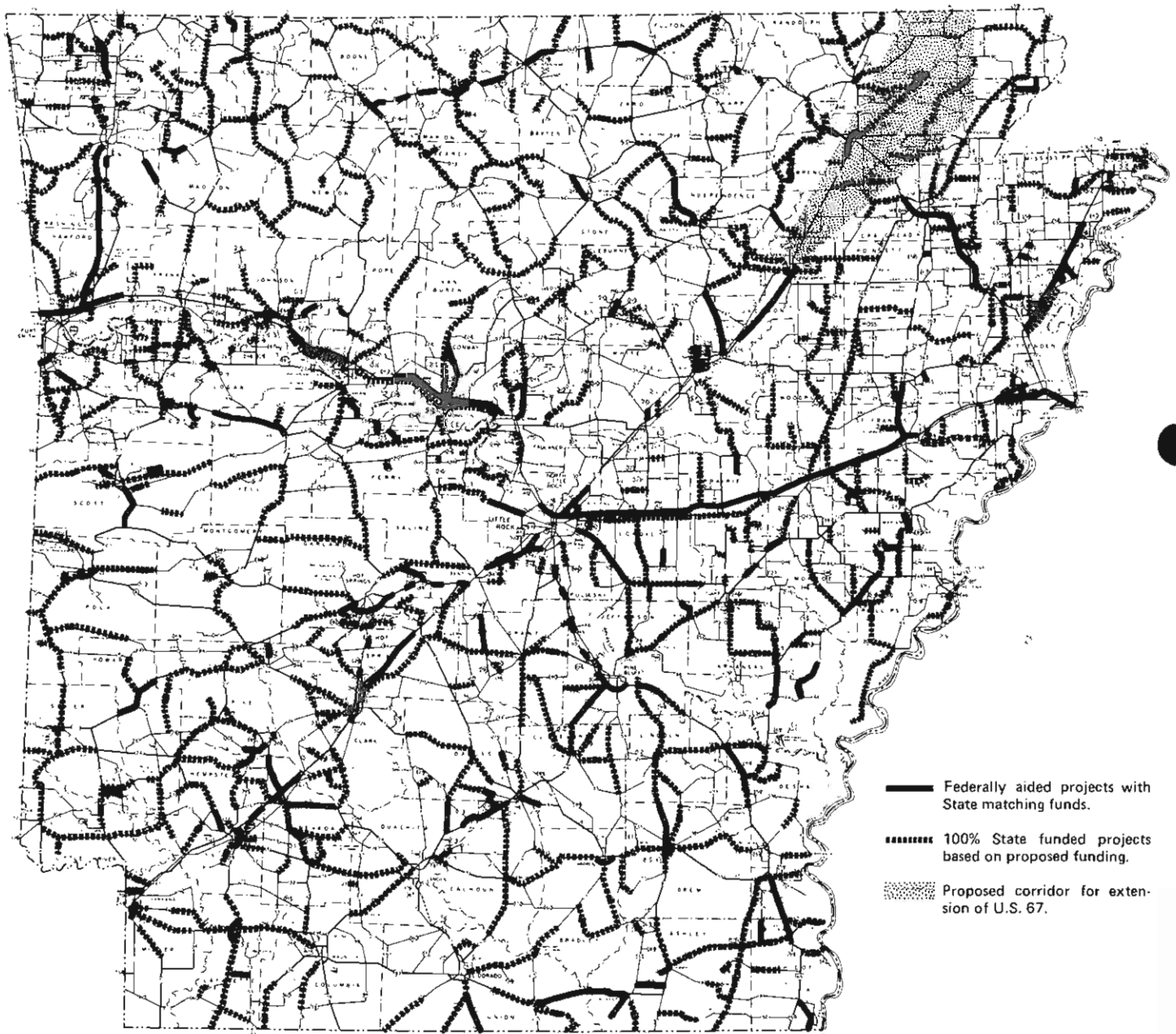


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THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION'S RURAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

RURAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM ACT 456 OF 1985



The Arkansas Highway Commission wasted no time in putting the additional highway revenues produced by Act 456 to good use.

Effective April 1, the motor fuels tax was raised by 4 cents a gallon on gasoline and 2 cents a gallon on diesel fuel. The anticipated \$34.2 million it will produce is earmarked for the improvement of 4,850 miles of rural highways over the next 10 years.

On April 18 the Highway Commission awarded contracts on 29 projects totaling about \$13.3 million to overlay approximately 242 miles of rural roads. By the end of the summer some 700 miles of highways will have been resurfaced and work should be underway on several more miles of reconstruction and paving of gravel roads.

The Rural Highway Program was approved by the Arkansas Legislature in an effort to deal with the State Highway System's most serious needs. The additional revenues will be used for construction work which will be performed by contract.

The slated improvements are essential to the State's economic development. All gravel roads on the State Highway System will be paved, and the backlog of previously approved industrial access roads will be constructed.

Safety will be enhanced through the construction of improved highway intersections and the building of badly needed passing and climbing lanes.

This, along with scheduled Federal Aid contracts, will improve approximately one-third of the State Highway System. Other important Federal Aid projects will also be undertaken, including bridge replacement, urban road work, safety projects, rail-highway crossing and emergency projects.

Bad roads cost the Arkansas motorist an estimated \$186 per year in increased fuel use and vehicle maintenance, whereas the additional motor fuels tax will cost only about \$25 to \$35, depending on individual driving habits. The rural construction projects will improve safety and complete highway improvements that are essential to the State's continued growth.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Gray'.

Henry Gray
Director of Highways & Transportation

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BACK COVER PHOTO – Edgemont Ferry viewed from recreation area at Greers Ferry Lake. Photo by David Hunter.

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COMMISSIONER INTERVIEW

FARMER CONCERNED ABOUT RURAL ROADS

Dalton Farmer, of Jonesboro, has been on the job as a Highway Commissioner since his appointment by Governor Bill Clinton January 29. During that time he has been very active in meeting with the public to explain the Rural Road Program and discuss other concerns.

His interest in highways goes back several years. He has served as chairman of the streets and highways committee of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce and is also on the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council.

He has several farming operations in Craighead County and also operates a real estate investment firm.

He and his wife, Nora Dean, have one son, Alec, 21.

Farmer was recently interviewed by Assistant Public Affairs Officer Bill Stanton.



Commissioner Farmer (left) answers questions from Assistant Public Affairs Officer Bill Stanton.

STANTON: Prior to your appointment to the Highway Commission there was speculation concerning who would be appointed. What were your feelings when Governor Clinton called you and asked you to serve on the Commission?

FARMER: Well, I was delighted that I was going to get the opportunity. I've been interested in roads for 12 or 15 years. I was working for the Chamber of Commerce, and I worked on the Metropolitan Planning Commission. I worked with Mr. Joe Martin up at Jonesboro. He was actually the chairman of the streets and highways division of the Chamber, and had done a lot to influence my thinking. I think one thing that happened to us in northeast Arkansas, that the people of central Arkansas weren't aware of, is that we didn't feel like we had as good communications with state agencies that we should have. We have some very strong feelings that we ought to have been better represented. I think it was Craighead County and northeast Arkansas' strong feeling to have representation that was the Governor's reason for appointing me - rather than a personal thing, for me individually.

STANTON: Did you have any conversation with the Governor prior to the appointment regarding some of the things that concerned him for northeast Arkansas?

FARMER: No. Most of the conversation was with members of the northeast Arkansas Legislative delegation and others. Like I said, they felt like they didn't have representation in all state agencies, not just the Highway Department. They felt like this was one they definitely wanted more representation in.

STANTON: What is there about being a highway commissioner that makes the job appealing - because you're not serving for pay and you're putting in a lot of time?

FARMER: I think everyone would like to serve at a higher level in something they have an interest in. I've

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been involved with streets and highways for at least 12 or 15 years representing the community side of it, and being in industrial development and commercial real estate, I've been interested in it for another 15 years, so actually I've been interested in it for 30 years. That's one reason I got involved with the Chamber of Commerce, and the reason they made me chairman is because I'd been pretty successful about guessing traffic patterns and trends.

“I think everyone would like to serve at a higher level in something they have interest in.”



“My first concern is economic development.”

STANTON: Now that you're in a position where you can do something about it, what are some of the things that you think Arkansas needs in the way of highways and transportation?

FARMER: I think probably my first concern is economic development, besides the highway system. Making an impact and creating any kind of positive life style or increasing the income basis of Arkansas, mainly creating a better quality of life in all aspects, that's what concerns me.

STANTON: What about the specific needs of the northeast and the eastern part of the state, what are your priorities that you would like to see there?

FARMER: In dealing with local representation, such as Chambers in the area - elected officials in the area - everyone has pretty well set priorities and I am basically familiar with everyone's priorities in the area. Probably Highway 63 is the first priority of the area that I immediately serve and I think Highway 63 and Highway 67 are both major priorities for the southern counties. Things are changing. One thing that's happened to us up there is that Wal-Mart and McDonalds get side by side and it seems we generate 12,000 cars real quick and it overloads everything we've got. Most of these places are just two-lane roads and we now need a four-lane with some traffic controls real quick. On Highway 63, the centerline is already established in Jonesboro. The current concern on Highway 63 is speeding up the project and getting it constructed as fast as possible and then going back and eliminating the traffic hazards. We've had several intersections where we've have a number of deaths and a number of injuries and considerable property damage. On the relocation of Highway 67, serving the major part of the population and keeping from doing damage to the area that is currently served, is probably the major interest. I noticed that everyone in that area would like to have access to some kind of an interstate at some point in the future all the way from Interstate 55 to Interstate 30. I think they see it at some point in the future as being a connection with an interstate corridor and it opens up a lot of things even for central Arkansas. Highway 67, if opened on up to the bridge

at Cape Girardeo or Caruthersville in Missouri, would open up all of Kentucky, Ohio and up through there.

STANTON: How do you think your experiences in farming and real estate are going to help you now that you are a highway commissioner?

FARMER: The real estate end of it is critical to traffic flow. The value of property is directly in proportion to the amount of traffic that's in front of it and has access to it, so I think it's critical to understand those concerns. On the farming end of it, farmers usually hate any kind of division of agricultural property and dividing operations up, so understanding their feelings is important.

STANTON: The rural road program is probably one of the most significant pieces of legislation that's come along in a long time. What effect do you think that program is going to have on the State?

FARMER: For the last four years the physical appearance of the roads seems to have been going down some and I think it was mainly money. The lack of mowing and upkeep I think is visible to everyone. I think the money will help. This money is programmed for particular projects. It will help loose up some of the money that we can use to carry on the Federal-aid Program and we can go on to build a better perception for the State of Arkansas. Tourism is a major industry. When you're talking about perception of a state and what people carry back to their communities where they live, it's critical as to how many more people will come back.

STANTON: There was some concern expressed by the Governor, and others as well, that the people of Arkansas were not sufficiently aware of the need for the increased funding for highways. What can be done to make people more aware of the problems that are facing us and the needs that we have to meet?

FARMER: I've been on the road since before the legislative session, first - carrying the proposed rural road package - and since then, carrying the approved ten-year rural road program - and I've gone to every Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club and Exchange Club that has asked me, trying to explain and get the point across that this was a portion of the 16,000 miles of highways that we have in the State of Arkansas, and that this money was just to bring up to standard, 6,000 miles. And one thing that I've done to try to get that point across is carry a map that puts these projects in perspective to the State of Arkansas and when you get all the projects scattered out on the map and present that to the public, they get a better perception that this is money being spent to improve roads scattered throughout the State of Arkansas.



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STANTON: What are you hearing from the people? What do they say about the rural road program?

FARMER: That varies from district to district and county to county. Down in Highway District 1, they seem to be very content and there are no concerns about it. They seemed to be well pleased with where we are. Up in District 10 it's altogether a different story. Nobody's happy with where they are and what they've got. Everybody's got a little project that they want done. I'm not so sure why, I would think probably because there is more population, but basically, in District 10, it seems like they just want a little more attention. Most of the time when I go into a meeting, the first thing I ask is. . . have you heard about the ten-year program and have you heard about the tax that funds it? And in some cases I have gotten objections. I usually go over the program and at the end of the discussion I usually ask if they still have objections, and to this point, I have not had a person that has objected to it after the program has been explained.

STANTON: There has been some criticism that the Department has enough money - that we just weren't using it right. Over the years the Department has reduced the number of employees, reduced equipment purchases and various other things have been done to keep the costs down. Is there anything else that can be done to further reduce the overhead?

FARMER: I don't think so at this point. I understand the public perception and the very high visibility of state employees working on the roads. It's very obvious in some places that the amount of weight that the roads are carrying now and the amount of traffic that they are carrying, are causing them to deteriorate very fast. I don't think there's anything else that could be cut. I think that since we've had the license tag fees decrease, we've been going downhill ever since. That was one of my major concerns about passing the rural road program, that we'd get some things done and have some money for industrial access and money to improve the traffic flows and ease congested areas.

STANTON: The Highway Use Equalization Tax was passed two years ago to compensate for the increase in the damage that would come about as a result of heavier trucks. This year, we had the motor fuel tax increase. Do you think these measures are going to be adequate to handle the growing needs?

FARMER: I think that comes back to growth and public demand again. At this point I think we have enough money, without inflation, to keep us up and to go on and complete the rural road program, and provide industrial access and move that traffic along where you have commercial build-up. I don't think we, by any means, have an overflowing amount of money and I don't think we can go out and hire a tremendous amount of new employees. At this point we need to watch it for at least four or five years, to see what happens as far as growth of inflation.

