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FRONT COVER PHOTO – U.S. Highway 70 in Garland County.
Photo by John Jackson.

BACK COVER PHOTO – U.S. Highway 65 north of Marshall,
Arkansas. Photo by David Hunter.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

DEDICATED EMPLOYEES REASON FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS



As another construction year nears an end and before the advent of the approaching Legislative Session, it is a good time to reflect on where we are and our future.

During this past year, I have attended meeting after meeting with Directors and Administrators of other Highway and Transportation Departments, analyzing and discussing our respective successes, problems and solutions. Each time, it becomes more obvious to me that we do more for Arkansas with a lot less than most Highway Departments – and it makes me very proud.

Despite our limited funds, extreme weather conditions, and natural disasters, we have been able to hold our own. Our citizens, for the most part, can travel on reasonably good hard-surfaced roads; we have been able to accommodate the needs of agriculture, tourism, and industry; and to date, we have not lost one nickel in federal aid, either because of lack of matching funds or inability to get plans ready. As a matter of fact, we always request and often receive federal funds for construction projects that other states are unable to obligate.

There is just one reason for this efficiency, and that is dedicated Highway Department employees. Maintenance crews, office staff, construction personnel and highway engineers all have displayed the innovation and initiative to conserve our limited resources that has permitted us to provide good roads during these demanding times.

The Highway Commission and I are not unmindful of the fact that our salary increases have been seriously inadequate during this present biennium. However, until corrections can be made that will provide salaries consistent with the efforts being produced, we think it is important that you know we recognize and appreciate the work you are performing and the extra effort you are giving to make this happen.

This coming Legislative Session brings opportunities, and you can be sure that we will be doing everything we can to strengthen our highway program and give proper consideration regarding adequate competitive salary levels.

Henry Gray
Director of Highways & Transportation

PUBLIC HEARINGS

HIGHWAY 62 BYPASS

A second design public hearing on the proposed Highway 62 Bypass at Mountain Home was held June 21.

Since the time of the first design hearing in October 1980, a change in the provision of access to the facility was made. The original design allowed at least one access point to each parcel of property along the highway. Following that hearing the Department studied other similar facilities in the State and found that as traffic increased and adjacent land development occurred, conflicts would arise which adversely affected not only the safety factor, but also the operational characteristics of the bypass. A decision was made to restrict access to the

Highway 62 Bypass, so a second hearing was held to receive public comment.

The facility is designed to ultimately be a four-lane highway. The first stage of construction, however, will be to build two lanes, and then as traffic increases, the additional two lanes will be built.

Because access will be limited to public roads and streets only, frontage roads will be constructed to serve traffic where feasible.

Twenty-five people spoke at the hearing and all expressed their support for the project which many said was badly needed to relieve the traffic congestion in Mountain Home.

MABELVALE WEST

Although the proposed revisions for the Mabelvale West Interchange with Interstate 30 in Little Rock are being funded with private money, the project must comply with all State and Federal laws and regulations. Therefore, a public hearing on the project was held

July 10 to receive citizen input. Garver & Garver, consulting engineer firm in Little Rock, is handling the design of the project under a contract with the developer of the proposed Otter Creek Mall which will be built near Interstate 30.



Ronnie Hall, of Garver & Garver Engineers, Inc., points out the proposed revisions planned for the Mabelvale West Interchange.

The interchange revisions, as well as a partial interchange on Interstate 430 near the development, are necessary to handle the anticipated traffic that the new mall will generate.

The project will be constructed in three stages. The first stage involves minor relocation and adjustments to the intersection of Mabelvale West Road and the east frontage road on Interstate 30. The second stage is the construction of on and off ramps to Interstate 430 at the proposed Otter Creek Mall Drive, on and off ramps to the westbound lanes of Interstate 30, the relocation of Otter Creek Road, and the relocation of the west frontage road. The third stage consists of constructing a new bridge across Interstate 30, new on and off ramps to the eastbound lanes, and the relocation of the frontage road.

According to the consultants, the road system outlined in stages one and two will adequately handle all traffic until the mall is 75% occupied. It is anticipated that it will be three to five years after the opening of the mall before all of the improvements in stage three are required.

HIGHWAY 1B IN DEWITT

The Highway 1 -- Business Route is the main east-west arterial in the city of DeWitt. Current traffic counts show a little over 5,000 vehicles per day use this two-lane road. An accident study conducted in 1981 revealed numerous right-angle, rear-end, and side-swipe accidents on this route. The construction of a third lane for left turns was recommended and approved by the Federal Highway Administration for funding with Federal Aid Highway Safety funds on a 90/10 matching basis.

The proposal calls for each lane to be 12 feet wide. In addition to the widening, a curb and gutter will be constructed and an underground storm drainage system will replace the open ditches which now exists.



Highway 1B in DeWitt

WHITE RIVER BRIDGE AT COTTER

About 100 persons turned out August 7 at Cotter for a public hearing on the Department's plans to construct a new White River Bridge on U.S. Highway 62 at Cotter. The proposed project would cost about \$5.3 million. Only a handful of persons spoke at the hearing, but no opposition to the project was voiced.

The plan calls for a new two-lane route for U.S. 62, beginning a mile west of the existing White River bridge, running along a ridge on the Marion County side of the river and across a new 274-foot bridge on Fallen Ash Creek, then turning east across the river on a 1,300-foot bridge just north of Bayless



The 54-year old Highway 62 Bridge at Cotter.

Island and connecting with the current U.S. 62 route at its junction with Denton Ferry Road. From beginning to end, the route would cover 3.3 miles.

The existing White River bridge at Cotter would be kept in service, and the current route of U.S. 62 from the start of the new route to Denton Ferry Road would be a business route.

Highway and Transportation Department Surveys Engineer Charles Mitchell said the earliest bids could be let for the project would be mid-summer 1985, although right-of-way acquisition could begin next spring. The project would use 80 percent bridge replacement funds from the federal government and 20 percent state funds.

Mitchell said traffic projections show an increase from 5,000 cars per day across the bridge now used to 8,800 by the year 2002. There already is a high accident rate along the current route, and that would climb higher with increased traffic, which is a factor in determining the need for replacement for the 34-year old Cotter bridge.

Among those who spoke at the hearing was State Senator Vada Sheid, who called the project a "shot in the arm" for the area and one which is needed to relieve traffic congestion.

Cotter Mayor Rex S. Bayless said the City Council supports the plans. He said the project would have an effect on Cotter "like the railroad before the bridge and the steamboats before that."

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DIVISION BEGINS IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The Arkansas Highway Police Division has began an intensive in-service training program directed toward maintaining a high proficiency level for all officers.

The program is designed to provide annual review and certification in all aspects of law enforcement, including: firearms, radar, changes in statutory law, CPR, police tactics, and supervisory level courses.

Although all officers in the Division are certified law enforcement officers with full arrest powers statewide, the primary responsibility focuses on the regulation of commercial vehicles on Arkansas highways, according to Chief Roy Johnson.

This includes the enforcement of laws concerning truck weights and dimensions, vehicle and operator licenses, motor fuel taxes, highway use taxes, transportation of hazardous materials, and speed enforcement.

The Division has 197 employees assigned to 17 weigh station facilities and 44 roving units which are operated 24 hours a day.

All personnel hired by the Division as patrolmen must attend the basic police course at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in Camden. This course provides the basics in law enforcement techniques. However, since the Highway Police officers deal in a specialized area, additional training is necessary for them to become familiar with their various responsibilities.

Captain George Coffman has been assigned as the Training Coordinator for the Division and works with the District Commanders and District Training Instructors to insure that all officers remain current in the training program. Coffman also serves as an instructor for many of the phases of training.

Assistant Chief John Bailey said one of the first things all new officers are briefed on is various state and federal laws and regulations that apply to commercial vehicles.

"We bring the officers to the Central Office and go over these regulations to be sure they are understood and uniformly enforced," Bailey said. "In addition, we hold annual refresher

courses and update any changes in the laws," he said.

The enforcement of truck weight, height, and width restrictions is a major function of the Division. In addition to the 17 permanent weigh stations operated by the Highway Police, each of the 44 roving units are equipped with portable scales for weighing trucks throughout the state. This past year, more than 4.4 million trucks were weighed.

Speed enforcement is another area of major concern. Because of this, all officers must certify to operate radar and receive recertification training at least once every three years.

The application of radar enforcement falls within two primary categories: speed compliance enforcement of all motor vehicles and, speed/weight restriction on posted secondary highways.

At least one officer in each of the Division's five districts will be trained as a radar instructor and will conduct the recertification training in his district.

In addition to the use of radar, the Division is also using detector loops at selected locations around the state. Basically, the detectors are the same type of road tubes, or hoses, used in taking traffic counts. However, in this case, two tubes are placed across the roadway several feet apart. The tubes are connected to a control unit which calculates the speed of a vehicle as it passes between the tubes. A Highway



Corporal Tom Hale directs trucks across the scales at the Hope Weigh Station on Interstate 30.



Sgt. Bill Johnson of Hot Springs uses radar to check truck speeds on Interstate 30 near Benton.



Sgt. Johnson writes a speeding citation after directing the truck driver to pull off on the "strip" on I-30 near Benton. The "strip" is also used periodically as a weigh station.

Police officer and a technician operate the control unit and radio ahead to other officers the description and speed of any vehicle exceeding the speed limit.

The proper use of firearms is an essential element for all law enforcement officers. They must be prepared at all times for the unexpected and react accordingly.

Initial certification in the use of firearms is received at the training academy. Once on the job as Highway Patrolmen, the officers will be required to recertify annually.

The Police Practical Combat Course developed by the Division requires all officers to achieve a

qualifying score of 70% while firing at targets at various distances, around barricades, kneeling, prone, and standing positions. The officers have quarterly qualifications each year with each session being in a different phase of training.

In November of this year, five officers will attend the National Rifle Association's Firearms Instructors School in conjunction with the F.B.I. These officers will be responsible for conducting firearms training in each of the A.H.P. Districts.

Division officers are also receiving training in police tactics from the U.S. Air Force at the Little Rock Air Force Base. This course includes proper

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search and seizure techniques and instructions on how to properly approach violators.

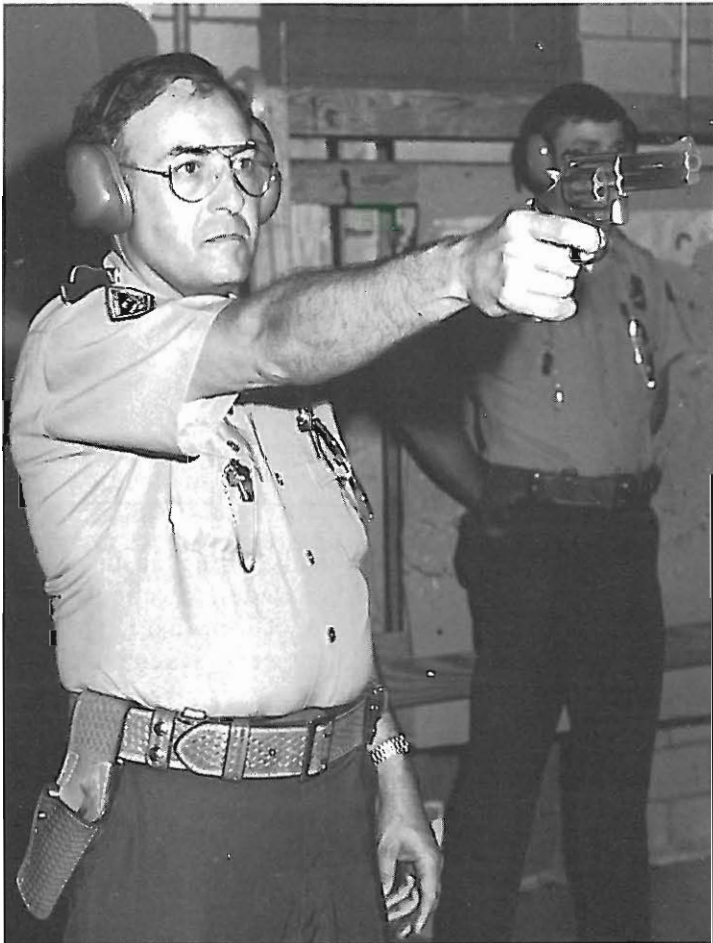
Assistant Chief Bailey said the Division has established an excellent working relationship with the Air Force personnel at the base and plans to continue using the firing range and other facilities at the base in the future. He said the assistance received by the Air Force has been instrumental in developing the training program.

