

ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

WINTER 1985

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

1985 - AN EVENTFUL YEAR

The year 1985 has been one of the most eventful years ever in regard to highways and transportation in Arkansas.

Thanks to the hard work by the members of the Highway Commission and the Department staff, the Arkansas General Assembly approved one of the most comprehensive rural highway programs in the history of the State.

The legislation, which increased the gasoline tax by four cents a gallon and the diesel tax by two cents a gallon, went into effect April 1, and the Highway Commission immediately began to put the money to work.

Since the first of April, more than 600 miles of rural highways have been, or are in the process of being improved. More than \$118 million in State and Federal funds has been obligated for use on these roads. (See related article on page 14).

The 1985 General Assembly also provided all state employees with a much needed salary increase. Legislation approving a 30-year retirement program went into effect in July.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department also was the host state for the 44th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO). More than 700 delegates from the 12 SASHTO member states attended the meeting held in Hot Springs in September. The hard work by our employees was evident throughout the meeting. Many compliments regarding the meeting were received from our guests and that was a direct reflection on those of you who put in the time and effort to make the meeting a success. (See related article on page 2).

For all of the good things that have happened this year, there are still some nagging problems. Bridge replacement and Interstate Highway rehabilitation remain top priority items, as well as stepped-up maintenance work on our highways.

Throughout the years the Department has always been able to overcome the many obstacles placed before it. Much of our success is due to the fact that Highway and Transportation Department employees are dedicated to serving the public and making the most of what we have.

Our goal, as we enter a new year, is to continue to provide the citizens of Arkansas with the best highway and transportation program possible.

It has taken hard work to accomplish what we have over the years, and the Highway Commissioners and I want to express our thanks to you for your tremendous dedication to this never-ending task. We would also like to wish you and your family the very best for this holiday season.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Henry Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "G".

Henry Gray
Director of Highways & Transportation

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BACK COVER PHOTO – Pinnacle Mountain viewed from Highway 300 in Pulaski County. Photo by John Jackson.

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SASHTO '85

ANNUAL MEETING CALLED "One of best ever..."

The 44th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials held in Hot Springs September 15-17 has been called "one of the best ever" by many of the delegates from the 12-member states who attended.

Held at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs



The Registration Desk enrolled over 700 SASHTO participants.

National Park, more than 700 delegates and spouses attended the three-day event. It was Arkansas' fourth time to host the annual meeting since the state became a part of SASHTO in 1943. Highway and Transportation Director Henry Gray presided over the session.



The Directors of the 12 SASHTO states met on Sunday morning.

OPENING SESSION



The Air Force Sergeants' Association performed a flag presentation.

The relationship between a strong economy and a strong transportation system, and the need for the states to have more discretion in the use of Federal funds for highways, were among the wide range of topics presented by the speakers at the Opening Session.

CLINTON: "You can't have a strong economy without a strong transportation system."



Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomason answers the roll call

In his welcoming address, Governor Bill Clinton said our infrastructure is important to the country. He stressed the importance of jobs for the economic development of the South and how the availability of jobs is dependent on our transportation system. "You can't have a strong economy without a strong transportation system," Clinton said.

The Governor also presented Arkansas Traveler certificates to Tom Larson, vice-president of the American Association of State Highway and Trans-



Governor Clinton (center) presents Arkansas Traveler certificates to C. Leslie Dawson (left) and Tom Larson (right).

portation Officials (AASHTO) and to C. Leslie Dawson, the newly elected president of SASHTO.

BUMPERS: "For all the money we are spending, we are still trying to catch up."



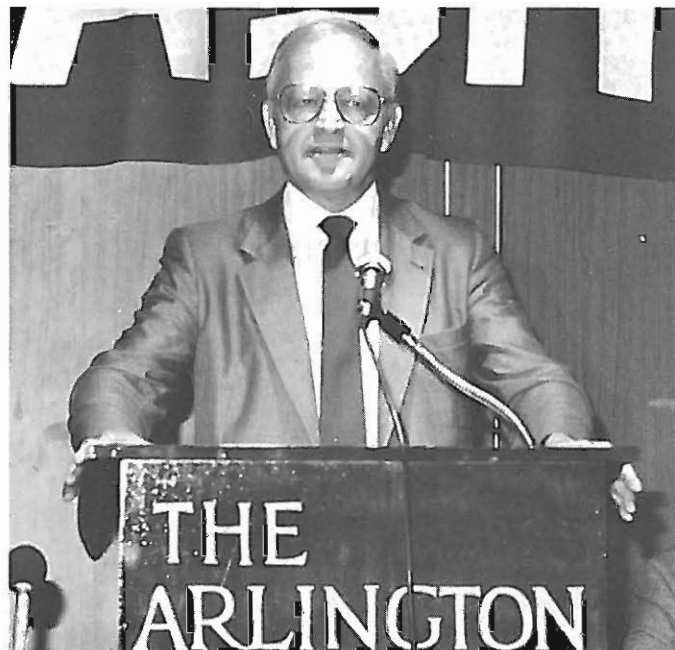
U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers was the featured speaker of the Opening Session.