STANTON: What is your opinion of the method of selecting highway commissioners by gubernatorial appointment as opposed to electing them?

FARMER: I think that would go back to individual commissioners and their attitude of what was in the best interest of the public. I think either one could serve either way. If I have a good attitude toward being responsive to the public, I can do as good a job as someone that was elected. However, I think anytime that you have one person appointed from an area for ten years, then he can go on and develop for that particular area and follow through with construction for that area. As slow and as expensive as roads are, there is just no way that you can do it in what a normal term would be, 2 years or 4 years for an elected official or someone serving at the pleasure of the Governor that is newly elected every two or four years.

STANTON: What about the number of commissioners? Should there be an increase or decrease, or is five a good number to work with?

FARMER: Well, to this point, I am fortunate enough that I've come in with a good working relationship with the other commissioners. I think probably that goes back to the personnel on the commission and how well they work together. With major projects, as I said before, as expensive as they are, if there

was any more you just wouldn't show any progress.

STANTON: Have you had an opportunity to visit with many of the Department's employees? What is your impression of the employees that you have met?

FARMER: Well, I haven't had -- really, I've been so doggone busy trying to take care of public relations and I have been on the road. I spent the biggest part of the time with the members of the General Assembly right after I was appointed and since that time I've been on the road trying to get the public better informed about what the rural road program was. I have not had the tour yet. Of the employees that I've met over the years in a working relationship, I have not had an unfavorable experience. I won't say that I got everything I wanted but it's been very pleasant working with them.

STANTON: Being a highway commissioner can be very time consuming. What effect has this had on your personal life?

FARMER: I had a full-time job before and now I've got another full-time job. I have been on the road a lot more. I've got a car that's roughly six months old and I've got 45,000 miles on it, making three visits in three towns for three meetings in one day. As far as its effects on my personal business, I think I've got people that are capable of handling things in my absence. I think I probably need a full-time assistant, just to go wherever I go and then follow up on the details. The District Engineers have done a good job and I should put them in front of myself. They do most of the work.

STANTON: Your wife works in your business with you, doesn't she? What effect has this had on your family relationship, being gone this much more and all of the traveling?

FARMER: She has had to take a more active part in running the business. She's the chief means of organization. As far as the personal end of it, we usually take what time we can. I came in Sunday night from Little Rock and I got in probably 6 or 7 o'clock and we ended up on the road going back out, and we drove another 50 or 60 miles to go to dinner that night. It seems like I'm getting accustomed to living on wheels. I'm moving all the time in so many directions. About the only time I'm not moving is when I'm sleeping.

STANTON: Are there any other comments or observations you want to make?

FARMER: Well, I'm gonna say my original perception of being a highway commissioner and where I'm at now is probably completely on the opposite end. I had not expected immediate exposure and I had not expected to spend the number of hours and time on it. I think two things mainly brought that on me. One was the controversy out of the Governor's appointment which got a lot more media attention and the other thing was the rural road package.

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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING UNDERWAY

With over 70,000 toxic materials in existence, and hundreds being added each year, the potential for life-threatening chemical spills is increasing at an alarming rate.

In order to respond to such an incident, all Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) officers are receiving training in the identification and handling of hazardous materials. In addition, many of the Highway and Transportation Department's maintenance supervisors and area foremen are also receiving the training.

During February and March about 250 officers and maintenance personnel received the first phase of the training, according to AHP Corporal Paul Claunch of Benton.

Claunch, who serves as chairman of the AHP ten-member Hazardous Materials Committee, has received training in chemical control at a school sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transporta-

tion in Austin, Texas. About a dozen other AHP officers have also received similar training at other DOT schools.

Claunch said the training program, which was developed by the Committee, is structured for personnel who have no previous training in this area.

"The purpose of this phase of training was to make the participants aware of the potential dangers, both short and medium range, of a hazardous materials incident. A basic knowledge of hazardous materials is essential in order for them to respond properly," he said.

The course specifically addressed the recommended initial action of AHP Patrolmen involved in a hazardous materials incident on the State's highways or at one of the AHP weigh stations, along with the potential hazards to AHTD personnel responding to such an incident.

The next training phase will cover tanker and cargo trailer inspection and motor carrier safety as it pertains to hazardous materials transportation. This includes the condition of equipment (trailers, tires, etc.) and the proper use of logbooks.

AHP officers, the State Police, and Transportation Commission officers, have authority to enforce provisions of Act 421 of 1977, the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

AHP Assistant Chief John Bailey said the Department will be collecting data on the movement of trucks that are carrying potential hazardous chemicals. The information will be collected at weigh stations and by stopping trucks throughout the State to determine what chemicals they are carrying.



TOP LEFT PHOTO: Identification of hazardous materials is one of the many things checked by Highway Police officers during routine traffic stops.

BOTTOM LEFT PHOTO: When this tanker carrying a suspected toxic substance developed a leak, authorities closed off a section of Interstate 30 near Bryant.



All hazardous materials must be properly marked for easy identification.

The Department's Technical Services Section has determined that approximately 5.3% of all trucks traveling on Arkansas' highways are known to be carrying hazardous materials. Flammable liquids make up 72% of all hazardous loads, followed by corrosives (9.4%) and radioactive materials (6.8%).

Three incidents over a recent two-week period point out the importance of being prepared to handle potentially dangerous situations.

On March 19 a tractor-trailer rig carrying poultry feed and copper sulphate, a toxic substance, overturned on Highway 71 in northwest Arkansas. One lane of the highway was blocked for about three hours until the spill could be removed.

On March 31, a tanker truck carrying synthetic rubber silicone was cordoned off at a truck weighing station on Interstate 30 near Benton when officers discovered the substance was leaking. The leak was found when the truck pulled into the station for a routine weigh-in.

The silicone was improperly identified by signs

on the truck and the driver was charged with operating a truck with improper chemical identification signs. AHTD maintenance crews were called to clean up the spill.

On April 2, oil containing polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCB's, an extremely toxic substance, leaked from a drum on a tractor-trailer rig traveling on Interstate 40 from Pulaski County to Memphis. Small quantities of the contaminated oil were found at Wheatly and at a weigh station at Lehi.

"Technical Services is working with the AHP now to come up with a method in which we can get a better handle on the volume of chemical substances moving through the State. They will modify their Origin and Destination Study forms to include questions about the substances, such as where they came from, where they're going, and what chemical they are carrying," Bailey said. "That's one of the big problems - we don't know, but we're going to know, and we will be in a better position to respond if something goes wrong."

NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM AIDS AHP OFFICERS

What once was a time-consuming process that took up to ten minutes or longer can now be accomplished in a matter of seconds thanks to the addition of a National Crime Information Center computer system for the Arkansas Highway Police.

Two NCIC computer terminals and keyboards were installed at the Highway and Transportation Department in April. One system was placed in the Highway Police office and the other was installed in the Telecommunications Center.

Highway Police officers in the field can now receive vehicle and drivers' license information, as well as bulletins regarding stolen vehicles and wanted persons, over the NCIC system.

Before the equipment was purchased AHP officers had to rely on the State Police or the local sheriff's office to assist them whenever they needed information pertaining to specific vehicles or drivers. Depending on the workload, this information sometimes took ten minutes or longer to obtain. A radio call would be made from the patrol unit to the Central Radio operator in Little Rock who would then have to phone the AHP office. The AHP would phone the State Police and request the information. Once the information was obtained, it was relayed back to

the patrol unit through the same channels.

Now, all a patrol unit has to do is request the information over the radio and the telecommunications operator at Little Rock can retrieve it from the computer and relay it to the unit in just seconds.

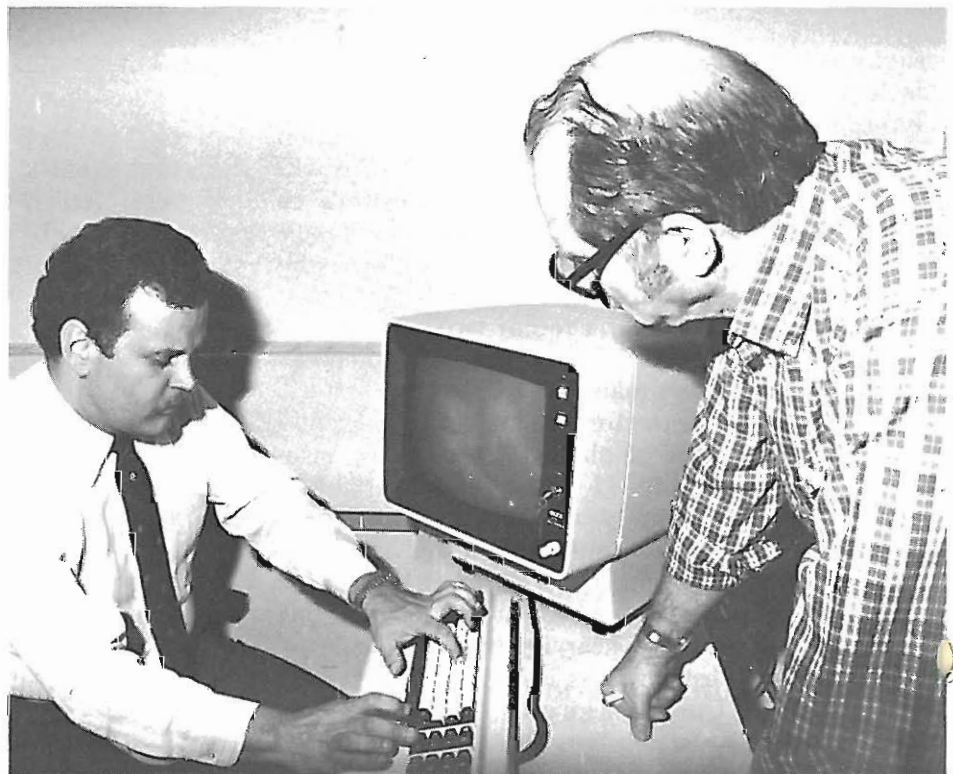
"It provides for a more efficient and timely operation," Assistant Chief John Bailey said. "It doesn't tie up the officer for long periods of time waiting to find out if a person is wanted for any other violations or if a particular truck is registered properly to carry a certain weight," he said.

Several AHP personnel in the Central Office and all telecommunications operators have been trained by the Arkansas Crime Information Center on proper use of the equipment.

The information available from NCIC is for law enforcement use only. The information cannot be released to unauthorized persons.

"It is a Class D felony to give this information to anyone other than a law enforcement officer or others in the criminal justice system," AHP Captain George Coffman said.

"Under state and federal laws, improper disclosure can result in a fine and/or imprisonment and removal of the computer terminals," he added.



Steve Johnson, left, with the Arkansas Crime Information Center, demonstrates the new computer equipment for Telecommunications Operator Harold Harrison.

EDGEMONT BRIDGE

REPLACEMENT STRUCTURE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Construction on a new bridge on Highway 16 across Greers Ferry Lake near Edgemont continues ahead of schedule.

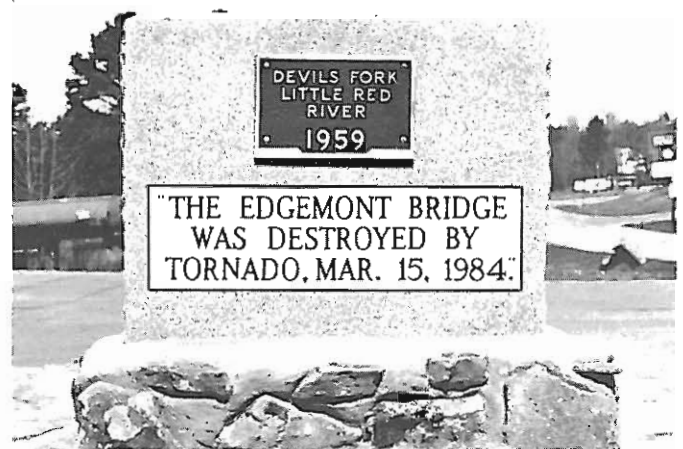
Valco, Inc., of North Little Rock, and Jensen Construction Company, of Des Moines, Iowa, began work on the \$3.9 million structure late last year and all indications are that they will have the bridge opened to traffic well ahead of the June 1986 deadline.

The new bridge will replace the one that was destroyed by the March 15, 1984 tornado that swept through the area killing two persons.

On March 15, 1985, the small community of Greers Ferry dedicated a monument marking the first anniversary of the tornado. Located in front of the city hall, the monument bears the copper plaques that were on either side of the Edgemont Bridge.

Construction on the new bridge is over 50 percent complete. The concrete piers from the old bridge were found to be sound and are being used to support the steel girders for the new bridge.

Until the new bridge is completed a free ferry service is being operated between Edgemont and Greers Ferry. The service is operated by the Carter Construction Company of Benton under contract to the Highway and Transportation Department.



The monument that was placed in front of Greers Ferry City Hall.



(Left to Right) Debris from a destroyed boat dock clutters the lakefront near the Edgemont Bridge following the March 15, 1984 tornado. . . One year later construction is underway on the replacement bridge.



(Left to Right) The steel truss is seen laying next to the piers following the 1984 tornado. . . After modifying the piers, workers begin to hang steel for the new bridge.

RAILROAD PROJECT APPROVED



AHTD Director Henry Gray, Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod and Railroad President Don Ghent discussed the importance of the rehabilitation project with the news media following the signing ceremony in El Dorado.

