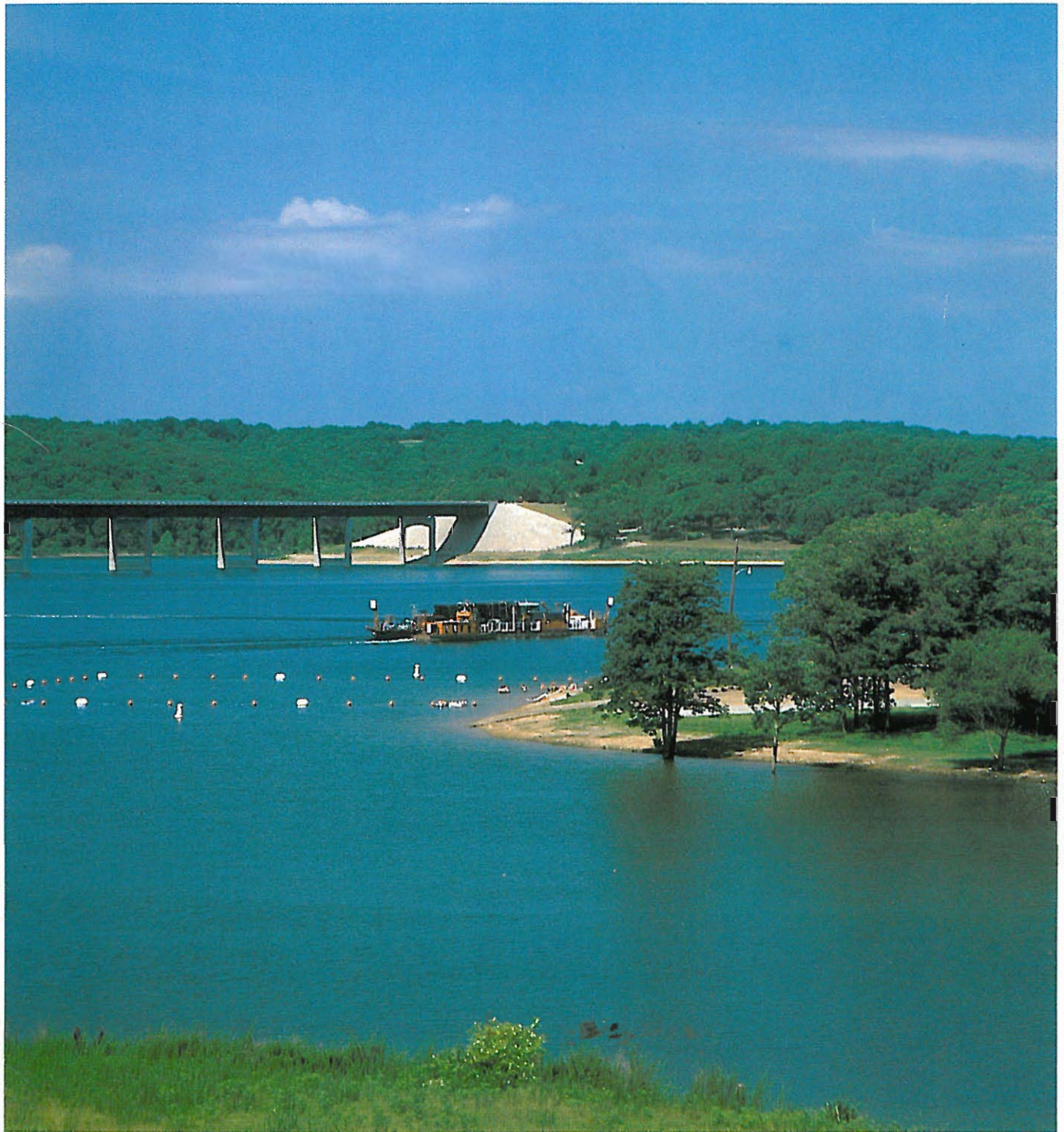


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FRONT COVER PHOTO:
Henderson Ferry passes in front of Highway 101 Bridge on Lake Norfolk. Photo by David Hunter.

BACK COVER PHOTO:
Henderson Ferry is tied to dock after the last ceremonial ride. Photo by Johnnie Gray.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

1983-A Busy Year

This past year has been an extremely busy one for the members of the Highway Commission and the Department staff.

We started the year off with a new Surface Transportation Assistance Act that provided for increased Federal funds. However, in order to receive the new Federal funds, the State must put up additional matching money.

We were successful during the 1983 Regular Session of the Legislature to get a Weight-Distance tax approved to partially compensate for the increase in truck weights to 80,000 pounds.

The new source of income has produced about \$15 Million, which we have put to use on many badly needed highway construction projects.

Had we not received this additional increase, our funding problems would have been greater than they are at present.

The Department has lost an estimated \$50 Million in highway, road and street funds over the past four years because of the decreased motor fuel consumption. The taxable motor fuel consumption in fiscal year 1983 totalled 1.3 billion gallons, as compared to 1.479

billion in fiscal year 1980. This 12% decrease continues a trend that began in fiscal year 1979 and has effectively negated the one-cent increase in the motor fuel tax that took effect July 1, 1979. Estimated to bring in approximately \$13.5 Million annually, the one-cent increase only brought in an additional \$542,744 in fiscal year 1983. If motor fuel consumption had remained at 1980 levels, the motor fuel tax collections would have brought in an additional \$35 Million for state highways, \$7.5 Million for municipalities and \$7.5 Million for counties.

The trend in motor fuel consumption is expected to continue, and fiscal year 1984 motor fuels tax collections are projected to actually be less than 1979.

Although travel on the state's highways has continued to increase each year, more fuel efficient engines and the increased usage of tax exempt gasohol have resulted in decreased revenues.


One way to improve our financial plight is to remove the sales tax exemption from motor fuels. This proposal has been widely discussed through a series of statewide meetings this past summer.



The Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council sponsored eleven meetings with legislators, county and city officials, and other interested parties to explain the need for additional funds.

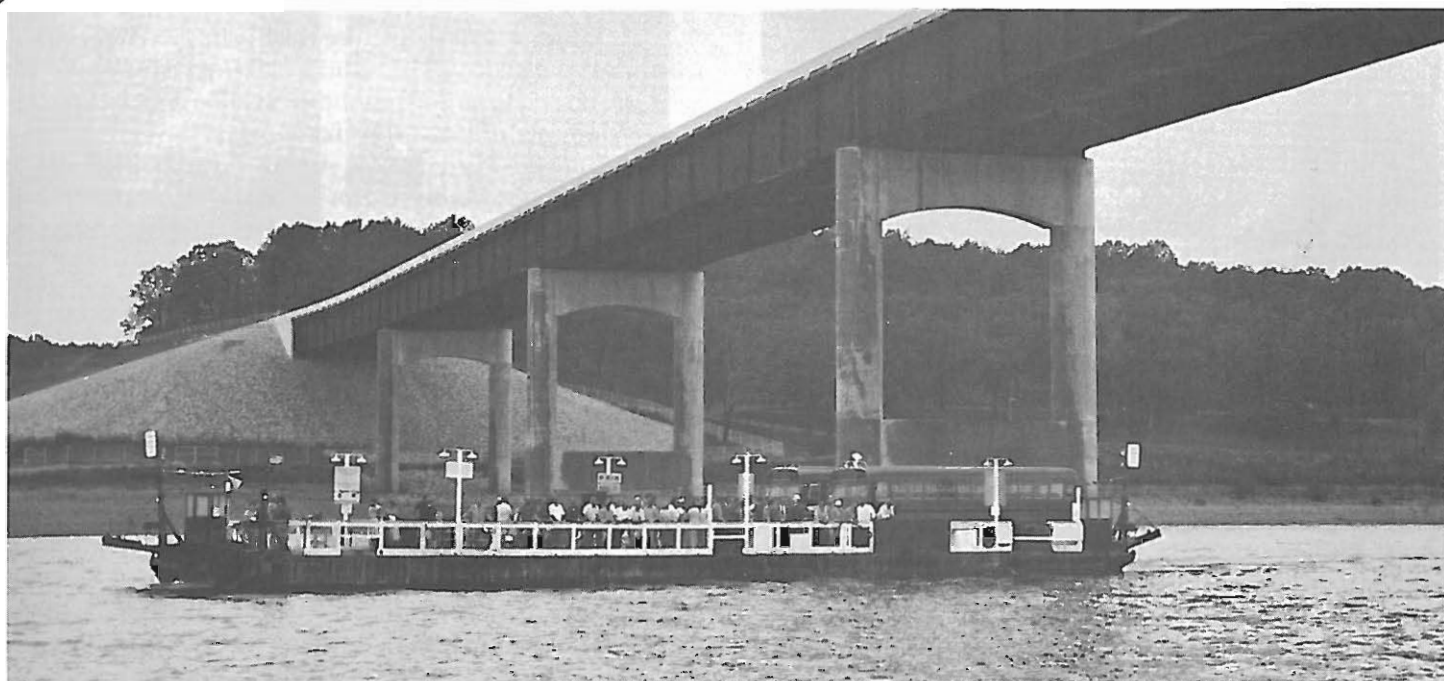
The Highway Commission proposes to use the additional revenues that would come from this source on our rural, farm-to-market, secondary highways that are not eligible for any Federal funds.

It is our hope that Governor Clinton will include this proposal in a call for a Special Legislative Session early in 1984.



Henry Gray
Director of Highways and Transportation

Norfolk Bridges Replace Ferry Service



Henderson Ferry passes under the new Highway 62 Bridge.

A few minutes past 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 21, 1983 the barracades were removed from the approaches to the Highway 62 bridge on Lake Norfolk and the residents who had been waiting 40 years for a new bridge began to stream across. A twin structure on Highway 101 had opened October 12.

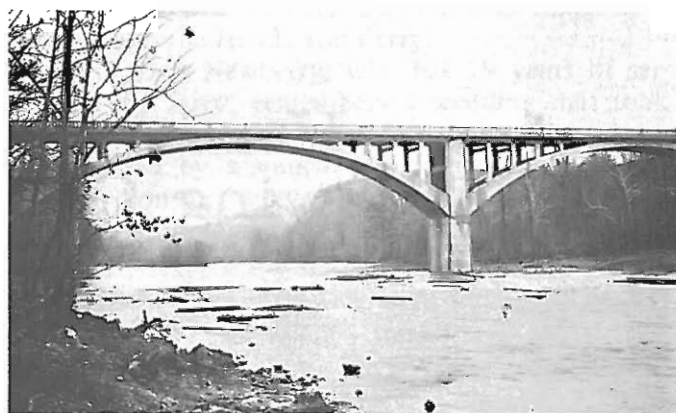
Just a few hundred feet to the north, the Highway and Transportation tugboat W.W. Zass, was unloading its final cargo of cars and trucks at the Henderson Ferry dock. It was the end of one era and the beginning of another. (See related stories)

A formal dedication ceremony was held November 20 and was attended by many of the local, state and national dignitaries who had worked long and hard for many years to secure funding for the new bridges.

Ironically, the ferries were placed in operation in 1943 to replace a bridge that just eight years earlier had been built to replace a ferry.

The history of crossing the North Fork River in Baxter County goes back to 1903 when Frank Smith, who came to the area in 1863, began a ferry service at Henderson. The Smith family ran the ferry until 1935 when the first Henderson bridge was built on U.S. 62.

The 1935 New Year's Day celebration of the bridge opening was attended by 5,000 people from northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. The bridge was 888 feet long and 22 feet wide. The roadway was supported by five arches, three of which were 175 feet wide and the other two being 155 feet wide.

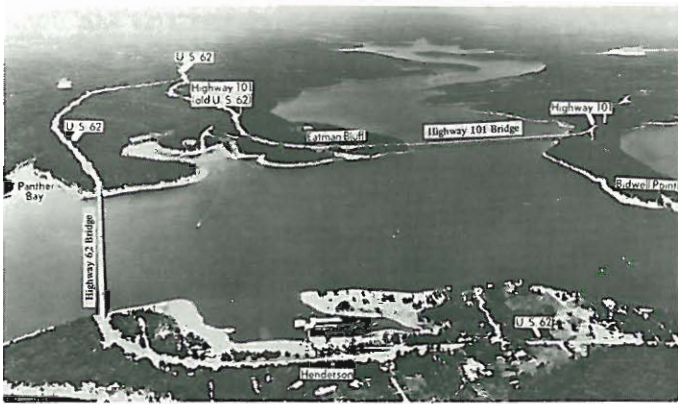


Highway 62 Bridge at Henderson - 1934

The spandrels rose 63 feet above the North Fork River and the surrounding mountain valley panorama framed the \$128,000 structure. It was speculated that the concrete bridge with its reinforcing rods would withstand the "ravages of the North Fork River for centuries".

But the ravages of progress would not be stopped. And just a few years after the bridge was completed its usefulness was outweighed by the need for flood control and the generation of hydroelectric power in the area of the White River. The old Highway 62 bridge was inundated and remains in place today some 100 feet below the surface.

Due to the critical steel shortage of World War II the Arkansas Highway Department instituted a ferry system instead of building a new bridge.



Artist drawing of new bridges at Norfolk

In the name of progress and in support of the U.S. war effort Baxter County residents resumed the basic ferry system instituted more than 30 years before as the only means of transportation across what was now Norfolk Lake. The ferry system however, was more sophisticated than its predecessor and quickly became a tourist attraction.

The ferry system seemed to be a workable and enjoyable solution for the inundated area. But in-

creased economic, industrial and recreational development soon resulted in long lines of traffic. Sometimes cars waiting to cross the river on either side would be backed up for as much as two miles.

