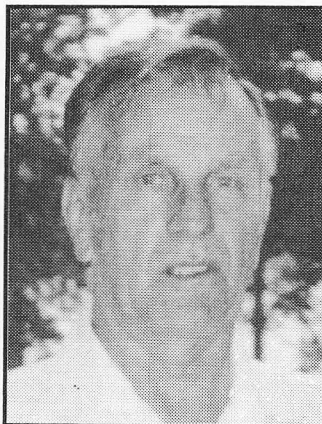
On 3 March 1995, Frazier celebrated 25 consecutive years of service with Little Rock Municipal Water Works.

In response to all of the roasting and toasting that took place during a reception at the Clearwater Operations/Maintenance Center, Frazier warned, "You can believe all the good things said about me, but you can't believe the bad things."

"And, you can't beat him" when it comes to resilience and character, said **Elbert Pruitt**, fellow Distribution Super-

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## *Brackin leaves mark at Lake Maumelle Pumping Station*



**Robert Brackin**  
Newest Retiree

For **Robert Brackin**, our newest retiree, the days ahead will be filled with "doing what I want when I want," following no rigid schedules, and strumming on his steel guitar.

Brackin will leave behind the emergency and test start-ups of the emergency power generators that send out a locomotive's roar and he will leave behind the gates, fences, ladders, and walkway rails that were designed with his craftsmanship.

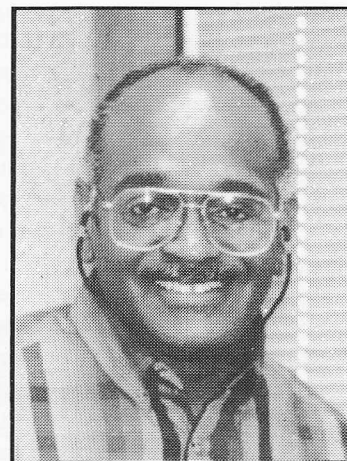
During a "take-it-easy-in-retirement" send-off on 16 March 1995, Brackin and co-workers reflected on his eight-year career with the Water Works.

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## *Bell recognized as state's first Black Engineer of the Year*

**Jos Bell**, Engineering Assistant, recently added to his roll of honors the distinction of being Arkansas' first Black Engineer of the Year.

Bell received the award at the 10 March 1995 annual banquet of the Arkansas Council of Engineering & Related Societies. The banquet, attended by 205 council members and guests, was held at Little Rock's Holiday Inn-Airport.



**Jos Bell**  
Engineering Assistant

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With 32 years of experience, Bell was selected for the award from among 10 nominees representing various agencies and firms in Arkansas. Nomination packets were reviewed by a panel of the Association of Black Engineers of Arkansas (ABEA).

**Shirley Bruce**, a member of the review panel, said the selection process was competitive and it was the "engineering accomplishments and professional and technical achievements (of Bell) that led to his being selected as ABEA's first Black Engineer of the Year."

The Black Engineer of the Year Award program emphasizes educational and professional achievements, professional society participation, technical capabilities, and civic and humanitarian involvement.

ABEA, a non-profit organization of minority engineers whose principal, is dedicated to the promotion of the field of engineering in local communities and in the state of Arkansas. The association also works to educate minority

youth about the related educational and employment opportunities.

Bell's contributions and achievements in the engineering field primarily have been through the U.S. Air Force and Water Works. Prior to joining the utility in March 1985, the Panama native spent 22 years in the military. Little Rock Air Force Base was his last duty station.

As an Engineering Assistant for the Water Works, Bell prepares and reviews detailed plans, specifications, and estimates for drinking water system pipeline projects for private developments and our utility.

He specifically is instrumental in the planning and design of pipeline and valve installation/relocations; drainage facilities; emergency and routine paving and pavement cuts; and rehabilitation of water storage and treatment facilities.

During more than three decades in the engineering field, Bell has supervised/managed various planning and design aspects of several major projects. The projects have included a \$9.6-million family housing development; a \$3.3-million military construction program; and the development/expansion of wa-

ter service to the City of Wrightsville and the Arch Street-Mabelvale area.

He currently is overseeing the construction contract for new concession/restroom/office buildings at Jolly Roger's Marina and the New Maumelle Harbor Marina on Lake Maumelle.

Bell is a Certified Engineering Technician and licensed Water Treatment Plant Operator in Arkansas.

He earned an associate of arts degree in civil engineering technology from the Community College of the U.S. Air Force in 1978 and a bachelor of science in industrial technology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1985.

He also has completed several continuing education courses in environmental systems, computer programming, emergency response, construction standards, and computer-aided drafting.

He is a member of the Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association, the American Water Works Association, and the Southwest Section of AWWA.

**Bruno Kirsch, Jr.**, Assistant Manager, nominated Bell for the award. ♦