Supervisory personnel in the Division are also assigned to attend the various courses offered by the Department and other state agencies. All supervisors have attended the T.H.E. (The Human Element) Course.

"The in-service training program was established to keep the quality of law enforcement at the highest level for the Highway Police at all times. By the end of this year, our personnel should be as well trained as any law enforcement agency in the State", Bailey said.



Capt. George Coffman, left, checks weapon with Sgt. Gene Hatfield.



Ptl. Ross Martin, of Dumas, prepares to fire during a recent training session.



Pfc. Reggie Chitwood demonstrates the proper technique for placing handcuffs on a suspect during a training session.

ENERGY COSTS REDUCED

SOLAR-POWERED COUNTERS SAVING MONEY

During the past two years, the Technical Services Section, Planning Division of the Highway and Transportation Department, has been replacing obsolete mechanical ATR (automatic traffic recorder) machines with modern electronic units powered by solar energy.

"The solar powered ATR's provide us with much greater site location flexibility and eliminate electrical hookup costs and monthly power charges," Jim Gilbert, Technical Services Section Head, said.

"In the long run, solar powered ATR's will mean a substantial savings to the State, as well as conservation of our electrical energy," Gilbert added.

Presently 24 of the 26 ATR locations are operating on solar power. The savings offset capital costs after approximately eight to ten months of operation. "This has reduced our operating expenses and should eventually result in a cost savings of approximately \$4,000 per year," Gilbert said.

ATR's are used to count and record the traffic at a particular location automatically, continuously, 24 hours, 7 days a week. They bring about a substantial savings in manpower, time and expense if this counting were to be done manually.

Gilbert said the Department will replace the remaining two electrical ATR's as part of construction projects planned on the routes where they are located.

A small solar panel is attached to the top of each ATR. The system converts sunlight directly into electrical energy suitable to meet the requirements of the electrical load. Solar cells produce no noise, no heat, no fumes and no waste products.

In a solar installation, one 12-volt battery is used to assure power during cold, cloudy days. These batteries are charged by the solar energy and are not affected by electrical storms or other power outages.

"Anyway you look at it, solar powered ATR's are the way to go," Gilbert said.



Solar panel attached to ATR provides a continuous source of electrical power.



Jim Gilbert, Technical Services Section Head, checks a solar-powered ATR.

ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

SITES PROVIDE HISTORICAL INFORMATION

By Burney McClurkan, Environmental Archeologist

The most desirable situation for the Highway and Transportation Department in relation to archeological sites is to avoid them completely. This is not always possible, and in those cases where a significant archeological site will be damaged by a highway project, some form of mitigation is required.

In the last four years, the AHTD in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, has been involved in three mitigative actions which have contributed significant knowledge of the history and pre-history of Arkansas.

In 1980, the replacement of the Bayou Macon Bridge on Chicot County Road 76 threatened a portion of an archeological site known as the Powell Canal. This site, recorded in 1967, was a prolific location and sizeable artifact collections had been made there. A small amount of testing had been done in 1971 by the Arkansas Archeological Survey. All this prior activity allowed the Department to recognize immediately the significance of the site, and to formulate a strategy whereby extraction of the maximum amount of data could be performed in the least amount of time. Testing and excavation was done in October 1980 by the Environmental Division, and excavation was done by the Sponsored Research Program of the Arkansas Archeological Survey in May 1981. The results of this project appeared as a monograph, "Powell Canal", by Mr. John H. House. About this volume, Dr. John Belmont says in his review: "It is the only such site yet excavated in Arkansas and one of the very few fully reported Troyville sites from any state. It is of signal importance for the understanding of the culture history of the southern lower Mississippi Valley. The data included here are the most welcome addition to the archeological corpus."



Archeological Survey Crew at Powell Canal Site, Chicot County.



Archeological Survey Crew at Moser Farmstead Site, Benton County.

The relocation of U.S. Highway 71 in Washington and Benton Counties, of northwest Arkansas, prompted the archeological survey of the proposed corridor in the late 1970's by the AHTD Environmental Division. This survey located a number of archeological sites, but through coordination with other AHTD divisions, all of these sites were avoided. A supplemental survey in 1981 discovered the Moser site, a late 19th, early 20th century farmstead in Benton County. Archeologists are always in search of sealed subsurface deposits, representing accidental time capsules. Three of these sealed deposits were found in the initial testing of the site and there were indications others might be present. These "time capsules" give us a unique view of life on an Ozark farm at the turn of the century, a view which cannot be found under other circumstances. In addition to the archeological work, oral interviews with members of the older generation were done. Some of the people interviewed had actually lived at this site as children. The results of this work are, as the time of this writing, at the printers and due to be published in the fall of 1984. This volume is entitled, "Independent But Not Isolated; The Archeology of a Late Nineteenth Century Ozark Farmstead," by Dr. L.C. Stewart-Abernathy, Beverly Watkins and John House. This is the first in-depth report on the archeology and history of rural life in the Ozarks during this time period, and as such will furnish a large amount of base line data for future research in the area.

The proposed Northbelt Expressway in northern Pulaski County prompted environmental studies of the alternate routes in 1983. The Ink Bayou archeological site was discovered in March 1983. Preliminary tests by the Environmental Division indicated the site was potentially significant. More intensive testing was scheduled by the Arkansas Archeological Survey and is still underway at this time. The Ink Bayou site is relatively small in size, but it has produced a great deal of material. This material indicates that the site is a small, prehistoric farmstead of one or two families. These people were part of the large, wide-spread population which used the Toltec Mounds as a ceremonial center about A.D. 600. Apparently this site was occupied for a relatively short time and is the only occupational site directly related to the Toltec Mounds site which has been examined. The report of this work is scheduled for publication in the summer of 1985.

In the last few years there has been a number of highway projects where archeological sites have been discovered as a result of standard environmental studies. In almost all of these cases it has been possible to avoid the sites because they were recognized early in the planning process and proper steps could be taken to circumvent them.

The three instances discussed are the three cases where sites were determined to be significant, but avoidance simply was not possible or feasible. More importantly, it worked out that the sites themselves were not only significant, but unique in some respect.

The Highway and Transportation Department is not often thought of as an archeological operation, but it is certainly worth notice that through AHTD planning and sponsorship, three important archeological reports are acknowledged as major contributions to the body of knowledge in Arkansas and the southeastern United States. Because of them, a great deal is known which was not known before.



Archeological Survey Crew at Ink Bayou Site, Pulaski County.

A WORD ABOUT S·A·F·E·T·Y

THE USE OF SAFETY VESTS

By James Mansfield, Safety Officer



AHTD employee wears safety vest while flagging traffic near a work zone.

A cooperative research study sponsored by the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation and conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, relayed the following information concerning the use of safety vests.

Data collected for a two and one-half year period on Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation employees show that 44 personnel were involved in site construction pedestrian accidents. The research source presented the following facts:

- 75% were not wearing safety vests,
- 52% were inside a barricaded/coned area,
- Of the 48% of the personnel outside a protected area, 71% were not wearing safety vests,
- 36% were fatalities. (16 personnel) of whom:
 - 56% were not wearing safety vests,
 - 62% were outside protected area.

The study further revealed there is an increasing trend in pedestrian accidents at maintenance and construction sites. In all accident situations the larger

percentage of injuries were received by the personnel NOT wearing safety vests. The Texas Department of Highways and Transportation encourages the use of safety vests by all personnel at maintenance and construction sites. There is, however, an apparent disregard for the recommendations.

A common reply by the driver in pedestrian accidents is "I just didn't see him/her." It is a proven fact that the pedestrian (even in a work zone) needs to be brightly attired in order to stand out to the approaching driver. The careless driver needs a bright reflective object, such as the safety vest to alert him of potential hazards presented by pedestrians and workers. The problems of pedestrian worker visibility is compounded by inclement weather, such as: fog, rain and haze. Be courteous, be bright, be safety conscious and "alive", by wearing your vests in all traffic related situations.

**WEAR SAFETY VESTS
FOR VISIBILITY**

ACHIEVEMENTS CITED

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT PRESENTED

The Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council was awarded the Certificate of Merit for professional achievement by the national Better Roads/Transportation Council at the National Transportation Public Affairs Workshop in Hershey, Pennsylvania July 31.

The Award was presented to recognize the outstanding efforts of the AGR/TC in 1983 to promote better roads in Arkansas by conducting a series of statewide informational meetings.

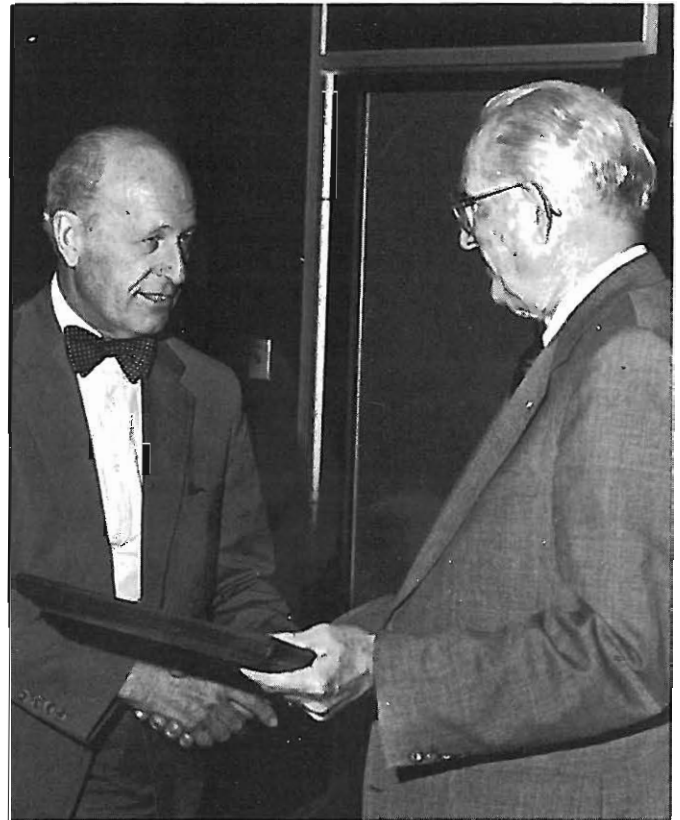
AGR/TC President, Dr. Silas D. Snow, who was unable to attend the workshop, was presented the certificate by Highway Commission Chairman David Solomon at the Commission's August 23 meeting.

The Council and the Highway Commission jointly sponsored meetings at each of the ten Highway District and at Springdale during the summer of 1983 in an effort to rally support for removing the sales tax exemption on motor fuels.

At each meeting the invited guests, which included legislators, county judges, municipal officials and community leaders, were given a briefing on the financial plight of the Highway and Transportation Department. The guests were urged to support the AGR/TC and the Commission in their effort to have the sales tax exemption removed.

Gasoline and diesel fuels are now exempt from the state's sales tax. Removing the exemption at the wholesale level would produce about \$54 million. The cities and counties would each receive about \$8 million in additional turnback funds and the state would receive the remaining \$38 million.

The Highway Commission has gone on record to dedicate this additional revenue for use on the rural farm-to-market roads. There are about 10,500



Highway Commission Chairman David Solomon, left, presents award to Dr. Silas D. Snow.

miles of secondary highways in Arkansas and nearly 6,000 miles are not eligible for federal monies and must be improved with 100% state funds.

The National Transportation Public Affairs Workshop, which is an annual event, is sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Better Roads/Transportation Council (BR/TC).

VAN POOL PROGRAM WINS AWARD

The Arkansas State Employees Association is one of the ten organizations throughout the United States to receive the Administrator's Award for Ride-sharing in 1984, established by the Federal Highway Administration.

The award was presented June 18 by FHWA Regional Administrator Wesley S. Mendenhall, Jr. of the Fort Worth, Texas Regional Office. Representing the Governor's office was Maurice Smith, Executive Secretary to Governor Clinton, and accepting the award on behalf of ASEA was Execu-

tive Director L.D. Owen. Highway and Transportation Director Henry Gray represented the Department at the ceremony.

The Association is a private non-profit organization, which operates 40 vans carrying 600 commuters per day. The Van Pool program began in July 1979. The Highway and Transportation Department agreed to loan up to \$200,000 from Federal Urban System funds to the Association to purchase the vans. The initial loan was paid off in November 1982.

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(Van Pool continued)

A significant achievement of the program is the number of accident-free miles. Recently, seven drivers were honored by Governor Clinton for each accumulating at least 50,000 miles of accident-free driving.