Serious efforts to replace the ferries with a bridge began in 1967. The combined efforts of the local population and public officials resulted in Congressional authorization for a new bridge. Former President Richard Nixon signed the bill into law in 1973 and the Army Corps of Engineers opened bids April 5, 1979 for the construction of two bridges on Highway 62 and Highway 101 at a cost of over \$31 million. The associated roadwork cost an additional \$2.5 million.

The new bridges contain more than 14.2 million pounds of structural steel, 6 million pounds of reinforcing steel and 26,000 cubic yards of concrete. Construction crews worked in 120 feet of water to build the concrete piers and the sockets in which the bridge footings sit were drilled in solid rock.

The Highway 62 bridge is 3,460 feet long and 44 feet wide. The Highway 101 bridge is 2,880 feet long and 32 feet wide. Traffic is projected to increase 30-50 percent over the next three to five years.

Henderson Ferry Retired Following Ceremonial "Last Ride"



October 21 was a day of mixed emotions for the 62 men and women who have been responsible for the day to day operations of the Henderson Ferry on Lake Norfolk in Baxter County.

It had rained most of the morning and the sky remained overcast when the Henderson Ferry personnel climbed on board one of the barges at 11:00 a.m. for the last ride across the lake. They were joined by



Left: Ferry Supervisor Leon Hodges is now a Crew Leader on the Mountain Home Construction Crew. Right: Doyle Shrable was Assistant Supervisor and Bookkeeper when the ferry closed.

other Highway and Transportation officials and local dignitaries. The ferries, after 40 years of continuous operation, were no longer needed. They have been replaced by two concrete and steel bridges spanning the lake on U.S. 62 and State Highway 101. (See related story)

The men and women at Henderson were quick to point out how badly the bridges were needed, but at the same time, they expressed a certain amount of sadness because their services as ferry pilots, deckhands, mechanics, carpenters and equipment operators were no longer needed.

Fortunately, the Department has been able to transfer employees to other positions at several locations in the area.

Many of the employees being transferred have taken a reduction in pay, but as Leon Hodges, Ferry Supervisor said, "The Department has done a good job in placing people. We don't like having to take a cut, but we understand the situation and we're grateful we were able to keep our jobs."

The Corps of Engineers began construction of the bridges four years ago and the crew at Henderson has worked in the shadows of the new bridges every day since.

"A lot of people became depressed watching the bridges go up. We didn't know for sure what was going to happen to our jobs. We were told all along we would be offered other jobs, but we didn't know where," Hodges said.

Hodges, who is now a crew leader on a construction crew working out of the Mountain Home Area Headquarters, has 18 years of service with the Department.

Doyle Shrable of Viola, Assistant Supervisor and Bookkeeper, is now a truck driver on the maintenance crew at Highland. Max Cotter, Storeroom Clerk, has also transferred to Highland.

"I hate to see the ferry close. It's been a real good place to work," Shrable said.

Cotter agreed, and said he will have to make some adjustments. For instance, the drive from his home at Geep to Henderson was about nine miles one way. The drive to Highland is about 38 miles one way.

"Doyle and I plan to carpool," he said. "That will help a little."

Someone unfamiliar with the ferry operations might think it consists only of tugboat pilots and deckhands. However, a visit to the headquarters area adjacent to the Highway 62 landing at Henderson revealed a beehive of activity, even up to the last day.

Mechanics were needed to perform maintenance on the diesel engines that powered the tugs. Carpenters were constantly making repairs to the docks and buildings. Equipment operators were needed to drive the front end loader which was used to move the docks around as the water level on the lake changed. Someone had to fuel the tugs and other pieces of equipment on hand. The stockroom had to have adequate supplies at all times to handle any emergency repairs. As might be expected, any operation the size of the Henderson Ferry generated a fair amount of paperwork and a bookkeeper was needed to keep it all in order.

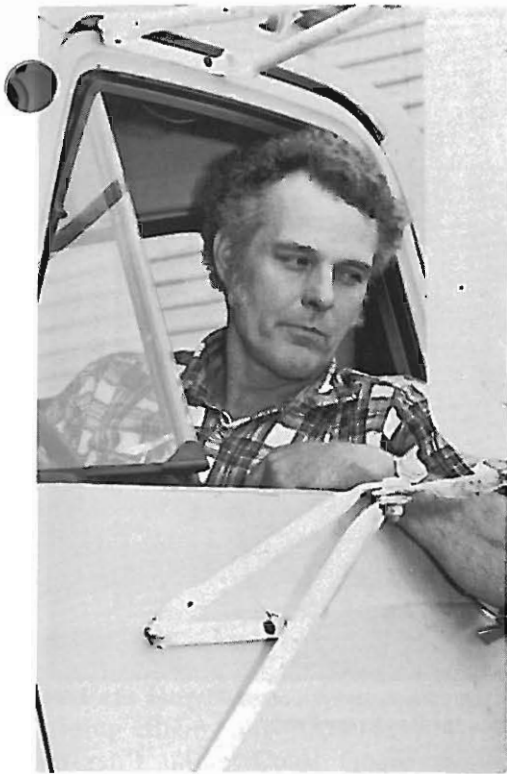
Over the past 40 years some strange things have happened on the Henderson Ferry.

Pilot Don Newberry, who has 19 years of service on the ferry, remembers a wedding that took place about four years ago. "The couple showed up, accompanied by a minister, and the ceremony was performed on the back of the barge," he said.

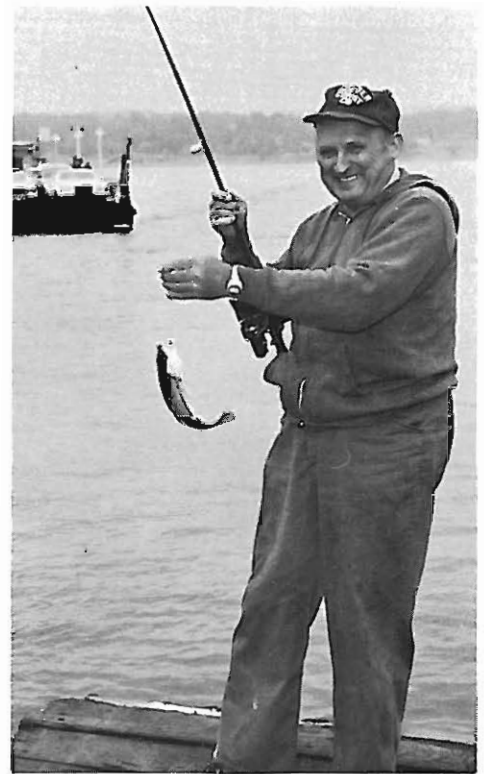
L.B. Montgomery has been working at Henderson 21 years as a pilot. He recalls an incident one night a few years ago when one of his passengers decided to dive off the barge and swim across the lake. "We got to looking for him when we reached the dock and had to wait until he swam ashore before we could cross back. I didn't want to take a chance and run over him," Montgomery said.



Left to right: L.B. Montgomery, Pilot; Tommy Newberry, Deckhand; and E.L. Foster, Deckhand.



Left: Truck driver John Powell of Springfield, Missouri, said he was glad to see the ferry close. Middle: Forest Service employee George White said he wouldn't miss the ferries. Right: George Martish of Mountain Home pulls in another "keeper" from the west side dock.



Robert Wray spent the majority of his 16 years as a pilot working the Highway 101 ferry. When it closed down on October 12, he was one of the men who had to take the docks out. "It was like going to a funeral," he said. "I'm really gonna miss this place."

For tourists and occasional users, the ferry was a novel and pleasant diversion, but most residents won't miss it.

Dorry Pruitt of Geep, and her three year old daughter, Angela, took their last ride just three days before the ferry closed. "I'll be glad to see the bridge open," Pruitt said. "Sometimes it can be a long wait for the ferry."

Angela echoed her mother's remarks. "I don't like the ferry," she said. "It takes too long."

John Powell, a truck driver from Springfield, Missouri has crossed Lake Norfork at least once a week for two and one half years. When asked if he was ready for the bridge to open, he replied, "You darn right I am. It'll be pretty nice to have that bridge."

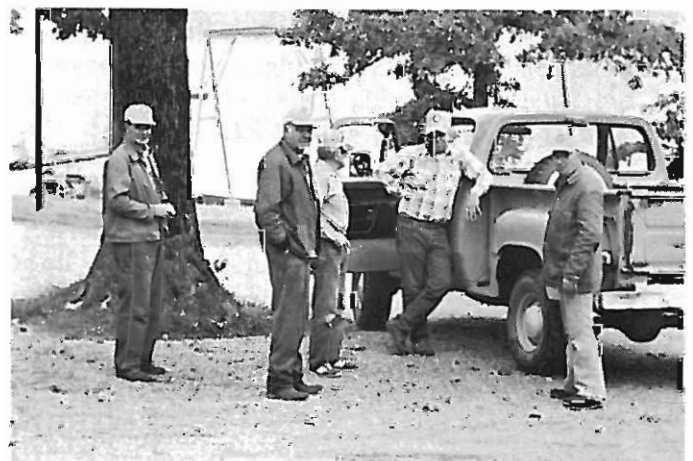
Lewis Randall and George White are Forest Service employees who work in the area. "It's slow when you have to get a fire plow across on the ferry," Randall said.

"I'm not gonna miss it at all," White said of the ride.

"The only thing I'll miss is the dock," said George Martish of Mountain Home.

"I've been fishing off this dock for over three years. I've caught some beautiful fish here," he said

Top: Doyle Davis (left) and Merle Scott checkout frontend loader used to move the docks. Bottom: Some of the crew members at Henderson who have since transferred to other jobs.





Jack Cunningham fills gas cans which were kept on the docks to fuel the pumps.



Deckhand Eldridge Comstock raises the ramp as the ferry pulls away from the dock.



L.B. Montgomery worked 21 years as a Pilot on the Henderson Ferry.

as he pulled a smallmouth bass out of the water.

The day before the final run a number of people made the trip for nostalgic purposes. These nostalgic trips, crew members said, greatly increased during the last three weeks and particularly since the opening dates for the bridges were announced.

For the record, public ferry service on Norfolk ended at 8:11 a.m. Friday, October 21, 1983, as the tug W.W. Zass nudged its barge into the dock on the east side of the lake and unloaded its cargo of cars and trucks.

Since operations began in September 1943, more than 15.8 million vehicles safely crossed the lake at a cost of \$14.6 million.

During the peak summer months, the five tugs which ran 24 hours a day, consumed as much as 13,-

000 gallons of diesel fuel a month. The record year was 1978 with a total of 741,903 vehicles. July 1983 set a new record of 91,200 vehicles. When the ferry operations were shut down, the traffic count was running nearly 51,000 vehicles ahead of last year's pace and would surely have set a new yearly high.

After the ceremonial last run concluded, the ferry equipment was docked. It was later sold at public auction.

Hillman Watkins, who was ferry supervisor for eight years before he retired, was on the last run and observed that without the ferries, the crossing at Norfolk would lose its uniqueness. "Those bridges are fine," he said, "but there's nothing special about them, not like there is about the ferries."

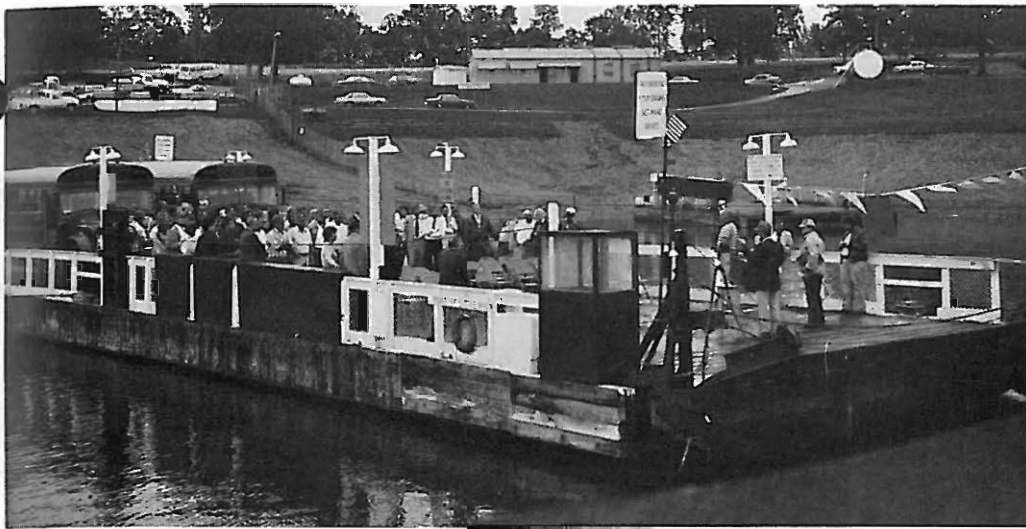
Senior Pilot at the Controls for Final Ride

After 37 years as a Pilot on the Henderson Ferry, Lonnie Tilley of Mountain Home says he's ready to give his part up.

Tilley had the honor of piloting his fellow workers and other dignitaries on the last ferry ride on Lake Norfolk, Friday, October 21, 1983. The ferries were being replaced by bridges on Highways 62 and 101. (See related stories)

It had been raining earlier in the day and two Mountain Home school busses had been parked on the barge just in case the riders needed to take shelter during the final 30 minute ride. Tilley had taken the busses across the lake many times before, only then they were loaded with children on their way to or from school.

Reflecting back on his 37 years of service, Tilley



District Engineer Jim Selby (behind podium on the right) welcomes ferry workers and other dignitaries on board for the final ride.



Lonnie Tilley

said there have been a lot of changes since the day he started.

"Back then the hulls of the barges were made of wood. They were always leaking. We would have to pump them out after every trip," he said. "We weren't under Coast Guard regulations back then, either. Now we have to go to Memphis every five years and take a test to get our pilot's license renewed," he added.