REHABILITATION PROJECT TO BEGIN AT EL DORADO

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for funds to rehabilitate eight miles of the abandoned Rock Island Line from El Dorado, Arkansas to Catesville, Arkansas was approved in April by the Federal Railroad Administration.

The 26.3-mile line, which extends from El Dorado, Arkansas to Lillie, Louisiana, was purchased on August 6, 1984 by the East Camden and Highland Railroad (EACH).

AHTD Director Henry Gray and EACH President Don Ghent signed the contract at a ceremony held May 8 at the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce.

The line serves the following major shippers: Great Lakes Chemical Corporation South, Georgia Pacific Lumber Company, and Willamette Industries. The estimated cost for the eight-mile rehabilitation project is \$657,143 of which the Federal share is \$460,000. The East Camden and Highland Railroad Company will provide the remaining \$197,143. The project consists of improving drainage, replacing ties and rail as needed, renewing ballast, rail surfacing and lining and other related improvements to complete.

The railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (4R Act) and subsequent amendments, authorized financial assistance to qualifying branchline railroads for upgrading rail facilities to improve operations and financial stability on the line and submitted by the State Highway and Transportation Department to be approved for funding by the Federal Railroad Administration. The AHTD, as the designated agency for rail planning, has been successful in utilizing all available funding from the Federal Rail Service Assistance Program for rail projects. The rehabilitation of this line was considered a priority project by the AHTD and FRA due to the quantity of carbolic acid, chlorine, bromine and other hazardous materials being shipped over this section. The increased safety factor provided by rehabilitating this line was a major reason for its high priority. The State will benefit indirectly through lower maintenance cost for highways in the area, since it is estimated that 3,000 plus trucks would be needed to move the yearly tonnage presently being hauled.

EOSE HELD AT DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PUT TO THE TEST

The best way to deal with an emergency situation is to be prepared for it and to respond accordingly. In order to be prepared, a certain amount of planning and training is necessary.

That was the purpose of the Emergency Operations Simulation Exercise (EOSE) held at the Highway and Transportation Department in May.

Representatives of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Leonard Chase of Eugene, Oregon, a consultant in emergency preparedness, devised a scenario to evaluate the AHTD's Highway Emergency Operations Plan.

The scenario assumed a worsening of worldwide tensions which eventually lead to an accidental launching of a nuclear missile by another country. The missile's warheads exploded at several locations in Arkansas. The AHTD's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to handle the various problems created.

Bridges throughout the state were closed due to damage, sections of highways were closed, traffic problems mounted due to people evacuating certain areas, and nuclear fallout was creating problems for AHTD crews who were out trying to repair the damage.

The EOC was staffed by many of the Department's division heads, assistant chief engineers, and other key personnel. The ten district engi-

neers were also called into address problems that occurred in their areas.

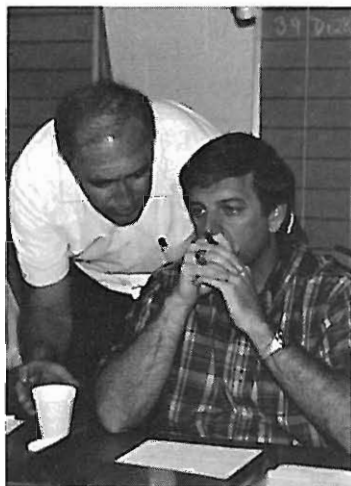
The first day of the exercise consisted of instructions and demonstrations on how to operate during an emergency situation. The second day was the exercise itself.

According to Jerry Shearer of the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C., the exercise program began in the late 1960's and was designed to get government officials at the city and county levels together. Later it was modified to include the FHWA and the state governments. Shearer said 35 exercises of this type had been held in various states.

Dan Flowers, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations for the AHTD, said this was the first exercise held in Arkansas.

"Our Emergency Action Plan was last revised in 1976, so this was very helpful in providing us information to use for an update," Flowers said.

Other training sessions will probably be held at a later date and will include emergencies created by weather-related problems such as tornados and floods.



(Left) Dick Fairbrother, Arkansas Division Administrator, FHWA, (left), confers with Assistant Chief Engineer Dan Flowers.

(Right) Jerry Westerman, Assistant Materials and Research Engineer, plots the course radioactive fallout is expected to follow.

(Bottom) Jerry Shearer, FHWA, explains the exercise procedures to AHTD participants.



AHTD WINS AWARDS

DESIGN AWARD PRESENTED TO COMMISSION



AHTD Director Henry Gray, left, receives a plaque to place on the bridge from Fred Brown, representing AISC.

The American Institute of Steel Construction presented the Highway Commission with a plaque

in April to commemorate the recent selection of the Norfolk Bridges as winners in the AISC Prize Bridge Competition.

Fred Brown, representing AISC, made the presentation to Commission Chairman Patsy Thomason and Director Henry Gray. Brown also presented a plaque to a representative of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps is the original owner of the bridges and awarded the contracts to construct them.

Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff of Kansas City, Missouri designed the bridges and received special recognition at the AISC's Fourth Annual Awards Banquet last December.

The Highway 62 and Highway 101 bridges were selected based on their overall effect. As noted by the jury: "The proportion of span to height, treatment of the piers, depth of the girders, even the railing, were done well. The gentle grade adds to the bridges' drama. Unpainted steel contributes to the total effect. The bridges contract nicely with the surrounding countryside."

GEORGE HART AND DEPARTMENT HONORED

George Hart, a Programmer in the Engineering Section of Computer Services, received special tribute from the Arkansas Council for the Blind. On March 30, 1985, Hart was awarded a plaque designating him as "Employee of the Year." The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department was also awarded a plaque designating it as "Employer of the Year." Mike Shaw, Assistant Division Head, accepted the plaque for the Department.

In his acceptance for the Department, Shaw stated that Hart was an inspiration to all highway employees. "His determination to succeed and his patience with our mistakes, as we learned how to accommodate his special needs, deserved recognition," Shaw said.

He added that the real praise should be shared with all the employees of Computer Services. He also said, Bill Durham, Hart's supervisor in the Engineering Section, deserved a special thanks for the many hours of individual training spent with Hart showing him how to function on the Department's computer system. The Operations' and Systems' personnel also deserved praise for the many hurdles they overcame in providing a productive environment in which Hart could be an asset to the Department.

"We feel honored to receive the special recogni-

tion, but must of all we are glad that our paths crossed and we have George with us," Shaw added.



George Hart and Mike Shaw

1986 HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST

The State Highway Map Photo Contest is an open invitation to all Highway and Transportation Department employees and family members. The winning entries will appear on the 1986 State Highway Map. Your photograph could become a visible symbol of the pride we have in our State and the Highway and Transportation Department.

THE CONTEST RULES ARE:

1. All entries must be either 35mm color slide or color glossy print. (You may submit any number of entries)
2. Each entry must be labeled with the entrant's name, address, and picture location.
3. Submission of entry constitutes agreement that it may be published on the Highway Map. Proper credit will be given to the winner.
4. All entries must be submitted no later than November 1, 1985.
5. Entries will be prejudged on the basis of concept, originality, and artistic merit by a selection committee. The final selection will be made by the Director of Highways and Transportation.
6. All entries must be taken in Arkansas and in 1985.
7. Vertical format entries are preferred.
8. Entries should be highway oriented; highways, roads, bridges, etc. and/or:
9. Scenic photos of Arkansas' natural beauty; mountains, lakes, rivers, etc.
10. All entries remain the property of the sender and will be returned.
11. All entries must be accompanied by an official entry form or facsimile.

Reasonable care will be taken to ensure proper handling of entries, however, the AHTD will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any entry submitted.

The entrant submitting the winning photograph for the 1986 Map Cover will receive an 11x14 custom framed print and a certificate awarded by the AHTD Director. Other winners submitting photographs selected for use on the map will receive an 11x14 print.

1986 STATE HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please accept my photograph(s) for consideration in the 1986 AHTD Map Photo Contest. I have enclosed _____ slides and _____ glossy prints. I have read and understand the rules of the contest and agree to allow the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to reproduce and print my photograph on the State Highway Map in the event my entry is selected as a winner.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

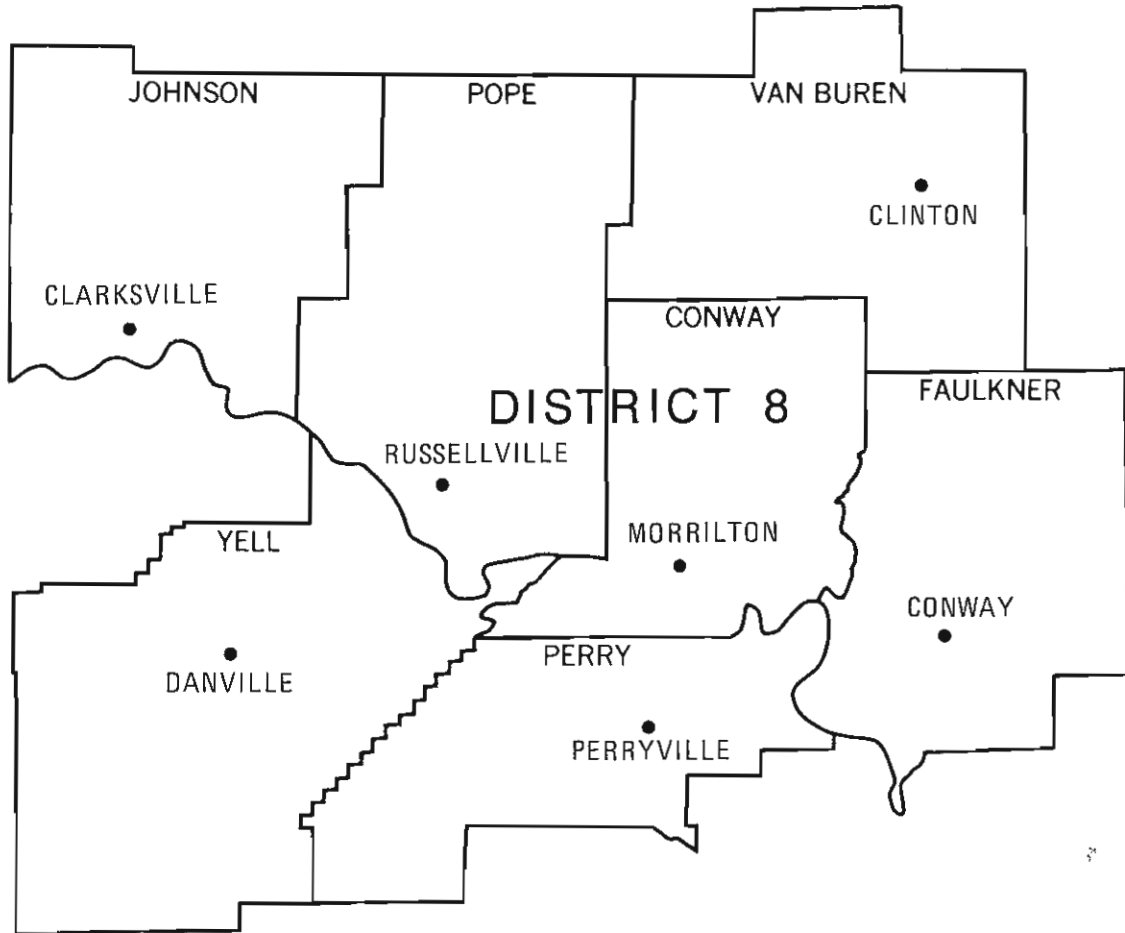
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Mail completed form and entries to:

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Planning Division - MAP CONTEST
P.O. Box 2261
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

DISTRICT EIGHT PHOTO FEATURE

In this issue of "Arkansas Highways" we are featuring the eighth of a series highlighting district personnel. This is District Eight with headquarters located in Russellville. Photos by David Hunter.



John Roy, a Senior Mechanic with 15 years service, balances wheels on a department vehicle at the District Headquarters.



James Moudy, a Welder with 16 years service to the department, works at the District Headquarters in Russellville.

DISTRICT EIGHT PHOTO FEATURE



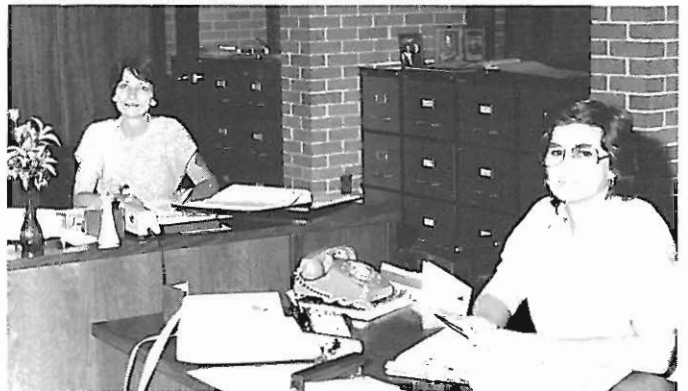
C.A. Garrett, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator with 18 years service, grades shoulders on Highway 7.



Dennis Johnson, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator with 8 years service, applies herbicide to shoulders in Faulkner County.



Charles Riley, left, 7 years service, and Kerry Blair, 10 years service, both Rough Carpenters, tear out concrete headwall on Highway 28.



Doris Falconer, left, 5 years service, is District Bookkeeper, and Brenda Traylor, 12 years service, is District Fuel Clerk.