The award was established in 1982 to honor organizations that have made significant contributions to advancing ridesharing as a cost-effective transportation system.

More than 40 nominations were received for the 1984 award. Judging was based on achievement, innovation, comprehensiveness, and commitment.



L.D. Owen, left, Executive Director, State Employees Association, receives plaque from Wesley Mendenhall, Jr., FHWA Regional Administrator.

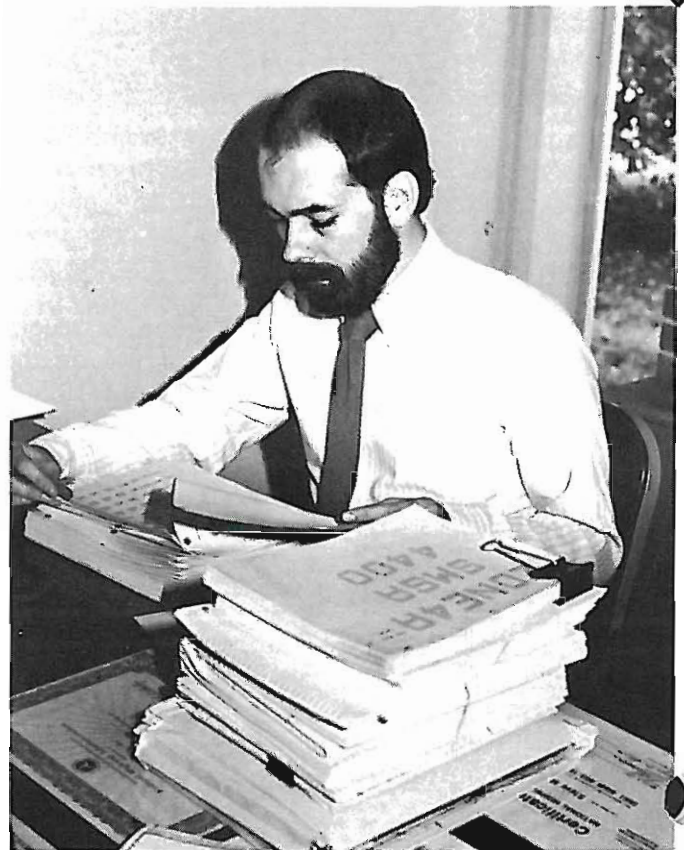
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DATA RECEIVED

Although the 1980 Census was several years ago, it is still generating excitement among transportation planners. The excitement is caused by arrival of the Urban Transportation Planning Package (UTPP) which was developed in conjunction with the FHWA and purchased jointly by the AHTD and the five Metropolitan Planning Organizations around the state. The UTPP is a set of special tabulations of transportation related data taken from the long form of the 1980 Census. A separate package is produced on computer tape, paper, and microfiche for each area designated as a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) prior to 1980. This data will serve as the prime data source for urban transportation planners during the next ten years. No wonder its arrival has caused excitement!

The UTPP is divided into six parts of varying content and geography. Three parts are tabulated by the locally determined traffic zones which are used for transportation planning purposes. Totals are also given for block groups, tracts, cities, urban areas, and counties in each SMSA. Information consists of vehicle availability and use; family characteristics which determine transportation use patterns; and various work-trip characteristics. Work-trip commuting patterns shown by the UTPP's are particularly welcome because the collection of such origin-destination data is a very difficult and costly procedure now rarely undertaken. Commuting data is available for both trips internal to the SMSA as well as to and from the SMSA and the surrounding counties.

AHTD has arranged to purchase copies of the package for Little Rock-North Little Rock, Fort Smith, Fayetteville-Springdale, Pine Bluff, and

Texarkana through a cost sharing arrangement with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in each area. We will also receive a copy of the Arkansas portion of the Memphis-West Memphis UTPP through an arrangement with the Mississippi-Arkansas-Tennessee Council of Governments.



Steve Mitchell of Statewide Planning reviews some of the data in the Urban Transportation Planning package.

COMPUTER SERVICES

IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR

by: Jerry Stussy, Chief, Computer Services

The past year was a year of excitement, anticipation and concern in Data Processing. With the appearance of the personal (micro) computer, AT&T divestiture, and the changes that occurred daily, the Data Processing arena was stunned. It appears that it will experience more of the same this year. Industry analysts/experts are advising to plan a deliberate approach and devise patchwork solutions for communications and DP problems for the next couple of years. During this time, acquire equipment that can be put into an integrated environment when the time arrives. Standards for a hardware and software product for the larger computers are fairly well established. However, for micro computers, each vendor has a somewhat different set of standards. The normal pattern for acquiring a micro is for the solution to an existing problem, but soon the desire to share peripherals and files comes to the foreground. Suddenly, the solution to the original problem is now the problem.

Two important factors should be considered for any potential micro-mainframe computer connection products; integration and data transfer capability. Integration is the ability to interact with other products and data transfer is the various

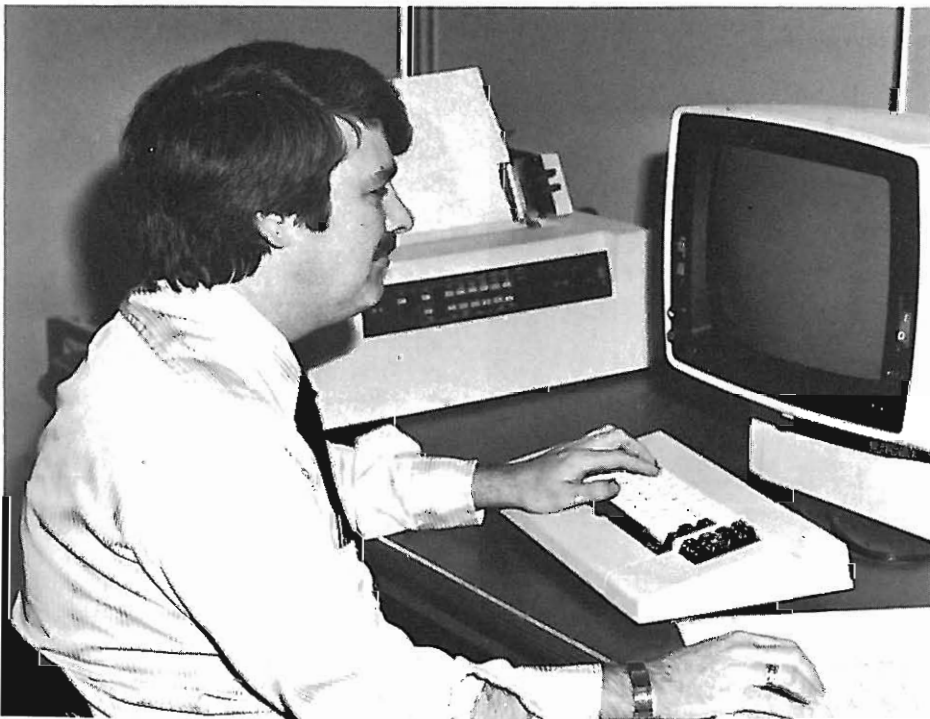
methods used to move data from place to place. Recent reports indicate both are in need of improvement. The future will bring accelerated development of the much needed micro-mainframe technology.

If the function of the product is such that it will never be connected to other equipment, then integration is of no concern. However, if integration is a possibility, require the vendor to make available necessary hardware/software to communicate with the Department's main computer. Such integration is being accomplished in the vendor and research communities, but is complex and relatively expensive.

Due to the increased number of requests, the size of the projects, and the need for current information, Computer Services has plans to upgrade the Department's IBM 4341 Computer to accommodate these needs. It will operate faster and have an additional 8 million bytes of memory. This will increase the performance for the remote user as well as routine production work. A more efficient communication controller will also be installed later in the year. This communication device will provide greater flexibility in the use of our communication network. We have installed several local CRT terminals within

the Central Office Complex for use in the Highway Use Equalization Tax, Pavement Management, and Voucher Systems. This provides the users an improved methodology for entering and retrieving data that is stored on the host center.

Over the past ten months Computer Services' personnel have installed 27 CRT terminals, 11 printers, and 14 modems at the District Headquarters and Jacksonville. This new equipment will allow on-line entry for improved performance and error checking for the new on-line systems (Parts Inventory, Equipment Management, Payroll, Fuel, and Rental) at each District. The District personnel have shown a positive attitude in helping us make these installations as easy as possible and also offering suggestions for improvement.



Mike Shaw, Assistant Division Head, checks out an inventory on one of the remote terminals.

EMPLOYEE PERSPECTIVE

HART TURNS ADVERSITY INTO NEW CAREER

By Paul Tyer, Public Affairs Office

It is truly amazing when someone can go through events in their life that most of us feel would destroy us, and come through with strength and vigor. A good example of such a person is George Hart of Computer Services. He is no quitter to say the very least.

Hart was blinded in an accident seven years ago while turkey hunting. "I topped the ridge and turned to walk down the other side, and another hunter saw some movement in the brush, thought I was a turkey, and shot me," Hart said. Hart was shot from the waist up with a shotgun blast that blinded him instantly. Even though it meant the end of his sight, Hart holds no grudges or hard feelings toward the other hunter.

Other than being an avid sportsman, Hart enjoys his work in the engineering field. He graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1964 with a Civil Engineering degree. Before the accident, Hart did engineering design work with Garver & Garver Engineers, Inc., where he had worked for 12 years. After he was blinded, he obviously could no longer continue working in engineering design, al-

though he did continued to work with Garver & Garver for about two years as the Coordinator of Surveys.

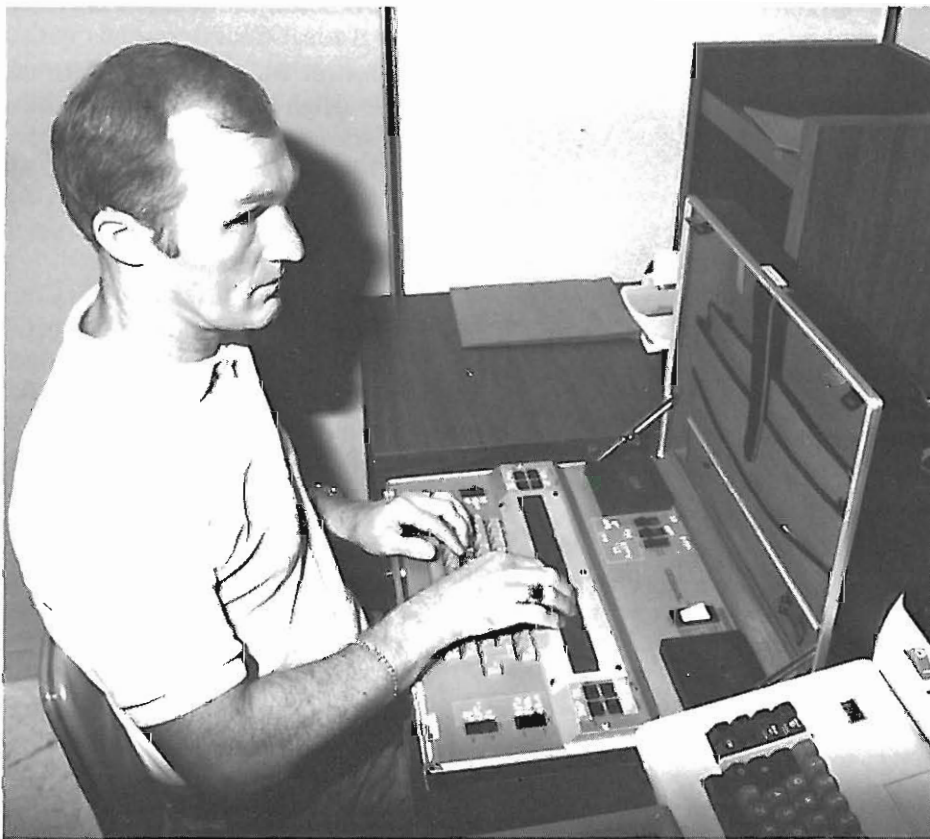
Doctors told Hart that he may regain his eyesight in his right eye, but after about three months he realized he would probably be permanently blind. He then went to the Arkansas Enterprise for the Blind to study braille and learned to use a cane. He later had to resign from work with Garver & Garver and decided to move to the country. "I really enjoyed it out there in the country, but there really wasn't anything to do, especially in the area of working your mind. I wanted something that would present problems to solve, and tax your mind," replied Hart.