Tilley first worked as a deckhand and after three years he became a pilot. He ran the Highway 101 ferry at Henderson for 13 years.

The 61 year old Mountain Home native is proud of his years of service with the Department. He wears his 35 year service pin in the middle of the Highway and Transportation Department seal on his bright yellow cap for all to see.

"This ferry has been my life. I went to work here when I was 24 years old. This is all I've ever known. After working that long, it's gonna be a big change," he said.

The Highway 62 and Highway 101 ferries at Henderson have carried more than 15 million vehicles across Lake Norfolk, and Tilley has been around longer than anyone else at Henderson to see that the trips were safe ones. "We've had good luck here. I've hit the bank in the fog and I've run into the bluff before, but nothing serious," he said.

"Of course, you've got to be careful. I've had two fingers cut off. I got them caught between the tug and barge. I fell in the lake a time or two. It gets slick here in the wintertime when there's ice on the deck," he added.

As Tilley steered the barge and tug under the Highway 101 bridge and prepared to turn it around, he pointed to the compass mounted to the left of the big steering wheel. "That's the first thing you have to learn. A pilot has to know his compass. When to turn, when not to turn. You've got to allow for the wind

when you come into the docks. You've got to listen to the weather to know if a storm is coming. I've been out on this lake when a few storms blew through here. It gets rough," he said.

But those days are over for Tilley and his co-workers. The new bridges at Henderson were carrying the cars and trucks that just a few hours earlier would have been lined up waiting to board the ferry.

As the ferry headed toward the Highway 62 bridge, Tilley glanced out the window of his tug and said, "I've thought about these bridges a lot watching them go up. I never thought I'd see it. But now that there're here, I wonder why it hadn't been done a long time ago.

"I think it's gonna be better for the state all the way around. There will be a lot more traffic, a lot more people will come through here now," he said.

After passing under the Highway 62 bridge, the ferry headed toward the Henderson dock on the east side of the lake. By now all of the people on the barge realized it was just about over. The final ride was to become history in just a few short minutes. Tilley plans to stay on the job long enough to get things ready for the auction and then he said he will retire.

"One thing about it," he said, "You know this is over and you might as well figure that's all of this. I hadn't thought much about retirement, but I've got a home here, a family. I don't want to go off nowhere else."

Tilley steered the barge into the dock and made a perfect approach. The deckhand tied it off and Tilley shifted the huge diesel engine out of gear. "A fellow that's been on the job this long is gonna miss it, even if he's retiring. It'll be different. But I'm glad it's finally over. I've had all of it I want." Then he paused, and was asked if he really felt that way. His face brightened and he laughed, "No, not really. I don't believe that."

Gray Completes Term as AASHTO President

Highway and Transportation Director Henry Gray stepped down as President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, at the organization's annual meeting in Denver, Colorado, October 2-5.

William A. Ordway, Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, was elected to serve as President for the coming year.

In AASHTO, Gray has been active on various committees, serving as vice-president in 1982. He is a former chairman of the AASHTO Administrative Sub-committee on Public Affairs, and a past president of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

AASHTO is a national organization founded in 1914 that represents member state highway and transportation agencies, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The non-profit group works to develop and improve the construction, operation and maintenance of a national transportation system.



Henry Gray and William Ordway

Solomon Honored by State Chamber



Highway Commission Chairman David Solomon of Helena was one of 31 individuals recently honored by the State Chamber of Commerce for outstanding leadership.

In addition to the individual awards, 23 cities were honored for outstanding civic projects. Solo-

mon's hometown of Helena received one of the awards.

Solomon was appointed to the State Highway Commission in January 1975 by former Governor David Pryor. He is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and received his law degree from Harvard University.

He served as City Attorney from 1950 to 1960 and is a former member of the Helena School Board. He is President of the Helena-West Helena Industrial Development Commission, a member of the Executive Committee of the Lower Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association, and a member of the White River Drainage District of Phillips and Desha Counties.

Solomon is also a member of the Professional Conduct Committee of the Arkansas Bar Association, Attorney for the Helena-West Helena School District, Trust Officer and Attorney for the First National Bank of Phillips County, and President of the Helena Cotton Oil Company.

He is a member of Temple Beth El Congregation of Helena and is a board member and co-chairman of the Arkansas Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.



Nichols Serving on TRB Committee

Because of the complexity of the study, two co-chairmen have been appointed for the TRB committee, Peter Koltnow, president of the Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility, and Dr. Herbert Richardson, professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Members of the 15-member study group met in September to begin work on the first phase of the study, preparation of a detailed study design. The second phase will then consist of the technical and policy analysis activities specified in the study design, and the development of recommended design standards.

The first phase of the study is funded by a \$50,000 Federal Highway Administration contract. For phase two, the National Research Council, through the Transportation Research Board will enter into a master research agreement, funded at \$950,000. Member departments are being asked to earmark a part of their Highway Planning and Research (HPR) funding for phase two of the study, which it is expected will bring the total funding level to \$2 million.

The study is a requirement passed by Congress in the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982.

Brooks Nichols, Assistant Chief Engineer for Design, is serving as a member of the Congressionally mandated Transportation Research Board study committee appointed to determine the most appropriate minimum geometric design standards for resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation of non-freeway highways on the federal-aid system.

Nichols is also serving as chairman of the Task Force on Geometric Design of AASHTO's Highway Subcommittee on Design.

Highway Commission Commends Good Roads Council

To show its appreciation for the continued support provided by the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council, the State Highway Commission presented the Council with a Certificate of Appreciation October 27.

Dr. Silas D. Snow, President of the Council, accepted the award on behalf of the Council members and pledged to continue to work for adequate funds for highway projects.

The Council was particularly active this past summer when it hosted meetings throughout the State with Legislators, County Judges and municipal officials urging them to support the removal of the sales tax exemption on motor fuels.

The Highway Commission has advocated dedicating the funds collected from this source to the betterment of our rural, secondary highways.

There are approximately 10,000 miles of second-

dary highways in Arkansas, and nearly 6,000 miles are not eligible for federal funds and must be improved with 100% State funds.





Secretarial Seminar Held

Judging from the responses of some of the participants at the Highway and Transportation Department's 1983 Secretarial Seminar, it would be safe to say it was a success.

Ninety-four statewide secretaries, field clerks, and administrative assistants and officers attended the session October 26 in Little Rock.

"It was not only informative, but entertaining," according to Benny Robbins, Administrative Assistant.

"It dealt with areas that all career women could identify with," said Kathy King, Materials and Research Secretary.

Dodie Dolan, District Secretary, District Two, Pine Bluff, said she appreciated the opportunity to exchange ideas with employees having like responsibilities within the department.

Brenda Walden, Planning Division Secretary, said the seminar was one of the best she had attended. "The subjects addressed were ones we could all

relate to and benefit from," she said.

According to training coordinator Jean Scarlett, the program was designed for personal developments that can be applied to everyday job related activities.

The guest speaker for the seminar was Jo Luck Wilson, Director of the State Department of Parks and Tourism. Her address dealt with the motivating forces necessary to overcome the obstacles a working woman faces.

Other speakers were James Thompson of Arkansas Power and Light Company; Kay McKoy, a consultant with Color I Systems; and Bobby Prior, Co-Director of Student Health Services at UALR.

The program ended with a panel discussion conducted by Kay Cornish, Assistant Personnel Officer; Pat Koonce, Retirement Officer; and Judy Drake, Data Processing Manager. The discussion centered on some of the procedural changes in their offices and how they are willing to help with problems the group might have in these areas.

Hiring of External Youth Becomes On-going Program

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, Associated General Contractors, and the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor, have agreed to coordinate the External Youth Opportunity Program on a perpetual basis.

Each summer the Federal Highway Administration encourages States to participate in a nation-

wide program designed to provide meaningful work experience in highway construction for the Nation's youth who need work because of economic, educational and/or cultural disadvantages.

The agreement outlines areas of joint responsibility with regard to the administration and implementation of the program. The overall purposes of the agreement are to ensure that information con-

cerning the program is disseminated statewide and to demonstrate the program has received strong and cooperative support.

In an effort to publicize the program, letters were sent to secondary schools in the state urging them to advise their students to pursue employment in the highway construction industry during the summer.

Contractors and material suppliers placed 233 youths in 1983. The earnings gained enabled many of

them to return to school in the fall. Others developed marketable skills through this work experience and some eventually became permanent employees.

At the conclusion of the 1983 campaign, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the top three employers of the State's youth. Those companies and the number of youths hired were: Arkansas Cement Corporation - 28; Jerry Sweetser, Inc. - 14; C.W. Smith, Contractor, Inc. - 13.

State Aid Project Discussed at DeWitt

The replacement of the Bayou Meto Bridges on County Road 312 in Arkansas County was discussed at a Public Hearing in DeWitt, October 6.

The bridge replacement project is being handled by the Department's State Aid Division in cooperation with Arkansas County and the Federal Highway Administration.

The proposal calls for the removal of a narrow timber bridge over Bayou Meto and a slight relocation of the roadway to meet minimum federal design standards.

The new bridge would be located along side the existing structure, slightly upstream. It will be 28 feet wide, as opposed to the present 14 foot wide bridge, and about 202 feet long. Associated roadway approaches would make the total length of the project about 3,400 feet.

The Bayou Meto Bridge project is a good exam-

ple of Federal, State and local government cooperation.

It will be funded with 80% Federal Bridge Replacement funds, 16% State Aid Funds and 4% county matching funds. The project is estimated to cost a total of \$250,000.

The State Aid County Road Program was created by Act 445 of 1973. Under the Act, the Highway and Transportation Department has the responsibility to perform administrative and engineering functions to assist the counties with the improvement of certain qualifying county roads.

To qualify, the roads must be connecting, or collector roads and serve important functions in the agricultural community or connect State Highways. The road remains the responsibility of the county after the construction is completed.



State Aid Engineer John Kizer (left) discusses the Bayou Meto Bridge replacement project with two Arkansas County residents.

“55” Is Ten Years Old

On January 2, 1974, President Nixon signed an energy conservation bill calling for a maximum speed of 55 miles per hour. The original legislation was to expire on June 30, 1975, however, because of the continued need to conserve petroleum products and the reduction in the number of fatal accidents, the expiration date provision was later removed and “55” continues to be the law.

All states are required to monitor the speed on their highways and make periodic reports to the Federal Highway Administration showing the level of compliance. States not meeting certain levels run the risk of losing a portion of their Federal Aid Highway funds for the year.

For the most part, Arkansas motorists still respect the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit, with the exception of some speedy drivers on the Interstate system.

In 1982, the last year in which complete figures are available, only 30 percent of all vehicles monitored on rural sections of the Interstate highways were exceeding the speed limit.

The average speed in Arkansas on all highways in 1982 was 53.6 miles per hour. On rural Interstate sections, the average speed was to 60.7 miles per hour.

Nearly 76,000 citations were issued by law enforcement agencies to motorists exceeding the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit in 1982.

The task of monitoring vehicle speeds to determine the level of compliance is handled by the Highway and Transportation Department’s Technical Services Section.

According to Section Head Jim Gilbert, selected locations are monitored 24 hours a day for a seven day period. There are 36 monitoring locations throughout the state and 18 of these locations are equipped with permanent detector loops.

The electronic monitoring devices consist of two loops of wire, spaced 16 feet apart, which are actually imbedded in the pavement. The first loop acts as an “on” switch which is triggered when a vehicle crosses the invisible line. The vehicle’s mass breaks the magnetic field and activates the device. The second loop then acts as an “off” switch. The time that it takes a vehicle to pass through the 16-foot zone is recorded in a small computer/recorder which is located just off the roadway. The computer translates the information into the total number of vehicles monitored and records their speeds.

In addition to the set control locations, other sites are checked with road tubes. The tubes are an above ground version of the detector loops and work in the same manner. The tubes are also connected to a recording device.

The speed monitoring program is primarily intended to provide reliable data to be included in a State’s annual certification of 55 m.p.h. speed limit enforcement. In addition, the data may be used to evaluate motorists compliance with the 55 m.p.h. speed limit, the effectiveness of various enforcement strategies, the effectiveness of various public awareness programs, and speed trends.

In photograph at far left, a truck approaches detector loops imbedded in the pavement.



Highway Department sign crews change out speed limit sign on I-30 near 65th Street in Little Rock in January 1974.

Accident Costs

By: James Mansfield, Safety Officer

By preventing accidents we are preventing human suffering, misery and deprivation and that generates a fine heartwarming feeling. But the main driving force behind the safety program is the fact that accidents are expensive. Substantial savings in operating costs can be realized by accident prevention. An appeal to the emotions is effective at times, but the kind of persistent day-by-day effort necessary to eliminate preventable accidents is most surely obtainable by enlisting, on the side of safety, the ever-present desire and necessity for reducing waste.