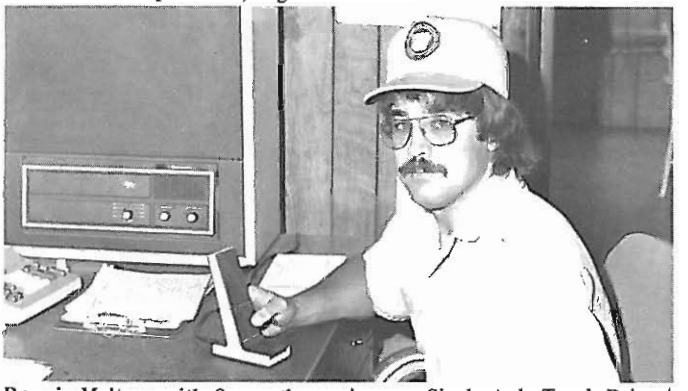
David Wyers, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator with 3 years service, checks temperature on distributor.



Mary Silvey, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator with 3 months service to the department, flags traffic.



Jim Latham, on tractor, with 6 months service, and Terry Schimmel, 10 months service, both Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operators.



Ronnie Melton, with 8 months service as a Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator, operates station radio.

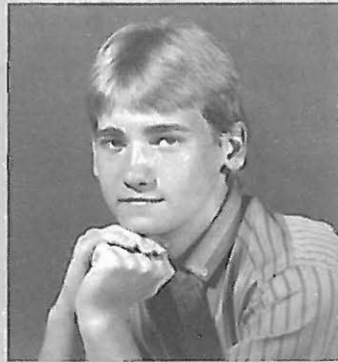


CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

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



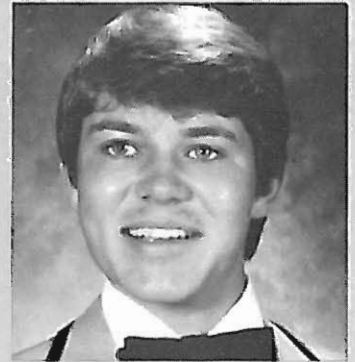
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Emmet High School
Son of Mr. & Mrs.
Wayne Baker - District 3



Robert Dale Ballard
Malvern High School
Son of Mr. & Mrs.
Ron Ballard - Materials



Darrel Bell
Valley Springs High School
Son of Mr. & Mrs.
Hugh Bell - District 9



Ricky Biffle
Atkins High School
Son of Mr. & Mrs.
Jerry Biffle - District 8



Traci Ann Carlson
Hampton High School
Daughter of Mary Nell Carlson
District 7



Sheila Ann Colburn
Russellville High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Dewey Traylor - District 8



Susan Cravens
Paris High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Cletus Cravens - District 8



Cecilia Ferguson
Pottsville High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Dean Ferguson - District 8



Wendy Fulmer
Arkansas High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Dale Fulmer - District 3



Ann Elizabeth Gray
Northeast Senior High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Henry Gray - Director



Tim Jackson
Harrison High School
Son of Mr. & Mrs.
Bob Jackson - District 9



Chad Harbison
Siloam Springs High School
Son of Mr. & Mrs.
Bill Harbison - District 9



Laura Harrison
University of Arkansas
Daughter of Frank Harrison
Bridge Division



Vicky Lynn Hodges
Mountain Home High School
Daughter of Mr. Leon Hodges
District 9



Carolyn Koelzer
Gillham High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Phill Koelzer - District 3



Vickey Lynn Lasater
Deer High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Paul Lasater - District 9



Laurel Beth Major
Hall High School
Daughter of Wayne Major
Bridge Division



Paul McFadden
Harding University
Son of Mr. & Mrs.
David McFadden - District 1



Me Lonie Lynn Myers
Arkansas High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Larry Myers - District 3



Robert T. Neihaus, Jr.
Northeast High School
Son of Mr. & Mrs.
Bob Neihaus - Materials



Carrie Pinkerton
L.R. Central High School
Daughter of Veral Pinkerton
Bridge Division



Janet Quarti
Mount St. Mary's
Daughter of John Quarti
Computer Services



Jaynie Roy
Ola High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
John Roy - District 8



Cecilia Sanders
Viola High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Darrell Sanders - District 9



Mark Scarlett
Bryant High School
Son of Mr. & Mrs.
Sid Scarlett - Personnel



Jori Michelle Sorrels
Atkins High School
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Joe Sorrels - District 8



Carrie Taylor
Southwest Baptist University
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Joe Taylor - District 9



Raymond Weston
Pea Ridge High School
Son of Mr. & Mrs.
Erwin Weston - District 9

AHTD LETTERS

February 12, 1985

Mr. Raymond Pritchett
Highway Commissioner
and
Mr. Lawrence Fletcher
District 8 Engineer
Arkansas Highway & Transportation Department
Russellville, Arkansas

Dear Messrs. Pritchett and Fletcher:

This short note comes to tell you how much my company and I appreciate the tremendous effort that your department has expended during the recent bad weather. While the ice and snow created a hardship for our company, it would have been impossible to operate without the hard work and cooperation received from your road crews who cleared the highways. I have been most impressed with the expediency they displayed during the recent bad weather.

Keep up the good work, and if we can be of service, please call.

Yours truly,
Blake D. Lovette, President
Tastybird Foods, Inc.
Russellville, Arkansas

February 13, 1985

To all employees
District 3
Hope, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

I want to thank your department and the men who work there for all the hard work and the overtime work they put in last week and weekend, during the ice and snow.

I live in the Fouke area, and during bad weather it is hard to get to work, and like most people now days, I can't afford to lose any work. If it hadn't been for the work of your men I'd have missed 4 days work, but I didn't.

I especially want to thank the men who worked and graded the road on 71S Sunday. Not to many people would be willing to get out and risk their safety to help others, but they did.

Thanks again so much.

Cleo Potts
Fouke, Arkansas

March 19, 1985

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

Dear Mr. Gray:

I want to express my deep appreciation for the tremendous job which the state highway department does in caring for

our roads during bad weather. Citadel Bible College is located at the end of a state highway at the very top of a steep and windy mountain road. As such, it would be so easy for our road to be neglected.

Yet, to the contrary, the highway department consistently provides excellent service in bad weather. I am always amazed at how quickly and how well they take care of the road. Because we have about 100 people living on campus and the road in reference is our only viable means of access, this care is very important to us and much appreciated.

A number of years ago we had a very bad ice storm in the middle of the night. At about 5:30 in the morning, one of our students, not aware of the glaze of ice on the dormitory steps, came bounding out only to take a severe fall and cut his face quite badly. He needed desperately to get to the doctor, but we had no idea how we would ever get him down that hill. Nonetheless, we headed out anyway. Much to our surprise and deep appreciation the hill had already been cindered and getting down to the hospital was no problem at all.

Please accept our deepest appreciation for tremendous service, and please pass on to those directly responsible our gratitude for their care above and beyond even that which we might expect.

Sincerely,
Paul Brownback, President
Citadel Bible College
Ozark, Arkansas

April 15, 1985

Alma Mae Flenory
District Receptionist
Hope, Arkansas

Dear Alma Mae:

Thank you for the beautiful and informative maps. I should have done this five years ago. I xeroxed a 1977 map and it just wasn't good enough, still it was better than the Exxon ones someone sent. So, getting new State Highway maps, plus enough for each student, was a real treat for us. Your quick response is appreciated. (I guess I really sounded desperate on the phone). Well, if you could see the deteriorated condition of my 1977 map, you'd know I was desperate! We have taken our 6th grade to Arkansas, Hot Springs area, for five years. This year we are extending our trip to include Ozark Folk Center and Blanchard Caverns. The people of Arkansas are always so helpful. Now I've met one more!

Thanks for your help.

Amy Hall
Southfield School
Shreveport, Louisiana

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

MARCH 1985

40 Years	
Sherman W. James	District 8
35 Years	
Charles D. Rampley	District 7
30 Years	
V.O. 'Jim' Selby	District 9
James W. Whitney	District 9
25 Years	
Earnest F. Sorg	District 10
20 Years	
Harold J. Anderson	District 4
Douglas L. Berry	District 2
Sherrell W. Bolding	District 5
Billy R. Durham, Jr.	Computer Services
Jess E. McLaughlin	Radio
15 Years	
Louie Conner	District 2
Gary E. Fancher	District 9
Ralph T. Fulton	District 6
Charles H. Jackson	District 2
Ivory L. Jackson	District 6
Earl C. Raines	District 2
Jan. M. Weinberg	AHP
10 Years	
Andrew D. Ford, Sr.	District 2
Raymond L. Lea	District 7
William T. Pringle	Heavy Bridge
James A. Sinks	District 2
Earnest L. Sorg	District 10
James P. Williams, III	District 1
5 Years	
Daniel R. Cagle	District 8
Gary E. Cooper	District 8
Richard L. Dempsey	District 3
Anna B. Elam	Personnel
James M. Graham	District 4
Jerry D. Holden	District 3
Ethel L. King	District 6
Tammy L. Lacy	District 6
Herman L. Murphy	District 4
Gregory W. Newkirk	Computer Services
Leroy Ruble	District 8
Timothy C. Show	Surveys
Betty E. Smart	Construction
Charles M. Starks	Surveys
Terrence Turner	District 6
Guy B. Winkler, Jr.	Heavy Bridge

APRIL 1985

35 Years	
Aubry M. Murphy	District 2
30 Years	
John H. Andrews	District 1
C. Nathan Garrett	Right of Way
25 Years	
James F. Bartlett	Right of Way
Dean F. Gray	District 6

20 Years

Raymond F. Hoelscher	District 10
Earnest A. James	District 5
Lyndall W. Lyda	District 4
Chester L. Patterson	District 8
William O. Perkins	District 10
Samuel D. Ramey	District 8

15 Years

Emily F. Boston	E&P
Winston E. Dunn	District 10
Marcia N. Holt	District 9
Thomas E. Jackson	District 9
Patsy P. King	District 8
Oather A. Loe	District 7
Wayne D. Nielsen	E&P
Ursula I. Schlesier	Planning
Troyce A. Wilson	Chief Engineer

10 Years

John Bodiak	Public Transportation
J.W. Colbert	District 2
David L. Harding	District 6
Rodney L. Hicks	District 1
Danny R. Lawson	District 2
Johnie W. Mangrum	District 10
Jerry Perdue	District 6
Ronnie C. Phillips	District 2
Rufus O. Purnell	District 1
Edwin A. Riedmueller	District 8
Roy L. Stroud	Planning
Benny J. Tilley	District 9
Billy E. Turner	District 2

5 Years

Calvin L. Adney	District 8
Franklin E. Baskins	District 1
Sharron Byrd	Internal Audit
Gary G. Currier	District 4
William P. Dunn	District 6
Hank R. Duvall	District 8
Doris R. Falconer	District 8
Vicki Lynn Faulkner	AHP
Donna G. Hays	M&R
Melvin Heath	District 4
Cannon C. Hollis	District 3
George A. Johnson	District 6
Edward L. Mann	District 1
Paul Matlock	District 7
George W. McDaniel	District 1
Donnie R. McKinney	District 10
Rany L. Noles	District 6
Johnny M. Palmer	District 4
Mark E. Saunders	District 7
Michael J. Schiffel	Surveys
Jerry A. Stuart	District 3
Michael W. Turner	District 4

MAY 1985

35 Years	
Wallace E. Harrison	District 9
30 Years	
John B. Baggett, Jr.	District 6
John W. Barham	District 3
Ouida L. Grimes	District 2
Vernon V. Small	District 6

25 Years

Johny P. Cheek	District 6
Abby W. Hardy, Jr.	District 7
Delbert H. Pellham	District 8
Odis Smith	District 1
James R. Wilkins	District 1

20 Years

Glendon D. Faulkner	District 4
Charles T. Howard	District 9
Kirby W. Johnson	District 5
Terry D. Robinson	District 4
Billy W. Slaughter	AHP
Roy M. Wilson	District 3

15 Years

Billy G. Biggs	District 10
G.G. 'Skipper' Bosley	Planning
Edward A. Carson	District 9
Dickey J. Drake	District 5
Delmar J. Hutchison	District 10
Alfred E. Lee	District 5
Bennie F. Morgan	District 7
Melvin Phillips	District 2
Appleton Pickett	District 7
Daniel Richardson	District 2
Bobby Joe Weatherford	District 1
K.D. Womack	District 7
Bruce D. Adams	District 8
Mike D. Brasel	District 9
David A. Burnett	Roadway Design
Charles R. Duff	District 1
Joe Lee Hester	District 10
James F. Jones	District 7
Everett Lexion	District 5
Billy J. McAlister	District 8
Gerald R. Owens	District 1
Curtis D. Pierce	District 7
Lloyd G. Plummer	District 1
Edward F. Small	District 6
Jack B. Stobaugh	District 8
John L. Sutton	District 8
Joel E. Todd	District 7
James C. Tolleson	District 3
Joey R. Waddle	District 3
Bobby G. Wade	District 10

5 Years

John D. Allen	District 6
Glenn E. Cheatham	Bridge Design
Raymond H. Ferguson	District 2
Robert C. Gack	District 4
Michael R. Givins	District 3
Vicki L. Haydon	Internal Audit
Dale D. Johns	District 2
Franklin D. Jones	Traffic
Jimmy M. Jones	District 4
John H. Kendrick	Right of Way
Betty Ann Lincks	District 4
Stephen R. Mitchell	Planning
Cecil Allen Nelson	District 10
Sandra L. Newberry	District 4
Dennis W. Nixon	District 5
Olen R. Patterson	E&P
Edwin J. Rinke, Jr.	Planning
Terry E. Schimmel	District 8
Jimmie L. Shields	District 4
Jimmy R. Weaver	District 5
Homer S. Whatley, Jr.	District 3
Michael A. Wolters	District 9

RETIREMENTS

FEBRUARY 1985

Lloyd J. Adams Highway Police
 Herman J. Bentz District 6
 J.D. Hanson, Jr. Highway Police
 Herbert R. Robinson District 9
 Hershel Russell Planning
 Owen E. Taylor District 9

MARCH 1985

James B. Karnowski District 3
 Cleo G. Qualls District 3
 Mary Lee McCown District 5
 George L. Patterson District 4
 Utah G. Graddy District 8

APRIL 1985

Sherman W. James District 8
 Nathan 'Neb' Bingham Planning
 Betty G. Wiggins Public Transportation
 James P. McConnell District 9
 Lowell E. Hardaway District 7
 Robert L. Parsely District 6

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

BRIDGE DIVISION

Hello, from the Bridge Division. That's right - in January our Division name changed from Bridge Design to Bridge Division to recognize our expanded duties. Also, as part of the Department's commitment to comply with the Federal requirements of the National Bridge Inspection program, and to cause it to operate more efficiently, our Division added a new section - the Structure Inventory and Rating Section - which consolidated functions previously performed in our Division and in the Technical Services Section of the Planning Division. Ed Fain is the Section Head.