He soon moved back to Little Rock and began taking computer courses. He felt that computers would be something he would enjoy, and realized the computer field had opened up to the blind with revolutionized improvements. "I find it very similar to Engineering Design because of the logical thinking process. You go step by step from point A to point B by a logical succession of steps," Hart said. Since

computers and engineering are similar in many areas, Hart's engineering background is very valuable. He may also get back into direct work in engineering through computers as well.

After contacting the Highway Department earlier this year, Hart was accepted for a Computer Services job. He uses a braille terminal that has the same function as a visual terminal, only with braille readout. It is called a "Braille Link" and is one of the most advanced pieces of braille equipment available.

Hart's seeing-eye dog, Dana, accompanies him to the office everyday. He is a labrador retriever, a breed of dog Hart has always wanted, but never imagined this might be how he would get one. Dana is well trained and very friendly, but is off limits to much attention from the other employees. Seeing-eye dogs are taught to be loyal to their masters, and the showing of affection should only



George Hart operates a "Braille Link" terminal.

come from him, Hart pointed out.

"Not being able to drive myself to work is one problem that bothers me the worst," Hart said. James McCarthy, Chief of the Fiscal Services Division, lives several blocks from Hart, so he gives him transportation to and from work. Hart does have it difficult in

many areas, but to see the way he deals with the frustration of blindness is another story. George Hart has taken what most consider a severe handicap and has learned to deal with it with a strong, positive, and encouraging attitude.

DISTRICT 3 FAMILY HOSTS FOREIGN STUDENT



Makiko, Dana, Todd and Frank Cross with Limousin Bull.



Makiko, Dana, Frank and Todd

Hosting a foreign exchange student can be a learning experience for both the student and the host family, according to Frank Cross, Senior Construction Materials Inspector at District 3 in Hope.

During part of July and August, the Cross family hosted a Japanese student, Makiko Watanabe, age 13, of Mie-Ken, Japan.

The County Agent's office in Nevada County was looking for a host family as part of an exchange program sponsored by the 4-H. "Mike McCarter of the agent's office called me and asked if I'd be interested," Cross said. "Makiko lives in an urban area and she wanted to visit an American farm. I talked to my wife, Jackie, and two kids, and we decided it would be fun."

Cross has a 48-acre farm on Highway 4 near Rosston. In addition to raising cattle, he also has two chicken houses. His children, Dana, 17, and Todd, 14, show cattle, and Makiko helped them take care of the cows and performed other chores around the farm. She loved to brush the animals to get them ready for show. The visit wasn't all

work. Makiko likes to skate and swim, so the family took plenty of time off to enjoy themselves, as well.

Makiko didn't know much English, so there was a communication problem at first. "One of my wife's relatives is married to a Japanese woman, so they came and stayed with us the first weekend to help us out," Cross said.

"The kids had an easier time communicating with her than the adults did, but that's probably because they were around each other more," Cross said.

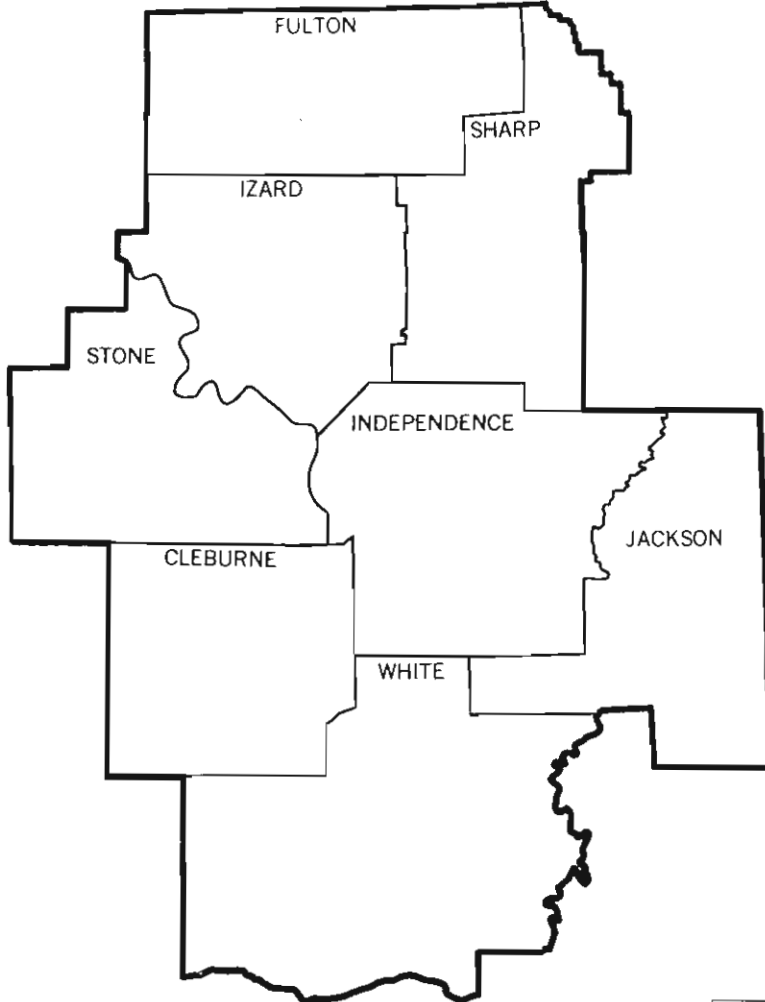
"We found out one thing right away," Cross said. "Makiko is a big Arkansas Razorback fan. She knew all about the Razorbacks. I guess it is because the team has played in Japan before."

Four weeks is really not enough time to get to know someone, especially when there is a language barrier. However, Cross and his family believe they made a good friend this summer and they are grateful they had the opportunity to share their time with Makiko. It was an experience none of them will ever forget.

DISTRICT FIVE PHOTO FEATURE

Photos by John Jackson

In this issue of "Arkansas Highways" we are featuring the fifth of a series highlighting District personnel. This is District Five with headquarters located in Batesville.



Batesville Resident Engineer John Ed Smith, left, with 31 years of service, and District 5 Engineer Jim Chaney, 23 years of service, inspect a Gabian Wall along the Sylamore River.



C.E. Pectol, top, signman with 31 years of service, and J.R. Smith, dozer operator, erect signs along downtown site in Batesville.



Marilyn Coffman, District Secretary with 22 years of service, handles an incoming call.



A.J. "Dutch" Duchanoy, rest area attendant with 8 years of service, mows around the grounds.



Top Left: Melba Cotter, single axle truck driver and mower operator with 1 year service, directs traffic in a maintenance zone.

Top Center: Jessie Hubbard, service station attendant supervisor with 14 years service, fuels a truck.

Top Right: Tommy Harper, right, mower operator and truck driver with 6 years service and Darrell Fulbright, motor grader operator with 14 years service, maintain roadways in Independence County.

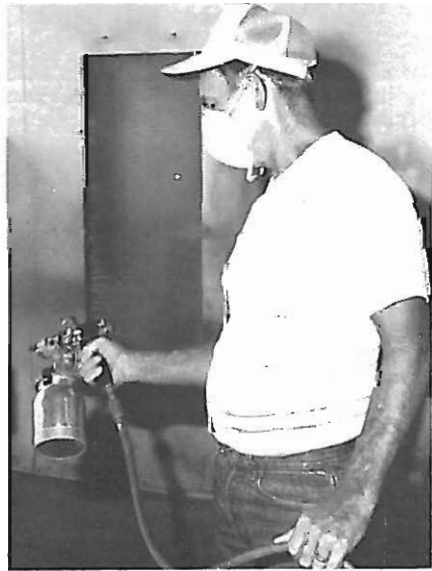
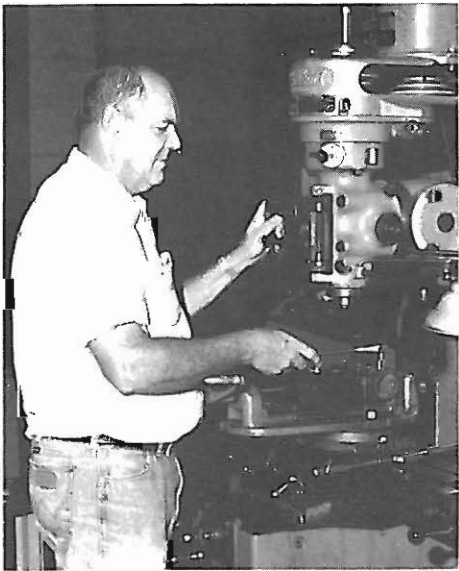
Center Left: Ronald Satterwhite, an assistant resident engineer with 12 years service, reads a level on a construction site.

Center Right: William Braggs, laborer with 13 years service, trims some shrubs around district shop.

Bottom Left: Harold C. Brezler, a machinist with 10 years service.

Bottom Center: Orville Gold, paint and body man with 22 years service, begins a painting project.

Bottom Right: Danny Howell, welder with 5 years service, and E.H. James, welder and crane operator with 19 years service, tighten fittings for welder.



1984 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Katheleen Marie Bragg
Luxora High School



Wilbert Earl Bragg, Jr.
Luxora High School



Joy Lynne Campbell
Fairview High School



Marcia Candelaria
Arkansas High School



Lora Colburn
Russellville High School



Lucinda Coles
Batesville High School



Annette Deakins
Sylvan Hills High School



Carmen Ranette Garner
Arkansas High School



Greg Godfrey
Ozark Academy



Jennifer Falconer
Russellville High School



Donna Frazier
Benton High School



Patricia McFerran
Perryville High School



Lisa Mauk
Arkansas High School



Kim Myers
Fordyce High School



Georgeana L. Oliver
Glen Rose High School



Linda Aleese Oliver
Bryant High School



Paige Parker
Benton High School



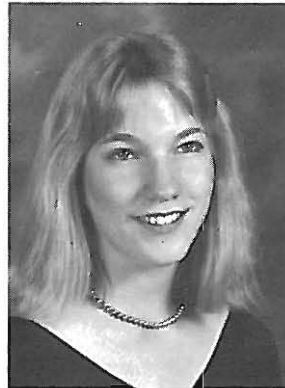
Richard Payne
Arkansas High School



Todd Prince
Benton High School



Robbie Root
Kingston High School



Margaret Roy
Hall High School



Daa Shelton
Deer High School



Tanya LeAnn Shuffield
Ouachita High School



Farren Wade Smith
Western Grove High School



Angela Squires
Bryant High School



Anita Kay Stevens
Russellville High School



Lynda Diane Taylor
Rogers High School



Leslie Tracy
Mills High School



Bridget Turner
Nashville High School



Sheila Marie Young
Deer High School

AHTD LETTERS

May 7, 1984

Mr. Rueben Carter
Arkansas Highway & Transportation Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Carter,

Today, my friend, Mardelle Sutton, and I had a flat tire in the middle of the I-430 bridge. If we'd have hunted for a worse place to break down, it would have been difficult to find. To make matters worse, it was raining.

Two young men in your employ, Bill Bogle and Roy Zuber, came to our rescue. They were courteous, friendly and they wasted no time in putting on our spare tire. In our appreciation, we offered them money. They thanked us but refused the money.

These two young men are a real asset to the Arkansas Highway Department.

Sincerely,
Edith M. Dean
Conway, Arkansas

July 9, 1984

Mr. R.T. Fulton
District 6 Engineer
Arkansas Highway & Transportation Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

Dear Mr. Fulton,

On behalf of the Ink Bayou crew and the Arkansas Archeological Survey, I would like to thank you and Messers. Hall, Bogley, Jobe, and Landers for the assistance you gave to the Ink Bayou site excavations. The laboratory analysis, which is just beginning, indicates that Ink Bayou is an exceptionally rich and important site. It's efficient excavation would have been impossible without the equipment and operators which you made available.

Again, our thanks for your help.

