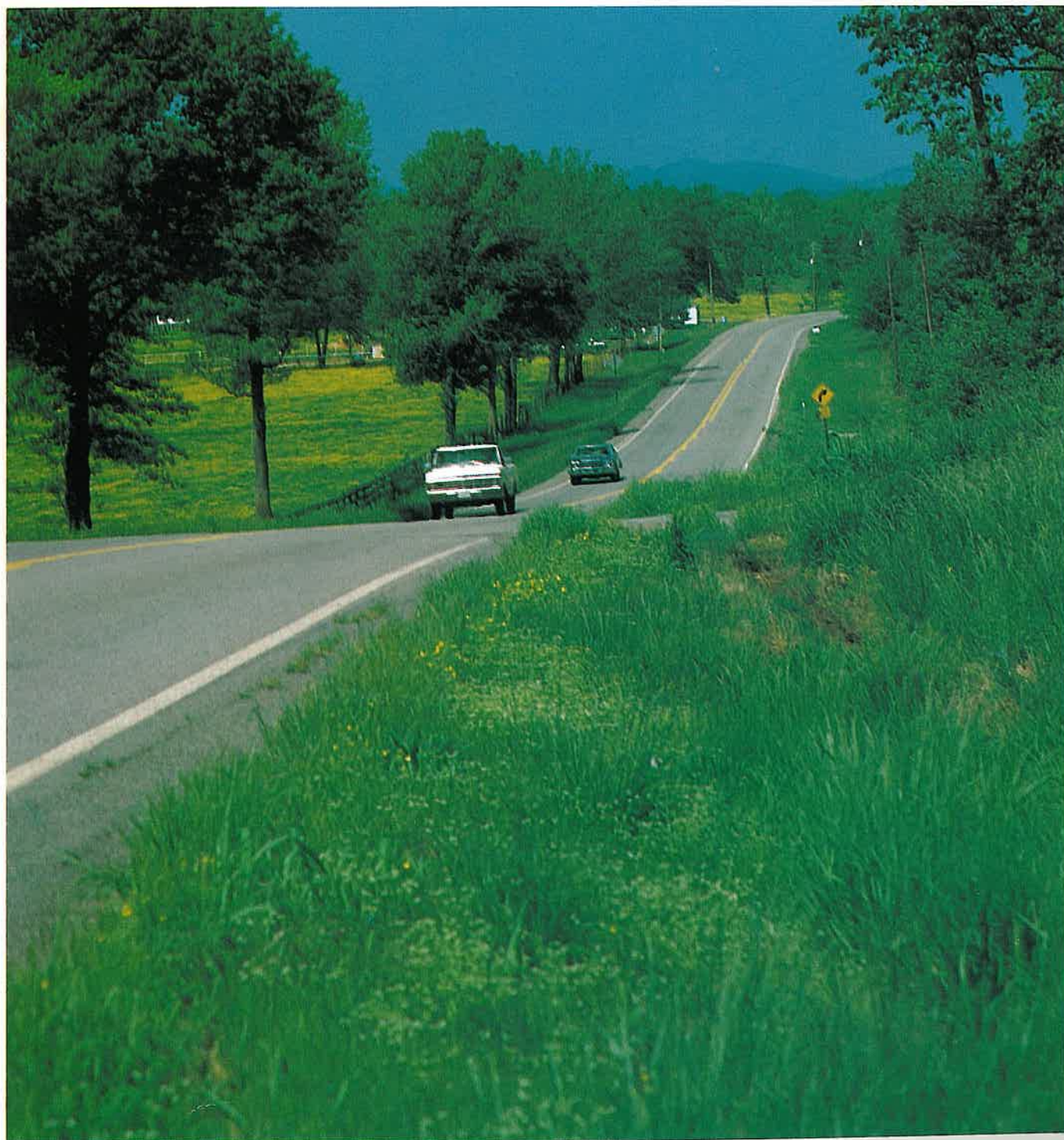


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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

# Weight-Distance Tax and AGR/TC Meetings Dominate Summer

This past summer has been one of the busiest we've had in a number of years.

The two issues that dominated the summer were the Weight-Distance Tax and a series of meetings aimed at removing the sales tax exemption on motor fuels.

The Weight-Distance Tax became law earlier this year and the department began collecting the tax from out-of-state trucks and issuing decals. The Revenue Department is collecting from Arkansas based trucks.

The American Trucking Association and several out-of-state trucking firms filed suit challenging the constitutionality of the law. Although the issue is not settled, the department was allowed to continue to collect the tax and deposit it in the State Highway Fund to be used for highway construction projects.

While the issue of constitutionality is being challenged, several Arkansas trucking firms have been complaining about retaliatory taxes being charged by some other states. These trucking firms are asking the Governor and the Legislature to repeal the Weight-Distance Tax.

At the Governor's request, the Highway and Transportation Department has agreed to challenge the retaliatory taxes in the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the meantime, Governor Clinton has said he will propose an amendment to the Tax law that will allow the Arkansas truckers to be reimbursed for any retaliatory taxes they have paid.

Nearly \$12 Million has been collected so far under the law. It has been estimated that \$21 Million will be collected each year.

The Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council has been sponsoring a series of meetings at each of the ten Highway District Headquarters to promote the removal of the sales tax exemption on motor fuels. Legislators, County Judges, Mayors, and other community leaders were invited and presented with facts about the department's funding problems.

If the sales tax was applied to motor fuels, approximately \$40 Million would be raised. Under the current distribution formula, \$28 Million would go to the State Highway fund, \$6 Million to the cities, and \$6 Million to the counties. It is the Highway Commission's intention to use this additional money on the state's rural farm-to-market roads.

Nearly 6,000 miles of our 10,000-mile Secondary System is not eligible for Federal funds. Therefore, any improvements must be made with 100% State funds.

If we had an additional \$28 Million in State money, a tremendous amount of work could be done on our rural roads. As it is




now, our State funds must be used to match the available Federal Aid, or else we will lose some of that money to other states who can match it.

We are asking the Governor to include the removal of the sales tax exemption in a call for a Special Session. At this time, the Governor has not reached a decision on this matter.

These are very difficult times for the department. Our revenues are not keeping pace with the growing needs. We must not only maintain our current source of funding, but we must also increase it. We cannot afford to lose the income being produced by the Weight-Distance Tax.

The Highway Commissioners and I are very concerned with the dilemma we face and we are continuing to work to solve these problems.



Henry Gray  
Director of Highways and Transportation



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State Highway 10, in western Pulaski  
County. Photo by John Jackson.

BACK COVER PHOTO –  
State Highway 300 near Pinnacle  
State Park. Photo by Johnnie Gray.

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# AGR/TC and AHTD Conduct Statewide Meetings

The Arkansas Good Roads - Transportation Council and the State Highway Commission have spent the summer meeting with Legislators, County Judges, City officials and community leaders throughout the state in an effort to rally support for removing the sales tax exemption on motor fuels.

The statewide effort began in June at the District One Headquarters in Wynne and continued through the summer with meetings at each of the ten district headquarters and Springdale.

At each meeting the invited guests were given a briefing on the financial plight of the Highway and Transportation Department and they were urged to support the AGR/TC and the Commission in their effort to have the sales tax exemption removal included in a call for a Special Legislative Session this Fall.

Gasoline and diesel fuels are now exempt from the state's 3% sales tax. Lifting that exemption at the wholesale level would produce about \$40 million a year. Under the current distribution formula, the Department would receive about \$28 million and the cities and counties each would get about \$6 million.

The Highway Commission wants to dedicate the additional revenues for use on the rural farm-to-market roads.

Commission Chairman, David Solomon of Helena told those in attendance at Wynne and Para-

gould that the state's secondary highways were being hurt the most by the lack of adequate state funds.

"Of the 10,000 plus miles of secondary highways in Arkansas, nearly 6,000 miles are not eligible for federal monies and must be improved with 100 percent state funds," he said.

Speaking to over 300 people in Pine Bluff, Vice Chairman Patsy Thomasson said the Department faces a funding crisis and needs more state revenues.

"Our financial position is much worse today than it was in 1977, when I was first appointed to the Commission," she said.

Commissioner Raymond Pritchett told a crowd of about 200 at Batesville that few people understood the complex highway funding system and most don't realize that the Department receives no money from the sales tax or state income tax.

He also stressed the importance of having adequate state funds to take care of the pressing needs on the secondary system. "This road system will not stay together by itself. You can only seal cracks so long," he said.

AGR/TC President, Dr. Silas Snow, said his organization was sponsoring the meetings to get grassroots support for the proposal. He stressed that it was very important for people at the local level to understand the problems and urge their elected representatives to support it.



Mary Jo Sullivan, AGR/TC Field Representative, Dr. Silas D. Snow, AGR/TC President, and Dalton Farmer, AGR/TC Director, go over the program prior to the Paragould meeting.



Highway Commission Vice Chairman Patsy Thomasson looks over a display chart with one of the persons who attended the District Two meeting at Pine Bluff.

Roads in poor condition can cost a motorist up to \$186 a year in the form of damage to shock absorbers, suspension systems, wear and tear on tires and additional fuel usage. In contrast, lifting the exemption on motor fuels would cost a motorist only about \$24 a year.

Dr. Snow said the AGR/TC believes the benefits derived from the additional revenues would be well worth the small increase in costs to the motorists. He pointed out that traditional sources of funding (a fixed cents per gallon fuel tax and registration fees) have been declining while construction, maintenance and other road related costs have been rising.

Of the state's 16,100 miles of state highways, 23 percent are good, 38 percent fair and 39 percent poor.

The AGR/TC and the Highway Commission contend that the situation will get worse in the years to come if additional State funding is not available.



Highway Commission Chairman David Solomon addresses a group at the Wynne District Headquarters.



Part of the large crowd at Batesville listens intently to the presentation provided by the Good Roads/Transportation Council and the AHTD staffs.



Large display boards depicting highway needs were viewed by hundreds of people over the course of the summer. These boards show existing highway problems in District Two.

## Boy Staters Tour AHTD Complex

Thirteen delegates to the American Legion Boys State Convention visited the Highway and Transportation Department Central Office complex in June.

The young men went on an orientation tour of the various divisions and sections and were shown a slide presentation on the department's activities.

Public Affairs Officer Bill Looney briefed the delegates on the department's responsibilities and answered questions pertaining to highway matters.

In the Roadway Design Division the delegates

went over a set of construction plans with Division Head Bob Walters and then toured the various design squads to get a first hand look at how plans are prepared.

Another stop on the tour included the Materials and Research Lab. Research Engineer Jerry Westerman explained the functions of the Division and the delegates were able to see for themselves how the various tests are performed on materials used in highway construction.

# Bridge Replacement Is A Top Priority In Arkansas

The collapse of a bridge on I-95 near Greenwich, Conn. in June rekindled the national concern over the condition of our highway bridges. Three people died when a span dropped into the Mianus River.

It was a similar incident, the collapse of the Silver Bridge between Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and Kanauga, Ohio in 1967, that first focused national attention on the problem of bridge deterioration and aging. The Silver Bridge tore loose from its supports and thundered into the Ohio River during the evening rush hour, killing 46 people.

The federal government created the Special Bridge Replacement Program in 1970 and required that all bridges on the federal-aid system be inventoried to determine their condition and assign priorities for replacement or repair. The Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978 expanded the inventory to include all bridges off the federal-aid system.

The bridge inventories are conducted by the states themselves which report the results to the Federal Highway Administration.

About 60 trained bridge inspectors are responsible for checking on the condition of Arkansas' 14,708 bridges. State highway bridges and city and county bridges are inspected at approximately two year intervals.

There are 6,691 bridges on the state highway system. Of this number, 1,777 are deficient, or 26 percent of the total.

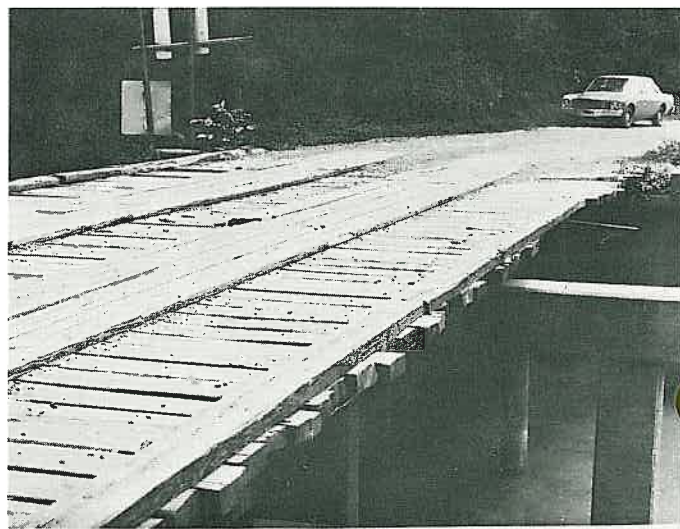
Of the 8,017 city and county bridges, 6,522 are deficient.

However, a deficient bridge is not necessarily in danger of collapsing.

A structurally deficient bridge is one that has weakened or deteriorated to the point that it cannot support all types of vehicles. Such bridges must be restricted to light vehicles, closed to traffic, or immediately repaired to prevent further deterioration. There are about 650 state highway bridges in Arkansas posted for weight limits of less than 73,280 pounds. Four bridges are closed because of recent flood damage.

A functionally obsolete bridge may be structurally sound, but can no longer safely serve today's traffic because of outmoded design features such as the alignment of the approach roadway or the bridge width.

Arkansas does not stand alone in fighting the bridge replacement problem. Nearly half of the nation's bridges are deficient, and 18 states report



more than half their bridges deficient. In Arkansas, 56.4 percent of all bridges are deficient.

Fifty-one percent of the state highway bridges in Arkansas are less than 25 years old. Thirty-two percent are 25 - 30 years old, and 17 percent are over 50 years old.

It is estimated to cost over \$300 million to replace the deficient state highway bridges and another \$600 million to take care of the city and county bridges in the state.

The Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978 provided an average of \$13 million a year over a four year period for bridge replacement in Arkansas. The 1982 Act increased the funding level to about \$30 million a year over the next four years.

Although this increase in funding will help, it is still not enough to meet the need. Additionally, it places a burden on the state to come up with its 20 percent matching money. In 1982 only 25 state highway bridges were replaced. It is the department's goal to replace 100 bridges in 1983. This will depend on whether or not the state is able to match all available federal aid. At the rate of 100 bridges a year, it

will take about 18 years to replace all of the deficient bridges presently on the state highway system. Of course, as each year goes by, other bridges become older and more deteriorated and are added to the deficient list.

The fact that Congress has recognized the problem and increased funding for bridge replacement is certainly a good sign. However, the problem is so widespread that a continuing effort will be needed at both the federal and state levels for the orderly replacement or repair of the nation's deficient bridges.



## Summer Flooding Destroys Bridge

As work was progressing in July to repair or replace several bridges in northeast Arkansas that were damaged by floods last December, heavy rains and flooding took its toll on five counties in southwest Arkansas.

The Mine Creek Bridge on Hwy 355 south of Mineral Springs was lost as a result of the storms.

Two spans on the 254-foot structure gave way and crashed into the rushing water. One woman was killed when her car ran off the bridge and was washed downstream.

Initially, it was thought that the damage could be repaired by building a new pier and replacing the

missing spans.

However, after the water receded, more damage was found under the remaining piers. The damage was so great the department had no alternative but to completely replace the bridge.

A detour bridge is being built first in order to carry the traffic around the existing bridge location.

Plans are being prepared for the new structure and it will go to contract as soon as possible. The department will use 80% federal Bridge Replacement funds and 20% State matching funds to construct the new bridge.





Backhoe Operator Charles Harvill of the Greene County Area Crew uses his Fridays off to get personal business taken care of.



District-wide Crew Leader Verlin Brown of Paragould believes the morale of his men has improved since the four-day work week began.

## Four-day Work Week Proves Effective

What started out three years ago as an experiment to cut costs has developed into an on-going program that has proven its effectiveness.

The ten-hour, four-day work week is not a new idea, but it was a different approach for the Highway and Transportation Department to take when it began looking for ways to reduce costs and increase productivity, according to Chief Engineer Bill Cooper.

