

Clay County Federal Housing Authority.

Jewell **Burke** filled in as acting mayor for two months until Ralph **Taylor** was appointed to officially succeed George. Jewell was pressed into emergency service again on September 2, 1966, when Ralph resigned to move to Missouri. Appropriations for that year were \$24,555. He and the board adopted a fire prevention code and approved the building of the Federal Housing units in Louisville. Street work was quite effective and a new bridge was built on Broadway St. to cross our famous creek that angles through town. Before the new bridge, it was strictly one way traffic over a very rough rickety structure. One of the highlights of Ralph's term was the building of the new City Hall and Fire House on the square. Most of us remember the old city property on Church Street which had once been the Methodist Church. Williard **Harrison** was the builder of the new structure and it is quite an attractive asset to Louisville. Ralph would be the first to tell you, however, that planning and saving had been going on for several years for the building so that he and the board could pay cash for it.

Ray **Summers** succeeded Ralph **Taylor** after Jewell filled in again, and complaints about dogs and cats were almost enough to make him wish he hadn't. During the summer of 1968, Ray and his Board authorized the sidewalk repairs on the west side of the square, a very needed improvement even though one look now tells us they don't make concrete like they used to. Another of Ray **Summers'** favorite projects was the introduction of the City Library in connection with the Cumberland Trail Library System.

On April; 1, 1969, new mayor E. R. **Clifton** signed an appropriation for the year at \$33,405. Riley and his Board accomplished many projects; more new sidewalks around the square and elsewhere in the city were installed, new restrooms built in the City Park, gas lights installed on part of the square which were later turned off during a gas shortage and after constant damage to those on the West side. Water mains were installed in two areas, many forms were improved for billing and book-keeping, surplus funds were put on interest for the first time and many other projects plus the operation of the dog pound and improvement at the landfill. Whether as mayor or as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Riley **Clifton** was a very organized man, a trait not always fully appreciated. Riley withdrew from re-election due to taking a State job and having to move to Mattoon. Harry **Sproat** was elected in 1973.

During his term, Harry saw his biggest hope fulfilled - that of getting the drainage ditch cleaned out and widened to make a natural waterway through town. He saw youth given a chance to work for the city and helped guide them as they cleaned and mowed around the city. He was glad to get further sidewalk improvement, a new wa-