Sincerely,
David B. Waddell
Project Archeologist
Ark. Archeological Survey
Fayetteville, Arkansas

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

JUNE 1984

45 Years
Gayle E. Gunn District 6

35 Years
Albert H. Cockrill M&R
Mary L. McCown District 5

25 Years
Elbert D. Benton District 7
James W. Davis District 1
James T. Richardson District 9
James W. Smith District 9
Richard E. Waller District 2

20 Years
Charles A. Barnard AHP
Jimmy D. Eledge District 8
Billy W. Hale District 8
John R. Haney District 5

15 Years
Jerry S. Bethea District 7
Hayden G. Dillinger District 5
Hugh J. Hays District 7
Burrell D. Rogers District 10
Jerry L. Stussy Computer Services
William M. Wall M&R

10 Years

Debbie J. Barclay Planning
Jimmy R. Dooley District 10
Ricky D. Hudson District 1
Melvin L. Jones E&P
Harold L. Lady, III District 10
Allen D. Peek District 3
Jack Plunkett District 2
James E. Porterfield District 5
James H. Shirley District 1
Luther H. Silvius District 9
Rocky J. Smith District 4
Marshall W. Whitecotton District 8

5 Years

James S. Beatty Bridge Design
Thomas R. Cecil Environmental
Gale S. Davis Traffic
Katherin A. Hamilton ACE-Prog. Mgt.
William G. Harding Prog. & Con.
Sam Harris, Jr. District 2
Steven M. Heye District 6
Donald R. Lively District 3
Michael J. Nowlin District 9
McArthur Phillips District 2
Robert L. Poole District 5
Ralph Powell District 7
Jesse R. Pridgeon District 2

Rebecca A. Rinchuso District 2
Vonda G. Shell Reproduction
William F. Smith District 7
James J. Standridge District 8
William T. Vance District 3
Jerry Williams District 3
Judy A. Wilson ROW

JULY 1984

35 Years
Johnnie L. Fox District 2

25 Years
Charles E. Franks District 10
William W. Terry District 6

20 Years
Leon Crouch District 2
Lester N. Garrison District 7
Elmer Gilbreath District 5
Harry F. Humphries District 2
Frank G. Rose District 9
Mildred M. Russ District 7

15 Years
Carl G. Anderson District 5
Guy Branscum District 5
Glen F. Chavers District 8

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

John R. Ellis AHP
 Robert L. Evans District 8
 L.D. Finister Bridge Design
 Gary E. Franch Computer Services
 Donald E. Galloway ROW
 Alfred J. Harms District 8
 Neal McCandlis District 5
 Herman D. Pierce AHP
 Preston H. Purkiss Permits
 Richard G. Sims, Jr. Computer Services
 Hershel R. Smith District 5
 Joe T. Smith District 5
 Charles W. Smothers ROW
 Marvin E. Steward District 5
 Kenneth L. Trotter District 4
 Thomas D. Trotter District 4
 Gary D. West District 5
 Harry W. Willcockson E&P

10 Years

Homer E. Blair District 6
 Vern N. Boyd, Jr. District 3
 Donald J. Brykala Surveys
 Gary L. Bulloch Environmental
 Randall W. Cato District 3
 Jimmie R. Condrey District 5
 Saragosa A. Deleon Computer Services
 John S. Denton District 2
 George E. Gennings District 3
 Howard L. Farmer District 9
 Melvin C. Fleming District 1
 Benjamin J. Franklin District 6
 Preston B. Lucus AHP
 Paul D. Matthews District 5
 Edwin L. Parker District 8
 Charles F. Russenberger District 10
 John M. Sketoe District 8
 Gerald B. Stukey District 4
 Karen L. Turner District 6
 Ernest L. Westfall District 4
 James M. Williams, Jr. District 5
 Merl K. Wood District 9

5 Years

Michael E. Blagrove District 7
 Leslie C. Bland District 5
 James L. Copeland District 4

Flody Denney District 8
 Noland F. Duncan District 3
 Chester S. Fitts Surveys
 William M. Flowers District 3
 Gordon D. Foddrill Maintenance
 Weldon L. Garrison District 3
 Terry L. Hudson District 1
 David O. Huggins District 8
 Douglas F. Jones District 1
 Robert V. Kesi, Jr. Surveys
 Timothy D. Robertson ROW
 Doyle F. Root District 9
 John H. Selby AHP
 David B. Smith District 5
 Wesley S. Vaugh. AHP
 Danny L. Watson District 5

AUGUST 1984

30 Years

Thomas W. Goodson District 4
 Bill E. Langston M&R

25 Years

Ernest E. Faulkenberry District 10
 Daniel O. Garwood District 5
 Billy L. Johns District 2

20 Years

Claude G. Dunne, Jr. District 1
 James E. Goggan District 2
 Larry G. Johnson Hwy. User Tax
 William H. Locke District 10
 Carroll C. Sanders District 7
 Leon T. Tullios District 7
 Thurman L. White District 10

15 Years

Charles H. Binns, Jr. District 7
 Ralice C. Blackwell District 10
 Leon Brewer District 4
 Jerry B. Burton District 10
 A.V. Herron District 5
 Eugene L. Horton District 1
 Connis R. Ingram District 9
 Larry Nine District 3
 Darrell R. Thacker District 10
 Arthur T. Watt ROW

10 Years

Samual T. Bradshaw District 7
 David B. Bramlett District 4
 Colin E. Bridges District 7
 Norman R. Brown District 8
 Cecil F. Collins District 4
 Lawrence R. Fenton Surveys
 Glen E. Hendrix District 3
 Burl G. Hudson, Jr. District 9
 Sherman F. Johnson District 10
 Dannie R. Launius District 7
 James B. McEntire District 9
 Billy W. Pate District 6
 Gary L. Revels AHP
 Joe D. Upton AHP
 Garry W. West District 4
 Kenneth J. Whitney District 9
 Rickie L. Wilson District 2

5 Years

Sherry N. Bridges District 10
 James E. Carter District 3
 Karen L. Clayton District 3
 Patti M. Clowers District 3
 William C. Cobb District 3
 Billy R. Ficker District 1
 Detlev L. Garner District 9
 Jimmy R. Getson, Jr. District 10
 Linda J. Hampton District 10
 Billy W. Hicks AHP
 Loyd J. Hopper District 9
 Joseph L. James District 6
 Chris P. Kisel District 6
 Elbert L. Layne District 5
 Elbert L. Lybrand District 2
 Virgil W. Martin District 6
 Keith A. Powell M&R
 Tommy G. Pretty District 5
 Johnnie P. Risher, Jr. District 7
 Oren D. Roberts District 8
 Cornelious C. Smith District 9
 Robert L. Turner District 8
 Robert K. Weaver District 6
 Joe V. Wheat Permits
 Randy L. Womack Mail & Supplies

RETIREMENTS

MAY 1984

Carvel L. Bradberry District 5
 Otis E. Brown District 7
 Alfred J. Crumley District 1
 Alfred E. Dillon Highway Police
 James E. Folk District 5
 James H. Hall District 8
 Albert A. Hodges District 3
 Robert H. Mattox Surveys
 Samuel E. Pack Highway Police
 Harold R. Parsley District 6

Charles A. Pillow, Jr. District 10
 William H. Potter District 1
 Chester A. Willis Planning

JUNE 1984

William E. Boyd District 5
 Morrill H. Harriman Highway Police
 Katherine A. Jones Surveys
 Archie H. McBride District 5
 David A. Nix District 7
 Clarence W. Ward District 4

JULY 1984

B.O. Berry District 6
 James A. Hamblen District 8
 R.C. Harcrow District 7
 Leonard C. Keeling District 8
 Homer Lenderman District 10
 Thomas E. Martin District 1
 Roger C. Rice District 5
 Vershall A. Roy Construction
 R.L. Swindle District 10
 R.C. Turney Materials & Research

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Congratulations to Sgt. Frank S. McKellar who received his 15-year service award from AHP Chief Roy L. Johnson. Sgt. McKellar is in charge of the Roving Unit at Lockesburg.



Sgt. McKellar and Chief Johnson

Shown in the picture is the granddaughter of Lt. Herman Reginelli, Amy Suzanne Kniss, born April 29, 1984. Amy weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21½ inches long. Her parents are Pete and Susan Kniss of Lake Village. Lt. Reginelli is assigned to Roving Unit 183. He sure is proud of this new granddaughter.



COMPUTER SERVICES DIVISION

Our congratulations to Jerry Stussy, our Chief, upon his completion of 15 years of service with the Department in June. Computer Services employees served cake and punch in honor of the occasion.

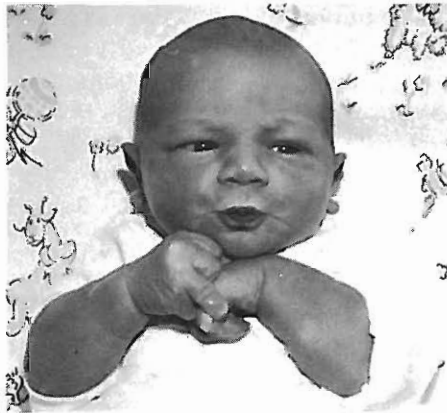


Mike Shaw and Jerry Stussy

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome three new employees to our programming staff: George Hart and Lynn Taylor are in the Engineering Section – Donna Gehrki is in the Administrative Section. Also, our two summer employees, Ron Barrentine and Hob Wood, are doing a great job.

In July, Judy Drake and Mike Shaw taught a class on "Computer Awareness" for the Inter-Agency Training Program. They said there was a lot of enthusiasm in this class and they enjoyed teaching it. Due to this interest, they have agreed to teach more classes internally for AHTD employees only.

Congratulations to Shirley Barnes and her husband, Morgan. They became the proud grandparents of Matthew Morgan Hamblen, born June 8, 1984 in Kankakee, Illinois to Lea and Steven Hamblen.



Matthew Morgan Hamblen

Mary Green's son, Matt, age 9, was a real winner this season. He played center field and his team ended the season with 5 trophies, 4 being first place.



Matt Green

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Vershall Roy retired after 20 years of service with the Department and was joined by

his wife, Peg, and daughter, Margaret, for a potluck luncheon in his honor. Norman Pumphrey presented him with a recognition certificate signed by Governor Bill Clinton and several gifts from the Department. He proudly informed us that Margaret had graduated from Hall High School and was one of twenty pre-med students accepted at LSU and will enter this fall. Best wishes to both of you.



Vershall Roy and Norman Pumphrey

Congratulations to Paige Parker, daughter of Bobby Joe, who graduated from Benton High School and will attend U of A.

Joe Magness' son, Gregory and Sharon McAllester were married in a lovely ceremony at Mabelvale Methodist Church June 10, 1984. They honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico and will make their home in Las Vegas, Nevada where Greg is employed by Southwest Gas Co. and she is with Neiman-Marcus.

Our congratulations also go to Ron Price who was promoted to Construction Office Manager and to John Howell on his promotion to Construction Management Coordinator.

HYDRAULICS

Good luck and farewell to Mike Churchwell who left the Department on August 1, 1984 to extend his education in the engineering field at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Mike and his family have already moved to Springdale. His wife, Susan, has already received her contract to work as a teacher in the Springdale area. Mike and Susan have a lovely 3-year old daughter, Kacey. Also, Mike has a 10-year old son, Josh. Mike, we all miss you very much and best of luck to you and your family. See you in four years!



Kacey Leigh Churchwell

Congratulations to Bill and Teresa Fine upon the birth of their first child, Michael William, born June 27 at New Baptist Hospital. He was a bit early weighing 5 pounds 15½ ounces at birth. As you all can see, he is a fine looking little fellow and was about 11 days old in the picture.



Michael William Fine

Congratulations also, to Phil and Kay Ammons upon the birth of their first child, Leah Vivian who was born July 29 at New Baptist Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces. Phil and Kay have been anxiously waiting and are proud parents. Kay is a Nutritionist at Saline Memorial Hospital.

The stork is expected to arrive for Charles and Christine Leavy around November 1. Christine has two helpers, Rhonda, 12 years old and April, 5 years old.

LEGAL DIVISION

Congratulations to Karen and Andrew Horton on the birth of their fine looking baby boy, Phillip Paul Horton. Phillip was born July 7, 1984, at 7:47 p.m., at Doctors Hospital. He weighed a healthy 7 pounds and was 19½ inches long. Both mother and son are doing fine and older brother Eric is enjoying the new experience of helping out with his new little brother. We had a drop-in shower for Karen in our office in May and she received many nice gifts from several people around the Department. Karen will soon know all the joys of working mothers with new babies since she will be back at work in August.



Phillip Paul Horton

We would like to welcome a new employee to our office. Maria Schenetzke started work in July as one of our staff attorneys and we wish her the best of luck in her future with the Department.

Several people in our office have enjoyed the busy activities that summer can bring. Ted Goodloe and his family went to the World's Fair in New Orleans in July. They had a busy time with their active children and had a truly memorable time when they had the two-year old twins out on Bourbon Street on a Saturday night in New Orleans.

MATERIALS AND RESEARCH

Best wishes are extended to our good friend R.C. Turney on his retirement. He served 32 years and retired during the month of June. On June 6, a reception honoring R.C. was given by the M&R Division. Many of our fellow employees, as well as many retired employees attended. Gifts were presented, refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.