"Faced with the problem of declining revenues, the department began taking steps several years ago to cut back. Equipment purchases were reduced, overall employment was reduced through attrition, some services such as mowing and litter pickup were reduced, and many of the field personnel were put on the four-day week from April to October," Cooper said.

According to estimates prepared by the Maintenance Division, the four-day week has resulted in a 6.7% increase in production of work with existing forces. This increase is equivalent to an additional 95,000 productive man-hours worth an estimated \$900,000 to the department. The new schedule means a 20% reduction in travel to and from the various job sites and will save approximately \$154,000 in fuel costs. Other expenses related to reduced travel are estimated to save \$130,000.

Maintenance crews, as well as some personnel in the Surveys, Planning, Traffic, and Materials Divisions, are affected by the schedule.

In addition to increasing productivity and saving money, the four-day week has also improved employee job satisfaction.

Fred Doles, Pulaski 2 Area Foreman, said everybody on his crew liked the work schedule. "They like having Friday off," he said. "It gives them a chance to take care of personal business that they would otherwise have to take annual leave for."

Doles has been Area Foreman for four years and has worked for the department a total of 11 years. He said the four-day work week is "one of the better things that has happened" since he has worked here.

"I'd like to see it continued. I wish we could do it all year, but I know that may not be practical during the winter months when there is not as much daylight time," he said.

On occasion emergencies occur on Fridays and Doles may have to spend part of a day off working. "That hasn't happened much and it's not been a problem rounding up a few guys to go out and work," he said.

A side benefit that some supervisors have noticed is an improvement in attendance.

"I've noticed we don't have a problem with people abusing sick leave," said Verlin Brown, district wide Crew Leader at Paragould.

"The morale is better. It's great. Most of the people on the crew really like it," he said.

Brown believes they are getting more work



done in a ten-hour day, four-day work week than they were on the five-day schedule.

"Since we work district-wide, we have more territory to cover. Our work may be two counties over from here. This way we spend less time traveling each week and more time on the job. We are getting about two hours more productive work time per man per week this way," Brown said.

The four-day schedule will end October 1 and Brown said he would like to see it extended in the future at least to the end of October to take advantage of Daylight Saving Time.

Greene County Area Foreman Darrell Hyde also likes the schedule. "Attendance is better and the crew members are saving their vacation time, too," he said.

Backhoe Operator Charles Harvill of the Greene County Crew agreed with his boss. "I'm saving my vacation time this summer because I love to duck hunt. I'll take those days off this winter and get in more hunting," he said.

Harvill is using his extra day off each week to take care of personal business, such as getting his drivers license renewed or other things that can only be done during the week.

Overall, he likes the four-day week, and said he looks forward to it every year. The only problem has been with the heat late in the afternoon. "Maybe we could come in an hour earlier in the morning and get off earlier in the afternoon to avoid some of the heat," he said.

David Tenner, an Erosion Controller at the Pulaski 2 Area Headquarters, said his attitude toward his family and job has improved since he started on the four-day schedule.

"I have more time with my family when I'm off three days and I enjoy that," he said. "I also feel more rested after the weekend and that has left me with a better attitude about my job," he added.

Tenner said his co-workers all like the four-day week and would like to see the department continue it.

Overall, the program has been a success for the department in terms of savings and productivity, according to Dan Flowers, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations.

"I believe we are utilizing it in the best areas," he said, referring to the maintenance employees and other field personnel.

"It would be difficult to include other employees in the program since we must operate so many functions on a five day basis to serve the public," he said.

The department plans to continue the four-day schedule each year, Cooper said.

"We will probably continue to operate during April to around the first of October. Seasonal limitations come into play later in October for certain types of work, so it is not practical to continue the 10-hour days much longer than we presently are," he said.



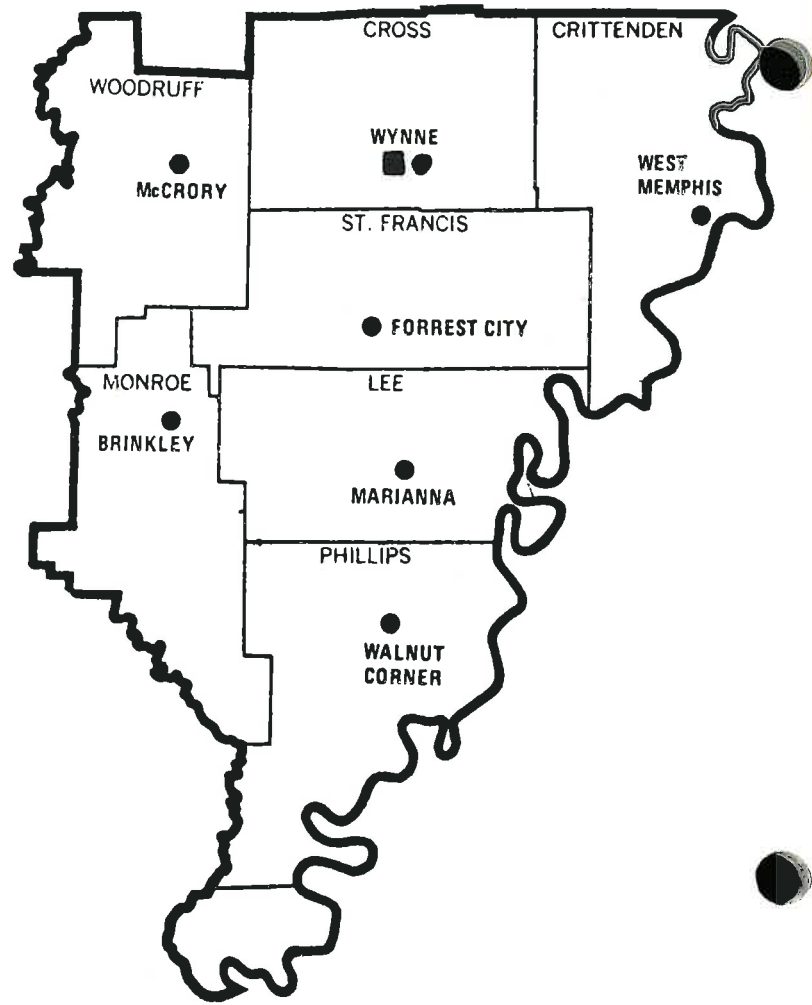
Erosion Controller David Tenner of the Pulaski 2 Area Crew would like to see the four-day work week continued in the future.



Area Foreman Fred Doles of Little Rock has noticed an improvement in attendance records since his crew started the four-day week.



Todd Wetzell, Highway Police Patrolman with 2 years service, talks to a truck driver at the Lehi Scales.



## DISTRICT 1 PHOTO FEATURE

BY DAVID HUNTER

Beginning with this issue of "Arkansas Highways" we will run a pictorial feature highlighting the personnel in each District.

We begin our feature with District 1.



Willie Anderson, Senior Mechanic with 14 years of service, repairs a mower part.



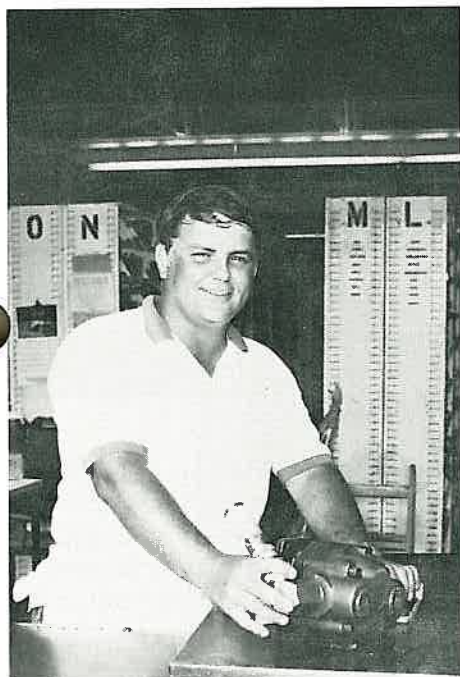
Ray Duff, left, Crew Leader with 8 years of service; Rickey Pierce, Mower Operator with 4 years service; and Donald Heath, Mower Operator with 1 year of service, make repairs to a mower.



Leo Roland, Mechanic with 6 years service, and Alfred Crumley, Mechanic with 24 years service, repair a truck in the District Shop.



Richard Spain, Jr., Truck Driver for 4 years, looks on as J.H. Woodard, Jr., Leadman, with 17 years service, prepares to dump the load.



Billy McGuire, Assistant Parts Manager with 5 years service, gets ready to check out a machine part.



Lynda Thomas (standing), Office Manager with 15 years of service, hands records to Lois McCormick, Bookkeeper with 14 years service.

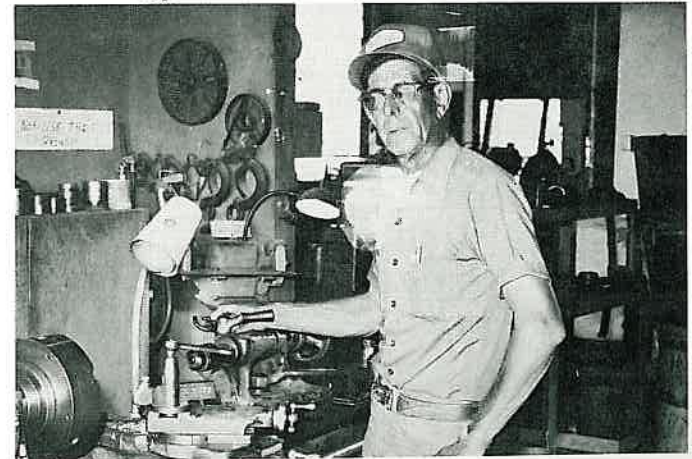


Billy Lee Williams, Welder with 10 years service, fills out a report for Annette Gilmore, Stock Clerk with 1 year of service.

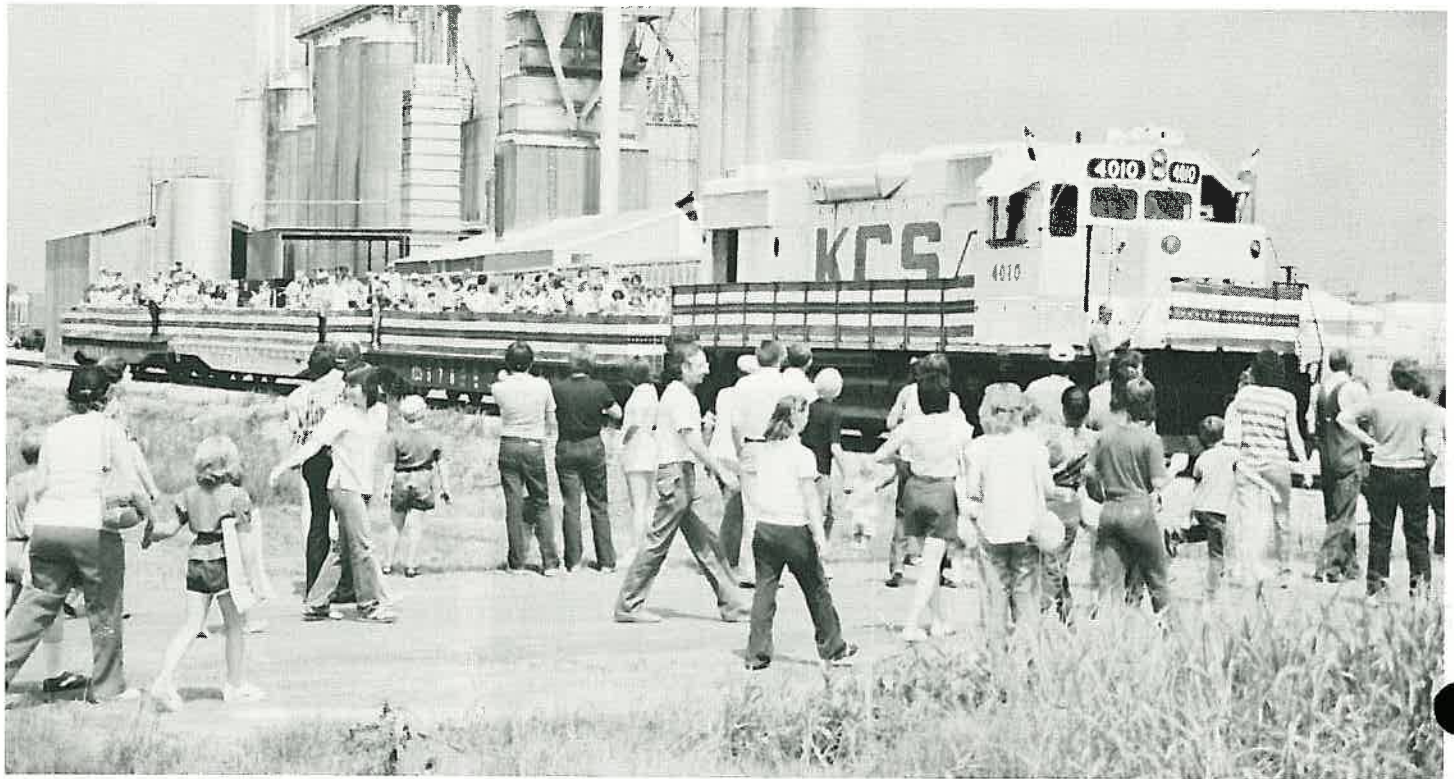
John Smith, Station Operator at Wynne with 5 years of service, fills up a vehicle with unleaded gasoline.



Tommy Curbo, Machinist with 13 years of service, works at a lathe in the District Shop.



# AHTD Completes First Rail Rehabilitation Project



Scott County residents wait their turn to ride on the rehabilitated Arkansas Western Railway.

A day-long celebration marked the completion of the rehabilitation of the Arkansas Western Railway Company's Waldron, Arkansas to Heavener, Oklahoma line, July 11.

The celebration started at 9:00 a.m. when the first of about 300 people rode by bus from Waldron to Heavener to board special railroad cars decorated in red, white and blue for the 35-mile train ride back to Waldron. For many it was the first opportunity to ride a train. It was a treat for both the young and old and the Kansas City Southern Railway Company made numerous trips during the day for those who wanted to ride the train.

The Arkansas Western Railway, a subsidiary of KCS has operated the line since 1902. Scott County residents had gathered near the same spot 81 years ago to drive a silver spike commemorating the completion of the line. The 1983 celebration was just as meaningful.

Just a few short years ago this line was being considered for abandonment by the railroad. This would have been disastrous for the Waldron area since many of the major businesses depend on the railroad for transportation of their products and possibly would have been forced to relocate without the services of the railroad.

The dedication ceremony started promptly at 3:00 p.m. at the Tastybird Corner crossing. Gov. Bill Clinton, who rode into Waldron by rail, said the future growth of Scott County rested with completion of the work, the first project of its kind under the federal railroad rehabilitation act.

The \$4.7 million project began during Clinton's first term as governor and he credited State Rep. Bud Rice of Waldron and former State Senator Gene Rainwater of Greenwood as having been instrumental in arranging the railroad improvement package.

The Waldron to Heavener project was selected as the top priority for rehabilitation in Arkansas and as such was the first rail project let to contract by the Highway and Transportation Department under the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, Highway and Transportation Director Henry Gray noted.

Funding for the project was a cooperative effort involving the Federal Railroad Administration and the KCS. The Highway and Transportation Department's Rail Plan Section handled the administrative details and the project construction activities were monitored by Resident Engineer Dale Spencer and Resident Inspector Pete Page.

Gray told the audience the KCS had invested

nearly \$3 million of its own money in the project and had committed itself to the people of Waldron and Scott County.

Nearly 10 miles of the line is located in Oklahoma and the Oklahoma DOT made available \$1.3 million of its 1979 allocation of FRA funds, through a Rail Funds Transfer Agreement, to the AHTD for use on this project.

It took the cooperation of many - federal, state, local and the railroad to get the jobs done, J.E. Gregg, vice president of operations for KCS noted.

"It took almost a perfect situation to come to the fruition of today", Gregg said.

Waldron Mayor Carlton Roberds called the rehabilitation of the KCS rails more important than the opening of the section of line 81 years earlier.

The dedication site was adjacent to Valmac

Industries, one of the prime users of the Heavener-to-Waldron line. The company receives from seven to eight train car loads of grain weekly.