U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers told the delegates he believed the states needed more discretion in the use of Federal funds for highways. He noted that nearly \$50 billion a year is being spent on highways in this country. "From 1982 to 1984 there has been more money added to the Trust Fund and the states have raised their taxes more than at any time in history. For all the money we are spending, we are still trying to catch up," Bumpers said.

Using the bridge problem as an example, Bumpers said there were 573,000 bridges in the country and 40% were either structurally or functionally deficient. "It would take over \$45 billion to address this problem nationwide," he said.

"One thing the Congress could do is to give the states more flexibility to transfer funds from one category to another. That would give you an opportunity to save money, simply because you know where it ought to be used," he added.

AASHTO Vice-President Tom Larson said there is still a big question as to what should be the states and the federal role in transportation. "I believe this is clearly a crossroads time for us. Working out this relationship is going to have an enormous impact on what we see in the future of this country," he said.



Federal Highway Administrator Ray Barnhart addresses the delegates of the Opening Session.

Federal Highway Administrator Ray Barnhart touched on a number of topics ranging from problems with the Davis-Bacon Act, environmental laws, the need for Congress to pass the Interstate Cost Estimate, and the inequities that exist because of the goals mandated for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

FRANCOIS: "we need better management now more than ever before."

AASHTO Executive Director Frank Francois also expressed the urgency to get a new ICE passed and said the states have a lot to do if they are to give the people the type of transportation system they need. "We are facing dynamic new problems and we need better management now more than ever before," he said.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

A number of interesting program topics were covered by the various technical committees. Sessions included reports on the future Federal-Aid Program, national bridge inspection program, Interstate highway rehabilitation, public mass transportation, transportation of hazardous materials, and the future of the Federal-Aid Secondary Program.

(Lower Left) Captain George Coffman of the Arkansas Highway Police, discusses the emphasis of weight enforcement at the Vehicle Regulations Technical Committee Meeting.

(Upper Right) Assistant Chief Engineer Al Johnson addresses the Technical Committee on Public Mass Transportation.

(Lower Right) State Aid Engineer John Kizer chaired the Secondary Roads Technical Committee Meeting.



FAMILY HOSPITALITY

While the delegates were attending the technical committee meetings, several activities for the spouses were going on. More than 200 took a mid-day cruise on the Belle of Hot Springs on Lake Hamilton Monday, and about the same number attended a style



The Family Hospitality Committee hosted a ladies' luncheon aboard the Belle of Hot Springs on Lake Hamilton.



(Left to Right) Evelynee Venable, Charlene Looney, Mary Beth Gray and Linda Nichols enjoyed sailing on the Belle of Hot Springs.

low and luncheon Tuesday afternoon. The Family Hospitality Committee also hosted a hospitality room for the delegates and spouses, where plenty of fresh coffee, cold drinks, and snacks were made available. The convention concluded Tuesday night with a Family Night Dinner and Dance. Regina Hopper Blakely, Miss Arkansas 1983, provided special entertainment at the Family Night Dinner. She is the daughter of Commission Vice-Chairman Bobby Hopper and his wife, Lois. The Tommy Henderson Band provided dance music.



Henry Gray, President of SASHTO '85, presided over the Family Night Dinner.



Regina Hopper Blakely provided the entertainment for the Family Night Dinner.



C. Leslie Dawson, left, of Kentucky, accepts the gavel as President of SASHTO '86 from Henry Gray.



Henry Gray, right, accepts his plaque of appreciation as President of SASHTO '85 from C. Leslie Dawson.



Keith Jones, Team Captain of the Arkansas Travelers, accepts the First Place Olympic Trophy from Henry Gray.