We would like to welcome Debbie Barclay and Terry Wildbur to Bridge Division. Debbie transferred from Technical Services and Terry transferred from District 7 at El Dorado where she was Field Clerk in Gordon Hite's Residency. Debbie and Terry are assigned to the Structure Inventory and Rating Section.

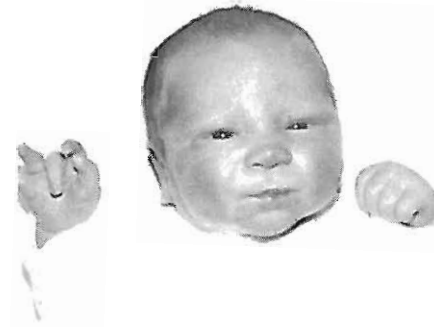
We also want to welcome Ivan Karnezis to this Division. Ivan has several years experience in private construction as engineer, project manager, Q.C., foreman and salesman. He also piloted the C-130 Hercules, spent five years at the Little Rock Air Force Base and earned a BSCE from the USAF Academy in 1973. Ivan is a member of the Little Rock Jaycees Board of Directors, and recently chaired the "Great American Look-up" which raised over \$38,000 for the American Cancer Society; and this April was a counselor for the Arkansas Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) Seminars. He and his wife, Cathy, have one daughter, Erin Simpson.

Congratulations to Glenn Cheatham on becoming a Registered Professional Engineer. He is an Advanced Bridge Design Engineer in Gary Ashley's Design Squad. To celebrate his passing the test, Glenn had a party at his house for the Division.

Veral Pinkerton's daughter, Carrie, is a May graduate of Little Rock Central High School. Carrie received the Larry Goad Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Little Rock Central High School Key Club. Carrie will be at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville this fall.

Wayne and Kay Major's daughter, Laurel, a senior at Hall High School, took a cruise with several members of her class during spring break. They boarded ship at New Orleans and made stops at Key West, Florida, Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico. Laurel has worked in the Equipment and Procurement Division in a work study program. Good luck to you Laurel.

On March 23, Betsy and Mark Kimmel welcomed a new baby boy into their family. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 7½ ozs. and was named Thomas Anthony Kimmel. Betsy is a structural detailer in Gary Ashley's Design Squad. She plans to return to work sometime in May.



Thomas Kimmel

Congratulations to Ken and Susan Holmes on the birth of their first child, a son, Kenneth Michael. He was born March 18, and weighed 9 lbs. 12 ozs. Susan has retired from her job to take care of Kenneth full time. Ken is a structural detailer in John Sage's Design Squad.



Kenneth Michael Holmes

Several members of Bridge Division and seven associates miraculously survived the hydraulic onslaught and campground lifestyle of the Buffalo River on Saturday, April 27. They launched their six canoes at Ponca; fought white water; and dodged "Wrecking Rock" to hike up "Hemmed in Hollow". Cruising onward through sunshine and warm weather

by "Gray Rock", they beached at "Kyle's Landing". Only a few sore muscles and bruises needed treatment that night.



Brian Wright, Charlie Hart, Mike Coogan, Glenn Cheatham, L.D. Finister, and Ivan Karnezis discuss which direction to go on the Buffalo River.



Susan Finister, Terry Wildbur, Erin Simpson, Cathy Karnezis, Dianne Hart, Jamie Maver, Lydia Cheatham and Debbie Gross decide to go with them.

We want to also say a big congratulations to Laura Harrison, daughter of Frank Harrison, Asst. Division Head, on her graduation from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville this spring. Laura received her BA Degree majoring in Advertising/Public Relations. Laura will really be an asset to some company. Good Luck, Laura!

Wednesday, April 24, was National Secretaries Day and in honor of this day, we in Bridge Division presented our secretary, Bonnie Wesson with a bouquet of flowers. Our boss, Veral Pinkerton, took her out to lunch, then back to the office for picture taking to mark this event.



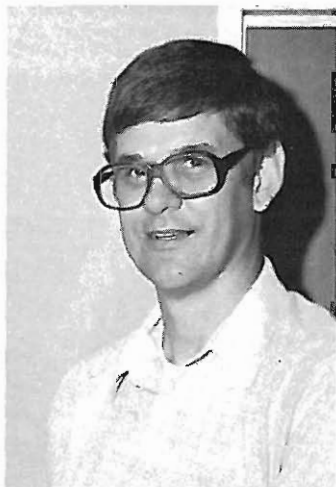
Bonnie Wesson

COMPUTER SERVICES

Our congratulations to Bill Durham on his completion of 20 years of service with the Highway Department in March. Other Computer Services employees receiving recognition for years of service with the Highway Department are: Sylvia Doster - 5 years, Carolyn Bobo - 10 years, Judy Drake - 10 years, John Quarti - 15 years, and Greg Newkirk - 5 years.



Bill Durham - 20 years



John Quarti - 15 years



Mike Shaw and Carolyn Bobo - 10 years

Rita Hardcastle, Data Control Clerk of the Data Entry Section, married in December and moved to another part of the State. She received many gifts from her co-workers, and a pot-luck luncheon was served as a token of our esteem. She is greatly missed by all of us.



Mike Shaw presenta Rita Hardcastle a wedding gift from Computer Services employees.

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, Computer Services' special project last year was to collect food for a needy family. Each employee contributed as and when they wished. The response was so good that we were able to present a large box of food to a needy family on Thanksgiving, and on Christmas two families received food and other contributions.

Melanee Burruss, one of our Computer Operators, was married April 27, to Todd Jones at Holland Chapel Baptist Church in Benton. A wedding shower was given for Melanee and she was presented with individual gifts, as well as a gift from the Division. We are very happy for you Melanee.

In recognition of Secretary's week, Computer Services employees surprised Fay Sullivan with a special cake and punch, and a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Congratulations to Elaine Smart for 5 years of service with the Department. The occasion was celebrated by serving cake and coffee and presentation of her 5 year pin.



Norman Pumphrey and Elaine Smart

A surprise shower was given for Linda Chivers who has moved into their new home in the Salem Area. We had a pot-luck luncheon after she had opened her presents.

Welcome to Tina Horton who joined the Department as clerk-typist. She is single and her hobbies are swimming, camping, and boating. Last year she worked as a summer student in the Lonoke County Area Foreman's Crew.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Environmental Division welcomes Cassandra Hale of North Little Rock who began working with us in April. She attended Metro Vo-Tech School where she became certified in operating a word processor. Her husband, William, is in the Navy currently stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. They have a 5-month old daughter named Dominique Nicole. Cassandra enjoys outdoor sports and is playing softball this summer with the Little Rock Women's City League.



Dominique Nicole Hale

Also new to the Division are John Baber and John Miller. John Baber is from Benton and is a graduate of UCA with a degree in Geography. He was formerly with Crater of Diamonds State Park. John is single and likes to hunt and fish.

John Miller is from Little Rock and graduated from U of A in Fayetteville with a degree in Anthropology. He is married and his wife's name is Gaea. He has 20 years experience in archeology, both private and professionally. He has worked with Toltec Mounds State Park near Scott and with Southern Arkansas University as Research Assistant, both in conjunction with the Arkansas Archeological Survey. He has also been involved in private archeological consulting work for several years.

Congratulations to Lola Latta who was promoted to Division Secretary.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Ginger Nicholson left the Department in April to go into business for herself. She bought a pet store specializing in tropical fish which has always been a hobby of hers. Good luck to Ginger.

Susan Bradley joined the Division and will assist in writing projects and junkyard control. Her daughter, Brooke, is five now and loves books, animals, rocks, and Cindi Lauper.



Brooke Ishmael

Mike and Teresa Harris' daughters are now 3 and 5. They each have a cat and one poodle to share. Jennifer, age 5, plays soccer at the YMCA and Valerie is a lively 3-year old with expressive brown eyes.



Jennifer Harris



Valerie Harris

Elaine Sullivan moved back into her house in April. It was undergoing repairs and renovation after being badly damaged by fire in December. She would like to thank everyone who helped her and her family in so many ways during this time.



Elaine says "Thanks!"

Summertime is here and that means vacations for some, ball playing for others. Marion Butler is back in the ball business this year. He and Mike Webb are on the same softball team, along with some other AHTD players. Everyone is geared up for a big season.

Bill Richardson and family have been busy converting an old schoolhouse into a home and office for their photography business. It's on a beautiful lot, and there are all kinds of projects to be done. Next, they hope to build a new house on the same lot, but this will keep them busy for a little while.

Several in the office are heading to the jazz festival, the coast, or various other fun spots for a break.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Hugh P. Murray, Asst. Section Head for Internal Audit was awarded his 15-year pin and certificate on Monday, April 1, 1985, by our boss, Bill McDorman. He is to be congratulated for these long years of loyal and dedicated service to the Department. After pictures and handshakes, coffee and donuts were served. Again, congratulations Hugh for a job well done.



Hugh Murray and Bill McDorman

A belated welcome is due our new employee. Cindy Harris, Internal Auditor, who began working with us on January 3, 1985. Cindy

came to us from Siloam Springs where she worked the past 4 years as Traffic Director and Production Assistant for the radio station KMCK/K106. She is a 1980 graduate from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. On weekends, Cindy calls Conway home for she and her 5-year old son, Josh. Her interests include the following: crossword puzzles, music, dancing, needlecrafts, and meeting people. Welcome Aboard, Cindy!



Cindy Harris

MAINTENANCE

Our congratulations go to Debra Meyer. She has just recently been promoted to Division Secretary of Surveys Division. We certainly hate to say "goodbye" and see her cheery face leave the Maintenance Division, but we all wish her well in her new adventure.

Also, we would like to say "welcome" to David Lambert, our Staff Bridge Maintenance Engineer. He is a great asset to this Division.

Jim and Carol Francis are now the proud grandparents of Tiffany Marie Wood. Her parents are Ron and Cheryl Wood of Dallas, Texas. Tiffany was born March 23 and weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces. Hopefully, we will have a picture of her for our next issue.

Here is a recent picture of Jeffery Ryan Hall. His mother is Karen Hall of Roadside Development. Jeffery turned 2-years old in March and is smart as a whip—just ask mom. She'll tell you all about him!



Jeffery Ryan Hall

MATERIALS AND RESEARCH

We would like to congratulate the following Materials and Research employees for recent promotions. Scooter Key was promoted to Geotech Drill Operator in place of Bob Shelton who transferred to Planning. Jerry Evans was moved up to the space on the drill crew left open by Scooter. Jerry Stacks moved to the Bituminous Lab. This created an opening in the Liquid Asphalt Lab. Terry Hardison took this job and Jerry Westerman was promoted to Asst. Division Head.

Two of our employees have sons graduating from high school, Robert Dale Ballard and Robert T. Neihaus, Jr. Robert Ballard is a graduate from Malvern High School and is the son of Ron and Kathy Ballard. His mother, Kathy, is a secretary of M & R. Robert Niehaus graduated from Northeast High School in North Little Rock. He is the son of Bob & Joann Niehaus. Joann is the Division Secretary for M & R.

Also shown is Joann's granddaughter, Wendy Renee Jackson. She is 15-months old and was picked 2nd Runner Up in the 1985 Rose City Baby Petite Beauty Contest. The proud parents are Carrol & Tracey Jackson.



Wendy Renee Jackson

A party was given by Bob Shelton to celebrate his new job. He and his wife are active members of a German American Club and many of the members, as well as many employees of M & R who hate to see Bob leave us, were present at the party. German delicacies were served as refreshments and the dancers from the Club taught a few Ginger Rogers (Reggie) and Fred Astaire (Danny) imitators like to thank Bob for an enjoyable evening and also wish him good luck on his new job.

PERSONNEL

The Personnel Office welcomes Laura Malat to its staff. Laura transferred here on April 11 from District 6 Headquarters. Laura's skill at repartee, complementing that of Emma's, has made this office an interesting place to be.