The days festivities continued with a "Fun-Food-Fellowship" including fried fish, chicken, hush-puppies and all the trimmings at the Waldron St. Judes Church grounds.

The 35 miles were rebuilt with 43,540 cross ties, 120,092 rail anchors, 92,035 tons of base aggregate, 29 new timber trestles and 15 repaired trestles.

Primary track work of ditching, tie replacement, ballast rail surfacing and alignment, and laying of continuous welded rail was done by KCS work forces. Subcontracts for replacing timber bridges with metal pipe culverts were let to Weaver-Bailey Company for the Oklahoma portion, and Hamilton-Patton Company for the Arkansas portion.



KCS Director of Operations J.E. Gregg, Governor Bill Clinton, and Representative Bud Rice.



State Representative Bud Rice of Waldron.



AHTD Director Henry Gray.

# Jackson Heads Right of Way Division

Glendol Jackson became Right-of-Way Division Head in June, replacing Don Martin, who retired.

Jackson had been Assistant Division Head since April, 1973. He began his career with the Department in September, 1954 in the Roadway Design Division. In 1958 he transferred to the Right-of-Way Division as a Draftsman and has held several positions in the Division over the years.

He is a registered land surveyor, a member of the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping and the International Right-of-Way Association. He is married to the former Geraldine Green. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Arthur Watt, a 14 year veteran in the Utilities Section, was promoted to Assistant Division Head to replace Jackson.

Watt was employed by the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Company for 22 years before coming to work for the Department in 1969. He became Head of the Utilities Section in August, 1971.

He is a member of the International Right-of-Way Association and is currently serving as the Second Vice President. He is married to the former Betty Mueller. They have three sons and one grandson.

Jim Bartlett has replaced Watt as Section Head of the Utilities Section.

Bartlett has been with the Department 23 years and has served as Senior Utilities Coordinator for the past 15 years. He is married to the former Wynona Spears.

Nathan Garrett has been promoted to Chief of the Acquisition Section, replacing J.C. Merritt who retired in July.



Jackson and Watt

Garrett began his career with the Department in 1952. He left after a short time to work for Alcoa and returned in 1955 as a Permit Clerk in the Maintenance Division. He transferred to Right-of-Way in 1957 and was serving as Negotiator in the Acquisition Section at the time of his promotion.

He is married to the former Juanita Shell and has one daughter and two grandchildren.

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## Business Relocation Course Conducted

The Federal Highway Administration along with the assistance of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department presented a Business Relocation Course the week of July 11th - 15th. Pete Becker from the Fort Worth Regional Office of FHWA and Jack Wineberg from the Washington Office were the class instructors. Federal Highway Administration officials and State Highway Department personnel from six states: Kentucky, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Arkansas attended.

Dick Rohwedder from SCORE gave a speech on the activities of his organization. The SCORE organization stands for Service Corps of Retired Executives. They have branches in Arkadelphia, Fort Smith, Rogers and Little Rock. He also explained the ser-

vices available through ACE which is Active Corps of Executives. These organizations are nationwide and can be of real benefit in helping businesses relocate.

Jack Cox of the Farmers Home Administration and Ross Nesheim of the Small Business Administration, both explained different programs their organizations could offer in assistance to businesses that are relocating.

The purpose and intent of this Course was to inform the participants how to more effectively relocate businesses. The Course was put together in the form of Case Studies. Each day different groups read and discussed the different approaches and solutions to solving the problems of a Business move and the different types of payments they would be eligible for.



## Lime-Fly Ash Injection Being Tried For Embankment Stabilization

By Earl Kirkpatrick  
Research Engineer

A Federal Highway Administration Regional Demonstration of lime-fly ash slurry injection for embankment stabilization was sponsored by the FHWA in West Memphis in July. The attendance of 42 included representatives of the State Highway and Transportation Department, six other state highway departments, the FHWA, the Corps of Engineers, Valley Forge Labs of Pennsylvania, Chem-Ash Corporation, Woodbine Corporation, and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. This meeting was in conjunction with a project to demonstrate the correction method on the southeast embankment slope of Bolling Road Overpass on I-40 near West Memphis. The objective of this project is to demonstrate the benefits of utilizing a fly ash (from White Bluff at Redfield, Arkansas) with low pressure lime slurry injection by collecting information on the design, construction, and performance of an embankment stabilized by this method. Successful results will lessen the waste of one of the nation's resources while providing an abundant materials source. It will also allow conservation of a scarce and expensive good quality material by serving as a cost effective stabilizer for cheaper, more abundant, lower quality material.

The project is funded through the FHWA Demonstration Projects Program Project No. 59, "The Use of Fly Ash in Highway Construction". The contract is between the AHTD Maintenance Division and the FHWA Demonstration Projects Program, with a subcontract between the Department and Woodbine Corporation, who will perform the injection with their patented process. The contract also funds the use of Department personnel and equipment for slop dressing, construction inspection, instrumentation, monitoring, and reporting for a five year evaluation period.

The reports portion of the meeting included

presentations and discussion of the history of embankment stabilization, the design and application of this method, and the monitoring plan for evaluating the success of the project.

The field demonstration included the stabilization of the southeast side slope of the south approach embankment of the Bolling Road bridge structure overpassing I-40 near West Memphis. The process involves the injection of a lime-fly ash slurry into the embankment on a predetermined grid pattern to a depth of 10 feet.

Arkansas currently has three coal fired electric generating plants in operation which produce an estimated 375,000 tons of fly ash annually. Fly ash, a by-product of the coal combustion process, is the lighter portion of the residue recovered during the filtering of flue gases from the plant. The chemistry of some fly ashes is such that in the presence of lime and moisture, these fly ashes are suitable for use as a supplement or replacement for lime and portland cement. With the current emphasis on greater use of coal in this country and the resultant increase in the supply of the by-product, attention has been focused on possible beneficial utilization of this material rather than mass waste disposal.

In the West Memphis area of eastern Arkansas, the supply of local, good quality construction materials has dwindled to the point of being scarce or non-existent. Many of the approach embankments for the interstate system were constructed of local, lower quality fill materials and have, on occasion, failed requiring costly, yearly maintenance. Rather than import good quality materials for replacement, the area was selected to evaluate the ability of a lime-fly ash combination to stabilize an embankment slope by pressure injecting the combination into the fill material.

# A Word About S-A-F-E-T-Y

James Mansfield, Safety Officer

Over and over again, we hear the phrase "I don't like your attitude" or "You've got a bad attitude". ATTITUDE--What is it, or more specifically, how do we develop a good safety attitude?

The dictionary defines attitude as "a state of mind or feeling with regard to some matter". The National Safety Council defines safety attitude as "a readiness to respond effectively and safely, particularly in tension producing situations". Supervisors play a very large part in spawning and forming the safety attitude of their personnel. However, before you can develop this attitude in your personnel, you must first look at yourself. How do you view your safety responsibility?

The primary purpose of the Safety Office is to aid in the prevention of accidents primarily among AHTD employees with the objectives of saving human lives, reducing human suffering and curtailing financial losses to the State.

## PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

To Prevent Accidents and thereby protect the lives of AHTD personnel, as well as the lives of the public whom we are hired to serve through the maintenance and construction of highways.

To Reduce Costs by promoting the safe and efficient operation of Department activities.

To Improve Morale and increase the efficiency of AHTD employees by creating attitudes and encouraging discipline which will reflect the professional status of our employees.

To Encourage our employees to enhance the AHTD's position in the communities in which they reside and work. We must not forget that our AHTD exists through public permission and good safety practices do much to create a good public attitude toward our organization.

To Reduce off-the-job accidents of our employees by having on-the-job safety training programs.

To accomplish our objectives all employees who work for the Department should be trained so they can develop maturity, sound logical thinking and, above all, courtesy to the public. The high cost of equipment, insurance, medical aid, and lost work days make it essential that this program be as effective as possible.

Each employee of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department plays an important role in the building and maintenance of our great system of highways. Your presence on the job at all times is therefore essential. Because of this, as well as in the interest of your own and your family's well being, Safety should be foremost in your mind at all times.

Proper job performance not only involves knowledge and skill but also requires a constant awareness of the importance of Safety. No job is so important and no service so urgent that time cannot be taken to work in a safe manner.

A good safety record depends upon the interest of the individual employee in observing safety rules, keeping his mind clear, and going out of his way to do the common sense things which make for a perfect record.

If an employee is conducting an operation in a manner dangerous to himself or others, his attention should be immediately called to the danger. Everyone should be constantly watching for hazards along the highway. If one is noted, prompt action must be taken, either to have it removed or to notify the proper supervisor.

In our efforts to achieve an attitude of safety as employees of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, we are required to maintain courteous, businesslike relations with the public. A courteous act is invaluable. Courtesy and tact in these relations with the public and AHTD employees will be reflected in increased respect and good will for the entire Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

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## New Radio Equipment Installed

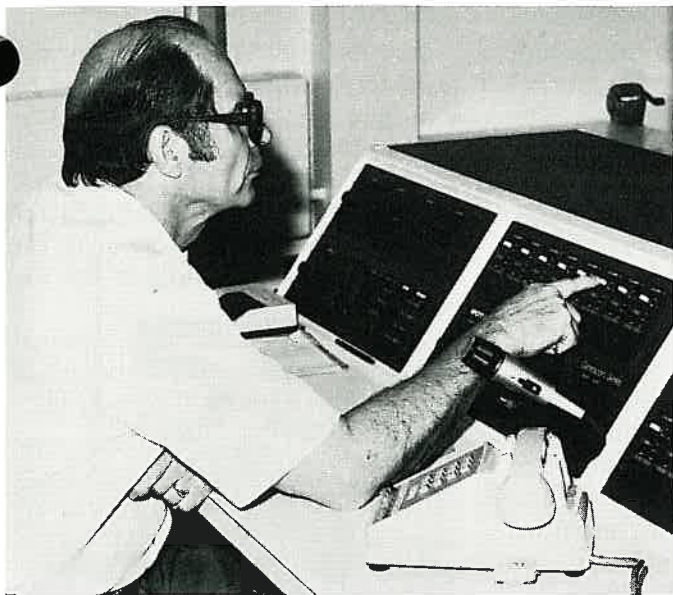
A four-year program for the replacement of the Department's radio equipment was completed in July with the installation of a new microwave and multiplex system at the Central Office, according to Cal Porterfield, Radio Section Head.

In the early 1960's the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department installed a statewide radio system which provided communications with

the ten Districts, Area Headquarters, Weigh Stations, and some of the Resident Engineer Offices. This system provides the AHTD with a vital service which is necessary for the efficient operation and maintenance of our highway system.

In 1979 the Highway Commission approved a four-year program for the replacement of radio equipment which, because of age, nonavailability of some





Harold Harrison prepares to make a call on the new radio console.

critical replacement parts, frequent breakdowns, and deterioration of system quality, had made much of the equipment obsolete.

The first phase consisted of the replacement of control stations at Area Headquarters, Weigh Stations

and Resident Engineer Offices. Phase two and three provided for approximately 350 mobile radio units.

The fourth—and final—phase provided replacement equipment for the Central Office, providing communication links between the ten Districts and the Central Office control console. The new equipment which was purchased from Motorola, Inc. and installed by the AHTD Maintenance Division-Radio Section personnel provides the Department with the most advanced state of the art equipment available. A teletype receiver located in the Communications Center provides current weather information to the operators which may be transmitted immediately to any area of the state which may be affected.

The entire system has been installed and is maintained by the Department's staff of communication specialists.

Harold Harrison is the daytime radio operator and has been manning his station since 1969.

Ronald Jackson works evenings from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until noon while attending Arkansas College of Technology.

Evelyn Kiernan is secretary for the Section and is sometimes pressed into service as a radio operator.

## Highway Planners Collect Truck Data

Providing the necessary data used to plan and design an efficient and convenient highway system requires continual effort. Data collection activities for the Planning Division's Technical Services-Field Operation is a daily way of life, especially during the summer months. One such activity is the ongoing "Truck Weight Study", employed to obtain information about truck weights and commodity movements.

Summer employees under the direction of Technical Services field personnel and assisted by the Arkansas Highway Police conduct truck weighing operations at various locations around the state. Weighing procedures are performed using platform scales at permanent enforcement stations and portable scales at other selected sites. These activities are directed toward producing reliable data efficiently, while maintaining safety of the traveling public and field staff.

The information collected is necessary for transportation planning at both state and national levels. The data are used to determine range and frequencies of loads imposed upon our highway facilities, dimensions of the vehicles, and the commodities carried. At the national level, data collected by the states are the basis for estimating annual travel by type of truck, ton-miles of cargo hauled by type of highway, and changes in axles and gross weights.



# News Briefs

## Commissioner Hopper's Daughter Chosen As Miss Arkansas 1983

Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper and his wife, Lois, have a lot to be proud of these days. Their daughter Regina was crowned Miss Arkansas 1983 in July.

Regina, a 24-year old law student at the University of Arkansas, was first runner-up in 1982 and finished as one of the ten finalists in 1980.

She studied classical ballet for 15 years and vocal training for eight years. In the state pageant she sang "You're Gonna Hear From Me".

Her final year of law school will be postponed until she completes her year's reign as Miss Arkansas. After that, she plans to finish law school, take the bar exam and then get a specialized degree in agricultural law.



Regina Hopper

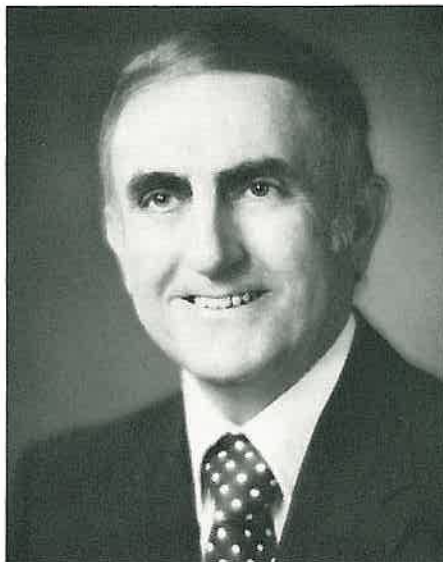
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## Chief Engineer Bill Cooper Reappointed Chairman of AASHTO Subcommittee

Chief Engineer Bill Cooper has been reappointed as Chairman of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Subcommittee on Highway Transportation. He will serve a

two-year term.

The Subcommittee maintains liaison with the Department of Defense concerning military requirement needs and the Motor Vehicle Manufacturing Association and the American Trucking Association concerning present and future designs of vehicles. The Subcommittee also promotes uniformity of size and weight laws and administrative enforcement procedures among the various states; reviews and monitors studies and proposals related to the allocation of highway costs among various categories of users; and monitors federal and state regulations on hazardous materials.



B.K. Cooper

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## Paul Edwards Selected to Special Committee for Vietnam Memorial

Paul Edwards of the Mapping Section, Planning Division, is one of several Arkansas Vietnam Veterans serving on a special committee that will supervise the erection of a monument on the State Capitol grounds in honor of Arkansans who served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam conflict.

Edwards, who was a Sergeant with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1968, is serving on the Special Projects Committee. He is one of about 30 veterans working

on the project.

Act 394 of 1983 set up the framework for the construction of a monument, which is expected to be completed by June of 1985 at an estimated cost of \$100,000. A trust fund has been established for contributions from individuals or groups wishing to donate to the project.

Anyone interested in additional information can contact Edwards in the Mapping Section at 569-2206.



Paul Edwards

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## AHTD Photograph Places Third in AASHTO Media Skills Contest

A photograph of the Mississippi River Bridge on Interstate 40 looking west toward West Memphis, received Third Place in the recent AASHTO Public Affairs Media Skills Contest.

The photograph was used on the cover of the 1982 Arkansas Highway Tourist Map and the Spring 1982 edition of "Arkansas Highways" magazine. The picture was taken by AHTD photographer Johnnie Gray.

This was the second year for the Media Skills Contest, which is conducted by the AASHTO Public Affairs Subcommittee. This was the first year for the Single Photograph category.

Public Affairs Officer Bill Looney was presented with the award at the AASHTO Public Affairs Workshop in San Antonio, Texas, August 4, 1983.