One can easily see that accidents result in a waste of time and money. It is not so easy to see how large these wastes are. Compensation and medical costs (spoken of as direct costs) are obvious. It has, however, taken careful studies by experienced cost accountants and executives to show how large indirect costs are. The items of cost likely to be present in each case of accidental injury are:

- A. Compensation
- B. Medical expense
- C. Lost time of injured employee (day of accident)
- D. Lost time of fellow employees who stop work
 1. To aid injured
 2. Out of sympathy or curiosity
 3. Other reasons
- E. Time of supervisor and other staff personnel
 1. Assisting injured
 2. Reviewing cause of accident
 3. Arranging for continuance of injured employee's work
 4. Selecting, training or breaking in new employees
 5. Preparing accident report
 6. Attending hearing on injury (serious or contested cases)
- F. Lost production due to upset, shock, or diverted interest of injured
- G. Lost production due to stoppage of equipment of injured employee and fellow workers
- H. Damage to equipment or material loss
- I. Lessened effectiveness of injured employee for a period after return to work

- J. Goodwill lost through failure to complete job on schedule
- K. Legal expense, court fees, expense of preparation of case, settlements, judgements, etc., in cases contested at law
- L. The Department's share of the loss and expense to people of Arkansas in each case of death or continuous loss in earning power

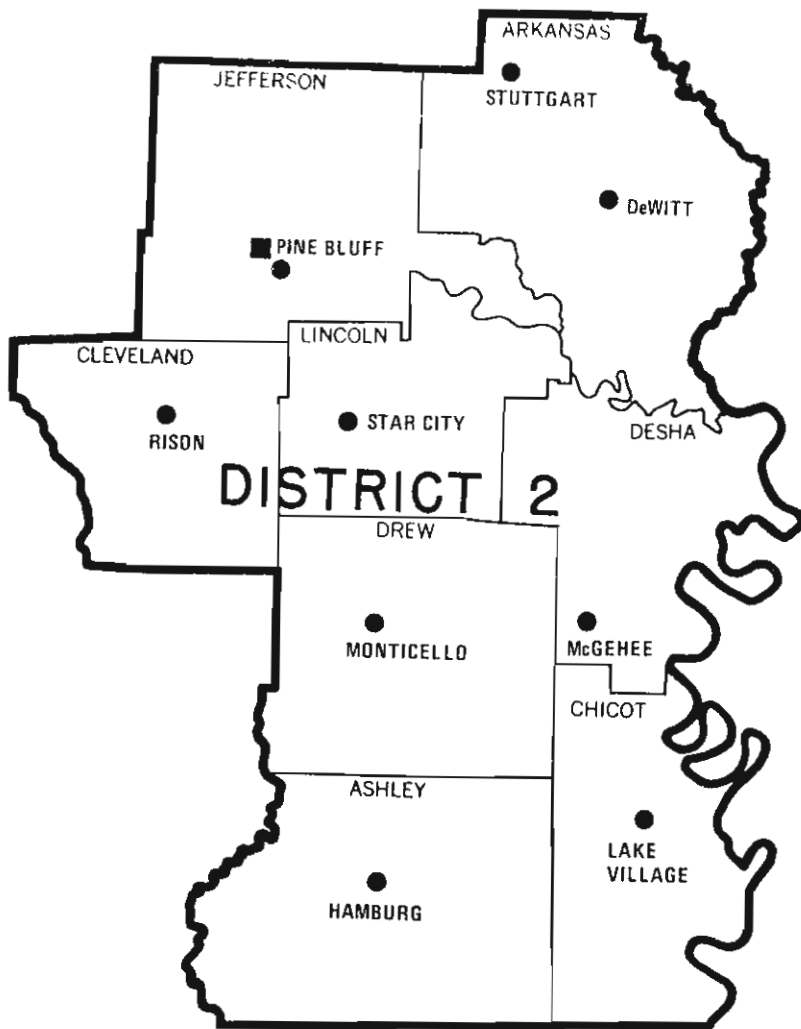
The loss of human value involved should also be included even though no definite money figure can be assigned. Any person who takes the trouble to trace a number of injury cases through the experience of the injured workers and their families becomes profoundly impressed with the seriousness of this side of the accident picture. Every permanent disability lessens the chances of the victim's obtaining a good position in the labor market. His morale is lowered. His family suffers in countless and continuing ways in which families always suffer when their small income is cut still more.

Last year the Department was involved in 641 accidents resulting in damage to 355 motor vehicles and equipment. The remaining 286 accidents involved personal injuries of which 155 were lost time. Those 155 lost time injuries represent a total of 2,283 days lost in production and, based on the employee's earning capacity, a total of \$111,963.72 in wages.

In the fiscal year July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983, there were 435 worker's compensation claims paid totaling \$955,550.78. These losses must be minimized and it can be done only by a cooperative effort of all involved.

Coming to work alert; having respect for your co-workers; and maintaining a positive attitude toward work assignments are the keys to a safe working environment.





DISTRICT 2 PHOTO FEATURE

BY DAVID HUNTER

In this issue of "Arkansas Highways" we are featuring the second of a series highlighting District personnel. This is District 2 with headquarters located in Pine Bluff.

Raymond Ferguson, a welder with 3 years of service, measures a steel plate.



Frank Brown, with 10 years of service, works on equipment at the District Headquarters.



James Ralph Davidson, with 23 years of service is Office Technician at the Pine Bluff Resider Engineer's Office.





Buddy Pennington, left, with 2 years of service, and Burl Robertson, with 14 years of service, work on a tractor at the Pine Bluff District Headquarters.



L.J. Brunson, left, with 21 years of service, and Leslie Carrington, with 20 years of service, clean equipment at the Star City Maintenance Headquarters.



Roger Bridges, left, with 4½ years of service, and Jessie Randolph, who has been with the AHTD three months, work on a mower.



Rebecca Rinchuss, an AHTD employee of four years, works at the Pine Bluff Resident Engineer's Office.



Debbie Pruitt, an employee of 6 years, pumps fuel at the Pine Bluff Area Headquarters.



Sharon Wilkes, an employee of three years, is the receptionist at the District Two Headquarters in Pine Bluff.

Dequince Lewis, an employee of 17 years, is an equipment operator at the Pine Bluff Area Headquarters.



Leonard Johnson, left, an employee of four years, and Frank Novak, with 28 years of service, are working on the construction crew at the site of the new Saline River Bridge on Highway 160.



Wing Tichenor, left, with 6 years of service, and Layfeytte Wooten, with 5 years of service, spray chemicals to control weeds along the right-of-way.



News Briefs

B.K. Cooper Reappointed to Board

AHTD Chief Engineer Bill Cooper has been reappointed by Governor Bill Clinton to a four-year term on the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

The State Board screens applicants for registration, administers tests and regulates the practice of the professions of engineering and land surveying.

The Highway and Transportation Department employs the greatest number of engineers of any other agency in the State and encourages those employees who qualify to apply for registration with the State Board.

If anyone has questions concerning registration, you are urged to contact Mr. Cooper.



AHP Captain Glenn Sullivan Elected State Director

Captain Glenn D. Sullivan, Arkansas Highway Police Division, was elected to the office of "State Director" by the Arkansas Law Enforcement Officers Association at their annual meeting in June, 1983.

Captain Sullivan began his career in law enforcement with the Arkansas Highway Police at the Blytheville Weigh Station on March 15, 1956. He subsequently worked at the Hoxie Weigh Station until his assignment to a Roving Unit at Newport in 1965. He was promoted to Captain of A.H.P. District II on June 1, 1972.

Captain Sullivan and his wife, Ann,

make their home in Walnut Ridge. They have three daughters, one son, and four grandchildren.

Captain Sullivan has attended numerous law enforcement schools and seminars including the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Highway Construction Costs Increased According to FHWA

Highway construction costs increased 2.6 percent in the third quarter of 1983, according to a report released by the Federal Highway Administration.

The third quarter results bring the Federal Highway Administration's composite index for highway construction costs to 146.8 percent of the 1977 base year index. (1977 average costs equal 100 percent.)

Four of the six components of the price index rose during the third quarter, with structural concrete leading the way with an 8.0 percent rise.

The three-quarter moving composite price index for the second quarter of 1983 -- obtained by combining the data for the first, second, and third quarters of 1983 -- increased 0.1 percent from the previous three-quarter average.

Trends in highway construction costs are measured by an index of average contract prices compiled from reports of state highway contract awards for federal-aid contracts (other than those for the Secondary System) greater than \$500,000.



Ray Woodruff Named District One Engineer

Ray Woodruff, formerly Assistant District Engineer, District 2, Pine Bluff, was promoted to District Engineer, Dis-

trict 1 at Wynne, September 1. He replaced Bill Mulhollen who transferred to the Construction Division in the Little Rock office. Woodruff graduated from Brinkley High School in May, 1970. He attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville for two years and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in May, 1975. He is a registered professional engineer.

Prior to graduation from college, he worked during the summers for the Department and was in the student cooperative training program in 1973 and 1974. He entered the engineering orientation program in June, 1975, when he became a permanent employee. He has served in the capacity of Assistant Resident Engineer in West Helena, Resident Engineer in Wynne, and Assistant District Engineer in Pine Bluff. His father, the late Floyd M. "Woody" Woodruff was a loyal and dedicated Highway Department employee and served in the capacity of Senior Inspector. His brother, Floyd, is assigned to the Surveys Division on a state-wide crew.



Jean Scarlett Heads Training Advisory Committee

Jean Scarlett, who has been coordinating training for the Department since March has recently been appointed Chairperson of the Training Advisory Committee.

Her areas of responsibility include assessing the Department's training needs, presenting the findings to the Advisory Committee, and coordinating the approved training programs.

"Every training activity must be coordinated differently, and it is a constant challenge to ensure an effec-

tive and smooth running program," she said.

Many employees have asked about specific training programs that will help in their particular field. It is not always possible to provide training where there is not broad enough need, however, Scarlett said she will try to locate workshops and seminars that pertain to specific areas.

The Department has presented many major programs this past year. The management training program presented by Drs. Bob Fisher and Bo Thomas of the University of Central Arkansas has been attended by many of the district job superintendents, area foremen and assistant maintenance superintendents. Other courses have been the Driver's Self Defense Course, T.H.E. (The Human Element), an on-going program that explores sound management principles and EEO laws for the Department's supervisory personnel, and the CPR program.

Some of the programs being planned are; preventive measures for back injuries through proper lifting and maneuverability, a physical fitness program, welder's workshop, and a maintenance of highway safety hardware program that will be coordinated through the Federal Highway Administration.

Any questions or suggestions regarding training should be directed to Jean at the Personnel Office, Central Office Building, Little Rock.



Bob Cornish Promoted to District Two Assistant Engineer

Bobby Joe Cornish, formerly Resident Engineer, District 6, Little Rock was promoted to Assistant District Engineer,

District 2 in Pine Bluff September 26. He replaced Ray Woodruff who was promoted to District Engineer, District 1, Wynne. Cornish is a graduate civil engineer from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and is a registered professional engineer. He began his career with the Department in June, 1970, and entered the Department's engineering

orientation program. Upon completion of the orientation program he chose the Resident Engineer's office in Little Rock as his permanent area of duty. He has served in the capacity of Assistant Resident Engineer in District 6, Little Rock. Bobby is a native of Pine Bluff. He is married to the former Kay Jones of Little Rock.

Retirees Association Holds First Annual Meeting

Nearly 140 Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department retirees attended the first AHTD Retirees Association Annual Meeting in North Little Rock, November 2.

Hurley Perkins of North Little Rock was re-elected President of the Association, Ralph Jones was re-elected Vice President and Sibyl Maddox was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

According to Perkins, the organization will continue to work toward the goals established over the past year since the Association was formed.

"One of our goals is to preserve and promote the benefits of all AHTD retirees concerning our retirement and insurance programs," Perkins said. "Our goals cannot be accomplished by any one individual. We must be organized as a group and we must work through the General Assembly of the State to get anything done," he added.

A Legislative Committee, chaired by John Hume, has been formed and will be working on a program designed to accomplish the goals of the Association.

A District Chapter of the Association has been formed in each District with the exception of District One. Perkins said a meeting with District retirees was held earlier this year, and he plans to hold another meeting in the District in order to get a chapter formed there.

Dues for 1984 were set at \$10 with \$2 of that being returned to the respective District Chapters for use in funding their activities. The dues paid to the State Chapter cover expenses related to travel by State Chapter officers, newsletters, supplies, postage, etc. Over 1350 newsletters are currently mailed out each month. The State Chapter Executive Committee voted to mail newsletters only to those retirees who have paid their 1983 and 1984 dues during January and February. Beginning in March, only those retirees who have paid their 1984 dues will receive a newsletter.

Highway and Transportation Department Director Henry Gray and Assistant Director for Administration Gip Robertson attended the meeting and told Association members the Department was 100% behind the organization and would continue to work with them in any way possible.

Any retired Highway and Transportation Department employee interested in the Association should contact Hurley Perkins at 4219 Lockridge, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116.



Letters Commend Good Deeds

October 4, 1983

Arkansas Highway Police
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sir:

I would like to inform you of the kind deed your Highway Patrolman George Brown did for my lady friend and I as we were going west past the Marion Weigh Station. We got a flat tire and he came to our rescue and changed the tire and directed us to a place where we could have it taken care of.

We were very grateful for his help and courtesy. He made our stay in your beautiful State more pleasant. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Judy Collette
Tampa, Florida

Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Would you please advise me if the Eastbelt Freeway around Little Rock is completed as yet? I will be coming west on Highway 40 and taking 30 out of Little Rock. My map does not show it as completed.

I wish to take this opportunity to compliment your State on the beautiful, clean, well-managed rest stops you maintain across your state.

Yours truly,
Margery A. Weberg
Rockford, Illinois

September 8, 1983

Arkansas State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

Remember when you had to assemble toys on Christmas Eve and the directions were so simple even a 2-year old could do it? Well, I visited my sister at Heber Springs. I arrived at the Arkansas border, near Corning, after dark. I drove Highway 67 to 62; 62 and 63 to Hardy; 62 and 167 to Ash Flat; 167 to Batesville; 25 to Heber Springs and 110 to 210 to Red River Trout Dock.

I have driven on highways in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. I am 60 years + in age and I have never driven on as good a roads as your state has. The beautiful part is your very expert markings - even a 60 year old could read them. I never had to wonder if I were going the right direction. I never had to worry about curves. Everything was taken care of. I drove over your roads in very dark night. I never made a bad turn and never had to sweat and worry if I had made a wrong turn. Your highway department told me almost immediately what road I was on and cities to expect.

I really appreciate the talented and dedicated work that had been done.

Why don't you invite all your neighboring states down for a convention - let them see how it should be done!