By now, all of you are familiar with the cheerful voice of Anna Elam, the Central Office

Switchboard Operator. Anna, along with the Personnel Staff, celebrated her 5-year tenure at the Department with a potluck. Shown is Jane Wilson, Personnel Officer, presenting Anna a pin and certificate commemorating the March event.



Anna Elam and Jane Wilson



Jeremy 'Jag' Galyean

Babies are so adorable, especially grandbabies. Emma Galyean's grandson, Jag, is certainly special, and if you have lots of time, ask her. Jeremy Anthony Galyean was 4 months old in this picture, however, he will be a year old in August. When he comes to visit, it's like a gathering of grandmas in this office.

PLANNING

Nathan Everitt "Neb" Bingham bid farewell to the Department after 37½ years of service on March 8, 1985. Neb and Blanche, his wife, were honored with a reception in the Commission Conference room. Many friends and co-workers came by to wish Neb well. When asked what he would do after his retirement, Neb replied, "Enjoy it." Neb will be missed in Technical Services. Good luck and happy retirement, Neb.



Neb and Blanche Bingham

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Congratulations to Public Affairs Officer Bill Looney for receiving his 35 year service award. He was surprised when Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson presented the award to him prior to the bid opening in the auditorium on April 18. The room was filled with contractors and Department employees who gave him a standing ovation as he accepted the award.

Bill began his career with the Department in February 1950 in what was then called the Statistics and Analysis Division. He has served as Head of the Finance and Economics Section and was responsible for the first Interstate Cost Estimate prepared by the Department. He was promoted to staff assistant for Information and Public Relations in 1970 and was named Public Affairs Officer in 1978.



Bill Looney and Chairman Patsy Thomasson

Assistant Public Affairs Officer Bill Stanton spent two weeks at Loring Air Force Base in Maine during March taking part in an Air Force exercise. Bill is a Lieutenant in the Air National Guard's 189 Air Refueling Group at Little Rock AFB and serves as the Group Intelligence Officer.

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He and Capt. Sandra Scott from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana are shown in front of the officer's quarters preparing to clear a path to the door. The day Bill arrived in Maine, they got 13 inches of new snow on top of about a foot or so already on the ground.



Sandra Scott and Bill Stanton

Our secretary, Ferol Jones, has added another award to her long list of achievements as a member of the American Business Women's Association. In April Ferol attended the ABWA Regional Convention in Indianapolis and her chapter's bulletin, *The Rooter*, was selected as one of the five outstanding bulletins to be entered in the national competition in San Antonio in October. Ferol has been chairman of the bulletin committee since 1964 and *The Rooter* has won awards in previous years at regional conventions and has placed as high as second on the national level.

One of our photographers, John Jackson, and his wife, Pam, took off for a fun-filled vacation in Acapulco, Mexico in May. He returned with a sun tan, wild stories and lots of pictures to prove them.

Photographer David Hunter has been spending his time sailing on the "Arkansas Caribbean", or Lake DeGray to the rest of us. David and a friend own a sail boat and when he's not out shooting pictures for the Department, he and his wife, Linda, and daughter, Sandy, can be found somewhere on Lake DeGray chasing the wind.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

In our last issue, we failed to welcome Pat Ioup to our office. Pat joined our staff on January 24 as Secretary. Pat's son, Joe Carter recently participated in the Junior Jog for the Little Rock Roadrunner Club and came in third in his age (13) group. Pat's daughter, P.J., runs track for Bryant.

We would also like to welcome Mack Thompson to our office. Mack joined our staff on March 22. He will be helping us with our computer.

On March 29, Betty Wiggins retired from the Highway Department with 19-years of service. This office honored her with a luncheon

and a retirement party on April 3. We wish Betty all the best.



Jim Head, Betty Wiggins and Thelma Lucas

Shana Phillips, daughter of Barney and Betty Phillips, was recently selected as the winner of a state award for dental assisting from VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) at a competition held at Pulaski Vo-Tech in North Little Rock. Shana will be participating in VICA's national competition to be held in June in Phoenix, Arizona. She is a student at Pulaski Vo-Tech and works part-time for Dr. Robert Hogue, a dentist in Bryant.



Miss Shana Phillips

Barney also had the good fortune to not only kill one turkey, but two. Both weighed 20 pounds and each had a 10½" beard. Both were killed in Clark County. The office is still trying to convince him that we would be more than happy to share in his good fortune.

In the last issue, we mentioned Mimi Nation's trip to Colorado during the Christmas holidays and the incident with her knee. She just could not leave well enough alone, and had to go back and try one more time. She made her return trip in February, but this time came back all in one piece.

If anyone has seen John Haynie lately and noticed a somewhat dazed look, it is because

he and his wife have been trying to decide on a house plan. They will soon begin a new home in Otter Creek.

Speaking of building, John Bodiak and his wife are in the process of adding a new family room and deck to their home. We all expect to be invited to the grand opening when it is completed.

During one of our recent rain storms, Mary Wilson had a minor car accident. Fortunately, Mary was not hurt and was able to have her car repaired in a short period of time.

On April 14, Brenda Kirkpatrick honored her parents with a 50th anniversary party. It was at the West Bauxite Missionary Baptist Church. Approximately 50 friends and family attended.

Jim Head's son, Douglas recently participated in the State Power Lifting Meet hosted by Sheridan High School. The school won first place.

May 17 will be the last day at AHTD for Kerry Nichols. She is resigning after 10 years of service to spend some time with her daughter, Elizabeth, who starts kindergarten this fall.

RADIO

Cal Porterfield, Section Head for Radio Communications, states that the Section has been very involved the past several months. We have installed and operated automatic answering devices used for road condition reports during inclement weather and a computer terminal used to obtain license information for the Arkansas Highway Police Division. Currently, we are purchasing equipment and constructing a statewide communications network to be used by the AHP Division.

These additional activities and 24-hour per day, 7-day per week operation of Little Rock Central has made it necessary to add four additional telecommunications operators to our staff.



Cal Porterfield

Evelyn Kiernan has been with AHTD for eight years as Radio Section Secretary. She has been relief radio operator during this time and is trained on the new computer terminal to obtain license checks. Also, she helps compile the road condition reports for the automatic answering devices during bad weather.

Harold Harrison is our Chief Telecommunications Operator. He does not need an introduction in "Arkansas Highways" because he has been here for 16 years. He is a very important person in our radio communications and has been very receptive to all of the recent updates in the Section. We appreciate you,

Harold! We need more employees with your spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm.



Evelyn Kiernan



Harold Harrison

Welcome to Tracy Baker! He lives in Salem community and is the son of Marilyn and Joe Baker. Tracy has unusual hobbies which include being a volunteer firefighter for the past three years, a member of the City of Benton Police Department Reserves, and a member of Shannon Hills volunteer ambulance service. He recently completed Emergency Medical Technician training and will be taking the Arkansas State Health Board test for certification in April. His future plans are to attend college to study criminal law. After graduating, he hopes to become an Arkansas Highway Patrolman.

Welcome to Jeff Bell! Jeff lives in Alexander with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Bell. For hobbies, Jeff particularly enjoys tennis and swimming. He also, enjoys traveling--his trip to Dallas was great! Jeff is currently attending UALR majoring in Computer Science.



Jeff Bell

Welcome to Mark Mullins! Mark lives in Little Rock. He is the son of Beth Brewer and the oldest of three brothers. Mark's hobbies include amateur "Ham" radio, electronics, and horseback riding. His future plans are to finish at Arkansas College of Technology and complete an Electronics Engineering Degree (BSEE) at the University of Colorado or Wyoming. Mark has had experience in broadcasting and amateur radio.



Mark Mullins

Welcome to Kenneth Ridgway, Jr.! He is the son of Carolyn and Kenneth Ridgway of Pine Bluff. Kenneth is a graduate of Pine Bluff High School and is planning to attend UALR this summer to continue his pursuit of a Computer Science degree. His hobbies include philately (collecting and studying stamps), softball, and home computers. Also, he enjoys writing fiction and science fiction stories.



Kenneth Ridgway



Cal Porterfield and Ed McLaughlin

Ed McLaughlin, Communications Maintenance Specialist in Districts 4 and 9, resides in Springdale with his wife, Sandra, and two daughters. Ed was recently presented his 20-year service certificate and pin by Cal Porterfield. Cake and coffee were served at his reception for fellow employees.

RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

We want to say a great big welcome back to Dick Godfrey. He is looking good after triple bypass surgery. We sure missed him and we are glad to have him back in our Microfilm Section.

Congratulations to Pete and Betty Escarre on the arrival of their third grandchild. John Andrew arrived at 11:09 p.m., April 23, weighing 8 pounds ½ ounce. He is the son of Debbie and Danny Mathis.



John Andrew Escarre

Evelyn Buffington's last day with us was April 26. Refreshments were served in her honor. We wish her the best of luck in her new job.

We miss Doris Horn who is off work due to illness. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to have her back with us real soon.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jerry McKown in the death of his grandmother.

Pat Latson received a beautiful pink hydrangea and hanging basket of impatiens from her boss for National Secretary's Week. Thanks Boss!

We have two beautiful single new employees working in our Map Sales section. Loretta French is from Benton. Her hobbies are horseback riding and water skiing. Lynn Herrington is from Sheridan. Her hobby is showing horses.



Loretta French

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Lynn Herrington

Bonnie Hodge has sure been enjoying visiting with her son, Bryan, from Texas.

Pictured is Debra Allen's son, Casey, during a soccer ball game. He plays with the Torpedos team in the Southwest YMCA.



Casey Allen

Congratulations to Robert Cagle and Annette Gill who plan to be married September 7. Annette worked in our section as a COE student and as a summer employee. We wish the very best to this young couple.

Desha McEntire has enrolled in Draughton School of Business. She is taking a secretarial course and attending 3 nights a week. She is also working two nights a week at the Cabaret.

RIGHT OF WAY

Since our last report, several changes have been made in the personnel of our Division. Jackie Stephenson, a Right of Way Plans Designer in the Engineering Section, resigned and John Kendrick, an Advanced Drafter in the Section, was promoted to this position. Sharon Bowen transferred from the Acquisition Section, where she was the Section Secretary, to the Engineering Section as a Drafter. Following this move, Shirley Campbell was promoted from General Secretary to Section Secretary in the Acquisition Section. The Appraisal Section also has several new faces. They are Betty Paschal, Clerk Typist and two

new appraisers, Dean Farris and Tony Dickinson.

We would like to extend a welcome to our new employees and congratulate our employees who have transferred to new positions. We would also like to extend our best wishes to Jackie Stephenson and wish him much future success.

Congratulations to Marie Kling, Section Secretary in the Administrative Section of the Right of Way Division, for completion of 15 years of service with the Department. Shown presenting Marie her certificate is A.C. Ledbetter who is Chief of the Administrative Section. A reception was held for Marie in February and was attended by her fellow employees in the Right of Way Division.



A.C. Ledbetter and Marie Kling

Mary Toler, Negotiator, celebrated her 10 years of service with the Department at a luncheon attended by her fellow employees in the Acquisition Section. Congratulations to Mary from all the employees in the Right of Way Division.

Congratulations also to our proud "grandpa", Fred Williams, Chief of the Engineering Section and his wife, Nina. Their first grandchild, Sarah Elizabeth Williams was born February 22, 1985, at Manassas, Virginia. Sarah is daughter of Pam and Steve Williams.



Sarah Elizabeth Williams

The sweet little girl pictured is Allison Marie, the daughter of Joel and Nancy Clark. She was born January 3, 1985, and weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces. Joel is an Advanced Drafter in the Engineering Section.



Allison Marie Clark

Arthur Reichstadt, a retiree of the Highway Department, died on April 7, 1985, at age 82, following heart surgery. Arthur retired from the Right of Way Division on March 26, 1968, after working for the Department for seven and a half years. His career with the State of Arkansas actually began in 1938 when he went to work for the Arkansas State Plant Board as a draftsman. He was born in Olten, Switzerland and became a naturalized citizen of the United States on November 21, 1929, and prior to his death had lived in Arkansas for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Masie, and three sons, Paul, Arthur and Emil. Arthur will be remembered for his constant smile, his accent and his rapid walking trips from the old Right of Way building, on the Capitol grounds, and the Reproduction Section with plans tucked under his arm.

ROADWAY DESIGN

Pictured is the son of Jim and Renee Smith. He has a sister, Brienne, who is 3½ years old. Jim is an employee in the Roadway Design Division.



James Keaton Smith

SURVEYS

Our Surveys Division is proud to have as one of their employees, Mr. Carl Stipe, Instrumentman from Mount Ida. Carl won the 1985 Arkansas Bass Association state championship and the Governor's Cup for his string of bass.

Carl was the first repeat winner in the 13-year event. He won the title in 1980. Congratulations, Carl. By the way, Carl, if you're that good a fisherman, why don't we ever have any fish fries around here?

We were sorry to lose Doris Griffin, our Division Secretary, to Mr. Al Johnson, but we wish her lots of luck. Debbie Meyer, you know, ole Maintenance Division Debbie, is now Surveys Division, Debbie.

Kit Carson's son's soccer team (Kit is the coach), is going to the state championship this year. We'll have details later - probably depends on whether they win or not. If we don't hear another word out of him about it, we can assume they didn't. Stay tuned!

PHOTOGRAMMETRY SECTION

We would like to welcome our new employee, Bill Hoyt. He is married to the former Mary Wiggins and has one son named Andrew. Bill is our new Stereoplotter Operator; he also worked for the Surveys Division for several summers while attending the University of Arkansas. Bill's hobby is hiking. Welcome to Photogrammetry, Bill.