**National Research Council  
To Conduct Study On  
The 55 MPH Speed Limit**



The Department of Transportation has announced that the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences has initiated a comprehensive study of the benefits and costs of the 55 mile-per-hour national maximum speed limit.

A 19 member panel has been selected to assess the safety, energy and economic effects of the 55 mph speed limit law.

The Academy panel will deliver a study report containing conclusions and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation and the Congress in August 1984. The department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is funding the study.

The Congress directed that the study be undertaken with passage of the Surface Transportation Act of 1982, enacted January 6, 1983. Section 204 of the Act requires a comprehensive study and investigation of (1) the benefits, both human and economic, of lowered speeds due to the enactment of the 55 mph national maximum speed limit, with particular attention to savings to the taxpayers, and (2) whether the laws of each state constitute a substantial deterrent to violations of the maximum speed limit on public highways within such state.

The 55 mph speed limit was initially established on January 1, 1974 as a temporary energy conservation measure during a period of

severe interruption in the domestic oil supply. During the first year of the 55 mph law, fatalities on the nation's highways declined dramatically with some 9,000 fewer deaths than the previous year. The law was made permanent in January 1975.

One major focus of the Academy study will be to assess the extent to which the 55 mph speed limit contributed to the decline in motor vehicle fatalities, and to estimate the likely contribution of the 55 mph speed limit in reducing fatalities now.

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**Legal Division Collects Over  
\$400,000 for Damages to  
State Highway Property**



The Legal Division collected \$432,634.28 in this last fiscal year for damaged state property such as bridges, guard rails, and state vehicles.

Persons who negligently damage state property are responsible for the repairs. The collection process begins with a foreman checking the highways for damages. The damages are repaired, a police accident report obtained, and the costs are sent to the Legal Division.

Ted Goodloe and Laverne Thompson process the costs against the appropriate insurance companies and individuals. The collection process can be as simple as a letter to the appropriate insurance company or as complicated as a court trial. Some individuals have no insurance and pay the damages over a period of time. The money collected is placed into the district or division budget.

**FHWA Reports Over 95%  
of the Interstate Highway System  
Is Now In Service**

According to the Federal Highway Administration, 95.9 percent of the nation's Interstate Highway System is now open to traffic.

FHWA Administrator Ray Barnhart reported that a total of 40,752 miles of the 42,500 mile Interstate System have been brought into service. Included in the total are 223 miles that were put into use since December 31, 1981.

He said various improvements are still required on some portions of the open Interstate System. These improvements range from the construction of additional lanes and control of access to the posting of signs along roadsides and other final phases of construction.

"Currently, construction is underway on 566 new miles of Interstate highways," Barnhart said. "Engineering or right-of-way acquisition prior to actual highway construction is in progress on an additional preliminary 912 miles." In addition, route location approval is pending on 148 miles for which public hearings have been held, while 122 miles have not yet advanced to the public hearing stage.

When completed, the Interstate system will consist of 32,982 miles of rural and 9,518 miles of urban highways. Currently, 31,886 miles, or 96.7 percent of the rural mileage and 8,866 miles of 93.1 percent of urban mileage are open to traffic.

	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Open to Traffic (Includes 2,251 miles toll roads) . . . . .	40,752	95.89
Under Basic Construction. . . . .	566	1.33
Engineering and Right-of-Way Acquisition . . . . .	912	2.14
Route Location- Approval Pending . . . . .	148	.35
No Location Action Taken . . . . .	122	.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,500</b>	<b>100.00</b>



# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department would like to congratulate all the children of its employees upon completion of their high school or college education.



Karen Chaney  
Southside High School



Roxie Cotten  
North Pulaski High School



Joan E. Escarre  
Benton High School



Carol L. Fitchue  
Harrison High School



Mastin L. Ford  
Dardanelle High School



Deborah R. Justus  
West Memphis High School



Steven Ledbetter  
University of Arkansas



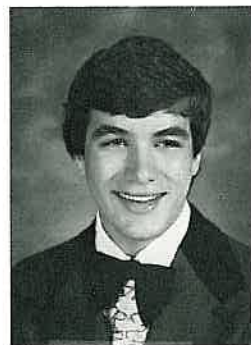
Marcia A. Lee  
Valley Springs High School



Jimmy McIntosh  
Berryville High School



Claude C. Parton, Jr.  
Nettleton High School



Donald Sage  
Hall High School



Jackie Spencer  
Mena High School



Gina Steward  
Bald Knob High School



Lisa Stovall  
Bryant High School



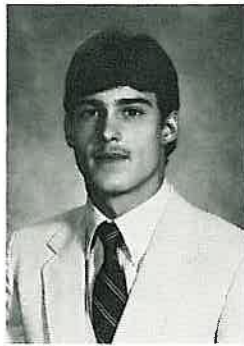
Keith Taylor  
Harrison High School



James G. Belknap  
Wynne High School



Keith Boyett  
Ole Main High School



Reed Briley  
Harrison High School



Terry Burns  
Wynne High School



Letita N. Carlson  
Hampton High School



Angela Fultz  
Berryville High School



Annette Gill  
Mills High School



Sam Harris, III  
Rison High School



Douglas Hodges  
Viola High School



Marla D. Hogan  
Oak Grove High School



Joey Pillow  
Crowley Ridge Academy



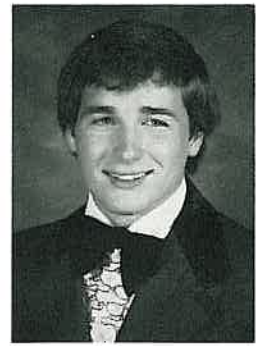
Kelly M. Parton Purtee  
Arkansas State University



Kim Reddin  
McClellan High School



Leanne Rose  
Waldron High School



David Sage  
Hall High School



Darrian Thacker  
Lynn High School



Lisa Weston  
Pea Ridge High School



Melanie Whitecotton  
Coal Hill High School



Kyle E. Williams  
L.R. Central High School



Vicki Winchell  
McClellan High School



# Letters Commend Good Deeds

May 8, 1983

State Highway Dept.  
District 6

Dear Sirs:

My husband and I have been touring some of America and I just want to let you know how very much we appreciate the convenience and cleanliness of your Arkansas rest stops. I just don't know what we would do without the areas, but yours are particularly enjoyable. The White River area and -- well, I can't name them all.

Thank you,  
M. Searle  
Payson, Arizona

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May 27, 1983

Arkansas Highway Department  
Field Offices  
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some members of your department who came to my rescue this past Wednesday afternoon.

While on my way back to the hospital to answer a STAT OR call, I had car trouble at the red light at the intersection of Caraway and Highland. Your men were kind enough to push my car off the road and then bring me on to the hospital. Without their assistance, I would never have made it to the hospital in time for the emergency surgery.

I do not know their names, but feel sure you will be able to determine who they were and pass my thanks on to them.

Sincerely,  
Vickie Samson, RN  
Methodist Hospital of Jonesboro

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ms. Samson is referring to Herman Brown and James Morgan of the Craighead County Maintenance Crew.

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June 23, 1983

Mr. Joe Barnett  
District 10 Engineer  
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Barnett:

Bobby Austin, the Superintendent at Lake Poinsett State Park, has informed me of the invaluable assistance received from the District 10 Highway Department in surfacing the roads at the park. Mr. Austin was very complimentary about the assistance, attitude, and work performed by the crew, especially Mr. James Thomas and Mr. Jerry Greitens. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation that the High-

way Department has given us at Lake Poinsett and in all our parks throughout the state. Without your help, much of the needed work and maintenance on our roads couldn't be done.

Sincerely,  
Richard W. Davies, Director  
Arkansas State Parks

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May 11, 1983

Mr. Bill Mulhollen  
District 1 Engineer  
Wynne, Arkansas

Dear Bill:

Mr. Charles McGrew, Safety Specialist, with your Little Rock office called me, yesterday, and told me that James Mitchell with the Cross County maintenance crew, picked up a pocket checkbook, a pocket sized notebook and a packet of calling cards on Highway 259 which I had dropped from my shirt pocket. I have carried these items in my shirt pocket for years without losing them, but when I missed what he found, I drove several miles to a location where I was measuring for underground pipe thinking that was where I might have lost the items, so you can see that I certainly did appreciate having them back.

James Mitchell was thoughtful to pick up what I had lost, find out who they belonged to, and go to the trouble to ask Charles McGrew to deliver them to me while he was in Forrest City. We should all appreciate members of a highway crew who will go that extra mile.

Trusting that you will see that James Mitchell gets his copy of this letter, I remain,

Very truly yours,  
Dennis Jarratt  
Forrest City, Arkansas

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June 30, 1983

Henry Gray, Director  
Arkansas State Highway & Trans. Dept.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Henry:

I want to congratulate you on your employee, Larry Johnson, who is handling the issuance of your Highway Use Equalization Tax Decals. He has a good positive attitude which certainly goes a long way in soothing ruffled feathers over this new tax. I was particularly impressed by the attitude of his people, particularly the temporary people, who are sitting almost on each other's shoulders in that office. You just had to be impressed with their "can do" feeling under very adverse conditions.

The same day I was in Larry's office, I was in several other of your various department offices and mentioned that I was in that day to see Larry Johnson. Without exception, your department heads were favorable in their comments concerning Larry Johnson.

Yours very truly,  
M.J. Lucy, Vice-President  
Southern Cement Transport  
Saratoga, Arkansas

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July 13, 1983

Mr. V.O. Sleby  
District Engineer  
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Selby:

I would like to thank you for fixing the bridge at the intersection of Highway 265 and Highway 264.

We do appreciate your prompt action after Mayor McKinney of Springdale contacted you.

There has been so many wrecks and near accidents there.

Thank you again,  
Mrs. Dale Reed  
Mrs. Carral Fielding  
Springdale, Arkansas

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May 2, 1983

Mr. Jim Selby  
District Engineer  
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Jim:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for installing the Airport signs. It has been a pleasure working with you and your people since I have been County Judge of Boone County.

There are so many times we get critized for what we do, but never many thanks. I want you to know if there is ever anything I can do for you or your department, feel free to call on me.

Again thanks for the signs.

Yours truly,  
Clifford Tomlinson  
Boone County Judge

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June 16, 1983

Mr. Jim Selby  
District 9 Engineer  
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Jim:

Please allow me to express my personal thanks to you for the excellent job the Highway Department crews did on the intersection of Highway 94 and Blue Hill Road.

I have already had many calls from residents in that area that are so pleased with the resolution of that intersection's visibility.

Your help is typical of the fine work and cooperation we always receive from your district.

We are grateful for the high caliber job you and your crews do in our district.

Sincerely,  
John W. Sampier, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Rogers

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May 18, 1983

Mr. Allan Holmes  
District 4 Engineer  
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Holmes:

I certainly appreciate your attention to the drainage problem near Byrd's store. Your people did a commendable job and the county also, at least, made an attempt to do something.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
J.P. Brown  
Booneville, Arkansas

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July 17, 1983

Mr. V.O. Selby  
District Engineer  
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Selby.

Last Friday, I drove across the new bridge over Osage on Highway 221 southwest of Berryville. I appreciate your help, in making the dream of a bridge there, a reality.

Thanks so much,  
Mary Richardson  
Berryville, Arkansas

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July 5, 1983

Henry Gray, Director  
Arkansas Highway Police  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gray:

On June 21, 1983, our company experienced a problem in application of our Highway Use Tax sticker by covering our 1983 Fuel Use decal. Many of our member stores are in your state and we deliver groceries daily to Arkansas. We thought we had an insurmountable problem.

I contacted a Lt. William Jennings, Capt. George Coffman, and Chief Roy L. Johnson who all worked with our problem to resolve it. These three officers are to be highly commended for assisting Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc. and are fine representatives of the Arkansas Highway Police. They certainly earned the respect of many people who were aware of our situation.

On June 30, 1983, we received our replacement stickers and have reapplied the 1983 Fuel Use decal which was inadvertently covered. Although the replacement stickers cost in excess of \$800, the time and expense we lost was minimal due to the actions of your three officers. These men are definitely, "Gentlemen who enforce the law."

Yours truly,  
William R. Tandy  
Associated Wholesale Grocers  
Springfield, Missouri

June 14, 1983

Arkansas State Highway & Trans. Dept.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

On the 26th of May, Steve Cornet and some other Highway Department men were working along Chicot Road and found my son's wallet in the ditch. They called my home trying to locate my son and waited there for me to pick it up, as it had my son's drivers license and other important papers in it. Mr. Cornet wouldn't accept anything for finding it and even called back later to make sure my son was alright, he was on his way out of town and I was quite concerned when I realized he didn't have any identification with him.

I would like to express our gratitude in your employees honesty and haste in notifying us concerning the wallet.

Thank you,  
Mrs. L.C. Grounds  
Mabelvale, Arkansas

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June 21, 1983

Chief Roy L. Johnson  
Arkansas Highway Police  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Chief Johnson:

On May 11, 1983, Special Agents of the Little Rock Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms were conducting a mobil surveillance on a semi-tractor trailer truck that was traveling from Arkansas to New York City.

As the truck approached West Memphis, Arkansas, we requested assistance from the Arkansas Highway Police and your officers, Albert Smith and Howard Sims, responded.

Their assistance was of great help to us in this investigation which has resulted in the halting of a major gun smuggling operation involving eleven defendants and over five hundred firearms and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

Officers Smith and Sims responded to our request for assistance immediately and were quite helpful in our surveillance. I wish to commend these two officers for their help. They certainly project the devotion to duty and professionalism of the Arkansas Highway Police.

Very truly yours,  
J. William Buford, Jr.  
Resident Agent in Charge  
Department of the Treasury

May 20, 1983

Mr. Roy Johnson  
Arkansas Highway Police  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

On May 16, 1983, due to an error, one of our Ft. Worth, Texas division drivers picked up a trailer that was loaded for Morris, Illinois and left for his home terminal at Ft. Worth. I called the scales just outside of West Memphis on I-40 and talked to Thomas Cariker. He saw our tractor-trailer go through his scales and attempted to stop it. When this did not work he alerted the next several tractor-trailers to the problem so they could stop him and give him the message to return to Coldwater, Mississippi.

I deal with scale people in quite a few states and quite frankly I was amazed at the concern, co-operation, and willingness to go beyond the call of duty that Mr. Cariker and his partner, Ms. Linda McKay, displayed. To say the least their quick action saved our company hundreds of dollars in wasted transportation cost.

I believe that the attitude they had is even more important than their actions. Today, since so many public employees are only willing to do enough to get by, it is really refreshing to deal with people who truly want to help you in any manner possible. Please place a copy of this letter in their personnel files and feel free to contact me for any needed details. I wish all my employees had the attitude and spirit of co-operation that Mr. Cariker and Ms. McKay displayed. You sir, are to be congratulated for hiring such dedicated employees.

Sincerely,  
Larry B. DuBois  
MPI, Inc.  
Coldwater, Mississippi

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May 12, 1983

Mr. Henry Gray, Director  
Arkansas Highway Dept.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gray:

Just a note on the roadside park on Highway 65 west of Black Rock, Arkansas. I have stopped at a lot of parks and I have never seen one kept neater or cleaner in the State. As I live in Black Rock, it makes me feel good to go by and see how nice the park looks.

Russell L. Sharp  
Black Rock, Arkansas

## RETIREES

MAY 1983

Freeman Bishop . . . . . District 1  
Woodrow Brown . . . . . District 7  
Felix H. Doyel . . . . . AHP  
James E. Lowder . . . . . Asst. Chief Engineer  
Mildred A. Stacy . . . . . District 1  
Vernon D. Stephens . . . . . District 10  
Shirley F. Wright . . . . . District 9  
Otis R. Wells . . . . . District 9

JUNE 1983

Roy Haley . . . . . District 10  
E.W. Lindley . . . . . District 1  
Donald H. Martin . . . . . Right of Way  
Roy W. McClain . . . . . District 7  
Isabelle Psalmonds . . . . . District 10  
James L. Rackley . . . . . District 8  
Warren G. Ward . . . . . Planning  
Homer S. Whatley . . . . . District 3

JULY 1983

Ulyes May . . . . . District 7  
J.C. Merritt, Jr. . . . . Right of Way  
Jim Sid Mize . . . . . District 10  
Marvin K. Perry . . . . . District 1  
Richard G. Ramsey . . . . . District 9  
Morris L. Smith . . . . . Planning  
Harold E. Trotter . . . . . District 4  
Ben I. Watson . . . . . District 1  
Louis C. Mathis . . . . . District 9





# SERVICE AWARDS

## JUNE 1983 30 Years

Birdie G. Clayton . . . . . District 1  
 Shirley A. Morton . . . . . District 9  
 Chester A. Willis . . . . . Public Trans.