No other state I have ever driven in a car comes close to your roads and markers.

Sincerely,
Donald M. Bross
Kirkwood, Missouri

August 3, 1983

State Department of Highways
Lonoke, Arkansas

Sir:

I am writing to compliment you on the kindness of one of your employees. I should have written this letter sometime ago but I have been so busy with other things.

On the afternoon of June 15, 1983, myself and three other ladies were enroute from Jacksonville, Texas to Lexington, Kentucky, when we had the misfortune of having a tire blow. I had just pulled off the highway (fortunately) when the tire blew. Your employee was working in the section of highway where the tire blew, Interstate 40 between Lonoke and Carlisle, and fixed our tire, that is, changed the tire and would not accept a penny for his kindness. There was a young lady working with the young man who changed our tire. She said she was working to get money for college in the fall. We failed to get her name but the young man's name was Danny, I am sorry I do not know his last name. Anyway, there are four ladies in Jacksonville, Texas, that are in his debt. It is so refreshing to find such nice people in the world. Again, may I say you are to be complimented on your caliber of employees.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Charles H. Gumpert
Jacksonville, Texas

Editor's Note: These employees were Danny Adams, Lead Person, and Tina Horton, Summer Employee, both from the Lonoke County Area Forman's Crew.

July 27, 1983

Dept. of Highways & Transportation
District 6
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

Claudie Penticart joins me in expressing sincere appreciation for the help given us at the Social Hill Rest Area near Malvern when we had car trouble on July 15.

Linda Skinner and Pete Dunn were most concerned about our problem and made a phone call for wrecker service. Their help was very courteous and professional. It makes us as senior citizens feel more confident to travel on Arkansas highways knowing such help will come from highway employees.

We would like you to pass on our thanks to these two people.

Sincerely,
Rena Mae Gilleylen
Rogers, Arkansas

The following letter appeared in the White River Journal, in Des Arc, Arkansas, on October 13, 1983.

We would like to compliment the Highway Department for the good job they have done in mowing the ditches from Carlisle to Hickory Plains. It has never looked no nice.

Sincerely,
Johnie and Jessie Smith
Hickory Plains, Arkansas

October 14, 1983

Allan Holmes, District 4 Engineer
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Holmes:

May I respectfully request your assistance in relaying a sincere "thank you" to Charles McGrew in behalf of Pat Daniel, Mansfield Site Director; Sharon Fox, Hartford Site Director; Jessie Eckles, SRCA Board of Directors and the undersigned.

Yesterday morning, we were enroute to Fort Smith to hear Senator Pryor speak, when the car had a flat tire. One of our local residents, going north, and your Mr. McGrew, going south, stopped to see if they could help. Within five minutes, we were on our way.

Your relaying our appreciation to Mr. McGrew will be most sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,
A. Margaret Chapman
Mayor, City of Mansfield

October 10, 1983

Mr. Ralph Fulton, District 6 Engineer
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ralph:

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to you and your staff for the work and projects the AHTD is doing for the City of Jacksonville on a continuous basis.

I especially want to commend you for the much needed work you have recently completed at two of our largest intersections; Highway 67/167 and Main and the Vandenberg Intersection. These improvements were needed and because of your efforts they were made possible.

Again, I want to say "thank you" and also a big thanks from the citizens of Jacksonville, as several individuals have expressed to me their appreciation for the improvements.

If we can ever be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,
James G. Reid, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

August 22, 1983

Arkansas State Highway Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

I think your department and especially the two gentlemen mentioned below should be complimented on their very courteous and helpful assistance on today's date.

On August 22, 1983 on Highway 67 some 15 miles south of Newport, Arkansas, Mr. Don Crane, Safety Specialist, and Mr. Bob Hubbard, Area Foreman, very graciously stopped to assist us and transported us back to Newport to an automobile repair shop and then further to a motel where we could get refuge from the heat.

If their very able assistance is an indication of your entire department, you are to be highly commended.

Thanks very much to both Bob and Don and to your department.

Best regards,
Paul Nimnicht
Capitol Windows
Grand Prairie, Texas

September 26, 1983

Arkansas State Highway Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

We wanted to take a little time to thank you and the staff at the Highway Department for the construction of the

Highway 70 West Bridge over Lake Hamilton West of Hot Springs. The new bridge is a great asset to Garland County and specifically to our staff, many of whom use the bridge to get to and from work each day. So we wanted to say "thanks" for a job that was both well done and sorely needed.

Respectively submitted,
B&F Engineering, Inc.
Donald E. Beavers, P.E.

August 31, 1983

Arkansas Highway Department
District 10
Paragould, Arkansas

Betty Wetenkamp
Cherokee Village

Dear Sirs:

On August 23, 1983, our van was returning to Memphis, Tennessee from Osceola, Arkansas when a water hose broke. We were able to repair the hose, but we had no water to put into the radiator. Felix Duran gave us his drinking water to put in the radiator, which enabled us to get to a rest area where we could finish filling the radiator.

On behalf of my staff, I want to thank Mr. Duran for his assistance that day. Without his help we would have had to wait about 1½ hours in the extreme heat for our organization to get help to us.

Please, would you relay our appreciation to Mr. Duran.

Thank you,
Judy M. Schebier, R.N.
Life Blood, Mid-South
Regional Blood Center
Memphis, Tennessee

August 11, 1983

Henry Gray, Director
Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Mr. Gray:

Congratulations to your department. It would be impossible to praise all your department but we have very good reason to compliment Patrolman Steve Harlow, who at present is stationed at the Weigh Station between Marion and West Memphis.

Last week, my husband, daughter and myself, had car trouble enroute to Memphis. We were able to coast to the entrance of the Weight Station. Patrolman Harlow allowed us to stay in the station (by now it was dark). He suggested several wreckers who were known for their fairness, price wise in emergencies. He allowed us to use the phone to call wrecker plus calling Memphis for someone to come and get us. We were given coffee and most of all, his kindness in allowing us to wait inside the weigh station - real security.

Mr. Harlow went so far as to help us remove luggage from the car -- he could not have been more helpful.

We are natives of Arkansas, and if Mr. Harlow is an example of your Highway Patrol - there can be none better!

Patrolman Harlow should be commended for the excellent job he is doing. We extend a heartfelt thanks for the Highway Patrol. Hope you have many more like him.

October 8, 1983

Mr. Bill Stanton
Public Affairs Office
Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Mr. Stanton:

It has been brought to my attention that on October 7, 1983, a maintenance crew, under the supervision of Mr. Charles Broadway, District 6, was blacktopping in front of the Texaco Service Station in Jacksonville, on Main Street, at the intersection of Interstate 30, when they observed a man fall to the ground.

Two of the District 6 Highway Crew immediately went to his rescue. One of the men gave C.P.R. to the man until the ambulance arrived and the ambulance attendants took over.

The man, thought to be the owner of the service station, was still alive when the ambulance left with him. I feel that the man who gave C.P.R. to the service station attendant deserves some recognition for what he did.

Thank you,
Letter Unsigned

Editor's Note: The District 6 Maintenance Employee was Bill Johnson, a Finish Crane Operator.



SERVICE AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 1983

35 Years

Verlon Drennon District 1
Harold R. Parsley District 6

30 Years

Carvel L. Bradberry District 5
Elmer M. Clark District 3
Marion W. Downs District 9
James E. Johnson Planning
Jack Lindley District 1
Gip I. Robertson, Jr. Asst. Director
John Ed Smith, Jr. District 5

25 Years

Lewis D. Crye District 1
Calvin W. George District 1
Paul T. Griffith District 6
Rex L. Hall District 10
Owen E. Taylor District 9

20 Years

Billy W. Arnold District 10
John F. Bradley District 6
Jimmie A. Brewster Materials
Edward P. Carter District 7
George L. Coyle Radio
Donald J. Creech District 4
Wayne E. Dull District 3
James W. Gee Construction
Richard V. Hays District 10
Doyle E. Martin District 2
Marilyn S. Walls Surveys
Lester S. Wycoff District 10

15 Years

James L. Gilbert Planning
Darral E. Harris Surveys
Fredrick C. Heyde District 5
Julia A. Hopkins Permits
Herley G. Loe District 7
Sammy L. Rice District 5
Luther Ross District 1
Barbara B. Smith Computer
Anthony N. Vittoria District 5

10 Years

William M. Ayers District 3
Darvin W. Barrett District 9
Ernest M. Birmingham District 5
Marion A. Brecheen District 5
Joseph W. Briscoe Planning
Glen R. Buck District 7
Homer E. Cox District 4
Bob C. Ferrari District 4
Morris D. Fulks District 5
Thomas A. Hays District 7
Charles W. Jones District 6
Edward M. Marlin Traffic
Carl D. McCutcheon District 9
William O. Potter District 6
Douglas L. Ragsdale District 1
Christine Robinson Hydraulics
James D. Sanders Materials
Lee R. Smith District 4
Leo G. Turner District 4
Orville P. Wiggins District 1

5 Years

Bobby L. Bailey District 3
Thomas M. Baker District 1
Toni D. Barnes Fiscal Services
Edwade L. Clayborn District 3
Billy Clemons District 5
Raymond L. Cox, Sr. District 3
John R. Cross District 1
Lawrance E. Drewry District 9
Gary A. Greene District 4
Jimmy R. Huckaby District 2
Clara M. Huie Construction
Barry D. Hutson District 9
Darrell L. Kendrick District 2
Alfred L. Langhorn District 6
Michael P. Lassiter District 5
William L. McLroy Heavy Bridge
Charles A. Parrish District 4
John W. Robbins District 6
John L. Ross District 6
Johnny S. Ross Surveys
Sue E. Sheon AHP
George A. Taylor District 7
Elbert Thomas District 1
Frank J. Wages District 6
Burl F. Walker District 9

OCTOBER 1983

30 Years

Billy R. Bethea District 7
Johnnie M. Gray Public Affairs
Fero F. Jones Public Affairs

25 Years

Curtis G. Pangle Maintenance

20 Years

Gerald Hollingsworth AHP
Samuel E. Kizer District 8
William T. Smith District 3

15 Years

Garland V. Ashley, Jr. Bridge Design
James T. Bryant AHP
Jesse R. Dial District 10
Helen J. Kidd District 3
Winfred K. Martin District 5
Danny E. Moore Traffic
Kenneth R. Oxford District 9
Grandison D. Royston, Jr. District 3
John T. Sisco District 9
James E. Waller AHP

10 Years

Thomas E. Ballard Bridge Design
Henry G. Bearden AHP
Howard G. Bledsoe Materials
Robert L. Breedlove District 9
George L. Brown AHP
Louis K. Bryant Materials
Robert Boyd Clark District 9
John C. Garrigou District 8
Rayburn D. Gipson District 8
Hosea Hall, Jr. District 6
Hansford J. Long AHP
Larry J. Newman Planning
Mike L. Norton District 8
Robert E. Pack District 9
Norman D. Pittman District 9
Donald E. Spencer District 9
Alma L. Stephens Permits
Gary G. Toombs District 10
Fred E. Wade AHP
Gary B. White District 9

5 Years

Johnny L. Anderson District 1
George L. Belt District 7
Edgar Brown District 1
Paul L. Foster District 3
Roland L. Gaines District 6
Ronald D. Griffin District 4
Roy Harris District 2
James D. Kittler District 6
Jimmy R. Klober District 8
William B. Loe, Jr. District 3
Eric S. Marsh District 8
Stephen C. Masingill Surveys
Michael W. Nelson District 7
Bennie C. Riley District 8
Essie J. Sargent District 7
Jeffrey D. Stroud District 9
Donald E. Thomas District 4
Lonnie E. Wood District 9

NOVEMBER 1983

30 Years

Lee A. Gibbons Traffic
Hubert R. Holland Federal Aid
Cleo G. Qualls District 3
Milton S. Smith, III District 2

25 Years

Donald L. Beard District 7
Oren L. Cossey Surveys
Retha H. Griffin Mail & Supplies
Leslie J. Perry Fiscal Services
James L. Stringer Computer Services

20 Years

Shirley A. Bridges Roadway Design
Marvin D. Cazer Right of Way
Harris G. Hearnberger District 7
Billie D. Hensley District 9
Edna M. Livingston Maintenance

15 Years

Billy J. Crumpton District 6
Eddie D. Deckard District 8
Wendale D. Roach State Aid

10 Years

Jeffery R. Barrett District 9
James L. Brinkley District 5
Donna K. Garrison District 6
Terry L. Hardison Materials
Dennis A. James District 8
Steve H. Jones District 9
John W. Kruse District 6
George E. Mathes District 5
Lester L. Mathis, Jr. District 8

5 Years

James E. Boyce AHP
Page Collins, Jr. District 1
William H. Covington District 10
Billy C. Davis District 1
Bruce A. Dean District 6
Pamela G. Edwards Computer Services
Kenneth W. Fore District 3
George R. Franks AHP
Dickie R. Fry District 3
Clara M. Harris AHP
Steward A. Hawkins District 6
William J. Nickels District 6
Joe R. Parker Surveys
James E. Steelman District 7
Johnny L. Turley Equipment
Curtis L. Williams AHP



RETIREES

AUGUST 1983

Joy O. Mathis District 1
 Lyman L. Roper District 4
 Robert L. Hughes District 8

J. Cameron Lowe Roadway Design
 Joe G. Brazeal District 2

SEPTEMBER 1983

E. Vernon Ellis District 6
 Marlin A. Powell Planning
 Lewis A. Gore District 3
 Floyd E. Fullbright District 2
 Winford L. Bradford District 6
 William A. Herring District 7
 Gerald D. White District 2
 F. Parker Harden Equipment
 Edgar L. Clements District 7

OCTOBER 1983

Homer C. Allen District 3
 William H. Poston, Jr. District 2
 John W. Bellar, Jr. AHP
 Jack W. Dorris AHP
 Roy J. Baker Henderson Ferry
 G.D. Royston, Jr. District 3
 William O. Porter District 6

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Congratulations to 17 members of the Arkansas Highway Police who recieved their service awards in October. They are first row, left to right, Lt. Tilman A. Marlar, 20 years; Sgt. James T. Bryant, 15 years; Sgt. James E. Waller, 15 years; Lt. James E. Loyd, 20 years; Lt. Gene L. Smith, 20 years; Lt. Clarence J. Harper, 20 years; Mr. Jim Sadler, 20 years; and Chief Roy L. Johnson, 20 years. Second row, left to right are: Lt. Gerald S. Hollingsworth, 20 years; Lt. Armando Reginelli, 20 years; Capt. Henry H. Burke, 20 years; Lt. Roy Wesley Sessions, 20 years; Capt. Henry A. Watson, 20 years; Sgt. Samuel E. Pack, 25 years; Capt. Glenn D. Sullivan, 20 years; Capt. Max L. Ray, 20 years; and Capt. C. Eugene Williams, 20 years.