Georgette Turney, R.C. Turney, Roger Almond

Donuts and coffee were served to congratulate Haden Cockrill. As of June, he has been a dedicated employee of the Department for 35 years.



Roger Almond and Haden Cockrill

Congratulations also go out to Bill Wall. Bill has served the Department for 15 years. Mike Sebren has just recently returned from Florida where he visited Disney World and the Epcot center in Orlando, and he also

made a stop by Panama City Beach to add a little red tint to his complexion.

Another one of our travelers is Kathy Ballard who went to Dallas, Texas to Six Flags and then a few weeks later took off to Nashville, Tennessee.

Cathy Haley has also been on the road. She went with her church through northern Arkansas and Branson, Missouri. The group of teens she went with performed a musical entitled "Dremin" in which Cathy was one of the feature singers.

In our sports department, one of our many avid sportsmen is Harold Banks. Harold is active in many sports and one of his more recent accomplishments is finishing 3rd in the Sickle-cell golf tournament at Little Rock in July.

Congratulations are in order for Terrall Watts, Brenda Price, Reggie Cobb, and Ray Gruver on their job promotions, and to Wayne Casteel on his assignment as head of the new Structural Materials Unit.

PERMITS

Congratulations to Preston Purkiss, who was recently presented his 15-year Certificate of Service Award by Permit Supervisor, V.W. Dumas.



Preston Purkiss and V.W. Dumas

PERSONNEL

Congratulations to Kay Cornish, Asst. Personnel Officer, on being accredited by the Personnel Accreditation Institute as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR). This accomplishment signifies that Kay passed a rigorous examination showing a grasp of the considerable body of knowledge in the field of Human Resource Management. Theoretical knowledge and practical experience combined are requirements for accreditation. The Personnel Accreditation Institute is a non-profit, educational research and accrediting organization created for the purpose of upgrading performance standards and increasing the level of professionalism for those in the personnel and human resource field.

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

We would like to welcome Marion Poole, our new Stereo-plotter Operator. Marion is married to the former Edie Phillips, and they have four children. He loves horses and goes horseback riding whenever he gets the chance. Nice to have you with us, Marion.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Our secretary, Sue Walls, received a beautiful purple gloxinia for Secretary's Day from our Section Head, Larry Fenton. She said it really brightened up her day.



Sue Walls

We had two five-year certificates awarded recently. Congratulations to Ralph Hawkins and Robert Kestl. We hope you will be here long enough to get another certificate.

Richard Finkle has recently purchased a new home in Benton. He seems very proud of it. We hope he will get many years of enjoyment from it.

Terry Gaither is now the proud owner of an International Scout. I'm sure he will give it a good workout during deer season.

Everyone has been going on vacations lately. Ferrel Magby spent a week lying on the beaches in Florida. He must have had some nice weather because he sure got a nice tan.

"Six Flags Over Texas" was the vacation spot for Farrell Adams and his family. They seemed to really enjoy themselves, although I think Farrell had to come back to work to rest.

Bob Barnett took his vacation in New Hampshire this year. That is a very nice area to visit this time of the year. I bet the temperature was just great.

Randy Boyd's wife, Alena, recently had surgery, but is doing fine now.

PLANNING DIVISION

The Administrative Section of the Planning Division were sun-seekers this summer. Bryan Davis, our Division Head, took his family on a weeks vacation in May. They went to Florida to Disneyworld and the Epcot Center. They enjoyed good weather and beat the summer crowds. Then, early in July, they spent a long weekend with family in Louisiana and went to the World's Fair. Their son, Matthew, is at just the right age to enjoy Disneyworld, but he seemed to have enjoyed the World's Fair just as much.

Keith Jones, our Assistant Division Head, also spent a week in Florida. He, along with his wife and three daughters, were able to break in their new Renault. He made a stopover in Shreveport to visit with family and outside of some rainy weather, they had a nice vacation.

Becky Gathright and her husband left June 29 to spend a week in Jamaica. They had a great time relaxing on the beach, shopping and sightseeing, but they came back feeling that there's no place like home.

Brenda and Roy Walden are spending their vacation out Sardis Road. They have five acres on which they're getting to see their dream come true -- they are building a new house! You better believe they're excited too and hoping to move in around September 1.

Ursula Schlesier left with her daughter, Barbara, on May 24, to fly to Berlin, Germany. She was there seven days (which was not enough). They stayed in a charming continental hotel, visited friends, many interesting places, and ate great original German food. The flight both ways was fun. She also visited her home in which now new owners are living, but they were very gracious about letting them come inside. Everything looked the same, only better. Also Barbara got married on July 14 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. It was a beautiful wedding. She and her new husband will be living in Jackson, Mississippi.

Congratulations to Larry Newman and his wife, Sharon, on the birth of their first child. Heather Michelle was born August 1, weighing 6 pounds and 13 ounces.

PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTS

Ed Hoppe recently transferred to the Surveys Division as a Staff Surveys Engineer. We will all miss Ed, but wish him the best of luck in his new position (especially with the chiggers, snakes, and wasps).

Chuck Freeman will be taking Ed's place as Programming and Scheduling Coordinator. Congratulations to Chuck on his promotion.

Congratulations to Meribeth Adney for completing 15 years of service in March, Tom Harrell for 10 years in January, and Greg Harding for 5 years in June.

We have had several people go on vacation this spring and summer. Tom Harrell spent some time in Eureka Springs with his family in May. They were also planning to go to Silver Dollar City, but it was closed and they ended up in Exotic Animal Paradise near Springfield, Missouri. Verna Higgins and Becky Sebren enjoyed separate trips to Florida's Disneyworld Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center this summer with their husbands. Lorie Merrick spent her vacation in Destin, Florida, and had a good time on the beach.

Greg Harding and Stan Glover have both bought new houses (or at least new to them) and are enjoying fixing them up and getting settled in.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

There has been considerable activity within our unit over the past quarter year. Work related activities have not diminished as yet but we are expecting a "slack" period somewhere around 1997.

The Public Transportation Unit was abandoned by both secretaries, Doris Griffin transferred to Surveys Division and Sharon Bowen went to the Right of Way Division. We will miss their cheerful faces here in our Unit, but they accepted the transfers very well, since they were noticed turning handsprings and squealing gleefully as they left.

Mike Webb has transferred to Environmental to fill a vacancy there and will become involved with the multitude of environmental impact statements that must be prepared prior to any construction job.

Terry Pearson, Barney Phillips, and Mimi Nation are the new kids on the block. Terry is one of our small urban and rural public transit coordinators and is eager to provide technical assistance for public transportation to planet earth. He will confine his activities to Northwest Arkansas at this time, however.

Barney Phillips is trying desperately to get the maintenance inspections of UMTA vehicles "caught up" so he can pursue "Big Buck" during the upcoming deer season. He has to this point forsook the bream fishing calling. I think the heat wave has had something to do with this.

Mimi Nation is our new secretary, replacing Doris Griffin. She has been wandering around with a confused look about her mumbling "What am I doing here". This was after she had attempted to type a memo from one of the area coordinators that had been scribbled with crayola (we can't let some of them have sharp objects).

We are pleased to have back with us this summer Miss Patty Pitts. Patty worked with us last summer, then took a break during the fall and winter to attend the University of Missouri. Patty we are happy to have you back.

We are at the peak of vacation time and the staff is drifting back with nice tans and looking all refreshed and ready to resume work.

The spring fishing season was about the same as last year with the March wind lasting through mid-June and severely limiting the opportunities to go fishing. We are all looking forward now to Razorback football and to enjoying the beautiful fall season.

RADIO SECTION

Mr. Charles "Chuck" Onyett has rejoined our Radio Section staff. Chuck left the Department to teach communications for Lockheed in Saudi Arabia for two years, but is happy to be back in Arkansas. He and his family live in Bryant. Welcome back Chuck!



Charles "Chuck" Onyett

RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

We have enjoyed having two summer employees working in our 16MM Microfilm Section this summer, Ronda Sipes, who will leave us soon to attend UALR, and Sammy Hipps who will attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Congratulations to Vonda Shell who recently received her 5 year service pin and certificate. Vonda does an excellent job in our Map Sales Section.

We were all saddened by the death of Pete Scarre's father. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Pete and his family.

Frank Knowles and his family went to Florida again this year for vacation. They had a great time at Disneyworld, Epcot Center and at the beach.

Marty Oliver had two daughters graduate from high school this past May. Daughter Linda Aleese graduated from Bryant High School. Aleese placed first in VICA District competition in Hot Springs in Parliamentary Procedure, and was a 3rd place model in State Cosmetology competition. She is taking radio Broadcasting at Metropolitan Vo-Tech and has her Internship FCC Radio License from KLRE 90.6 in Production and Army Air Work. Aleese has recently been in the Levi Arthritis Hospital in Hot Springs receiving therapy for juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. She is pictured with Lee Smith at the Bryant Senior Prom.



Aleese Oliver and Lee Smith

Marty's other daughter to graduate was Georgeana L. (Jo-Jo) Oliver from Glen Rose High School. She lettered four years in basketball, played AAU Olympics, was FBLA vice-president, worked on the annual staff, was a member of Homecoming Royalty and received an Arkansas State Scholarship to UCA in Conway where she will attend school this fall. Jo-Jo is pictured with David Jones at the Senior Prom held at the Arlington Hotel.



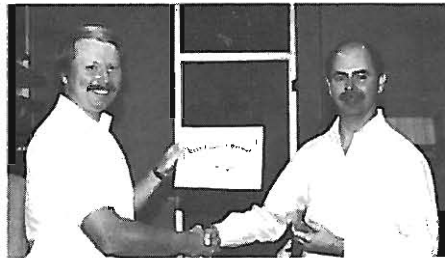
Jo-Jo Oliver and David Jones

Bud and Pat Latson spent a very enjoyable vacation in Louisiana and Florida.

RIGHT OF WAY

A reception was held on June 18 in honor of four of our employees. They were as pictured: Jimmy Giles, Fred Williams, Henry Williams, all receiving 25 years service awards, and Jeannie Barrett who received her 20 year service pin and certificate. Jimmy is the Division Bookkeeper, Fred is Chief of the Engineering Section, Henry is a Reviewing Appraiser and Jeannie is the Office Manager in the Appraisal Section of Right of Way. Congratulations to each of these employees on their achievement and we wish them much future success.

Congratulations to Rex Boothe, Relocation Coordinator in the Relocation Section of Right of Way for having completed 10 years of service with the Department. Presenting Rex his pin and certificate is Danny Arendt, Chief of the Relocation Section.



Danny Arendt and Rex Boothe

Judy Wilson received her 5 year pin and service certificate at an office reception in July. Judy started her employment with the Department on June 28, 1979, in the Roadway Design Division and transferred to the Utility Section of Right of Way on September 29, 1983. Our congratulations to Judy upon completion of her first five years.

Arthur Watt's son Chris recently graduated from Vanderbilt with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Chris will be remembered by some of our employees because he worked in Roadway Design during the summer of 1980.

We would like to welcome two new girls to the Acquisition Section of Right of Way. They are Sharon Bowen, Section Secretary, who transferred from Public Transportation on May 10 and Shirley Campbell, General Secretary, who began working in Acquisition on August 9. Shirley is no newcomer to the Department having worked here from April of

1970 to October 1979. She was a Clerk-Typist in the Utility Section of Right of Way for several years then moved to Van Buren and worked in the Resident Engineer's office.

The Appraisal Section of Right of Way is loaded with news at this writing and here is hoping we don't forget anything. Receiving certificates of service were: Jim Fooks, 15 years; Don Matthews, 10 years; and Larry Depree, 5 years. Congratulations to all three of these employees and we hope to be working with them for many years to come.

A special congratulations to Jimmy Sanson and his wife, Carolyn, on the birth of their third child and second son, Kevin. Kevin was born May 29, the day after Memorial Day. At least he waited until his parents could enjoy the holiday before he made his entrance.

Herbert Hooten had a very enjoyable visit with his two sons, Danny and Mike and his granddaughter, Leah, the last part of July. Leah, who lives in Denver, is Mike's five year old daughter. She and Grandad had a real good time when they went to Herbert's farm and milked cows and watched the calves eat. Leah flew back to Denver on July 31 but she was not by herself - she had Dorthea, her cabbage patch doll, to keep her company.