## 25 Years

Jake E. Clements, Jr. . . . . M&R  
 Robert L. Day . . . . . District 1  
 Charlene McClain . . . . . M&R  
 Robert B. Sims . . . . . M&R  
 Hallet J. Wilson . . . . . District 9

## 20 Years

William E. Coles . . . . . District 5  
 Bobby J. Flaherty . . . . . District 3  
 Felix A. Hall . . . . . District 6  
 Robert E. Myers . . . . . District 7  
 James G. Pay, Jr. . . . . E&P  
 William E. Raspberry . . . . . District 10  
 Bobby D. Reddin . . . . . District 7  
 Loran K. White . . . . . District 10

## 15 Years

Roger S. Almond . . . . . Maintenance  
 Robert J. Bailey . . . . . District 10  
 Jimmie D. Bowerman . . . . . District 4  
 Ralph E. Buchanan . . . . . Heavy Bridge  
 Brenda K. Kirkpatrick . . . . . Public Trans.  
 Jimmy L. Leath . . . . . District 6  
 Buel B. Lofland . . . . . District 8  
 William L. Martin . . . . . District 4  
 James L. Sorg . . . . . District 10

## 10 Years

Ronnie E. Anderson . . . . . AHP  
 Harold T. Dearn . . . . . District 10  
 Billy D. Farley . . . . . AHP  
 Leland C. Greenhaw . . . . . District 4  
 Glenna K. Holt . . . . . ROW  
 Rex Holt . . . . . District 9  
 Johnney D. Horton . . . . . District 9  
 Mildred J. Hunter . . . . . District 6  
 Olma L. Keck . . . . . District 9  
 Nancy R. Kennedy . . . . . District 8  
 Linda G. Lewis . . . . . ROW  
 James M. Mayberry . . . . . District 3  
 James W. Nobles . . . . . District 10  
 Johnnie L. Parks . . . . . Internal Audit  
 Otto B. Potter . . . . . District 3  
 Leo D. Priest . . . . . Roadway Design  
 Albert L. Rhoads . . . . . Henderson Ferry  
 Jon Eric Robertson . . . . . Planning  
 Jimmy H. Sanson . . . . . ROW  
 Leon Segrest . . . . . District 2  
 Shelton T. Smith . . . . . AHP  
 Gillis P. Taylor . . . . . District 9  
 William J. Walter . . . . . District 7  
 Billy L. Williams . . . . . District 1  
 Rubin H. Williams . . . . . District 8

## 5 Years

Thomas J. Adams . . . . . District 6  
 Evelyn T. Allison . . . . . Legal  
 William H. Ayers . . . . . Construction  
 Gene C. Bishop, Jr. . . . . District 3  
 Eddie C. Brown . . . . . District 1  
 Edwin L. Chaney . . . . . District 5  
 Reginald E. Conway . . . . . District 2

Olive M. Crook . . . . . AHP  
 Paula K. Crutchfield . . . . . Internal Audit  
 Roy E. Cupp . . . . . District 1  
 James E. Fancher . . . . . District 9  
 Timothy W. Fields . . . . . District 9  
 Gary J. Freeman . . . . . District 4  
 Andy L. Gallion . . . . . District 2  
 James D. Harris . . . . . Construction  
 Regina Hayes . . . . . Fiscal Services  
 Kenneth D. Holmes . . . . . Bridge Design  
 David A. Hutchins . . . . . District 2  
 Kenneth W. Jones . . . . . District 9  
 Billy D. McCartney . . . . . District 4  
 Simon McGraw, Jr. . . . . District 7  
 Walter B. McMillan . . . . . Construction  
 Mark T. Montgomery . . . . . District 1  
 Harold D. Mosley . . . . . District 7  
 Kenneth H. Peerson . . . . . District 4  
 Ronnie M. Pierson . . . . . District 9  
 James L. Porter . . . . . AHP  
 Sharon K. Sullivan . . . . . Safety  
 Thomas D. Rountree . . . . . District 4  
 Mark C. Simpson . . . . . District 4  
 Ricky K. Smelser . . . . . District 10  
 Richard L. Sneed . . . . . ROW  
 Billy W. Trammell . . . . . District 9  
 Michael R. Weaver . . . . . District 5

## JULY 1983 25 Years

Jimmy R. Francis . . . . . Maintenance  
 Leonard W. Nelson . . . . . Maintenance

## 20 Years

Wayne S. Bell . . . . . District 9  
 Henry H. Burke . . . . . AHP  
 Alice J. Dong . . . . . Bridge Design  
 Jack W. Dorris . . . . . AHP  
 Walter W. Doss . . . . . District 1  
 Billy W. Grubbs . . . . . District 10  
 J.D. Hanson, Jr. . . . . AHP  
 Clarence J. Harper . . . . . AHP  
 John H. Harvey . . . . . District 7  
 Mildred F. Houston . . . . . Fed. Aid & Contracts  
 Roy L. Johnson . . . . . AHP  
 James E. Loyd . . . . . AHP  
 Max L. Ray, Jr. . . . . AHP  
 Armando Reginelli . . . . . AHP  
 Lyman L. Roper, Jr. . . . . District 4  
 James O. Sadler, Jr. . . . . AHP  
 Roy W. Sessions . . . . . AHP  
 Gene L. Smith . . . . . AHP  
 Glenn D. Sullivan . . . . . AHP  
 Mary E. Turner . . . . . AHP  
 Henry A. Watson . . . . . AHP  
 Cecil E. Williams . . . . . AHP

## 15 Years

Ronnie L. Blankenship . . . . . District 10  
 Harry Dinsmore, Jr. . . . . Bridge Design  
 Charles D. Evans . . . . . District 5  
 Kenith L. Harris . . . . . District 3  
 Marlon R. McEuen . . . . . Traffic  
 Willie Shepard . . . . . District 3  
 Jimmy L. Turner . . . . . District 1

## 10 Years

Olive R. Akins . . . . . District 1  
 Michael G. Beck . . . . . District 5  
 Mazel E. Diggs . . . . . District 1  
 Donnie L. Duvall . . . . . District 8  
 Herman L. Erwin . . . . . District 6  
 Jimmy G. Griffin . . . . . District 9  
 James H. Harrison . . . . . District 1  
 Coy W. Holland . . . . . District 5  
 Joy O. Mathis . . . . . District 1  
 Paul F. McChristian . . . . . District 9

John J. Milliken . . . . . Planning  
 Judy A. Prewitt . . . . . Fiscal Services  
 Charles E. Sanders . . . . . District 1  
 Ronald E. Satterwhite . . . . . District 5  
 Terry M. Sipes . . . . . District 5  
 Richard R. Steen . . . . . District 3  
 Roy F. Walden . . . . . Surveys  
 Billy J. Wallace . . . . . Guion Ferry  
 Marvin L. Whorton . . . . . District 8  
 David L. Zimmer . . . . . District 9

## 5 Years

Herman E. Bridges . . . . . District 2  
 David A. Burkes . . . . . District 9  
 Clifford M. Childers . . . . . District 7  
 Charles D. Crain . . . . . District 6  
 Michael L. Cree . . . . . Surveys  
 Ervin J. Curd . . . . . District 5  
 Michael E. Dodoich . . . . . District 6  
 Jerry W. Dutton . . . . . District 4  
 Lionel L. Elder . . . . . District 4  
 William R. Hogan . . . . . District 8  
 Timothy E. Honeycutt . . . . . District 8  
 Denver D. Jennings . . . . . District 9  
 Charles D. Johnson . . . . . District 9  
 Peter Knowlton . . . . . District 1  
 Allan C. Loring . . . . . Traffic  
 Mary L. Mann . . . . . District 1  
 Henry M. Noland . . . . . District 8  
 Troy D. Reed . . . . . District 5  
 John G. Smith . . . . . District 1  
 Lesley R. South . . . . . District 1

## AUGUST 1983

## 35 Years

Winford L. Bradford . . . . . District 6

## 30 Years

Noah Moody . . . . . District 8  
 William L. Moore . . . . . District 1  
 Joseph E. Pickett . . . . . District 10

## 25 Years

Siegle L. Swink . . . . . District 5

## 20 Years

Leslie C. Carrington . . . . . District 2  
 Joe N. Downs . . . . . District 4  
 Ronald F. Hedges . . . . . District 6  
 Robert F. Hutchins . . . . . District 8  
 James B. Karnowski . . . . . District 3  
 Helen L. Latture . . . . . E&P  
 Tilman A. Marlar . . . . . AHP  
 Clarence W. McCaskill . . . . . District 7  
 Richard L. Morgan . . . . . District 2  
 Earnest Ponder . . . . . District 7  
 Vershall A. Roy . . . . . Construction  
 Jimmy T. Sexton . . . . . District 5  
 Carl J. Stipe . . . . . Surveys  
 John F. Cheatham . . . . . District 4  
 Dan F. Flowers . . . . . Chief Engineer  
 Roy E. Hughes . . . . . Planning  
 Cornelius Peters . . . . . District 4  
 Travis D. Teague . . . . . District 3

## 10 Years

Michael D. Allman . . . . . District 6  
 Orville G. Brooms . . . . . District 10  
 Frank J. Brown . . . . . District 2  
 Jessie J. Brown . . . . . AHP  
 Herman R. Evans, Jr. . . . . District 7  
 Kermit H. Gay . . . . . District 5  
 Michael J. Lackey . . . . . District 5  
 Elmer A. Lovell, Jr. . . . . District 5  
 Charles D. Loyd . . . . . District 8  
 James L. Thompson . . . . . District 6  
 Ralph D. Williams . . . . . ROW

5 Years

John D. Allison . . . . .	District 10
Gladys S. Berry . . . . .	District 6
John A. Brandon . . . . .	District 7
Loyce D. Brown . . . . .	District 10
Travis W. Cunningham . . . . .	District 10
Samuel Fletcher, Jr. . . . .	District 1
James L. Fourthman . . . . .	District 1
David J. Gilbert . . . . .	District 6
Dewane E. Gober . . . . .	District 2
Tommy Harper . . . . .	District 5

Bruce A. Harvey. . . . .	District 9
William S. Hessilbein . . . . .	Traffic
Clinton A. Isaacs . . . . .	District 4
Patty L. Jackson . . . . .	District 5
William R. Kendall . . . . .	M&R
David O. Lovell . . . . .	District 6
Jewell Lowe . . . . .	District 7
Dan D. Marrs . . . . .	District 1
Bobby W. McKinney . . . . .	District 8
Terry L. Moore . . . . .	District 1
Kenneth C. Partker . . . . .	E&P

Billy H. Pruitt . . . . .	District 8
Randy L. Rector . . . . .	District 5
Leon D. Sanders . . . . .	District 5
Larry D. Shirley . . . . .	District 10
Patricia R. Smyser . . . . .	District 6
Curtis F. Sunderman . . . . .	District 3
Nathaniel Turner . . . . .	District 3
Evandrew Washington . . . . .	District 7
Dwight D. Wells . . . . .	District 2
Betty J. Weston . . . . .	District 9
James R. Woods . . . . .	District 7

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

## CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Clara Huie had been planning a trip to Hawaii ever since son Danny accepted a position with Ford Aerospace Corporation and that's where she and her mother, Mrs. Mae Kirk vacationed this summer. He greeted them with orchid leis. They flew to several of the islands to see Kilawea Crater and swim on the beach at Waikiki Beach. They had such a good time she is planning a return trip.

Our best wishes to the former Sylvia McDaniel, who was married to Scott Hoke June 18, 1983 in Paragould. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Pumphrey, Construction Engineer. Her beautiful gown was made by his sister, Mrs. Sandra Humphreys. They will make their home in Little Rock where she is employed by the State Banking Commission and he is enrolled at the Medical Center.



Mrs. Scott Hoke

Elaine Smart and family took a cruise on the S/S Norway, docking at Nassau and St. Thomas Island. Jon met several professional football players and coaches so he was busy collecting autographs. They enjoyed all the activities aboard ship, especially the delicious food and elaborate ice carvings.

Congratulations Margaret Roy, Vershall's daughter, on your induction into the National Honor Society at Hall High School.

We also send congratulations to Paige Parker, daughter of B.J. Parker, for being chosen as a delegate to Girl's State from Benton

## High School.

Ron Price and family rented a condo on the beach at Destin, Florida and had fun swimming and collecting shells and of course he went deep sea fishing.

## COMPUTER SERVICES

We would like to give recognition to our two summer employees, Terri Claiborne and Dwayne Dobbins. They are doing a great job and it is a pleasure to have them working with us.

Mary Green's daughter, Patty, a member of the Bryant Junior High Band, was chosen Best Girl Musician again this year. Keep up the good work, Patty.

Keena Reddin, daughter of Carolyn Stringer, made 1st Lieutenant of the Mabelvale Raiderettes. Congratulations, Keena.

## EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Vicki Lynn White and Richard Allen Cotton were married June 25 at Bingham Road Baptist Church. Vicki, the daughter of Ann White, is employed at CARTI and Rick is employed by Allied Supply. The couple honeymooned in Eureka Springs and now live in Little Rock. Congratulations Vicki and Rick.

Teresa Seals is with us again as our summer employee. This is the second summer Teresa has worked for our department and we were glad to get her back. She is one year closer to being an X-ray technician for which she is studying at UCA. Welcome back, Teresa.

## FINAL ESTIMATES

Many summer evenings were spent at the ballpark by three of our co-workers and their wives. Ty Payne, 9 year old son of Larry and Debbie Payne, played second base for Blalock Grocery in Paron.



Ty Payne

Mark Lewis, age 10, son of Gary Joe and Carolyn Lewis, played third base for Pizza Inn in Conway. Mark's team finished third in the City Tournament.



Mark Lewis

Gary and Sylvia Cooper enjoyed watching their son, Brian, age 10, play second base for Polyvend Manufacturing Co. in Conway. His team won the City Tournament and Brian received a trophy as did each of his teammates.



Brian Cooper

We are happy to announce that Annette Stanton did live through her daughter Diane's wedding, although we were beginning to wonder if she would. The Antioch Baptist Church was the setting of the lovely ceremony that united Diane Stanton and Dennis Smithson in marriage on May 21. They make a very handsome couple as you can see. After a honeymoon trip to California where they visited Disneyland and other points of interest, they are at home in Little Rock. Just think, Annette, you have not lost a daughter, but gained a son. We wish Diane and Dennis the very best always.



Diane and Dennis Smithson

We can always tell when John Howell's grandchildren are coming to visit him and his wife Sandy. He comes in smiling like a Cheshire Cat. John and Sandy have two adorable grandchildren - they just live to far away. Joshua, age 6, and Sara, age 3, live in Colorado Springs, Colorado with their parents, Jeanine and Rod Boice. The visit ended after a ten day stay, with sad farewells, but many happy memories.



Joshua Boice



Sara Boice

Vacations this year seem to be geared towards the great outdoors especially where there is plenty of water. Peggy Martin and her Mom spent a week camping at Lake DeGray. They had plenty of water as it rained most of the time. Ask Peggy about her skiing experience.

Another camping family is the Flemings - Rita, Bill and their daughters, Jennifer and Michelle. They visited beautiful Greer's Ferry Lake at Heber Springs for a week. Next week, for a little change of pace, they are heading for the hills of the Ozarks to Dogpatch, U.S.A., and then on to Branson, Missouri to take in some of the country and western shows.

The Florida Gulf Coast was the destination of two of our co-workers. Kennie and Harold Gifford and son, Chris, spent a week touring Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Orlando where they went to Disney World. Kennie tried to get an all-over tan on her dad's private beach.

Carrah Sandage went back to Ft. Walton Beach again with some friends. She had a most enjoyable week until the last day when a shark tried to eat her.

The Payne family, Larry, Debbie and Ty are off to the big city of Houston, Texas to visit relatives. Don't get lost on all those freeways, Larry!