Lt. Williard Emmett Agnew

We would like to express our sympathy to the family of Williard Emmett Agnew, Lieutenant with the Arkansas Highway Police, who passed away on May 4, 1983. At the time of his death, he resided with his wife in Springdale, and was in charge of a patrol unit assigned to that area.

Agnew began his law enforcement career in 1953 as a police officer for the city of Rogers, and served in that position for three years. In 1957 he was employed by the Arkansas State Police, assigned to the Weight Division. Lt. Agnew remain with the division when it was transferred to the AHTD and subsequently became the Arkansas Highway Police. He was promoted to Lieutenant on May 1, 1975.

He is survived his his wife, Ester Bell Agnew, and one daughter, Mrs. Steve Van Patten of Las Vegas, Nevada.

BRIDGE DESIGN

David Ball and his wife, Brenda, are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Emily Rose, born September 20. Big sister Bethany will have a playmate now. After David took off a week to help with the little ones, he was glad to get back to work and get some rest.

David Plugge and Lori Lea Robinson of Little Rock were married August 6. They went to the Gulf Coast on their honeymoon and are now living in Shannon Hills. We all wish them a long, happy life together.

Alice Dong's son, Tunney, graduated August 14 from Memphis State with a M.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. Presently he is teaching in the MSU Electrical Engineering Department and taking a business finance course. Congratulations Tunney!

Frank Harrison has a 4½ month old grandson, Scott. After having two granddaughters, Carol and Angela, to be proud of, Frank was overjoyed with a grandson. He even babysat during the Arkansas/Texas football game. His daughter and son-in-law, Jenny and Steve Douglas, live in Camden where Steve is Associate Minister of the First Methodist Church.

Ken Glover has recently moved into a new home that he planned and built himself. It is in Conway and very beautiful.

Lots of construction is going on in Bridge Design. Dallas Vire is adding on to his cactus greenhouse. His collection keeps growing with some very unusual varieties.

L.D. Finister is building a den, extra bedroom and bath to his home. Mike White is

adding a den and double garage. When there is concrete to be poured, a crew from Bridge Design takes off for the afternoon and gets the job done. Many hands make the task a little easier.

Harold McNeely and family spent almost two weeks in Florida this summer. Also, Dale Loe spent his vacation there too, as did Jim Matthews. Jim took his family, including three grandchildren, Rhiannon, Jamie and Matt to have fun with on the beach.

Harry Dinsmore and his wife, Sue, have just returned from Dallas where they went to spend some time with their grandson, Kevin Scott. He is almost a year old and already walking. Harry Lynn and Kathy are the proud parents.

CONSTRUCTION

Our congratulations to Vershall A. Roy, Construction Office Engineer and to Jim Gee, Assistant Construction Engineer, upon completion of 20 years of service with AHTD. Also within the Department, Clara Huie completed 5 years of service. Pins and certificates of service were presented by Norman D. Pumphrey, State Construction Engineer and afterwards refreshments were served in their honor.

Also congratulations to Melissa Magness, daughter of Joe Magness, who was selected as one of the cheerleaders at McClellan High School.

Doyle Carson's son, Danny, is playing football at Sylvan Hills Jr. High on the eighth grade team and they have won every game so far. Keep up the good work Danny!

We would like to welcome B.D. Mulhollen to the Department from District One as Specifications Engineer.

Paige Parker was chosen to reign as homecoming queen at Benton High School and was escorted to the throne by her proud father, Bobby Joe Parker. Best wishes Queen Paige on this honor. Her father gave her a Shih-tzu puppy, which she named Petey, for this happy occasion.



Paige and Bobby Joe Parker



Vershall A. Roy

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

We would like to welcome two new employees to our office. Paula Johnson has been working for the department since 1982 as a COE student from McClellan High School. She became full time this past summer and later took Lori Merrick's place as the word-processor operator when Lori transferred to Programming and Scheduling in September.

Candy Brookins is a Senior COE student from Mills High School. She began working for the department August 29. We welcome both of you!

Would would like to congratulate Ken Parker for being with our department for five years as one of our Equipment Manager Inspectors. Keep up the good work Ken!

FISCAL SERVICES

Congratulations to Wilma Keller of Little Rock, daughter of Pat Koonce. She finished first among all Arkansas women who ran in the New York City Marathon on October 23.

Wilma's time in the 26-mile, 385-yard race was 3 hours, 56 minutes.

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

Congratulations to Steve and Sharon Harris. They are the proud new parents of a bouncing baby girl, Courtney Suzanne. Courtney was born August 9, 1983, at Saline Memorial Hospital in Benton. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and has pretty locks of dark hair. Both

mother and daughter are doing fine. I guess ole Dad will be waiting outside the bathroom door for the next few years because this is their third beautiful girl.



Courtney Suzanne Harris

Wedding bells were ringing for Reggie McAlister and Donald Cobb. They were married September 2, 1983 at 7:00 p.m. in Little Rock. It was an outdoor wedding and reception. The couple honeymooned in the Ozarks and are now residing in Little Rock.

We would like to welcome a new employee to the Division. John Henson is a new Geotechnical Aide on our drill crew.

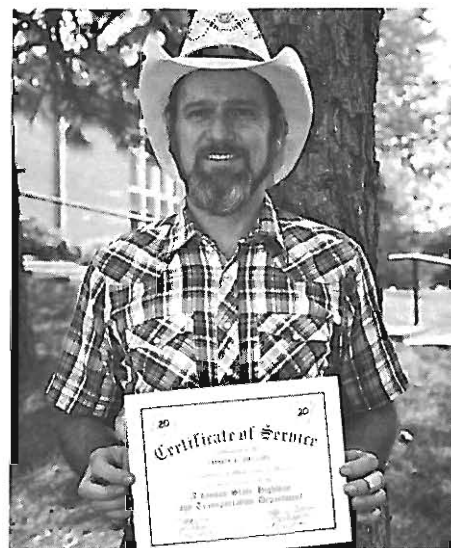
Congratulations to our service award recipients. Scooter Key received a 5 year award, Terry Hardison, Howard Bledsoe and Louis Bryant received 10 year awards; and Charlene McClain and Jim Brewster received 20 year awards.



Charlene McClain and Jim Reynolds

In July, R.C. and Georgette Turney took a nice trip to Europe. They visited their son's family in Germany and then went to Belgium to visit Georgette's family. They had a good time and enjoyed their two grandchildren, Triston and Sean, the most.

Editor's Note: In the last issue of the magazine we had a picture of C.A. Phillips which had the wrong name under the picture. We would now like to congratulate C.A. Phillips for 20 years of service with AHTD.



C.A. Phillips

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Larry Fenton is now the proud owner of a new 1984 Sun Tracker Party Barge. He and his family have already tried it out on Lake Ouachita and he says it is great. Besides fishing from the barge, he says he will also be able to pull skiers. Congratulations on your new toy, Larry!

Sue Walls received her 20-year service certificate in September. Her co-workers gave her a very nice party in honor of the occasion. The party was complete with cake, punch, nuts, mints, and a beautiful carnation corsage. Congratulations, Sue.



Sue Walls

Richard Finkle is raising a wild rabbit. He has had it since it was about two weeks old and it is about eight months old now. He has been told that it is very difficult to raise wild rabbits; and he is only one of a few people who have successfully accomplished this feat.

PERSONNEL

The Personnel Section was certainly the winner when Debbie Caster transferred to this office in May from Materials & Research. Her refreshing personality makes working with her a delight.

We would also like to extend a welcome to

our COE students for this season. These young ladies were selected for their outstanding scholastic achievements. They are Angela Whitlow, Tammy Goshien, Candy Brookins and Pam White. Pam was also elected the 1983 Homecoming Queen for McClellan High School. Congratulations Pam!

Most of this section's travels should have been in the last issue, but it is always nice to read of someone else's adventures. Marla and Phillip Thompson took their parents, Janette (Personnel Office) and Felix (Right-of-Way) to Six Flags over Texas in Dallas. They had such great fun and promised to take them again.

Jane Craft and husband, Bill, took a relaxing vacation to Gulf Shores, Alabama. There were reports of a seafood shortage in that area after their return.

In June, Kay and Bobby Cornish went "jazzy" for a while and drove to New Orleans. We would like to congratulate Kay and Bobby on his recent promotion to Assistant District Engineer in Pine Bluff.

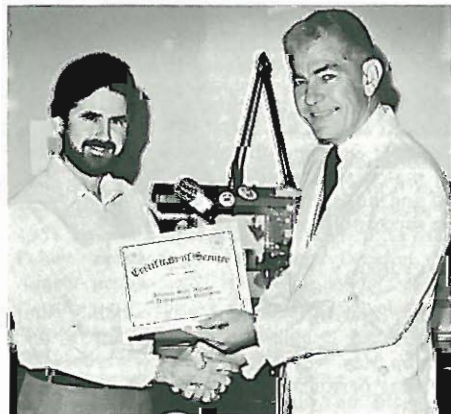
The first week in July, Emma Galyean and husband, Clifton, took a historic trip to Washington, D.C. There was little left unseen by Emma and we are confident that matters will certainly improve around our nation's Capitol if she got a hold of you-know-who.

Anna Elam's trip to Phoenix, Arizona, the first week of July, was an exciting one for her. Anna was constantly hassled by her friends to take a donkey ride down a mountain trail, but she persisted in being just as stubborn as the donkey, saying "if he happened not to know where he was going, I certainly couldn't help him." Anna is our switchboard operator and is visually impaired. She has a great sense of humor about her handicap and can be quite funny at times telling about situations she has been in. Ask her how she was once blown off course.

At this writing, Jackie Wallace is off to Mountain View for the Ozark Folk Center's Arts and Crafts Show. We will report her findings in the next issue.

PLANNING DIVISION

Larry Newman was recipient of a 10 year service award on Thursday, October 13. The award was presented prior to doughnuts and coffee by Charles Frazier, Head of the section. Larry is a commercial artist in the Mapping and Graphics Section and a graduate of Henderson State University. We also congratulate Larry on his marriage to Sharon Burton on August 20, 1983. We wish Larry and Sharon the very best.



Larry Newman and Charles Frazier

Congratulations are in order for Laura DeBro of Finance and Economics. Laura is officially engaged to John Carter. John is the Activities Director for Adolescent Youth at the Elizabeth Mitchell Children's Center. They haven't set a date yet, but if we know Laura, she won't let him change his mind. We wish them the best. When asked who would wear the pants in the family, Laura stood up and showed us the nicest pair of slacks you ever saw.

Congratulations to Ed Rinke, of Statewide Planning, who recently won 5th place in a regional contest for original programs written for Hewlett-Packard calculators. His program dealt with character string-handling techniques. For winning, he received a HP15C calculator. Keep up the good work Ed!

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ferol Jones and Johnnie Gray received their 30 year service awards in October from Public Affairs Officer Bill Looney.

Ferol has been the secretary in the Public Affairs Office for the past 10 years. Prior to that she was secretary for the late Ward Goodman when he was Director and Chief Engineer.

Johnnie has been the staff photographer for 30 years and has received numerous awards for his work from AASHTO.



Bill Looney, Ferol Jones and Johnnie Gray

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Ron Smith's son, Kelley, worked his way up through local competition to participate in the swimming events of the 1983 International Special Olympics on the campus of LSU in Baton Rouge, La. On July 12th over 60,000 spectators jammed into Tiger Stadium to open the 1983 International Special Olympics with a multi-nation celebration. There were over 4,500 athletes from 56 nations. Kelley qualified in three swimming events. He won a gold medal and set a world time record in the 100 meter relay event. This was a dream come true for Kelley who has been entering Special Olympic Events for over ten years.



Dan and Sherry Telford were blessed with their first child in July. Jason Daniel weighed 7 pounds.



Jason Daniel Telford

Kerry Nichols' husband, Larry, was invited to sing in an outdoor country music festival with other notables as Ray Price, Jerry Lee Lewis and "Big Al" Downing in September at Conway.

RADIO SECTION

Lamar Coyle received his 20 year service certificate and pin. We celebrated the occasion with cake and coffee. We were pleased that all of the technicians who work throughout the state in the Radio Section could attend and we took the opportunity to get a group picture. Attending, back row, left to right, are: R.B. Runions, Lamar Coyle, Dual Schales, Ed McLaughlin and Harold Harrison. Second row: Evelyn Kiernan, Johnny Nalley, Gordon Foddrill, Joe McKenna, and Jim Taylor. Front row: Cal Porterfield and Douglas Huckaba.

Ronald Jackson, our evening radio operator, was in college attending class and could not be here.