We were really sorry to say goodbye to Randy Binns, one of our Appraisers, when he left the Department to enter family business. Randy was well liked by everyone and we will miss him and his smile. We would like to wish him well in this new venture.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Appraisal's newest employee, Lindy Hobson. Lindy has lived in Little Rock for one year, having moved here from Camden. She is single, cute as a button (sorry we don't have a picture) and her hobbies are cross stitching and water skiing.



Chris Watt



Jimmy Giles, Fred Williams, Henry Williams, Jeannie Barrett

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TRAFFIC DIVISION

We would like to welcome Scott Lawrence, Mike Pierce, Kenneth Ray, Tommy Satterwhite, Billy Strickland and Larry Watson to our Division.

Ben Denton and Sheri Ann Niswonger were joined in marriage on May 26 at Lebanon Baptist Church in Nelsonville and will reside in Cave City.

We were all saddened by the passing of Howard Stoebener in June.

Our congratulations to Gale Davis for completing 5 years of service in June.

Tim and Vicky Martin presented our sign crew foreman, Jr. Jones, with a granddaughter on March 17. Lela Dawn weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.



Katherine Marie Spurlock

Red and Gena Spurlock are the proud parents of another baby girl. Katherine Marie was born on June 11 and weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces.

Debra and Michael Tackett wanted to show off their kids, Erin in 3½ and Michael is 10 months old.



Erin and Michael Tackett

DISTRICT ONE

This seems to be the vacation issue for District One. We know of several employees and their families who have taken trips to various places this summer.

Roy Morris, the St. Francis County Area Foreman, and family toured the White House,

the Capitol, and all the sights of Washington, D.C. in June. He did not get to talk with President Reagan as planned, but they had a good time just the same.

Office Manager Lynda Thomas, and son, Jay, took a trip to New Orleans to the World's Fair, and said it was well worth the trip. She let him walk down Bourbon Street, but she wouldn't let him look in anyplace.

The Pat Russell family also went to the fair and toured the Super Dome while they were there. They also went to Bourbon Street, but the only place Virginia would let Pat stop was at a T-shirt shop.



World's Fair

Mary Lee Mann, our payroll clerk, and her three sisters went to Niagara Falls in July, with stops at Detroit, Michigan, at the Ford museum, and most of the eating places between Arkansas and Niagara Falls.

Bridge Job Superintendent Jasper Riley and wife took a trip to Las Vegas and then on to California to see Jasper's brother and sister. He said it was really a nice, peaceful trip without the kids. That is something everyone needs to try.

Mona Dallas went to Southern California to help her sister move out there. The only sight-seeing stop made was at the Grand Canyon. Mona said she was awe struck, that there were simply no words to describe the canyon, and it was something everyone should try and see in their lifetime. Also, she said all the tales you hear about the great California weather were all baloney. She said it was hot (102 degrees) and humid there as it is in Arkansas in the summer.

Pat Russell is also very proud of his latest grandson. He is the son of Tommy and Pamela Martin. Little Tommy is also the grandson of Thomas Martin, who recently retired from the District Wide Construction Crew.



Tommy Martin

A more proud grandpa you will not find than David McFadden, Job Superintendent. His first grandchild, Joshua Craig McFadden, was born May 3, 1984, at Little Rock Air Force Base to Sgt. and Mrs. Jody McFadden. Little Joshua is fortunate enough to have eleven living grandparents and represents five living generations of McFaddens.



Grandpa McFadden and Joshua

DISTRICT TWO

The winners of the Crew of the Month competition were for the month of May, Ashley County and Foreman Jimmy Johnson. For the month of June, Foreman Ricky Neal and the Cleveland County crew received the award. These crews deserve special recognition.



Sam Smith and Jimmy Johnson



Sam Smith and Ricky Neal

Retiring after 35 years of service with the Department is Resident Engineer Van Bratton. Van has been assigned to the Pine Bluff area for the last 20 years. He started with the Department as a rodman at Mt. Ida and after being called back into the military service, he was assigned to DeWitt for one year. He is married and has two married daughters. He loves to hunt and fish and is a super gardner. His fellow employees honored him with a reception and going away gift before his retirement.

David H. Smith, son of District Engineer and Mrs. Sam Smith, graduated from the U of A

at Fayetteville receiving his Juris Doctor (Law Degree). David plans to take his Bar Exam later in the summer.

Molly Owen Hollingsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owen, received her B.S. Degree-Nurse Practitioner, from the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

Robert S. Dolan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dolan (District Secretary), graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Finance (summa Cum Laude) with honors.

The following service awards were acknowledged this date to: Richard Waller, Desha County Area Foreman, 25 years; Leon Crouch, Hamburg Area Headquarters Attendant and Harry F. Humphries, Drew County Motor Patrol Operator Rough for 20 years.

Receiving 10 year service awards were John S. Denton, Inspector, Monticello Residency and Jack Plunkett, Lead Person, Desha County. Five year awards were presented to Sam Harris, Jr., Storeroom Supervisor; McArthur Phillips, Sign Erector; Jesse R. Pridgeon, Resident Engineer Construction Helper and Rebecca Rinchuso, Field Clerk II.

Completing the Maintenance Training Course recently were James Pierce and R.L. Brantley.



District Engineer Sam Smith & Richard Waller



Sam Smith, James Pierce and R.L. Brantley

Summer is a time for fun and vacations and several of our people have enjoyed trips to the World's Fair. Area Foreman Bill Johns and his wife motored up through the New England states and enjoyed the sights of New York. Gene Woodfield and his wife spent some time in North Arkansas, Jim Allbritton and his family camped on Lake Ouachita, and Sam and Mary Smith drove out to the East Coast and through the Smokie Mountains. Bobby and Kay Cornish visited Gulf Shores, Alabama, Hellen Kennedy and her family bought a ski boat and spent their time on the water. Area Foreman Jim Johnson and his family made it to Silver Dollar City this year. Station Attendant Billy Turner and his family went to Eureka Springs, Ricky Neal's family went to the World's Fair, and several of us watched a lot of softball games.

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: Lee Roy Bratton, Roger D. Elder, Don Lively, W.T. Vance, J. Williams, Nolan Duncan, W.M Flowers, W.L. Garrison and Debbie Stueart for 5 years service; Vern Boyd, Jr., Randall Cato, G.E. Gennings, H.L. Elder, Arlin Godwin, and A.D. Peek for 10 years service; and T.H. McMurray for 15 years service.

W.C. Beck, recently retired Hempstead County Area Foreman, was honored on two occasions on behalf of his retirement. The Hempstead County Crew had a fish fry in his honor and presented him with a gold watch. On July 12 a fish fry was held at the District in honor of W.C. Beck and A.H. Hodges both who recently retired. Special guests at the fish fry were Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod, and from the Central Office, Maurice Head, Doug Nielsen, Otis Barker and Duane Sowell attended. We want to wish both of these men a very happy retirement.



Hempstead County Crew



W.C. Beck

Julie Tyler, the very talented daughter of District Engineer William Tyler, is performing at Magic Springs this summer.

Susan Candelaria, daughter of Gloria Candelaria, Field Clerk in the Texarkana Residency, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia.

Carmen Ranette Garner, daughter of Texarkana Resident Engineer Ronnie Garner, was named an Academic All-American by the National Secondary Education Council. Ranette is a 1984 graduate of Arkansas High School in Texarkana.

Richard Payne, a summer employee at the Texarkana Resident Engineer's office was in the top 10 of his class. He is a 1984 graduate of Arkansas High School in Texarkana and will be attending Baylor University this fall.

Bridget A. Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Turner, graduated from Nashville

High School on May 4, 1984. Now a private in the U.S. Army Reserves, stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. She graduated from basic training on July 26 and will transfer to Fort Dix, New Jersey for special training. Nathaniel is a truck driver and mower operator in the Nashville Area Crew.

Marcia Candelaria, daughter of Gloria Candelaria, Field Clerk in the Texarkana Residency, is a 1984 graduate of Arkansas High School in Texarkana.

Lisa Mauk, daughter of District Materials Supervisor Charles Mauk, is a 1984 graduate of Arkansas High School. She will be entering Texarkana College this fall.

Vinie Holt, District Secretary, has recently returned from a vacation in Montreal, Canada and also the Hawaiian Island of Oahu. Both trips were very enjoyable and having never flown before, quite an experience.

We would like to extend our sympathies to the families of Lori Ann Johnson and Curtis Crow. Lori Ann was the infant daughter of Larry Johnson, Crew Leader in Nevada County and Curtis Crow was a retired employee in Little River County. We are very saddened by these deaths and our hearts go out to their families.

All the employees in District Three would like to welcome our new Assistant District Engineer, Don Donaldson, and his family to our district and we want to congratulate William Tyler on his promotion to District Engineer. We would like to wish each of them much success in their new positions.

DISTRICT FOUR

Summer is upon us and everyone is busy. I did manage to get some of them to stop long enough to receive their certificates of service and get their picture taken. R.C. Walker, Crew Leader in the Sebastian II area, received his 5 year certificate from David Becker, Area Foreman of Sebastian II.



R.C. Walker and David Becker

Dirk Greenwood, Station Attendant, received his 5 year certificate and a going away party all in the same day. Dirk has returned to active service with the U.S. Army. We would like to welcome Linda Pardue who is our new station attendant. John Mizell, who is a welder, received his 10 year service certificate and Odis Smith, District Welder, received his 15 years service certificate.

Jerry Trotter, Crew Leader; Kenneth Eason, Paver Operator; and Robert Kendrick, Roller Operator all received their 15 year service certificates. Joe Smith, Roller Operator; Frank

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Wilkinson, Paver Operator; and Harold Culver, Roller Operator, received their 10 year service certificates and all are members of Leo Seal's Sealing Crew. Our sincere congratulations to all of these guys for their loyal and dedicated service to the Department.



Greenwood



Mizell and Smith



Trotter, Easom, Kendrick



Smith, Wilkinson, Culver

The Polk County Maintenance Crew sends word that their fish fry June 9 was a big success and everyone had a great time. Thoughts about next year are already in progress.

The Springdale RE Office extends a warm welcome to Michele Urban, Field Clerk. Michele was a teller with a local bank for 2 years and has hopes of going into commercial art someday. Her hobbies include drawing, painting, reading and cooking. Since she plans to be married in August, she can put the cooking to good use.

Congratulations and all the best to Ernie Westfall, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, on the birth of daughter Darcie. She has already managed to keep Dad up all night, choosing to arrive at 4:30 a.m. on July 18. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Ernie is now surrounded by females as Darcie joins sister Polly, age 2.

DISTRICT FIVE

We would like to congratulate the following employees on their years of service with the Department: Mary Lee McCown, 35 years; Epps Price, 25 years; John R. Haney and Elmer Gilbreath, 20 years; Hayden G. Dillinger, Carl G. Anderson, Guy Branscum, Neil McCandlis, Hershel R. Smith, Joe T. Smith, Marvin Eugene Steward, and Gary D. West, 15 years; Herbert A. Moss, Willis T. Morehead, James W. Porterfield, James M. Williams, Jr., and Jimmie R. Condrey, 10 years. Leslie C. Bland and Robert L. Poole each received 5 year awards.



Jim Chaney and Mary Lee McCown



Neil McCandlis and Floyd Lancaster

Also, congratulations to Lucinda Coles, daughter of Elisha, Bridge Crew Leader, and wife, Dorothea, who was valedictorian of Batesville High School. Lucinda and her parents recently enjoyed a reception held at the Governor's Mansion honoring all valedictorians and salutatorians. She plans to attend Arkansas College this fall.

Cute little Angela Michelle Heston has a happy look on her face. She was born on February 11, weighing 6 pounds and 3 ounces. She is the daughter of Eva Smith, Field Clerk, for the John Ed Smith Residency, and is the granddaughter of Jim Smith, Dozer Operator for the Kirby Johnson Crew.



Angela Michelle Heston

Several employees in our office took vacations this summer. Our Office Manager Mary Lee McCown, and husband, enjoyed a weeks vacation in Washington D.C. and Charlottesville, Virginia. They motored to see the sights with daughter Martha and family.

The most popular place to vacation is Branson, Missouri. Brenda Pearson, Winona Jones, Kay Taylor, Paul Matthews, Danny Fleetwood, and Danny Watson, took their families to this area. I'm not sure who took the first vacation, but they sold us all on the spot!