We will all miss Paula Adams who is leaving us for what, we are not sure. Do you know Paula? Anyway, good luck, goodbye and God Bless.

### HIGHWAY POLICE

Rebecca Johnson showed her dad how to fish in the 1st Annual Magic Springs Fishing Derby. Rebecca, who is the daughter of Sgt. Bill Johnson in Hot Springs, finished third in the Intermediate Division.



Rebecca Johnson



Whitney Laura Harrison

Ptl. and Mrs. Randall R. Harrison wish to announce the birth of the daughter, Whitney Laura Harrison, born April 7, 1983. Whitney weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces. Ptl. Harrison is stationed in Bentonville.

### LEGAL DIVISION

Congratulations to Karen Horton's son, Eric, who graduated from East Little Rock Complex Daycare, April 25. Eric will be going to Central High School Public Kindergarten this fall.



Eric Gardner

Several people in our office were able to take vacations this summer. Betty Schmidt visited her daughters, Regina and Melanie. Regina lives in Texas and is expecting a new baby in January and Melanie lives in Virginia.

Mr. Keys was able to visit England in June and was kind enough to give each of the secretaries a souvenir.

Evelyn Allison and her husband had an enjoyable vacation in June when they went to Branson, Missouri. Evelyn also received her 5-year certificate of service with the AHTD in June.

Congratulations to Phil Gowen who was blessed with the arrival of a new grandson in July. Nicholas Newton Gowen weighed 9 pounds and 2 ounces.

Congratulations to Charles Johnson, who was married August 6 to Gay Bray, who works in the Fiscal Services Division of the Highway Department.

Our deepest sympathy to Robert Wilson and his family in the loss of Robert's father-in-law.

### MAINTENANCE DIVISION

We had four service awards this time around. Bill Baily received his 5 year pin from Don Brown and we had a double party for Roger Almond, 15 years, and Debbie Simpson, 10 years. Each got their own cake, so we had cake to go around all day long. Jim Francis received his 25 year pin from Mr. Rownd, but he wouldn't let us have a party. Congratulations to all!



R. Almond, B. Rownd, D. Simpson

John Hall and his wife, Flo, went on a business/pleasure trip to Washington, D.C. John worked with the FHWA as a panel member for the evaluation of the proposals for the Bridge Maintenance Training Course. On the way home they traveled through Williamsburg, Virginia and enjoyed many historical sights. John said both aspects of the trip were enlightening.

We have some cute little baby pictures this time. The little fellow is Jeffrey Ryan. His mom is Karen Hall, Roadside Development's secretary. The little girl is Kari Elizabeth, daughter of Ron Winkler, Roadside Development's electrician. Both of their statistics were in the last issue of the magazine. Better late than never on the pictures.



Jeffery Ryan Hall



Kari Elizabeth Winkler

## MATERIALS & RESEARCH

Materials and Research would like to welcome three new employees. Sharon Bowen, who transferred from Jack Coleman's RE office in Van Buren, has been with the department for 1 year. She and her husband, Grant, live in Jacksonville.



Congratulations to Ellie and Christine Watson. They are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, Quincy Jamar, born December 14, 1982, weighing 7 pounds and 1 1/4 ounces, at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. Quincy was born just in time to see brother Corey graduate from Kindergarten. Corey will attend first grade at Cloverdale Elementary School.



Corey Watson



Quincy Watson

Wayne and Sandra Casteel also received a visit from the stork. They are the proud parents of a brown-haired, blue-eyed, baby girl, Laura Michelle, born June 12, 1983 at Doctor's Hospital. Michelle weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to both sets of parents.



Laura Michelle Casteel

Alvin Simmons, Jr. joined the Materials Division in June. Alvin is not a newcomer to the department as he has worked summers for the AHTD while attending school at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He is a member of the Army Reserve, lives in Little Rock and enjoys drawing and skating.

Charlie Means transferred from the Hot Springs RE Office to join our Geotechnical Section as our Soils Foundation Engineer. Charlie still lives in Hot Springs and enjoys hunting, fishing and water skiing.

Emily and Hayden Cockrill would like to announce that their son, Albert H. Cockrill, Jr., received his Masters Degree in Business Administration, August 5, from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro. Albert, Jr. is 25 years old and currently employed as Vice President in charge of Marketing at Ambi Distributors in Jonesboro.

Jennie and Clark Hays, children of Donna Hays, enjoyed the summer playing ball at Little Oaks Ball Park. Jennie played for Cox Fixtures as their third baseman. Her team finished second in the league and fourth in the district in which she hit five homeruns. Clark played for George's Fixtures as their top notch

catcher and pitcher. This is Clark's fifth year playing ball and next year he will be moving up to play pony league baseball.



Jennie Hays



Clark Hays

Congratulations to service award recipients Mike Limbird, Mike Sebren and Harold Banks for 5 years of service. Also to Bernie Phillips for 20 years of service and to Charlene McClain, Jake Clements and Bobby Sims for 25 years of service to the department.



Bobby Sims

## PERMITS SECTION

We helped Terry Nanney celebrate his tenth year anniversary with the AHTD Permit Section on Friday, May 6. Homemade cake and strawberries were the order of the day. We are proud of Terry and his accomplishments as Assistant Section Head. Terry and his family recently moved to Shiloh subdivision in Mabelvale and are enjoying their new neighborhood.



Terry Nanney and Buddy Dumas

Misty Dawn Stevenson is the granddaughter of Joe Wheat. Misty was born May 11 and weighed 8 pounds and 2 1/2 ounces. Her parents are Laura Jo and Ricky Stevenson.

Joe's wife, Pat, was happy to have her son, Billy and his fiancée home for a week's visit. Billy is in the Navy at San Francisco. Pat's daughter, Edie, has moved back to Arkansas from Houston, Texas and is a Master barber at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

Julia Hopkins is the proud grandmother of Tara Michelle Hawkins. Tara was born May 23

and weighed 8 pounds. Her parents are Tammy and Dennis Hawkins.



Misty Dawn Stevenson



Tara Michelle Hawkins

## PHOTOGRAMMETRY

The big news in Photogrammetry this month is vacations. By now, almost everyone in Photogrammetry has taken a vacation.

Bob Barnett spent his vacation in the Destin/Ft. Walton Beach area of Florida. Between rain showers, he did manage to lay on the beach and soak up some of that beautiful Florida sun.

Richard Finkle and his family camped at Lake DeGray for a week and took a side trip to the Diamond Mine in Murfreesboro. Richard said they didn't find any diamonds, but his son, Ricky, had fun finding rocks.

Ferral Adams just spent his vacation at home. His sons, Travis and Michael, both play softball so he had to stay pretty close to home. He probably got more rest than anyone else did.

We want to welcome Ferrel Magby back to Photogrammetry. He worked here several years ago but left for other employment. He is now back as our new scribe. Welcome back, Ferrel.

Roy Walden received his 10 year service certificate and pin in July and we celebrated the occasion with a cake. Congratulations, Roy, we'll have another cake when you make 15!

Sue Walls attended her Bryant High School 20-year class reunion in July. Activities began with a tour of Bryant High School, to see the changes of 20 years, and ended with a banquet catered by Lindsey's Barbecue at the Hurricane Lake Pavilion. She said it was really fun to see how much everyone had changed in 20 years.



Roy Walden

## PLANNING DIVISION

Bryan Davis and his family spent their vacation on the beach at Top Sail Island in North Carolina, where they fished, ate seafood, and went sightseeing in nearby Charleston, South Carolina. This year the trip was extended to two weeks, rather than the usual one - would you say they're beginning to love it there?

Technical Services would like to welcome John Milliken who moved from the Mapping Section. John also received his certificate for 10 years of service with the Department.

Mildred Galt moved. . .again. "The last time" she claims.

Ursula is on cloud nine these days, having received a special phone call from home.

Dan Morgan added his fractured elbow as the list of injuries in the Planning Division. According to Dan, he was only a substitute on his ball team because it was less strenuous!

Hilda Harris spent a week in the heat with her Cub Scout den at day camp. Glad you survived Hilda!

This summer has also been vacation time. Most of us stayed close to home but Paul Elcan and family spent a week in Memphis and Dan Morgan and family traveled to Florida to visit Disney World and Epcot Center. Ed Flanagan is also scheduled to visit Florida.

Arrivals and departures highlighted the spring and summer for Finance and Economics. Morris Smith, a 13-year employee of AHTD, retired in June. Morris was treated to a deli buffet by his friends in the Section and was given a gift certificate by his co-workers in the Division. Filling Morris' job title was transferee Laura DeBro from the Programming and Scheduling Unit.

Two service awards were presented by Section Head Skipper Bosley during the month of June. Jon Robertson, Senior Economist, was presented his 10 year pin and certificate while Libby Lakin, section secretary, received her 5 year pin and certificate.

Our vacationers this summer included Carl Harrell, and his wife Linda, who lived it up for a week (san ninos) in Jamacia. Also, Tom Lorenzo, his wife Jackie, and son, Jarad, visited Florida for a week, including Disney's new Epcot Center.

Marlin A. Powell retired from the Mapping and Graphics Section on August 3. Marlin began working at the Highway Department in May 1950 in the Statistics and Analyses Section of Planning and Research. He was a photo-interpreter in the Army Air Force prior to graduating from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. His expertise in mapping and

photo-interpretation has been a real asset to the Department. Marlin has been Assistant Section Head for several years with primary responsibility for map compilations. He is a member of the American Society of Photogrammetry. We wish him the very best in his retirement and may he have a hole-in-one his next golf outing.



Marlin Powell

Donna Frazier attended the Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented during June 12 - July 16. The 5-week school was held at Hendrix College in Conway. Three hundred eighty students from all over Arkansas qualified to participate in this special experience. Donna was selected for special study in Natural Science. She was elected to the School Intramural Council which was responsible for generating interest among students in various intramural activities and provided officials for the competition. Donna is the daughter of Charles and Mignon Frazier.



Donna Frazier

## REPRODUCTION

Larry Foreman and family recently spent a week in Corpus Christi, Texas. Larry and his nephew are pictured with the catch on their boat during one days' fishing. The shark in

the center was about 7 feet long. The others are Jackfish and weighed an average of 30-40 pounds each. Larry, his wife Janet, and his nephew caught 6 of the fish pictured.



Larry Foreman and Jason

We have enjoyed having Bob Jennings working with us this summer as a Diazo Printer Operator. We wish him the best of luck as he leaves us and enters the Army on October 3.

Vonda Shell has a new nephew, Bradley Steven James, born July 19 weighing 7 pounds and 2 ounces. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Steve James.

Pictured is Heather DeShea Stracner who arrived June 7 weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces. She is the daughter of Sandy and Gary Stracner, niece of Robert Cagle and granddaughter of Gene Cagle.



Heather Stracner

Pete Escarre may have broken records in the Highway Department when he became a grandfather twice within 5 days. We had a picture of his grandson in the last magazine. Pictured this time is his granddaughter, Kortnee Beth, who arrived April 26. She is the daughter of Tina and Blake Bright. Welcome to all these "little ones!"



Pete's daughter, Joan Elizabeth, graduated from Benton High School in May. She plans to

attend computer school.

Jerry Heffington plans to attend the Folk Festival in Eureka Springs again this year in October and has joined the Branson, Missouri Arts and Crafts Guild.

Pat Latson received a beautiful pink azalea from her boss for National Secretary's Week. Thanks Boss! Pat's daughter, Tareesa, is spending 5 months on the mission field in Sydney, Australia. She reports the country is just beautiful.

Pictured is 3 of our employees who recently received their 10 year service certificates. They are Bonnie Hodge, Dick Godfrey and Debra Allen.



B. Hodge, D. Godfrey, D. Allen

### RIGHT OF WAY

Don Martin retired as Chief of the Right of Way Division, June 3, 1983, after 27 years of service. The Division honored him by having a potluck luncheon and a reception. We were very happy that his wife, Ernestine, could be with us for the luncheon and reception. We would like to wish Don a happy, rewarding and healthy retirement and hope he will not forget us and stop by for a visit now and then.



Ernestine & Don Martin

Pictured is J.C. Merritt, his wife, Avanelle, along with their daughter, Janelle, and sons Keith and Rodney. They were all here on July 20 to help us observe a notable occasion; that of J.C.'s retirement from the Highway Department after 24½ years of service. Also among the guests at the reception given for J.C. were a daughter-in-law, two grandsons and several retirees. There is no doubt that J.C. will be busy but we hope he will take time to come by and see us.



J.C. Merritt and family

Congratulations to Tim and Lisa Robertson on the birth of their daughter, Brandy Marie. Brandy was born March 22 weighing 6 pounds and 15 ounces. Tim is a draftsman in the Engineering Section of Right of Way.



Brandy Marie Robertson

Those receiving certificates of service during the months of June, July and August in the Right of Way Division were: (left to right, front row) Linda Lewis, 10 years; Linda Chivers, 5 years; and Kay Holt, 10 years. (Left to right, back row) Danny Arendt, 10 years; Joseph Qualls, 10 years, and Rick Sneed, 5 years.



### SAFETY SECTION

On Saturday, April 9, many family members and friends gathered to witness Pat Sullivan and Sharon (Prince) Sullivan tie the nuptial knot at long last. Pat seemed to have chilly feet as the time grew near, but, being the man that he is, thawed his tootsies in the nick of time.

To the bride's horror, Pat came to the church prepared to execute a harmonica solo but, thank goodness, no requests were made. During the ceremony only one small problem was incurred; in error the preacher referred to the bride as "Sharon Price". Now Pat swears that if all does not go well, he has a loop-hole to fall back on.

After the ceremony all gathered at the Sullivan clan's home for the reception. Everyone had a wonderful time and we all wholeheartedly wish Pat and Sharon the very best of luck.

Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service to the Department. Don Crain, Jim Dancy, Charles McGrew, Duane Sowell, Sharon Sullivan and Lyle Ward were each recognized for 5 years of service.



Safety Section Service Awards

### TRAFFIC DIVISION

Our congratulations and best wishes go to two graduates of the 1982-83 school term. Keith Boyett, son of Sue Boyett, graduated from Ole Main High School. Keith was active in school and is now employed with Golf Carts of Arkansas. Marla DeAnn Hogan, daughter of Marlene Hogan, graduated from Oak Grove High School. DeAnn was active in clubs and her student body and plans to attend UCA in the fall.

We would like to welcome Jarrel Max Robertson to our division and also congratulate Alan Loring for completing 5 years of service and Marlon McEuen for completing 15 years of service in July. Scott Hesselbein completed 5 years of service in August. Welcome and congratulations to all of you.

Tony Sullivan and Beverly Wyatt were united in marriage on May 7 at First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. Best wishes to you both.

In our last issue of the magazine, we wrote that Betsy and Mark Kimmel had their baby. Betsy now has her pictures back, so here's little Laura.



Laura Elizabeth Kimmel

Florida was the "hot spot" for vacations this year. Bert Porterfield, John Santoro, Scott Hesselbein, Henry McCrotty and Chuck Sitton all went this summer and had a ball. None of the guys will say much about their vacations except for the fact that they had a great time and probably will go again.

Proud parents and grandparents with smiling faces were found in our Sign Shop in June. Terry and Marsha Hogan gave our general clerk, Marlene Hogan, her first grandchild on June 13. Billy Lee weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.



Billy Lee Hogan

Huston and Susan Alford are the happy parents of a baby girl. D'Andrea Jo was born June 8 and weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces.

We were sorry to lose Jeff Farris, Robert Sturd, and Jerry Pitts but we want to wish them all the best of luck.

### DISTRICT ONE

David McFadden, Construction Job Superintendent, lost both of his son, or maybe we should say he gained two daughters with the marriage of his sons this spring. His eldest, Jody, was married on March 12 to Karen Hawkins of Alexandria, Louisiana. The marriage was performed by younger brother, Paul. Jody is a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force stationed in Louisiana, but is being transferred in October to Little Rock AFB, which will probably make his parents very happy to have he and his bride closer to home.



Karen and Jody McFadden

Paul McFadden was married May 21 to Christi Preslar of Union, Missouri. Their ceremony which was at the Hickory Ridge Church of Christ was performed by brother, Jody. Paul and Christi will live in Searcy where he will be attending Harding University this fall as a junior majoring in Bible. He is a Church of Christ minister.