Bill Hoyt

Larry Fenton is a grandfather again. Mitchell Stuart Fenton was born to Darrell and Martha Fenton, Larry's son and daughter-in-law, on March 7, 1985. His first grandson, Justin Derek Fenton, son of Roger and Judy Fenton, was born on November 26, 1984. Congratulations, Larry.



Mitchell Stuart Fenton



Justin Derek Fenton

Our secretary, Sue Walls, received a beautiful bouquet for Secretary's Day from Larry Fenton.



Sue Walls

Randy Boyd is now the proud owner of a new house. He says he will have a lot more room in this house than in the old one. Congratulations, Randy.

Well, Bob Barnett went to Hawaii again. Some of us never get to go to Hawaii, and that lucky Bob gets to go twice. We hope you didn't get too much sun and sand, Bob.

TRAFFIC

We would like to welcome our new employees, Tom Pierson, Rex Tate, Tom Bennett and Lisa Harness to the Traffic Division. At the same time, we were sorry to lose Chuck Sitton, Wade Rodgers, Cheryl Holdman and Brenda Guest, but wish them all the best of luck with their new jobs.

Congratulations to Casandra and Ricky Simpson on the arrival of their first child, Ricky Simpson, Jr., born March 11, 1985.

Danny Moore recently returned from a three week trip to Germany. This was his first trip over there and is looking forward to going back next year to see more of the sites. He was able to spend some time touring the countryside, visiting small towns, old castles, and spending lots of money shopping in the small

shops. Sounds like the military duty was rough.

Congratulations to Renee Brown, daughter of June Rain, who was married to Randy Gray on March 23, 1985. We would like to wish them many years of happiness.



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gray



Mike Jester

Sorry we were late in reporting Mike Jester's big game. Congratulations, Mike.

DISTRICT ONE

Congratulations are in order to several of our crews who received safety awards, two of whom have gone as long as seven years without a chargeable accident. Claude Dunne's R.E. Office and John Watkins' R.E. Office both received 7-year awards. Two-year awards went to Jack Lindley's districtwide sealing crew, Roy Morris and the St. Francis County Maintenance Crew, and Rick Owens, R.E. Office. David McFadden's Districtwide construction crew received a one year award as did Jimmy Bryant's Lee County Maintenance Crew and Buck Wilkins and the Cross County Maintenance Crew.

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Districtwide Construction Crew



Districtwide Sealing Crew



Lee County Maintenance Crew

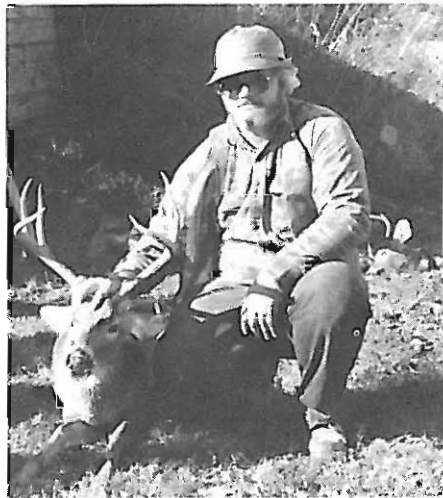


St. Francis County Maintenance Crew



Cross County Maintenance Crew

Even though this news is a bit late (about a year), Glen Reed is no less proud of the six point buck he killed during the 1984 hunting season. He is pictured with his prize which he killed hunting in the Camden area. Glen is a Materials Inspector with the Resident Engineer's office in West Memphis.



Glen Reed

Greg Belknap and Elizabeth Jo "Jodi" Pulley were married on March 22 at the Calvary Assembly Church in Wynne. Greg is the son of Asst. District Engineer Gene Belknap, and wife, Darlene. Many happy returns to these newlyweds.



Mr. and Mrs. Greg Belknap

Not to be outdone by the Wynne team, the AHTD bowling team in St. Francis County won 1st place in their winter league. Members of the team are John Weddington, James Fourthman, Darrell Gaskins, Joe Dewitt and Percy Graham.



Bowling Team - St. Francis County

Paul McFadden, son of Job Supt. David McFadden and wife Brenda, received his BA Degree in Bible from Harding University in December, 1984. Paul and wife, Christi, are dorm parents at Crowley's Ridge College in Paragould. Paul will be preaching for the Church of Christ in Rives, Missouri.

DISTRICT TWO

Congratulations to Cleveland County and its foreman, Ricky Neal, for winning Maintenance Crew of the Month for the months of December, January, and March. That's a lot of dedication and hard work. The month of February was won by Arkansas County at Stuttgart, and Scarler Lyons.



Sam Smith, Ricky Neal and Billy Truner



Sam Smith and Scarler Lyons

Mary Lynn Mabray, Office Technician at McGehee Resident Engineer's Office, was married April 28 in McGehee, to Jerry Sutton. Mr. Sutton is employed with a barge company on the Mississippi River. The couple will reside in McGehee. Congratulations, Mary Lynn and Jerry.

Max Bagwell received his 25 year pin recently from District Engineer Sam Smith. Max is the Resident Engineer at McGehee and has been in construction in southeast Arkansas since he started work with AHTD.



Sam Smith and Max Bagwell

Congratulations to Earl Raines on completing 15-years of service to AHTD. Earl is District Materials Supervisor in District Two.



Sam Smith and Earl Raines

Safety awards for 1984 were presented to the following crews: Chicot County, Cleveland County, District Maintenance Bridge Crew, Monticello Resident Engineers, Pine Bluff Resident Engineers, and McGehee Resident Engineers.



Safety Awards - M. Thompson, J. Pound, M. Bagwell and J. Herrington.



L.J. Bishop, C. Lovell, and R. Neal

Best wishes to Mark Evans, Parts Runner, on his transfer to the Central Office. It was nice working with Mark, and we'll miss you.



Burl Robertson and Mark Evans

Floyd "Shorty" Fullbright, retiree, is shown with one of his typical fish catches. Looks like he's keeping busy these days.



Floyd Fullbright and "Fish catch"

Two "Raking and Patching" schools were held in April. Employees of the County Road and City Street departments were invited to attend, along with Highway employees. Jim Allbritton instructed with assistance from Bettye Carter, Richard Morgan, and R.L. Brantley. A slide presentation and demonstration were given to achieve better results in workmanship.



Raking and Patching School



Raking and Patching School

Shown in the pictures are the three grandchildren of O.Z. McGee, Station Attendant in Lincoln County. Brandi Danielle McGee is 1-year old, Courtney Elizabeth Cheshire is 1-year old, and her brother Joshua Scott is 4 1/2-years old. They're all just precious.



Brandi Danielle



Courtney Elizabeth



Joshua Scott

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

A twenty-year service award was recently given to Billy T. Black, Senior Mechanic at the District Shop.

Charles Jackson, Senior Mechanic and Louie Conner, Multi-Axle Truck Driver in Jefferson County, were awarded fifteen-year awards.

Ten-year service awards were given to James Sinks, Senior Mechanic and Andrew Ford, Senior, Motor-Patrol Operator in Lincoln County.

Five-year service awards were given to Norman Rochelle, Motor-Patrol Operator in Lincoln County and Cornelius Davis, Rest Area Attendant in Chicot County.

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: Jerry D. Holden, Richard L. Dempsey, and Jimmy D. Rhodes, for 5 years service.

On March 29, 1985, Robert White, District Storeroom Supervisor, was honored by the District Office Personnel and Supervisors, with a Retirement Luncheon. Robert intends to lay back and take it easy, as you can see by the picture on his cake, but I believe his wife, Joy, has other plans for him. Best wishes Robert on your retirement.



Robert White

Pictured is Amanda Lynn Giles, daughter of Mike and Karen Giles. "Manda" was born January 13, 1985. Mike is a Construction Aide in the Texarkana Residency.



Amanda Lynn Giles

Carolyn Koelzer, daughter of Phill and Ann Koelzer, is a member of FBLA, FTA, FHA and is an honor student at Gillham High School. She is a former Miss Gillham High. She will graduate May 24. Phill is Construction Project Supervisor in the Nashville Residency.

Me Lonie Lynn Myers, daughter of Larry and Loyd Myers, will graduate from Arkansas High School. Larry is a Construction Instrumentman in the Texarkana Residency.

Wayne Allon Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Baker, will graduate from Emmet High School. Wayne works in the District Bridge Crew.

Wendy Fulmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fulmer, will be a 1985 graduate of Arkansas High School in Texarkana. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Nike Club, FBLA, Math (Mu Alpha Theta) and Thespian Club. She was selected for "Who's Who" among American High School Students, Student of the Year in Shorthand I and Algebra II. She was also named "Outstanding Drama I Student of the Year 1985". She plans to major in science at Texarkana Community College this fall. Dale is a Senior Construction Party Chief in the Texarkana Residency.

DISTRICT FOUR

Fall has fell, Winter's gone, Spring has sprung, and Summer is on its way. Hurray!

Mary Bryant, payroll clerk, is shown receiving her 5 year certificate of service and pin from Ray Jett, office manager. Also, receiving his 5 year certificate is William Craig, backhoe operator, from David Becker, Sebastian II Area Foreman. Allan Holmes, District 4 Engineer, is shown presenting Kim McDowell, Bridge Job Supt., his 15 year certificate of service. Congratulations to you all.



Ray Jett and Mary Bryant



W.O. Craig and D.H. Becker



Kim McDowell and Allan Holmes

Receiving Safety Awards this year were A.L. Holmes, District Engineer; Joe Shipman, Waldron RE; Kim McDowell, Bridge Job Supt.; Gene Holloway, Washington I Area Foreman; Darrell Roper, Logan County Area Foreman, (Darrell has a 2-year ribbon on his certificate); Amos Zimmer, Scott County Area Foreman; and Jerry Clemence, Sign Crew Leader. James Mansfield and Don Crain, from the Safety Section, were present for these awards. Our sincere congratulations for a job safely done.



James Mansfield and Allan Holmes



Safety Awards - Shipman, McDowell, Holloway, Roper, Zimmer, and Clemence.

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new District Receptionist, Nan Williams, and to Charles Weldon, Construction Helper, in the Springdale RE Office. We're glad to have you with us.

The Polk County Crew reports that on February 13, they gave Lester Patterson a retirement party. Lester worked 14 years with the Department as a single-axle truck driver. The crew presented him with a fishing rod and hunting knife. Other retirees attending were Harrison Heath and Roy Gortemiller. We want to extend our wishes for happiness to Lester.

On April 12 the crew held their second annual fishing tournament at DeQueen Lake. James Golden won the biggest crappie; Hershall Henry and Melvin Heath both won the most pounds and biggest bass. Other members of this aquatic bonanza were Jearl Baker, Gene Roberts, and Gary Richmond. There weren't many

"big" fish caught but the fishing stories about this tournament certainly are.



Fishing Tournament - Richmond, Golden, Heath, Henry, Roberts, and Baker.



James Golden

Speaking of "big", Joe Downs, Distributor Operator, bagged a 19½ pound turkey, sporting an 11 inch beard. Joe would not even give a hint as to where he got this bird.

Stanley Arocha and Janis Foster both had birthdays in April and both were on the 21st. Janis also advises that the stork will be visiting her house sometime in October, an event that the whole family is excited about.

DISTRICT SIX

Don Clark, member of the District Bridge Crew, and his family want to thank everyone who helped when their house burned. Thanks to God, good friends and neighbors, they have been able to start over again.

Who's a good samaritan? Mr. Roger Almond of M&T is! On April 5, Roger found and returned to its rightful owner, a purse containing cash and valuables to Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Williams of the Saline Area Headquarters. Not only is Mr. Almond an honest person, he also would not accept a reward for his good deed.

We want to congratulate Don Stovall on his promotion to Assistant Maintenance Superintendent. Reuben Carter was selected as the new District Bridge Superintendent, replacing Stovall, and his replacement as Interstate Maintenance Foreman was Jerry Zuber. Congratulations to all.

We want to welcome Georgia Russenberger back after a lengthy illness. She enjoyed a trip to Florida before returning to work. Nice way to recuperate.

We want to say good luck to Laura Malat as

she transfers to Personnel. This was a sad place around here and she will really be missed by all.

Tony A. Davis, from the Saline County Maintenance Crew, is proud to announce the arrival of Dusty Allen Davis, a 9 pound, 2½ ounce baby boy at 11:00 p.m. on March 20. Mr. Davis is a new employee and we wish to express our happiness for the Davis' family.



Dusty Allen Davis

News from the North Little Rock Residency tells us to congratulate Rick and Debbie Ransom on the new addition to their family. Tiffany Brooke Ransom was born December 10, 1984, weighing 6 pounds and 1 ounce. They also have a daughter, Ashley Renne, age 4, who loves to help Mom take care of her little sister. Rick is a Senior Construction Aide.



Tiffany Brooke Ransom

We would like to welcome Danny Burnett who transferred from Maintenance to our office on January 17.

Deer season was here again, Resident Engineer Gerald Teague killed an 8-point on November 17, then killed a 3-point in December and also bagged another deer muzzle-load season. Leon Tricky killed an 8-point in December and Denver Hardman killed a 5-point in November. Warren Marks also killed one - that makes 8 deer for this office - thats not bad when there is only 11 hunters.