Lamar Coyle

RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

On August 27 about twenty employees and family members spent the day in Hot Springs at Patsy Roling's place on Lake Hamilton. Some brought boats. They spent the day swimming, fishing, water skiing and sight-seeing on Pat's party barge. They ate grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings. Everyone had a great time.

Refreshments were served in honor of Bob Jennings who left us to enter the Army. Also, refreshments were served in honor of Annette Gill who worked with us as a COE student and on through the summer. We will miss both these employees.

Ava and David Harding have just returned from vacation. Daughter, Donna Williams, and their 2 grandsons came up from Florida and went with them. They visited their daughter and son-in-law, Susan & Ron Spielman, in Wyoming. David & Ron went deer hunting and each killed a deer their first day out. The whole family drove to Idaho to visit David's mother and other members of his family. They covered about 4200 miles in 2 weeks. I know they had a great time.

Tammy Croy is our new employee working as a diazo printer operator. She transferred to us from Buildings and Grounds. Pictured is her 6 year old daughter Amy, the joy of her mother's life.



Amy Croy

Pictured is Christopher Robert Burnett, grandson of Bonnie Hodge. He is the son of Suzanne and Robert Burnett. He is 4 months old in this picture. He is the pride and joy of his grandmother.



Chris R. Burnett

Pictured is Vonda Shell's niece, Cassy Michelle Davis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Davis. Cassy was born 2 weeks early and had health problems that kept her in the hospital about a month. Now she is a beautiful, healthy 7 month old. Thank God for miracles!



Cassey Michelle Davis

Frank and Janean Knowles are the proud owners of a 1983 Ford Ranger. Janean works for the telephone company and was on strike for 3 weeks but is back at work now and things are back to normal.

Our sympathy to Jerry Heffington and family in the death of his father-in-law, Odie Sullivan. May God grant them comfort during their grief. Mr. Sullivan retired from AHTD about 5 years ago.

RIGHT OF WAY

Congratulations to the following employees in the Right of Way Division for promotions within the Department: Dick Lucas who is now Senior Utilities Coordinator; Mary Dry who transferred from the Relocation Section to the Administrative Section as a Title Research Technician; Shirley Butler who replaced Mary as the Section Secretary; Butch Garner transferred to the Acquisition Section and will be working as a Negotiator and from outside our Division we have Judy Wilson who transferred from the Roadway Design Division to the Utility Section and replaced Butch Garner as a Utilities Coordinator. Congratulations to all of these employees.

Congratulations also to Ralph Williams for completion of 10 years of service with the Department.



Ralph Williams and Jim Bartlett

TRAFFIC DIVISION

We would like to welcome Mike Smith, Melton D. Clark, Frank R. Dobbins, Tim Turnbough and Troy Green to our Division.

Anthony Robinson and Teresa Jansen were joined in marriage on August 27th at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Pocahontas and are now living in Little Rock. Best wishes to you both.

Brenda Guest played on a ladies softball team for Miller Beer/El Rancho this past summer. Her team won the City Championship for the second consecutive year. Brenda played first base, catcher and pitcher. Congratulations, Brenda.



Brenda Guest

Junior Jones and Joan Medlock were united in marriage on October 8 at Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church in Nelsonville. Best wishes to you both.

We would like to congratulate Edward Marlin for completing 10 years of service in September; Danny Moore for 15 years in October and Lee Gibbons for 30 years of service in November.

Rex and Gena Spurlock took a vacation this year to East Tennessee, where they hiked the Appalachian Trail in the Smokey Mountains and had a terrific time.

Frank and Jean Blalock took a Caribbean Cruise from October 8-October 15 and visited Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Kozumel Mexico. Frank says they had a great time.

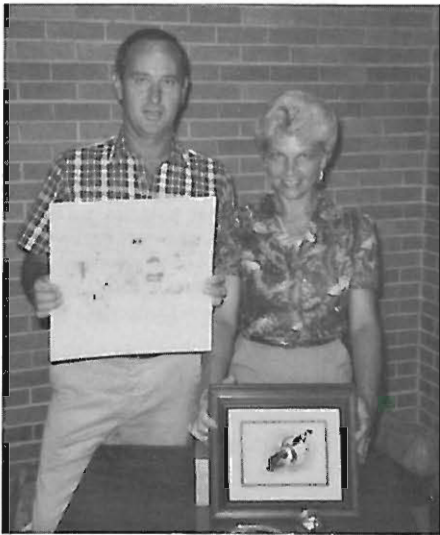
Our best wishes go to Debra and Michael Tackett who are the happy parents of a baby boy. Debra wanted a boy, and Michael Joseph Jr. was born on September 28th and weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces.

Tony Jones was promoted from a Stripping Driver to a Sign Erector. Congratulations Tony!

We are sorry to lose Robert Williams and Freddy Vanover but we wish them the best of luck.

DISTRICT ONE

A going away get together was held in the E.O.C. room on August 23 for Bill Mulhollen, who has served District One as District Engineer since 1968. He has transferred to the Construction Division in the Little Rock office. Knowing how he likes to hunt, District One employees presented him with shotgun shells, wildlife pictures for his new office, and a brass duck in case his luck with the real ones this year is not too good. We all wish him the very best in his new job.



Bill & Yvonne Mulhollen

At the same time, we welcome Ray Woodruff as our new District Engineer. He is no stranger to us as he worked out of the West Helena Residency during his college years, and served as Resident Engineer in the Wynne office from April, 1979 to October, 1981. After serving a tour of duty in Pine Bluff for a couple of years, he has returned to the finest people in the best part of the state. We look forward to working with him, and hope he enjoys his work here.

Shop Foreman Jimmy Smith was proudly passing this picture around this summer of Elizabeth Jade Chambers, his first grandchild who was born July 25, 1983, and was only eight hours old when this was taken. Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Chambers of Tupelo, Mississippi.



Elizabeth Jade Chambers

Congratulations to all our service award recipients. The employees receiving service awards recently were: J.L. Anderson, Edgar Brown, T.M. Baker, John Cross, Elbert Thomas, all with five years service; D.L. Ragsdale and Orville Wiggins, ten years; Luther Ross and Lynda Thomas fifteen years; Lewis Crys and Calvin George, twenty five years; Jack Lindley, 30 years; and Verlon Drennon with 35 years.

Pictured with the string of striped bass are Jasper Riley, Bridge Job Superintendent, and his son, Walter Riley. They caught these this summer at Norfolk Lake where they spent a few days while Walter was home on leave prior to going to Korea for a tour of duty with the Army.



Ray Woodruff and Louis Crye



Ray Woodruff and Verlon Drennon



Jasper and Walter Riley

The Retirees Association held their organizational meeting at District Headquarters on August 17 with 12 retirees present. Officers elected were Leonard Roberts, President; Lige Melton, Vice-President; and Mildred Stacy, Secretary-Treasurer. Good luck to them and their organization.

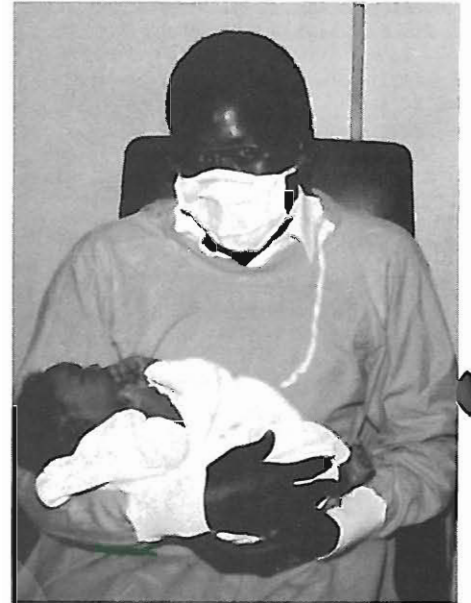
This writer and my husband enjoyed a trip to visit with my sister and her husband in Burlington, Vermont in September. We took a side trip from there to Montreal, Canada, and came back to spend the weekend in New York City. We tried to see all the sights we could in the week we had, as we knew this would be a once in a lifetime trip. We went at break neck speed from morning until night, and it took us a week to recover when we got home, but was truly a memorable trip.

Service Station Supervisor John Smith and wife Sandra welcomed their first child, a girl, born October 12. She was named Princlla Denise, and weighed 9 lbs., 4 oz. Both mother

and daughter are doing fine, and John is smiling bigger than ever.



Mona & Jerry Dallas



John & Princella Smith

DISTRICT TWO

We're having another "farewell party" in District Two. This time it was for our Asst. District Engineer, Ray Woodruff and his wife Carol. It seems Ray just came yesterday and now he's been transferred. Everyone was happy for him on his promotion to District Engineer in District One. His fellow employees honored him with a reception and gifts on his last day. We all wish him lots of luck and hope he will remember all his friends in District Two and will come back to visit us.



Welcome to our new Asst. District Engineer Bobby Cornish. Bobby is a native of Pine Bluff and had been assigned to the Little Rock area in Construction. It's a real pleasure to have Bobby with us and we hope he will enjoy working with all the employees in District Two.



Bob Cornish

Also recently we had two employees at the District Headquarters leaving the Department. Brenda McCurry, District Parts Runner, is resigning to await the arrival of the stork. We all wish Brenda the best of luck and will miss her. Dewana Gober, District Fuel Clerk, is resigning to move to El Dorado where her husband has been assigned. Good luck on your move to your new home.

Back to the "welcome new employees department". Jimmy Johnson is the new Area Foreman in Ashley County. He has worked for several years in the construction business after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Jimmy is a native of Hamburg and he and his wife and son live in the area. He is an asset to the Department and is handling the job well. We're happy to have you with us, Jimmy.



Jimmy Johnson

Also, recently R.L. Brantly, Crew Leader in Drew County, was promoted to Area Foreman at Monticello. R.L. has been with the Department for 22 years and has been a dedicated and dependable employee. He is a native of Drew County and lives in Wilmar with his wife and family. It's always been a pleasure to work with R.L. as he has a very agreeable personality. Congratulations to everyone on their promotions.

The winners in the District Crew of the Month for the months of August and September were Cleveland and Lincoln Counties. The winning Foremen were Ricky Neal and Richard Morgan.

There's been another wedding in the Scarler Lyon's family. Their daughter Glenda was married to Danny Ray Lovelace at the First Assembly of God Church in Stuttgart. Glenda is a registered nurse at Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff and her husband is a self-employed contractor. Mr. Lyons is the Area Foreman in Arkansas County at Stuttgart. We hope the new couple will have years of happiness.



Mrs. Danny Lovelace

Pictured are the children of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Carrington the son and daughter-in-law of L.C. Carrington. L.C. works in the Maintenance Crew in Lincoln County. Cylena Marie Carrington is 4 months old and Jimmy Lee Carrington is 2 years old.



Jimmy Lee Carrington



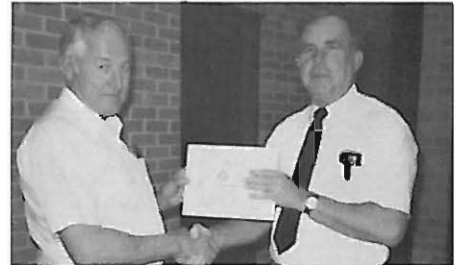
Cylena Marie Carrington

Shown in the picture is the nephew of one of our employees, Wing Tichnor, Motor Patrol Operator Rough in Jefferson County. Joseph is 16 months old and already a "pig farmer". Now that really is cute.



The employees at the District Headquarters and in the Maintenance Crew at Pine Bluff donated to the Red Cross Blood Mobile recently as they have every 6 months. Those donating were: Bill L. Johns, Burl Robertson, Bobby Cornish, Earl Raines, Betty B. Carter, James A. Allbritton, Charles Pennington, Zachary Jones, James Kelly Slater, Debra Pruitt, Martin Crow, Robert Thompson, Danny Davis, Eli Carpenter, Aubrey Murphy and John Herrington. These are people we really appreciate.

Also held recently was the United Way Drive and we were very happy with the contributions from the employees in District Two.



Richard Morgan



Ricky Neal

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following for their years of service with the Department. Paul L. Foster, W.B. Loe, Jr., R.L. Cox, Sr., E.L. Clayborn, B.L. Bailey, Nathaniel Turner and Curtis Sunderman for 5 years service; W.M. Ayers for 10 years service; G.D. Royston, Jr., Helen Kidd, and T.D. Teague for 15 years; J.B. Karnowski, W.E. Dull and W.T. Smith for 20 years; and Elmer Clark for 30 years.

A fish fry was given at the District Headquarters on August 11 to honor Arthur Gore on his retirement from the Department. Arthur was Area Foreman in Sevier County and had been an employee of the Department for 27 years and 9 months. We wish Arthur much happiness in his retirement.



Arthur Gore and Charles Mitchell

Pictured is G.D. "Buster" Royston, Jr. Buster, Inspector, retired on September 30 after 15 years of service with the Department. He has most recently worked in the District Materials Lab. The office served cake and ice-cream and gave Buster a going-away present. We all miss him, but we know Buster is enjoying himself on his farm near Blevins.

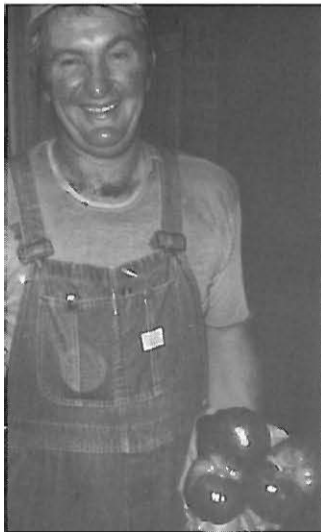
We wish to congratulate Dana Cross, daughter of Frank and Jackie Cross, for being selected 2nd Runner-up in the Miss Nevada County Fair Queen Contest. Although we do not have a picture to show you, we can assure you that Dana well deserves this honor. Frank, Dana's father, is an Asphalt Plant Inspector.