Christi and Paul McFadden

Our bookkeeper, Lois McCormick, took a week's vacation in July to visit friends at Jefferson City, Missouri. While there she took in the sights of Missouri, including the Capitol, and the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks.

Pictured with Niagara Falls in the background is our receptionist, Vella Williams, who enjoyed a vacation in New York during June. This was an exciting trip for Vella and her children as it was their first trip to New York, and also their first plane ride. They visited with Vella's relatives there who showed them all the sights of New York State.



Vella Williams

After 15 years of marriage, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Harrell welcomed their first child, Justin Marshall, who was born June 10, 1983. Justin came into the world a little early, weighing only 3 pounds and 14 ounces, but is doing fine now to the delight of his parents. Floyd is a Senior Construction Aide in the Wynne Resident Engineer's office. Congratulations to the Harrells.



Justin Marshall Harrell

## DISTRICT TWO

So many 'happenings' in District Two this issue. Good news and bad news. Three of our favorite people retired during the last three months. It was good for them but bad for us as we will miss them. All three have had very good years with the Department and a lot of memories. The first to retire was Gerald D. White, Area Foreman in Ashley County. Gerald began work with the Department in 1959 and has been an Area Foreman since 1972. Gerald and his wife, Flora, live in Hamburg and he plans to enjoy fishing, hunting and working with his huge garden. We wish Gerald good wishes and best health in the future. The Ashley County crew honored their boss with a fish fry with all his friends. It was a huge success with a lot of well wishes from all.



Gerald D. White

Another of our favorites to retire was W.H. "Dub" Poston. Dub has been the Foreman of the St. Charles Ferry since 1955 and recently due to the close of the ferry, he was Crew Leader at Stuttgart in Arkansas County. It doesn't seem right not to have the ferry and now not to have Dub with the Department. But we know Dub and his family will be on the

White River where they are the happiest. The crew at Stuttgart honored Dub with a fish fry recently and the only catch was - he had to supply the fish. As usual, it was the best fish you ever ate. Dub - don't forget us and no one in District Two will ever forget you.



Dub Poston

The employee with the highest number of years with the Department was F.E. "Shorty" Fullbright. Shorty retired with 38 years and 21 of those were served as Area Foreman in Drew County. He had a long and colorful career during those 38 years. A native of Lincoln County, where he began his career, transferred to Drew County in 1950. Shorty and his wife, Lorene, daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters live in Monticello. He enjoys deer hunting and is a charter member of the Deane Hunting Club. The Maintenance Crew and Sealing Crew held a dinner in his honor inviting all his friends and made it his day in Drew County. He will surely be remembered for a long time by all his friends in District Two.



Shorty Fullbright and family

Garland Tidwell is shown receiving his 30 year service award at a reception held in his office in McGehee. Garland is in the Bagwell Residency in Construction. Thanks for a lot of years Garland.



Roxie Ann Cotten, age 18, recently graduated from North Pulaski High School in Jacksonville, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Tommy Cotten, Area Headquarters Attendant in Stuttgart. Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

The winners of the Maintenance Crew of the month of May was the Lincoln County Crew and Area Foreman Richard Morgan. For June and July, Arkansas County at Stuttgart with Area Foreman Scarler Lyons was the winner. This is really something to aim for and to win is an honor.



Richard Morgan and Sam Smith



Scarler Lyons and Sam Smith

On November 18, 1982, Kirk Alan Gober made his debut into the family of Alan and Dee Gober. Kirk sprang into this world weighing 9 pounds and 1 ounce. Dee is the Fuel Clerk in District Two. Congratulations to the Gobers on such a fine son.



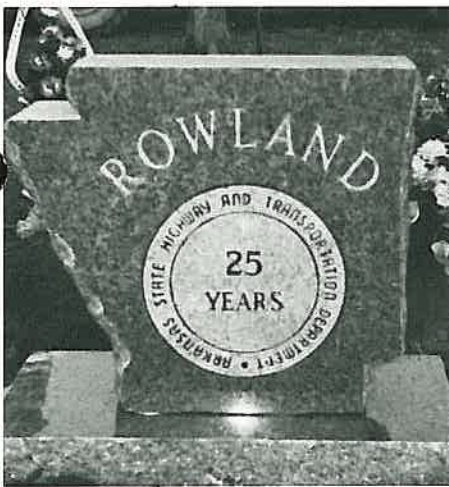
Kirk Gober

## DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department. T. Hooks and Betty McBride, 5 years; Lile Richardson and R.R. Steen, 10 years; Ken Harris and Willie Shepard, 15 years; and J.R. Barham and J.R. Whitehurst, 20 years.



Pictured is the headstone at the grave of E.A. Rowland, who passed away on November 30, 1982. This is an unusual and a very attractive headstone. His family thought he would like it because he was a very devoted employee of the Highway Department in Montgomery County. Earlene had 25 years of service with the Department when he retired.



Pictured is Rodney Price, Resident Engineer in Hope, and his two brothers, Richard and Russell, with a deerkill they made on the second day of the 1982 season. Both deer were killed behind Rodney's place at DeAnn.



Richard, Rodney and Russell Price

Jenna Sue Price, daughter of retiree Birt Price, was recently awarded a \$40,000 Alumni Federation Graduate Fellowship by LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This four-year research fellowship is awarded to outstanding graduate applicants. Jenna will receive her BS degree in mathematics and statistics from Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La. in November.

Summer employees helping us this summer in the Hope Residency are Becky Thompson, daughter of John Thompson, Sign Crew Leader, and Kurt Andrews. Becky works in the office and Kurt works out in the field. Both are planning to go to school this fall.

#### DISTRICT FOUR

Summer took its time arriving but arrive it did! To take your mind off the heat and thinking toward fall and the Hogs, Carl Sanders, Assistant District Engineer, brings a picture of an excellent snow sculpture of a Razorback Hog that grew out of the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. This work of art was the result of the talented efforts of Conery Sanders, Kelly Sanders, Mitchell Wearea and Sandra Conners, during Christmas 1982 at Shaver Lake, California. Conery and Mitch were the artists. Mitchell Wearea is an AFS exchange student from New Zealand, who became a dyed in the wool Razorback Rooter while staying with the Carl Sanders' family this last year. Mitch returned to New Zealand the 29th of June. Conery Sanders, as a result of her artistic abilities, was selected to attend the Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented at Conway, Arkansas this summer.



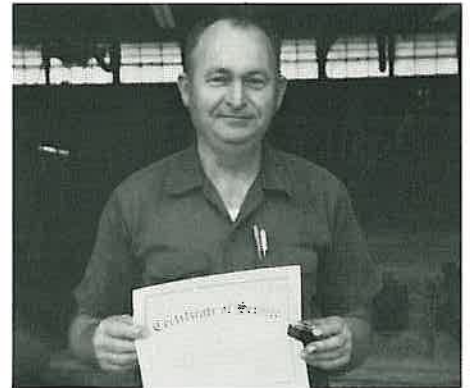
Big Red

On May 14, the Polk County Maintenance crew held their first annual fish fry. The fish was caught by Jearl Baker, Hershall Henry, James Golden, Jim Ralls, and Mel Heath. It took them several weekends to catch enough, but they stayed after it and when they had enough, the Henry family extended their home for the fish fry. The fellows fried fish and hush-puppies and the ladies prepared the baked beans, potato salad and desserts. A relaxing and enjoyable day was had by everyone. See ya'll next year!

We had several service awards this time. Receiving their 5 year certificates of service were: Mark Simpson, mechanical repair; Ken Peerson, headquarters attendant in Fort Smith; and Tommy Roundtree, senior mechanic. Vernon Smith received his 10 year service certificate from David Becker, Sebastian II area foreman, and Hester 'Tex' Brown, station attendant in the District Headquarters received his 20 year service award. Our congratulations to all these guys for their dedicated service to the department.



Simpson and Peerson



Roundtree



Smith and Baker



Brown

Some new baby arrivals this year are Garren Wayne Jennings, born February 10, weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces. Garren is the grandson of Donald and Ethel Jennings. Donald is the

Job Superintendent at Springdale.



Garren Wayne Jennings

Christy Lynn Williams was born April 25. She was 22 inches long and weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. She is the daughter of Mark and Elaine Williams. Mark is the Sebastian I Area Foreman.

Myra LaVenue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newell, has been awarded the "College Honor Scholarship" from the University of Chicago. The scholarship pays full tuition and is renewable every year.



Myra LaVenue

Two recent high school graduates are Jackie Spencer and Leanne Rose. Jackie graduated from Mena High School and is the daughter of Resident Engineer and Mrs. D.C. Spencer. Leanne graduated from Waldron High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Rose. Mack is a senior inspector at the Mena Residency.

Joan Benson, wife of Ken Benson, C.E. III in Jack Coleman's Residency, received a Bachelor's Degree in math from the University of Arkansas in May. She tells us that this was something she had wanted to do for several years. But we know that she went back to school to keep her eye on Ken. . . all those coeds you know!

### DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service with the department: C.E. Pectol, 30 years; Troy Case, James Mathis, and Fred Medlock, 25 years; Jack S. Mitchell and William E. Coles, 20 years; James Everidge and Charles D. Evans, 15 years; James W. Stone, Willis Drinkard, Winfred D. Reed, Terry M. Sipes, Ronald E. Satterwhite, Coy W. Holland, Michael G. Beck, Billy J. Wallace, James W. Tracy, Thomas E. Inman, and Jimmy D. Ayde-

lotte, 10 years; Hoyt M. Tayloe, Perry P. Stegall, Rickie E. Sharp, Don McSpadden, Chris A. Johnson, Harold D. Canady, Robert G. White, Pascal D. Shrable, Peter W. Musgrave, Karen Moore, Timmy R. Bradley, Michael R. Weaver, Edwin L. Chaney, Troy D. Reed and Ervin J. Curd, 5 years.

James Aaron Patterson, truck driver with the White II Area, retired with 10 years service. His fellow co-workers presented him with a watch and lots of wishes for a happy retirement.



Patterson and Odom, Area Foreman

Congratulations to Donnie and Melba Schmidt on the birth of a son, Daniel Wes, born March 25, weighing 9 pounds and 11 ounces. Donnie is the attendant for the White II Area Headquarters in Bald Knob. They have another son, John Blake. Grandparents are Jacob and Eula Schmidt of Judsonia and Clarence and Opel Nobel of Kensett.



Daniel Wes Smith

Karen Chaney, daughter of District Engineer Jim Chaney and wife Shirley, graduated from Southside High School with honors. She was a member of the Annual Staff, 3 years; Library Club, 4 years; Spirit Committee, 3 years; Beta Club, 3 years; Student Council, 3 years; Cheerleader Co-Captain, 2 years; Key Club President; Captain of Drill Team; Chosen Senior Leader by the faculty; Campus Queen; Homecoming Queen; Miss Southside High School (chosen by the faculty); listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Karen was an honor graduate and received the W.W. Goodman Engineering Scholarship to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Congratulations Karen.

Gary West, Inspector for the John Smith Residency, bagged a 22 pound turkey gobbler with a 10½" beard. They say his hunting grounds are located somewhere in Sharp County.



Gary West



Lacey Jones

We are still awaiting a visit from little Lacey Jones, granddaughter of Clif and Mary Jane Martin and daughter of Mickey and Betty Gail Jones. By her picture she sure is a cutie.

Evon and Grace Wheeler have two new grandchildren to brag about! Joseph Gregg Cornett, born June 22 to Annette and Greg of Batesville and Matthew Harrel Burris, born July 8 to July and Harrel of Beaumont, Texas. Bring us some pictures Evon!

Karen Moore, field clerk for the John Smith Residency, recently transferred to the Ralph Blackwell Residency in Jonesboro. We would like to wish Karen the best of luck in her new position. Her replacement is Eva Kay Smith of Batesville. We would like to welcome her to the department.

Nickey Lynn Pearson, age 7½ months, is

pictured here in his first pair of new overalls and ball cap. Nickey is the son of Judy and Nickey Pearson and the grandson of Brenda and Lynn Pearson. Brenda is the field clerk for the Harold Beaver Residency.



Nickey Pearson



Gina Steward

Gina Steward, daughter of Eugene and Jear Steward is a 1983 graduate of Bald Knob High School. Gina is pictured with Governor and Hillary Clinton and her parents at a reception given at the Governor's Mansion for the top high school graduates in the State. Gina earned the invitation to the reception by being one of the top graduates at Bald Knob High School. While in high school, Gina served as a cheerleader, on the annual and paper staffs, as a member of the Beta Club; Math and Science Club; Library Club; Marching Band and Concert Band. She served as Flag Corp Captain of the Marching Band during her junior and senior years. During her senior year she also served as treasurer of the Senior Class, secretary-treasurer of the Band and business manager of the high school annual. She was selected as a delegate to Girl's State her junior year and was selected as a Junior Counselor to Girl's State her senior year. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students her senior year and was selected to receive the Semper Fidelis award for musical excellence at graduation. Gina has selected the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville to further her education. She received a Freshman academic scholarship for her high scholastic standing in her high school class. She also received a Band Scholarship and will be a member of the Flag Corp for the Marching Azorback Band this fall. She will be a member of the Concert and Hogwild Bands in the flute section. Her proud father, Eugene, is the Area Foreman of the White I Area, in Searcy.

Congratulations to Bill Bradberry, son of C.L. and Lucille Bradberry, who is a recent gra-

duate from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, with a degree in Environmental Science. Brad is our District Maintenance Superintendent.

### DISTRICT SIX

We would like to congratulate the following employees on their years of service with the department: James Welcher and Felix Hall, 20 years; Jimmy Leach, 15 years; Pam Fry, Rosa Gray, Jammie Taylor, Herman Erwin, Gene Grouse, Millard Hunter, Jr., Tommie Brown, Warren Marks and Earlie Ruth, 10 years.



District 6 Service Awards

Congratulations to Lisa Stovall, daughter of Don Stovall, Bridge Job Superintendent, who graduated from Bryant High School.

Jennifer, daughter of Eileen Taylor, District 6 fuel clerk, has finished this season of softball. Jennifer is the pitcher for Cox Fixture and Supply. The team finished in second place.



Jennifer Taylor

DeeAnna and Michelle Jackson, daughters of Janice Jackson, our Sheridan Area Attendant, both have finished this season of softball. DeeAnna plays for Custom Builders of Arkansas and her team finished in fifth place this year. Michelle plays for Grant County Bank and her team finished in third place this year and finished in second place in District tournaments at Malvern. DeeAnna plays third base for her team and Michelle plays second base on hers.



Michelle Jackson



DeeAnna Jackson

Mr. Murry Linam, who was injured on the job in November 1982, recently competed in a Statewide Wheelchair Sports Event in Conway. He came home with four 1st Place ribbons, one each in the Javalin, Shot Put, Discus Throw and Archery, two 2nd Place ribbons, one in Weightlifting and the Wheelchair Race which included an Obstacle Course. He won a trophy for "Best All Around Athlete".



Murry Linam

Later he went to the Regional in Houston, Texas and won a Bronze Medal in Bowling. We really want to congratulate Mr. Linam for his first time out. He did Terrific!

The North Little Rock Residency would like to welcome Don Donaldson as our new Resident Engineer. Don took over June 9 and came to us from Bob Cornish's Residency.

We all got together at Chi-Chi's Restaurant on May 25 to express our best wishes to Ralph Hall and family, who was promoted to Assistant District 6 Engineer. We had a great lunch and we presented Ralph with a nice gift.

On June 18, we had an office fish fry at Willow Beach Park where a good time was had by all. This was a combination goodbye party for Ralph Hall and Jerry Rogers, Construction Project Supervisor, who left the department On June 1 to pursue another career, and a welcoming party for Don Donaldson, his wife, Glenda and their son Scotty.

Steve Cornett, Construction Instrumentman, is very proud of his pool shooting. He came in 4th in the State 8-Ball pool tournament that

was held May 12. He was eligible to go to the National Tournament in Las Vegas but could not find a sponsor.

W.L. "Shorty" Bradford's last day with the department was July 20 at which time a retirement party was held at the Resident Office. Cake and coffee was served to all and Shorty was presented with a going away gift. We sincerely hope he stops by and sees us from time to time.