Gerald Teague

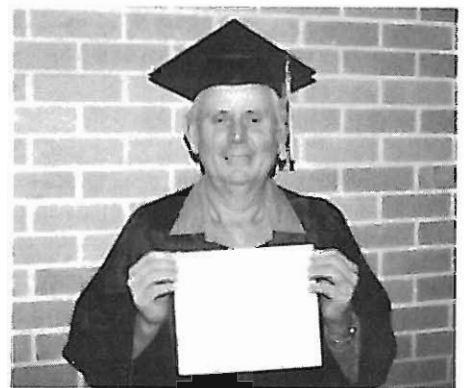
Congratulations to Steve and Kim Cornett on their new arrival, Eric Stephen, born March 8, weighing 6 pounds and 13½ ounces. Eric has an older sister named Sara Denise, who is 4, and she likes to help Mom with Eric. Steve is a Construction Instrumentman.



Eric Stephen Cornett

DISTRICT SEVEN

Mr. Gaylord C. Evans received his certificate for his G.E.D. on his 62nd birthday, January 28th. He is the Crew Leader for the Lafayette County Crew and has worked for the State 11 years. We commend Mr. Evans for this noteworthy achievement. Congratulations!



Gaylord C. Evans

District Seven was saddened recently by two deaths, Harry T. Castleberry, Dallas County Area Foreman, died March 30 and Arlene Delores Davis, retired Storeroom Supervisor died April 15.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

On March 8, 1985 ten of our crews received Safety Awards. Mr. James Mansfield, Safety Officer, made the presentations. The certificates represented 36 years of continuous safety for District Seven. Crews receiving awards were: Bradley County, Columbia County, Dallas County, Calhoun County, District Bridge Crew, District Sign Crew, and Resident Engineers A.W. Hardy, Jr., R.E. Myers, G.R. Hite, and the Moro May Ferry Crew. Congratulations!



District 7 Safety Award Recipients

This pretty little girl is the granddaughter of Sealing Job Superintendent George and Frances Griffis. Her parents are Travis and Arti Lyn Griffis. Tracy Lyn is 14-months old. When she was born on February 12, 1984, she weighed 2 pounds and 7 ounces. She's a real cutie! Some say she favors her Grandpa George. It's certainly no secret that she is the apple of Grandpa's eye.



Tracy Lyn Griffis

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to our service award recipients. They are Robert Burns, John Magie, and Bonnie Beckwith, 5 years; J.D. Sigler and Kenneth Buchanan, 10 years; and J.L. Rainwater, 25 years.

Congratulations to the Van Buren County Crew and the Pope County Crew upon receiving their Certificate of Safety Awards.

We only have one 'turkey' to report. Don Wilkinson, our Permit Officer, killed one the

first day of the season. It weighed 21¼ pounds and had a 10-inch beard.

We have been saddened by the recent deaths of retirees Opie Winningham and Bill Taylor. Also, Roy 'Corky' Hollobaugh and his wife, Mildred, who were killed in a recent car accident. We have also recently lost our janitor, Luther Wilkinson, and our Van Buren County Area Foreman, Sam Evans. We will miss our dear friends very much.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. They are Sheila Colburn, daughter of Brenda and Dewey Traylor; Susan Cravens, daughter of Cletus and Mary Cravens; Cecilia Ferguson, daughter of Dean and Christina Ferguson; Jori Michelle Sorrels, daughter of Joe and Linda Sorrels; Jaynie Roy, daughter of John and Margaret Roy; and Ricky Biffle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Biffle. Our graduates are pictured in the Graduate Section of this magazine.

News from the Conway Resident Engineer's office brings new additions to our highway family. Gerry Franklin has a new son, Bruce Bradke has a new daughter, and Gary Cooper has a baby girl. It looks as if we are raising our own survey crew.

Sherman James retired in March after 40 years of service with the Department. He's catching up on all the fishing he has missed in the past. Needless to say, he is missed, especially his sense of humor.

Robert Burns, our Assistant Resident Engineer, has just received his 5 year pin and service certificate. Also Gary Cooper and David (Huggy Bear) Huggins have 5 years. Donnie Hill and Gary Scroggins each received their 15 year certificates and pins. Larry Rainwater had his 25th anniversary with the Department in January. Nice going guys, you are well on your way to 30 and out.



Lawrence Fletcher and Kenneth Buchanan



Evans for the Van Buren County Crew



Stevens for the Pope County Crew



Don Wilkinson

DISTRICT NINE

The following service awards and certificates were presented at the District Supervisors' meeting on February 13: Howard Harper, Bill Phillips, Joe Yocham and Ronald Jones, 20 years; James House, Elmer Harris, Joe Bill Wallace and Oris Rose, 15 years. Our sincere congratulations to all of these men for their loyal and dedicated service to the Department.



District 9 Service Award Recipients

Safety awards were presented to Willard Crow for Searcy County; James House for the Harrison Residency; Calvin Rushing for District Construction; Joe Bill Wallace for Peel Ferry; Jack Dickey for the Sign Crew; Bill Harbison for the Gentry Crew; J.T. Richardson for Boone County; Dean Smith for Carroll County; Ed Cummings for the Garfield Crew; Jim Selby for the District Office; Vernie Berry for Newton County; and Kenneth Oxford for Marion County.



District 9 Safety Award Recipients

Ronnie and Connie Reynolds are the proud parents of their first child, Courtney Layne, who was born March 18. Little Courtney weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and being their first is 'really' special. Ronnie is Construction Aide at Jack Brisco's Bentonville Residency. Congratulations.



Courtney Layne

Sympathy is extended to the family of AHTD Retiree Wayne Foresee. Wayne was a dedicated employee and friend, and he will be missed by all.

On January 31, John Sharum, Assistant Resident Engineer at the Bentonville Residency, was promoted to Resident Engineer at District 6 in Little Rock. We wish John the best of luck in his new position.



John Sharum

Our Payroll Clerk, Rick Widner, has every reason to be proud of his lovely daughters, Darrica, age 11, and Tashana, age 9. Darrica was one of the top 10 finalist in the Bergman Beauty Review held on March 30, and Tashana was crowned "Bergman Junior Miss".



Darrica Widner



Tashana Widner

Carrie Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor, is graduating from Southwest Baptist University at Bolivar, Missouri this spring. Carrie is majoring in Elementary Education, and we wish her well. Joe is Front End Loader Operator at the Boone County Maintenance Headquarters.

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Joe Bill Wallace, Peel Ferry Supervisor, on the death of his father, William Bill Wallace.

Tim Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, graduated from Harrison High School May 30. Tim has been offered a tuition scholar-

ship at Arkansas Tech University this fall, where he will be majoring in Music Education. He plans to become a band director and get a Masters Degree in Music Education. Tim has been a band member since the 7th grade and has been on various band trips to Canada, World's Fair in New Orleans, and recently, the Presidential Inauguration in January. Tim is vice president of the Tri-M Society, Percussion Captain, All-Region Band, Jazz Drummer and Band Council. Bob is Single Axle Truck Driver and Mower Operator at the Boone County Area Headquarters.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the graduates in the District 9 area, and we wish them well in their new endeavors. We are proud of you all.

A retirement party was held in honor of James P. McConnell who has 35 years of service with the Department. Jim was Construction Party Supervisor at the Bentonville Resident Engineer's Office. Happy Retirement Jim!



James P. McConnell

DISTRICT TEN

The warm, cozy days of hibernation from winter's cold, dreary weather is finally over and inviting signs of the pleasant spring to come are beginning to appear throughout District Ten. Employees of the District worked many long, hard hours in a seemingly never-ending battle against the odds of removing snow and ice from the roadways of northwest Arkansas. For their attempts at making the roads safer, we would like to express our sincere appreciation. The efforts expended by our employees should not go without mention for we feel certain that the citizens who traveled the roadways in northeast Arkansas are also appreciative.

After witnessing several fender-benders (and participating in one) that occurred during the winter months, the awarding of Safety Certificates to six of the District Crews seemed incredible. But on February 22, awards were presented to R.J. Blackwell, Jonesboro RE; Curtis Stokes, Craighead County Maintenance Crew; Jerry Greitens, Poinsett County Maintenance Crew; Gene Hanshaw, Sign Crew; Dairl Hyde, Greene County Maintenance Crew; and Harold Lady, Lawrence County Maintenance Crew.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



District 10 Safety Award Recipients

Service certificates were presented to Jerry Black, District Equipment Supervisor, 20 years; R.C. Blackwell, Randolph County Area Foreman, 15 years; Carl White, Lawrence County Maintenance Crew; and E.F. Sorg, Randolph County Maintenance Crew, 25 years. Congratulations to all four - we hope to have you with us for another 20 to 25 years.



Jerry Black and Joe Barnett



R.C. Blackwell and Joe Barnett



Carl White and Charles Hesselbein



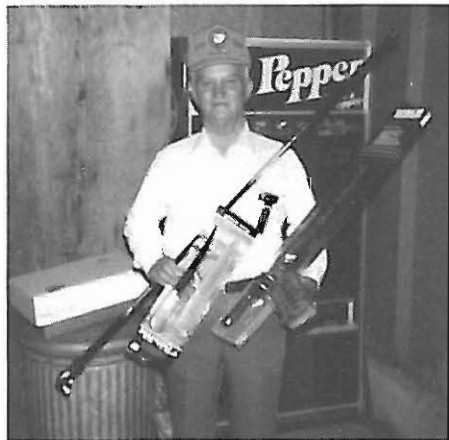
E.F. Sorg and Joe Barnett

The smile of a friend can brighten any day and at District Ten we have, over the past 23 years, had many days that were a little more pleasant because of the smile of Homer 'Boone' Lenderman. Boone, who worked with the District Sealing Crew, retired recently and was presented a pocket knife, the ever popular 'retiree cap' and certificate. We wish him many happy years of retirement and look forward to seeing that smile on occasional visits.



Homer "Boone" Lenderman

On March 29 a fish fry was given in honor of the retirement of Guy "Duck" Williams, Construction Project Supervisor at the Paragould Resident's Office. Duck was presented with fishing gear and a 'retiree cap' from his fellow workers. We wish Duck many happy years of retirement and hope he will drop by to see us often.



G.B. 'Duck' Williams

Art work by Ms. Mandy Rainwater, age 13, will be shown at the Rockefeller Center art exhibit in Little Rock. Mandy, who is the daughter of Jackie Rainwater, Senior Construction Aide in Paragould RE Office, is an 8th grader at Lynn School and was one of 12 selected for this honor from Arkansas. We know Jackie is very proud of his daughter and we wish to congratulate her on receiving such a prestigious honor.

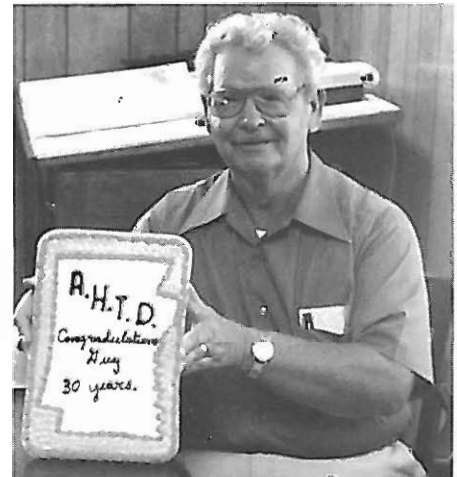


Mandy Rainwater

Well it seems we have finally got a "Tiger" on our team. Ms. Marla Stuart, daughter of Richard Stuart, Construction Project Supervisor in the Paragould RE Office, has signed a 4-year scholarship with Memphis State University. Marla will be a member of the Lady Tigers Golf Team and needless to say, Richard is very proud of his daughter. Marla plans to enter pre-law at MSU and hopes one day to play professional golf. Congratulations Marla, and congratulations Richard on having such a beautiful and talented daughter.



Marla Stuart



Guy Spears

Guy Spears, Construction Project Supervisor in the Osceola Resident Engineer's office, was presented with his 30 year Service certificate. Congratulations Guy, we look forward to the next thirty!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burton. Jerry, Senior Construction Materials Inspector in the Jonesboro RE Office, was married to Sandra Henson on April 13. Cupid never rests in District Ten.

Mr. Bob Glover, District Materials Supervisor, has recently undergone bypass heart surgery. Bob is doing very well and we understand that he may be in the coffee shop soon. Best wishes Bob for a speedy recovery.

AHTD SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

On April 20, the 1985 Spring Golf Tournament, organized by Harold Banks and the AHTD golf league was held at War Memorial Park in Little Rock. The final results were:

"A" Flight	
Name	Low Gross
Harold Banks	66
Low Net	
Gary Bulloch	66
Bill Hayes	66
Don Matthews	67
Charles Rain	68
Willard Holt	68
John Haynie	71
"B" Flight	
Name	Low Gross
Mike Webb	75
Low Net	
Gary French	68
Frank Knowles	70
Bill Durham	71
Mike Tackett	73
Ross Wylie	75

Winners of the special event prizes were: for the longest drive - Don Matthews on the No. 8 hole; closest to the hole - Mike Tackett on the No. 9 hole; and, longest putt - Ross Wylie on the No. 10 hole. Congratulations to all winners.



TOP PHOTO: Thank you sign displayed in District 7 to Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod. BOTTOM PHOTO: Chief Engineer B.K. Cooper and AHTD Director Henry Gray with thank you sign from all AHTD employees for their dedication and hard work on the passage of the gasoline and diesel tax in the Legislature to help provide Arkansas with a rural road improvement program.

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