Buster Royston

DISTRICT FOUR

Fall has arrived, in an easy sort of way, however, William Craig, backhoe operator Sebastian II Crew, had a tougher time bringing in a "small" sample of his tomato crop. I asked William his secret and he just smiled.



William Craig

A management training program was held at the District Headquarters in May and those receiving certificates of achievement were J.E. Baker, D.H. Becker, J.N. Faubus, R. Goodson, G.E. Holloway, D.R. Jennings, K.J. McDowell, J.E. Newell, A.H. Pense, W.E. Campbell, L. Seal, C.D. Whitson, and M.E. Williams. Our congratulations to these men on their completion of a very important worthwhile course.

A service award certificate was presented to Cornelious "Pete" Peters, Storeroom Supervisor, for 15 years service. George Lee, Shop Foreman, presented Lee Roy Smith, Mechanic,

and Bob Ferrari, Mechanic, their 10 year certificates. David Becker, Sebastian II Area Foreman, presented Homer Cox, Mower Operator, with his 10 year certificate. Our congratulations to these guys for their dedicated service.

In the Springdale Residency, Don Creech, Assistant Resident Engineer, was given his 20 year certificate by Resident Engineer Leon Brewer. The crew honored Don with a surprise party. Carl Sanders, Assistant District 4 Engineer and Jim Selby District 9 Engineer were there to help wish Don another 20 years. Don is well liked by the crew and we do wish him many more happy years with us.



Management Training Class



Cox - Becker



Brewer - Creech

R.C. Walker, Sebastian II Crewleader, and wife Charlene, announce the arrival of a grandson, Jayson Michael Arendall, son of Clarence and Karla Arendall. He was born September 18, 1983 and weighed 11 lbs. 7 oz.



Wedding bells again have been ringing at the Springdale Residency. Steve Reeves, Construction Helper, and Charlinda Jo (Gurley) tied the knot in a very lovely ceremony on June 25, 1983. As part of the ceremony, Steve sang to Charlinda "...Give you rain and you'll find rainbows...Just see the love you found in me." We wish them love and rainbows always.



Charlinda and Steve Reeves

Sam Turner, Construction Aide, invited us to his wedding to Pat (Dreves) on September 4, but as it was held in Vicksburg, Mississippi, we all just wished him good luck instead. Pat is the new owner of Neff's Flower Shop in Springdale. We wish her luck with both of her new ventures. We know that anytime anyone mentions a gift for anything, Sam says "send flowers".



Sam and Pat Turner

We have a new father. Ever heard the expression "sympathy pains"? Well, ask Dean Nichols, Construction Field Engineer, about them. Before it was over, we figured Dean would be the one admitted to the hospital! Dean is the very proud father of Ashley Michelle born on August 21, 1983. Our congratulations to Dean and family.

As a fund raising event the Sertoma Club raffled off an autographed Razorback Basketball. Gerald Stockton, Resident Office Technician and Sertoma Club Member, is shown here presenting the basketball to Mark and Jason Brewer, sons of Leon Brewer, Resident Engineer. Now that's one round ball they won't be shooting hoops with!



Ashley Michelle Nichols

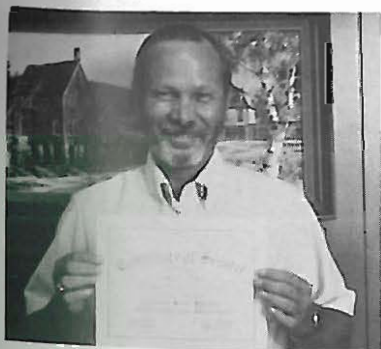


Mark and Jason Brewer with Gerald Stockton

DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service with the Department: C.L. Bradberry, John Ed Smith, 30 years; S.L. Swink, 25 years; Jimmy T. Sexton, 20 years; Anthony N. Vittoria, Sammy L. Rice, Fredrick C. Heyde, Winfred K. Martin 15 years; Elmer A. Lovell, Michael J. Lackey, Kermit H. Gay, Morris D. Fulks, Marion A. Brecheen, Ernest M. Birmingham, 10 years; Leon D. Sanders, Randy L. Rector, Patty J. Jackson, Tommy Harper, Michael P. Lassiter, Billy Clemons, 5 years.

We regret the difficulty our boss had in obtaining the picture of Jimmy T. Sexton, Permit Clerk, with his 20 year certificate. All who know this employee can understand. We can't blame the new camera!!!



Jimmy Sexton

We enjoyed working with our college students this past summer. Tracy Stewart, held up to her job real well, inspite of being the only female on Job Superintendent Fred Boutwell's Crew. The 19-year old Arkansas State Univer-

sity Beebe Branch Sophomore applied for an office job, but soon found out that the only position open was with an all male maintenance crew. She took some teasing from friends and strange looks from passersby as she worked with the crew. She said, one boy in the Greers Ferry area drove by and looked over at her, then got on his radio and said, "That's a girl, I told you it was". Tracy's picture was snapped on the Asphalt Roller for the last time before returning to college where she plays guard position on the Beebe Basketball Team. She enjoyed her work so well, she picked up an application for work here next year.



Tracy Stewart

Gina McSpadden Wingo, former summer employee, surprised us with a visit recently. She came by the office especially to show off her new baby daughter, Lydia. She is a cutie.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Leon Sanders, Ferry Operator, on the death of his wife who passed away in October.

We would like to welcome our newest employees. Lynda Sellers, White II Crew, who I failed to mention in the last news. Melba Coulter and Shonnie Reid of the Jackson County Crew. Also, Raymond Covey, of the Gordon Hite Residency transferred to the S.L. Swink Residency in October.

DISTRICT SIX

Farewells go out to Bobby Cornish who transferred to Pine Bluff as Assistant District Engineer. His office gave him a farewell luncheon and he was also presented a gold pen by Barbara Mize in behalf of his office. Good luck Bob. It's kinda like having one of your kids leave home, but we didn't break his plate, so he can always come back. It certainly was nice to have his wife Kay to join us. Thanks guys for the good food.



Barbara Mize and Bob Cornish

We also had a cake for Gerald Teague and presented him with a silver pen set. Gerald is now Assistant Resident Engineer in Leonard Hall's Residency. We do miss you Gerald. The rumors are just cut in half since you left.

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Larry Rollins who lost his mother on August 29.

On July 28, 1983, Vernon Ellis retired from the AHTD with 28 years of service. Vernon was Prairie County Area Foreman. He was honored with two parties, one at the District and one at the Area Headquarters. He was presented with a plaque from his crew reading, "To Vernon Ellis for 28 years of service to the AHTD", and tags with the names of his present crew. The District gave Vernon some "huntin and fishin" supplies.

Here is a picture of Vernon with his wife Elouise and the plaque that his crew gave him.



We want to wish Vernon health and happiness in his future endeavors.

Steve Allen our stock clerk and his wife Nancy and son Lee went on vacation in July. They went to New Brunswick, Canada to visit his wife's family. On their way they stopped in Warner Robins, Georgia to visit his family.

We want to welcome J.E. "Bud" Thomas who took Vernon Ellis' place as area foreman at Prairie County. He transferred from District Ten where he was Assistant Area Foreman.

DISTRICT SEVEN

This husky, handsome fellow is Grant Edwin Livingston. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Livingston, Jr. John works for Resident Engineer, A.W. Hardy, Jr. Grant was born on August 31, 1983, and weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. Needless to say, our District Maintenance Superintendent, John E. Livingston has been a typical proud grandfather. This is the first grandchild for him and June, his wife. Grant's grandmother dotes on him; rumor has it that she has rocked him from 3:00 in the afternoon until 9:00 at night without even a coke break. We know who really rates!



Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Loe (Welder) journeyed to Clair, Michigan, for an August vacation. Arvis enjoyed a fishing trip to Lake Michigan while there. He and his friend, Bob Embrie, fished in Platt Bay and caught the six large Salmon pictured above. The fish weighed a total of 42 pounds. Bob's wife smoked and canned the fish for Arvis and Doris to bring home and enjoy.



Arvis Loe and Bob Embrie

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to our Service Award Recipients. They are Henry Noland, 5 years; Timothy Honeycutt, 5 years; William Hogan, 5 years; Bobby McKinney, 5 years; Billy Pruitt, 5 years; Bennie Riley, 5 years; Eric Marsh, 5 years; Jimmy Klover, 5 years; Charles D. Loyd, 10 years; Donnie Duvall, 10 years; Marvin L. Whorton, 10 years; Floyd Cates, 10 years; Robert F. Hutchins, 20 years; and Noah Moody, 30 years.

Natalie Renee Wilkinson was born September 29. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long. Natalie's dad is Don Wilkinson, our Permit Officer. She has a big sister, Stephanie, who is really enjoying helping take care of her.

Jean and Frank Blalock just returned from a week long Caribbean Cruise aboard the M/S Starward. They toured several small islands and included Jamaica and part of Old Mexico. We are all envious of their days in the sun, gourmet food in abundance, nightly shows...

DISTRICT NINE

Big brother Jason takes good care of little sister, Jennifer Diane, born August 24th. The parents are Jerry and Kathy Selby of Fayetteville and the proud grandparents are District 9 Engineer Jim Selby and wife, Inez. The Selbys now have four grandsons and three granddaughters.



Congratulations to John Sharum and Jerry Morrow of the Bentonville RE Office, who became Registered Professional Engineers in July. James C. House, Resident Engineer at Harrison, assumed the Company D 489th Engineer Battalion Commander duties on September 10th. A change of command ceremony was held during the September drill. James has been in the 489th Engineer Battalion for thirteen years, serving in both enlisted and officer status. Lt. House and wife, Frances, are the parents of three children.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Schwartz who announced the arrival of a son, Mark Joseph on July 30th.

We welcome Mike Brasel at the Service Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMullen have a new granddaughter, Jessica, born to their son, Joe and Gwen McMullen. The McMullen's have four granddaughters and one grandson at this time and are expecting again in December.

Ertie Lawrence, who is eighty-five years old and who retired from District 9 as Bridge Foreman with seventeen years service in 1965, was honored in August with a picture and interesting story about his life in the Harrison Daily Times newspaper. Ertie had his left leg amputated below the knee and named the artificial limb, "Hobie", after his doctor. Despite his handicap, Ertie stays busy in his woodworking shop making wooden hats, churns, doll beds, wishing wells, magazine racks and miniature church pews, and other wooden articles.

District 9 Service Award recipients recently were: Kenneth Oxford, 15 years; John Sisco, 15 years; Wayne Bell, 20 years; Owen E. Fowler, 25 years; and Jim Wilson, 25 years. Congratulations to these fine men.



District 9 Service Awards

At the October Supervisor's Meeting, the following received certificates for completing the Management Training Program: Kenneth Oxford, Dean Smith, Bill McMullen, J.B. Parker, J.L. Dickey, Willard Crow, Vernie Berry, J.T. Richardson, Bill Harbison, Ed Cummings, Connis Ingram, Buster Parker, and Frank Rose. E.C. Widner also completed the training but was not present when the picture was taken.



Management Training Class

The District Shop Crew hosted a party for Carroll Mathis who retired in August with 26 years service. Shop Foreman Tommy Jackson presented several gifts from his co-workers, a very unique coffee pot and coffee cup, bound newspapers, and a novel clock with appropriate remarks. He also received a handsome watch and hunting knife. The fellows served delicious cakes, cheese tidbits, dips and chips and sparkling punch in unusual antique dishes belonging in the collection of Larry Richards.

Shirley Morton is Grandma again. Son, David and Gail Morton have another daughter born October 14th. I am now blessed with four granddaughters and one handsome grandson.

DISTRICT TEN

It seems that with the busy work of summer, news has been slim for this article. However, we hear through the grapevine that some of our old friends in the Jonesboro Resident Engineer's Office have hunting on their minds once again. Leonard Norton, Construction Party Chief, returned from the White River Refuge with a small buck that he killed during bow season. It seems that after all the teasing Leonard received about a "doe with spots" that he got a few seasons ago, he would have provided us with a picture. It's not that we doubt his word, we just need some material for the magazine.

While on the hunting subject, we would like to offer a word of encouragement to Paul Morgan, Asphalt Plant Inspector, who is making big plans for black powder season. Although Paul has yet to return from the woods with a deer during black powder season, we still have confidence and know that this year will be his lucky year. Good Luck, Paul!

Maurice Sims, Finish Carpenter in the District 10 Maintenance Crew, was honored in September by fellow employees who gathered to extend best wishes to him upon his retirement from the Department. Maurice has brightened many a person's day with his comical antics as he worked throughout the District over the past 28 years and he'll be missed by those who cherish his friendship. After coffee and doughnuts were served, Maurice was presented with a pair of hunting boots, a compass and an AHTD Retiree Cap by District Engineer Joe Barnett and Job Superintendent Charles Hopper. We wish you many long happy years of retirement.



C. Hopper, M. Sims, and J. Barnett

Mr. Roy Glasgow, Finish Motor Patrol Operator with the Poinsett County Maintenance Crew, was presented his 25 year service award by District Engineer Joe Barnett. Coffee and doughnuts were served following the presentation which gave fellow employees an opportunity to congratulate Roy. We all hope this association has been as pleasurable for Roy as it has been for those who have worked with him.



J. Barnett and R. Glasgow

Cupid has struck again! Jack Rainwater, Senior Construction Aide in the Paragould Residency, and his wife gained a son-in-law on August 12th when their daughter, Belinda, was married to Randy Glenn. Belinda and Randy exchanged vows during a beautiful ceremony in the Pleasant Hills Missionary Baptist Church in Lynn. Both are attending Arkansas State University and will reside in Lynn. Congratulations Belinda and Randy!



Randi and Belinda Glenn



Season's Greetings

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