**Shorty Bradford**

June 22 was Hot Springs Resident Engineer Charlie Means last day. He transferred to Materials and Research in Little Rock and we wish him the best of luck.

Assuming the duties of RE in Hot Springs is David Lambert. David is a University of Arkansas graduate and a registered professional engineer and formerly worked with Leonard Hall in Little Rock as Assistant Resident Engineer. We are looking forward to working with David.

Congratulations to three of our residency employees who received their 5 year service certificates: Jim Barton, Geraldine Garner and John Wehnt.

Several employees of Bob Cornish's RE office took vacations. Bob and Kay Cornish took a trip to New Orleans and Henry Ward, inspector, went to Germany on his military assignment. Henry is a major in the Army National Guard. That really must have been some kind of vacation Henry!

Barbara Mize took a trip to Amarillo, New Mexico and Colorado. She really liked it there especially the snow capped mountains, but would like to go back during skiing season.

Congratulations to Barbara's daughter, Deborah Renee, who was married May 14 to Michael Don Delling. Good luck to the new couple.



Walter and Vicki McMillan went on a nice vacation to California. They brought back lots of interesting pictures. We would also like to express our sympathy to Walter on the loss of his Mother, July 16.

We had several 5 year service awards this time presented to Jim Harris, Inspector; Rich Sajak, Inspector and Walter McMillan, engineer. Congratulations guys! the next 30 years will be a breeze.

Joe Parker transferred to surveys. It sure is quiet around here since he left. Come see us Joe!

John Bland came by to visit on his usual Thursday, but this was a special Thursday! It was his birthday and he stayed to enjoy some cake. Always good to see John. Also Joe Floyd comes pretty regular to see us and its really good to see him also. We guess Wallace Cook dropped off the face of the earth. We never hear from him. Come see us Wallace.

Wedding bells for Jim Harris and Kate Raykozitz are set for October 10 at Our Lady of Good Council Church. Kate is employed with DDS and is from Midland, Michigan. We all wish you both much happiness.

Sha Garrison won third place in the Wendy's Craig O'Neill Cystics Fibrosis Miniature Golf Tournament in June. She is the daughter of Donna Garrison.



**Sha Garrison**

### **DISTRICT SEVEN**

Assistant District Engineer, Claude C. Parton and wife, Helen, had double the reason to be proud this graduating season. Daughter, Kelly Marie Parton Purtee, graduated from Arkansas State University (Jonesboro) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Son, Claude Clinton Parton, Jr., graduated from Nettleton High School in Jonesboro. To celebrate, Mr. Parton treated his wife, children and son-in-law (Steve Purtee) to a vacation in Panama City, Florida. From the reports and pictures he brought back, everyone had a wonderful time. Congratulations Kelly and Clint!

We have enjoyed having several summer employees in the District this year. They are: Jill A. Gaston, District Office; C. W. Lester, District Shop; H. G. Hearnberger, Calhoun County; A. C. Harris, Clark County; T.A. Kirkpatrick and R.E. Mullins, Ouachita County; T.F. Smith, G.R. Hite Residency; and W.G. Wingfield, R.E. Myers Residency. Best Wishes as you continue your education!

In May, James F. Jones, Crew Leader for the District Sign Crew, enjoyed a fishing vacation with a group of relatives and friends. They cruised the Gulf of Mexico and reported some tales of high seas. Several in the group succumbed to a brief, but miserable, session of seasickness as evidenced by the pale green cast of their skin in some of the photos that James brought back. Luckily, James was not one of the unfortunate, but retained his sea

legs and a big smile throughout the trip. He is shown here with two large Grouper Fish caught on May 16. Happy eating, James



**James Jones**

Letitia Nell Carlson, daughter of Joe and Mary Nell Carlson (Field Clerk, R.E. Myers Residency), graduated in May from Hampton High School. She was an honor student and among the top ten graduates. She plans to attend Arkansas State College at Batesville and major in accounting. On May 20, 1983, Letitia became the bride of Don Reynolds, Jr. son of Don & Ann Reynolds of Danville, Arkansas. They were married at Locust Bayou Church of Christ and are making their home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee this summer where Don is Professor of Economics at Belmont College. In August, they will move to Batesville, Arkansas where Don will be Professor of Economics at Arkansas State College and Letitia will enter college. Best wishes, Letitia!



**Mrs. Don Reynolds, Jr.**

On Marcy 18, 1983, the Lafayette County Crew (D.R. Foster, Foreman) honored Mr. Woodrow Brown with a retirement party. Mr. Brown had his 65th birthday on the 17th of March and began his retirement on the 18th. He has 29 years of service with the Department. He has faithfully served as Crew Leader for many of these 29 years. He will be greatly missed. We had three other former employees with us for the party. They were: Mr. Jodie

Waddle, Mr. Sterling Willis and Mr. G.P. Townsend. They are shown in the photo enjoying being together with Mr. Brown.



Waddle, Willis, Townsend and Brown

Congratulations to John Hugh Harvey, District Office Manager and Robert E. (Bob) Myers, Resident Engineer on receiving their twenty year service awards and pins from District Engineer Coy Campbell on July 25, 1983. Shown in the photo are Bob Myers, Coy Campbell and John Harvey.



Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Burke, mechanic, are the proud parents of their first child, a daughter. Tiffany Michelle Burke was born on June 1, 1983, and is a little doll. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 1/2 ozs. "Daddy Dennis" is still walking in the clouds. Congratulations!



Tiffany Michelle Burke

We have enjoyed having Jill Gaston as our summer employee in the District Seven Office this year. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Gaston and is a student at SAU Technical Branch majoring in Secretarial Science. Her hobbies include cross-stitching, tennis, bike riding and softball. Her team won second place in the City League Softball Tournament this summer. Jill, we wish you the best of luck!



Jill Gaston

Sharon Tomlinson, Station Attendant in Union County, recently entered the White Oak Euduro Race held on June 26, 1983. There were over 200 entries in the race. Sharon entered the Women's "A" Class and came in at Second Place riding her Yamaha XT 200. She received a trophy for her accomplishment.



Sharon Tomlinson

Ray Jones, son of James Jones (District Sign Crew Leader), is the owner of the local McDonald's Restaurant. In raising funds for the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock, he made a pledge to fellow co-volunteers that if they collected over \$3000 he would personally walk the check from Camden to Little Rock. The group went over \$5000 and Ray began his walk on Saturday, May 7. He arrived in Little Rock on Wednesday, May 11, with plenty of tired muscles; but a satisfied mind. Good Work Ray!

#### DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to service award recipients! They are Larry Moore, Erwin Olinger, Danny Bradford, Jackie Washington, Joe Stevens, Bill Henry, Thomas Daily, Clyde Bridges, Jim Hall, James Hughes and Johnny Hayes.

Jim Rackley retired from the Pope County Crew June 1st. His fellow workers honored him with cake and coffee, and they gave him a rod and reel and tackle box. Jim had 15 years service with the department.



Area Foreman McFerran and Johnny Hayes



District 8 Service Awards

District Secretary Nancy Kennedy has a new baby. Scott Edward was born May 10 and weighed 8 lbs 11 1/2 ozs. Scott has an older brother and sister, Jason who is 9 and Melissa who is 6 1/2.

Congratulations to Jean Blalock on her move from the District Stockroom to the Russellville Resident Engineer's Office. Jean is replacing Mary Holley as Field Clerk. Mary and her husband have moved to Mississippi.

We are happy to welcome Steve Sheets to our District Stockroom. Steve replaces Jean Blalock. He and his wife live in Dardanelle.

Johnny Hayes was honored by his crew recently with cake and coffee. He has been with the Department in the Perry County Crew for 5 years. Perry County Area Foreman, James McFerran presented him with his pin and certificate.

#### DISTRICT NINE

Shirley Mae Wright, Payroll Clerk, retired with 17 years of service in District 9. The District Office employees treated her to lunch on May 12th and presented her with farewell gifts. We will miss Shirley Mae and wish her good luck, health and happiness.

Glenda Roberts was promoted to Payroll Clerk and Rick Widner left the stock room to replace her as Fuel Clerk. Kenneth Booth was promoted to Service Station Attendant. Congratulations to all three.

We hope Marion Downs is catching a lot of crappie on his trips to the lake - a fish fry would be might nice, Marion. His parents, Rev. & Mrs. Curtis Downs, drove over recently from Dell for a visit.

Joe Bill Wallace and family enjoyed a vacation trip to Kentucky. District Engineer Jim Selby, his wife and two grandsons enjoyed a camping trip near Heber Springs in June. The boys caught twice as many fish as Grandpa did and even managed to bring a few home.

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Coscia are the proud parents of their third child, a daughter, Charity Ann, who was born March 12th. They have two older sons and live in Rogers.



Pete and Charity Ann Coscia

Ellis and Fay Stewart recently celebrated 30 years of marriage and were honored by their children and other family members with a dinner and reception. They posed for a picture with their children, Ricky, Dean, Peggy Miller and Markena Murphy. They are also grandparents to six beautiful children. Ellis has been employed in District 9 over 32 years and we wish him and Fay 30 more years just as happy as the first 30 have been.



The Stewart Family

Service awards were presented at a supervisor's meeting to J.L. Dickey with 25 years; and Gene Taylor, Jack Dodson and Bob Brisco with 15 years. Safety and Service awards were also presented to Jack Brisco, Dean Smith, Kenneth Oxford, Vernie Berry, J.B. Parker, J.L. Dickey, Buster Widner, F.M. Parker, Jack Dickey, Bill McMullen and W.R. Shelton. Congratulations to all!



District 9 Safety & Service Awards

Jerry Greer, Deck Hand at the Henderson Ferry, won 6th place at the Merle Travis National Guitar Finger Picking Contest at the Ozark Folk Festival at Mountain View on Saturday, May 28th.



Jerry Greer



Margaret Jarrett

Congratulations to Margaret Jeannette Jarrett, daughter of Dennis Jarrett, who had her 8th grade graduations in Spokane, Missouri.

### DISTRICT TEN

"Shared joy is double joy..." It was not only a joy but an honor to have worked with Isabelle Psalmonds, District Secretary, over the past years. Isabelle retired on May 6, 1983, with 22 years of service to the Department. Pictured here with her husband, Alfred, Isabelle displays the present (the entire Bible on cassette tape) she received from fellow employees who gathered to extend best wishes to her. We will truly miss her cheery face and bubbling personality, and this reporter will never forget the encouragement and moral support Isabelle gave. Again, we would like to take this opportunity to wish her many happy years in her new position as a "Lady of Leisure". (From what Isabelle has said so far, the Lady of Leisure position is harder work than she expected. She and Alfred have made several short trips and have been on the go constantly. Sure sounds like fun to me!)



Isabelle Psalmonds

Ray Haley, Lead Person in Randolph County, also retired. He has 26 years of service with the Department. On April 28, 1983, R.C. Blackwell, Randolph County Area Foreman, presented Ray with a fishing rod and tackle box from fellow employees. Since Ray said he was going to do a lot of fishing, we are sure these will be used for many pleasurable hours of relaxing. Best wishes for many happy years of retirement.



R.C. Blackwell and Ray Haley

M. Richard Stuart, Construction Project Supervisor, was presented his 20 year Service award on July 7, 1983, at a fish fry in Ravendon. The crew of the Paragould Residency enjoyed the "good eating" and expressed their best wishes to Richard for many more years of enjoyable association with the Department.

Today's young people are often criticized. However, if one will only take the time to look at each youth as an individual, you will find many outstanding, promising teenagers who are not only capable, but eager, to tackle today's problems. One such young man is Joey Pillow, son of Jerry (Greene County Maintenance Crew) and Linda Pillow of Paragould. Joey's list of accomplishments far out number his years. He was valedictorian of Crowley's Ridge Academy, Vice President of Senior Class, Student Council Representative for 2 years, class treasurer, President of the National Honor Society, Who's Who of American High School Students, Exchange Club Student of the Month, awarded for citizenship, and a member of the Philadelphia Club. Joey also played basketball for 3 years (named to all-district his freshman year), won track awards during his

junior and senior years, placed second in the Greene County 4-Mile Heart Fund Run, and participated in Senior Babe Ruth Baseball. Joey worked all through his high school years at the Oak Grove Cabinet Shop and as a camp counselor at the Crowley's Ridge Youth Camp. Congratulations to Joey for all of his accomplishments and to Jerry and Linda for having such a fine son.

Wedding bells have been ringing in District Ten. Steve Glover, son of our District Materials Supervisor, Bob Glover, was married on June 25th to Janice Dockery. Steve has worked during the past three summers in the Osceola Residency and attends the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville where he is a civil engineering student. Janice is the Home Economics teacher in the Fayetteville High School. The lovely ceremony took place in the Prairie Grove Church of Christ in Fayetteville and was performed by Mr. John Dockery, father of the bride. Bob served as his son's best man. Among the many guests attending were Guy Spears of the Osceola Residency and Sam Turner, a former District 10 employee who now works in the Springdale Residency in District 4. Steve and his new bride will reside in Farmington after returning from a honeymoon in New Orleans, Florida and Nashville. Congratulations Steve and Best Wishes Janice! We wish you both many years of happiness.



Mr. & Mrs. Steve Glover

Bob Faulkner, Assistant District Engineer, recently vacationed in Alaska. Bob returned with many tales of his adventures and travels which took him over more than 7,000 miles of roadway. We are looking forward to seeing some of the pictures taken along the way, and hearing again of the moose which happened into Bob's path. From what we understand this "unavoidable" meeting caused little damage to Bob's van and no injuries to Bob or the moose for which we are grateful.

Leonard Nelson, Job Superintendent, and "Bill" Raspberry, Mississippi County Area Foreman, were presented their 25 and 20 year service awards, respectively, at a Supervisors' meeting held on July 14, 1983 here in the District Headquarters. Coffee and donuts were served following the presentation which was made by Lyndal Waits, District Maintenance Engineer. Congratulations to both and we hope to have each of you around for another 20 to 25 years.

The following are a few of the many employees who received service awards since the last magazine was published. We wish each of those who received awards our best wishes

for many more years of fruitful employment with the Department.



Kneeling: Ricky Smelser, 5 years; left to right: Frank Coffel, 15 years; Jim Murray, 15 years; J.W. Knobles, 10 years; James Sorg, 15 years; Bill Raspberry, 20 years and Leonard Nelson, 25 years.



Left to right: Jim Lashley, 20 years; Robert Bailey, 15 years and Elmer Glover, 10 years.



Left to right: Loren "Lefty" White, 20 years and Harold Dearn, 10 years.

This beautiful little bundle of pride and joy is the first child of Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Martin. Kenny works with the Randolph County Maintenance Crew. Andrea Katherine was born on June 20, 1983, and weighed in at 9 lbs. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Martin and also to the proud grandpa, R.C. Blackwell.



The Jonesboro Resident Engineer's Office has quite a bit of news to share this time. First of all, Sherry Bridges, Field Clerk for this office was recently promoted to District Secretary at Paragould. A fish fry was held at Don LeMay's home in her honor before she left. We all wish her well in her new job.

This reporter, Karen Moore, transferred to the Jonesboro Resident Engineer's Office from Batesville to take Sherry's place, having worked at Batesville for 5 years under the John E. Smith Residency. I received my 5 year certificate only a few days before moving to Jonesboro. In addition, I received some nice gifts and took some good pictures of some of the people I worked with before moving to Jonesboro. I would like to take this opportunity to say "Hello" to John Ed and everyone in District Five.

Linda J. Hampton, Construction Helper, was on leave for four weeks. She had emergency surgery in June and was able to return to work July 11, 1983. We're glad to see her back.

We have 2 summer employees working here this summer. Torin Corbin is a student at ASU majoring in accounting. He is married, and he and his wife, Cynthia, have one child. Kevin Hall is also a summer employee here. He is a Sophomore Civil Engineering Student at U of A. He is residing here this summer with his family. We are glad to have these 2 employees here this summer.

This sweet little girl is Brandi Lee, the daughter of Bobby & Brenda Wade. She was born February 24, 1983, and weighed 8 lbs. & 2 ozs. They also have a son, Jason, aged 4 years. Bobby is Senior Construction Aide here in Ralph Blackwell's office.



Brandi Lee Wade

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