We hear our retirees are planning a fish fry and the first date set for the big event was postponed temporarily. We wonder if the lack of fish to be donated by avid fishermen R.G. Burge and Kenneth Carpenter had anything to do with the date being rescheduled?? R.G. did take time off from the creek bank to donate blood. We appreciated R.G. and Alfred Courtney, retiree, and all other employees who came to donate to the bloodmobile this month. Troy Cook and Oscar Syfert dropped by for a visit, but don't expect anything this brave from them! We hear that "Brad" paid his first visit since retirement, but I missed his big fishing stories.

DISTRICT SIX

We at District Six would like to welcome our new Assistant District Engineer Jake Weston, who transferred from State Aid.

Congratulations to Gary Davis and Belinda Womack who were married on July 7. Gary is one of our service station attendants.

Congratulations also to Tanya Anne Bone and Keith Everette Griffith who were married July 21. Keith is the son of Grant County Area Foreman Paul Griffith. We want to wish them

all the very best.

Lucille Hughes, Field Clerk in Gayle Gunn's Residency, is proud to announce the birth of a new grandson. Clint Randall was born to her son, Randall and his wife, on July 3. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 5/8 inches in length. Lucille has been with the Department for 6½ years.

Amy Turner, 10 years old, just completed her first year to play softball. Her position on the team was catcher. She is the daughter of Karen and James Turner. Karen is an Office Technician at the Malvern Residency and has been with the Department 10 years. James is a Senior Construction Aide in Hot Springs and has been with the Department almost 7 years. They have another daughter, Susan, who is 5½ years old.



Clint Randall Tarkington



Hubert "Red" Drummond, far right

On June 30, the Ouachita County Area Crew had a retirement party for R.C. Harcrow, who was a motor patrol operator-Rough with 15 years of service. The crew presented him with a gift certificate and a cake with the inscription "You finally dug your way out, R.C." Many happy years of retirement R.C.!



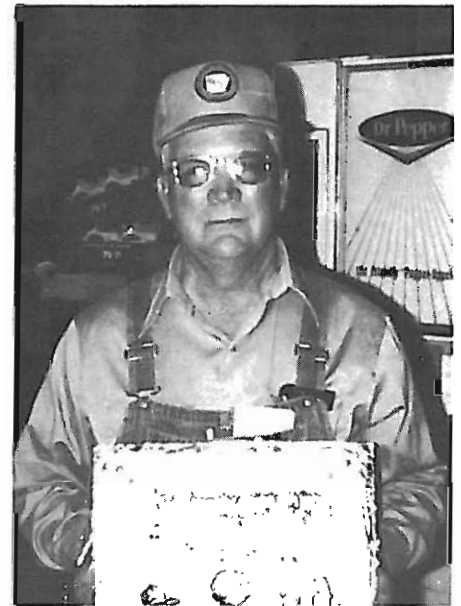
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Davis



Amy Turner

DISTRICT SEVEN

On June 27, we had farewell cake, coffee and other goodies for Mr. Hubert "Red" Drummond, Senior Mechanic, who retired with 14 years service. Mr. Drummond is pictured with John Livingston, District Maintenance Superintendent; Bob Trawick, Shop Foreman; and Paul Howell, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor. He was given a gift certificate and a John Deere (toy) tractor with equipment number 2057 painted on it. This replica represented many hours that Hubert spent working on the real thing. Hubert plans to spend his time camping, fishing and enjoying driving a new truck. Happy retirement, Hubert!



R.C. Harcrow

Joy Lynne Campbell, daughter of District Engineer and Mrs. Coy Campbell, Jr., graduated from Fairview High School in May. Joy was awarded the "I Dare You" Leadership Award,



Tanya and Keith Griffith



District 6 Retirees show off their new "retiree" hat at a recent meeting in Little Rock.

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.

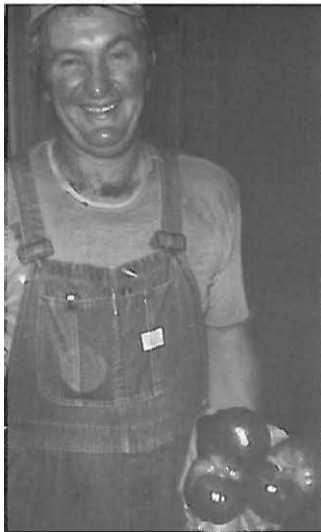
We wish to congratulate Dana Cross, daughter of Frank and Jackie Cross, for being selected 2nd Runner-up in the Miss Nevada County Fair Queen Contest. Although we do not have a picture to show you, we can assure you that Dana well deserves this honor. Frank, Dana's father, is an Asphalt Plant Inspector.



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!

We were all saddened in June by the death of Jim Phillips. Jim was a mechanic in our District Shop before retiring.

Laura Marie Duvall was crowned 1984 Little Miss Atkins in April. Laura is 7 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Duvall. Donnie is a Sr. Mechanic in the District Shop.



Laura Marie Duvall



James H. Hall
District Equipment Supv. - Retired

DISTRICT NINE

The following service awards and certificates were presented at the District Supervisor's Meeting on June 6: Edris Braswell and Harold Culdice, 30 years; F.M. Parker, Jr., 25 years; Billie D. Hensley, 20 years; and Bill McMullen, Malcolm Clark, Lynn Rand, Donnie G. Walker and Jackie Cunningham, 15 years. Congratulations to each of these loyal employees.

Safety Awards were presented to Vernie Berry for Newton County; F.M. Parker, Jr. for the District Bridge Crew; Calvin Rushing for District Construction Crew; J.B. Parker for Madison County; Willard Crow for Searcy County; Kenneth Oxford for Marion County;

Joe Bill Wallace for Peel Ferry; E.C. Widner for District Maintenance Crew; Jack Dickey for the Sign Crew; and James House for the crew at the Harrison Residency. District Engineer Jim Selby presented a Certificate of Completion of Management Training to Edris Braswell, Officer Manager.



District 9 Service Award Recipients



District 9 Safety Award Recipients



Edris Braswell and V.O. Selby

Congratulations to Willard Henson who became Grandpa again to a beautiful baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Widner enjoyed a vacation trip to West Virginia in July. They traveled the northern route to West Virginia where they located Widner family members they hadn't seen in many years and researched county records for the family. They returned home through the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama where he visited an old Navy buddy, and returned to their home in Boone County for a rest before returning to work.

Gene Taylor scored a hole-in-one May 13 at the Diamond Hills Country Club's 124-yard, 14th hole, using a pitching wedge. He was playing in a foursome at the Annual Mother's Day Golf Tournament. Gene, employed in the District Wide Bridge Crew, is a member of the

District 9 Golf Team.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cummings had a terrific vacation cruise in the Caribbean. They flew from Tulsa to Miami and boarded the Slew of Norway for seven days of fun, fun, fun! Among the interesting ports they visited were Montego Bay, Cayman Island and Cozumel, Mexico. Enroute home, Mrs. Cummings studied brochures to choose another cruise for next year. Ed is the Benton County Area Foreman at Garfield.

Congratulations to J.L. Owens, District Materials Supervisor, who has completed 35 years of service with the Department.

Shirley Morton joined the ranks of the retired in August. Shirley was the District 9 magazine reporter since it was first published in 1954 while she was the District Payroll Clerk. She was promoted to District Secretary in 1955 and has enjoyed 31 years of work and the opportunity to become friends with so many good people. Shirley gives her best wishes to all of her AHTD friends and we wish Shirley the best of luck in her leisure years.

Brian Schwartz was presented the Arkansas Department of Labor Meritorious Service Award by Safety Supervisor, Glenn Purifoy of Little Rock, Wednesday, June 6, at the Supervisor's Meeting. Brian, a trained CPR Instructor, received the award for performing cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on a severely injured accident victim in Carroll County. He is an Inspector at the Harrison RE Office.



Brian Schwartz and Glenn Purifoy

Congratulations to Terry and Laverne Widner on the arrival of their baby son, Trenton Ervin Widner, who was born May 15 and weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ervin C. Widner.



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Tammy Lynn Booth
6th Grade Graduation
Alpena School

DISTRICT TEN

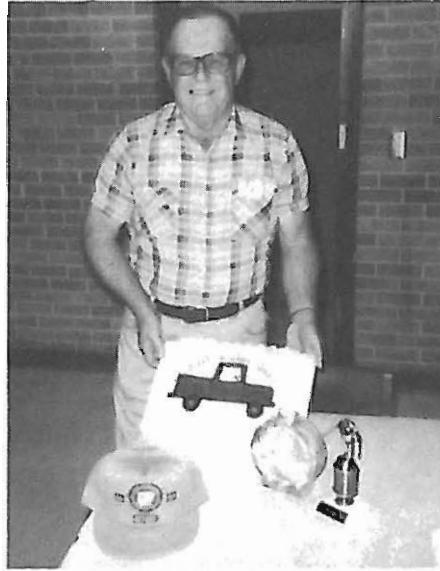
"When your hot - you're hot!" District Ten not only warmed up according to the mercury, but also according to the scores of the AHTD Bowling Team. During league competition on May 8, the team won high series with a 3054 score. In the final game a father-son combination developed with Buford Nelson (Greene County Crew Leader) out bowling son, Cecil (Crane Operator-Rough) by a 208/202 score. The team is composed of Cecil Nelson, Dwight "Buck" Beasley, Charles Harvill, Verlin Brown, Leonard Nelson, Raymond Holscher, and Buford Nelson. Congratulations to the team on a great showing.

One should never be so busy that they can't take a few minutes for a friend and, unfortunately, in District 10 we have parted with a few of our friends this summer. On May 16 Mr. C.A. Pillow retired after 17 years of service. C.A. was a Motor Patrol Operator on the Greene County Crew. Coffee and doughnuts were served to fellow employees who gathers to wish him the best of luck and presented him with a retiree cap, Case knife, whetrock, and compass to enjoy during many happy years of retirement.



C.A. Pillow and Dairl Hyde

LeRoy Swindle, District Parts Runner, retired on May 29 with 28 years of service. Cake and coffee were served to the many friends who gathers to wish LeRoy many happy years of retirement. He will be missed around the District Office and we hope he will stop by to visit from time to time.



Leroy Swindle

On Friday night, July 13, members of the Clay County Maintenance Crew gathers at the State Line Restaurant near Corning to honor Mr. E.R. "Bud" Ervin with a retirement dinner. Bud has 15 years service with the Department and was a single-axle truck driver/mower operator at the time of his retirement. He will be missed by the members of the crew and we all wish him the best during the years to come.



J.W. Cook and E.R. "Bud" Ervin

The Osceola Resident Engineer's Office would like to welcome four new employees to their staff. They are Sherry Johnson, Darren Dunkerson, Douglas Smith, and Alaverne Williams. Sherry and Darren are seasonal employees, Douglas and Alaverne are temporary employees. We hope they enjoy their work with the Department.

We have been very busy this summer, but with the help of the new employees, some of us were able to take some time off for some fun and relaxation. Frank Shepherd and his lovely wife, Sandy, enjoyed a few days in Dallas, Texas where they visited the World's Trade Center

and many other places of interest. Corkey Wilson and husband, Carl, spent 3 days in New Orleans where they visited the World's Fair and other interesting places. Jerry Barnes and his family spent their vacation in Nashville, Tennessee where they visited Opryland USA and several other exciting places in Nashville. Guy Spears and wife, Eunice, enjoyed their vacation by touring through the state of Kentucky. Buddy and Doris Pounders took a few days off for some relaxation at Fairfield Bay. Jerry Wright has been getting in a few days of fishing, but would like to do a lot more when work slows down enough for him to take off. Dale Mason says "just let me off in November to go deer hunting."

Congratulations to Guy Spears for his 30 years of service with the Department. On April 4 he marked his 30th year at AHTD.

Congratulations to Frank Shepherd for receiving a Safety Award for the third year in a row. The employees under Frank's supervision have been doing an outstanding job and they are very proud to have received this award.

Mike Riley and his lovely wife, Gail, are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Amanda Gail, born June 8. Amanda weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Mike and Gail also have a very handsome four-year old son, Christopher Michael, who is also very proud of his little sister.



Christopher and Amanda Gail Riley

Earl Bragg and his wife, Annie, are very proud of their two children Kathelene Marie and Wilbert Earl, Jr. They both graduated from Luxora High School on May 11. Congratulations to both of them and lots of success in the future.

Pictured are recipients of safety awards in District 10. We are very proud to have the awards presented to each of the three resident engineers and three of the county crews in our District. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations also to Harold Lady, III, Lawrence County Area Foreman; Bill Raspberry, Mississippi County Area Foreman; and John R. Porter, District Permit Officer, upon

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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