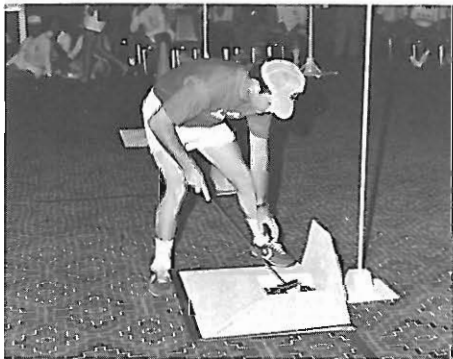
OLYMPICS

The Third Annual SASHTO Olympics were held Sunday afternoon and ten teams representing various states and FHWA competed for medals and a trophy. The Arkansas Travelers placed first overall to win that honor for the second year in a row. The

Arkansas team captured first place in the Team Support and Kangaroo Hop events and was second in the Arkansas Shuffle. Tennessee finished second and Florida was third.



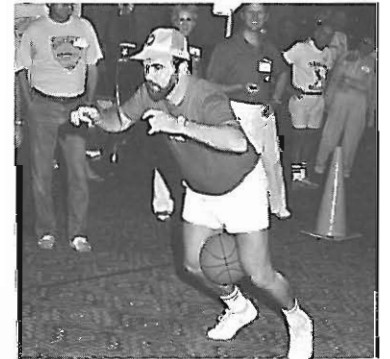
Henry Gray, center sitting on floor, is surrounded by the AHTD Arkansas Travelers Olympic Team and Cheerleaders.



Bob Cornish, Assistant District 2 Engineer, competes in the SASHTO Scramble.



The team of Jim Gaither, Steve Teague, and Jerry Westerman placed second in the Arkansas Shuffle.



Team Captain Keith Jones helped bring a first place in the Kangaroo Hop.

KENTUCKY TO HOST SASHTO '86

The Kentucky Department of Transportation will host the 45th Annual Meeting at the Galt House in Louisville September 14-16, 1986. C. Leslie Dawson, Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabi-

net, was elected President of SASHTO '86 and Walker Ragin, Chief Commissioner of the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation was elected Vice-President.

JACKSONPORT BRIDGE DEDICATED

Residents of Independence and Jackson counties had reason to celebrate September 4 when the new Highway 69 bridge over the Black River at Jacksonport was formally dedicated.

The new structure replaced a ferry that had been in operation for the past 31 years.

Former Highway Commissioner George Kell of Newport told the crowd of over 200 persons that the dedication was truly a historic event. "This new route will allow people to travel from Batesville to Newport twelve months out of the year. This is an all-time historic first," he said.

He recalled that when he began his service on the Commission in 1971, a most persistent question was "When are you going to build a bridge at Jacksonport?" He said he was Chairman of the Commission in 1977 when the Minute Order programming the bridge was approved. "It takes a lot of time and a lot of money to make a dream like this come true," Kell said.

The ferry was often closed to traffic because of adverse river conditions and motorists had to detour many miles out of the way just to complete the trip between Batesville and Newport.

He called the recently enacted motor fuels tax increase one of the most significant events regarding highways to come along in a long time. "We don't like to talk about taxes, but that's what builds roads like this," Kell added.

Commissioner Raymond Pritchett, acting as Master of Ceremonies, said the new bridge would

"significantly alter" transportation patterns in the area. "You have many reasons to look forward to further improvements to routes off the traditional four-lanes," he said.

Both Pritchett and Kell called for continued interest and support for the Commission as it focuses increased attention on rural roads.

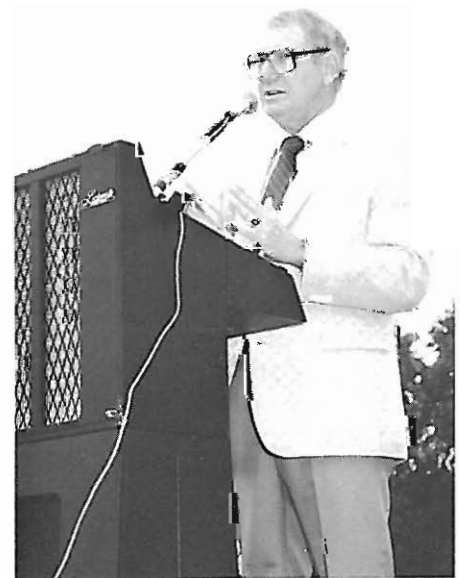
Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson said "This project is a symbol of the Department's determination to pursue feasible and viable projects on rural roads all over the State."

Highway and Transportation Director Henry Gray stressed that the Commission is making every effort to eliminate the ferry problem in Arkansas. Pointing out that four ferries remained on the State Highway System, Gray said the additional money received through the four-cent motor fuels tax increases will aid in the effort to replace the other ferries.

The Black River Bridge was built at a total cost of \$5.5 million. Foster-Creighton Company of Nashville, Tennessee was awarded a \$1.7 million contract in November 1981 for the substructure. Jensen Construction Company of Des Moines, Iowa received a \$2.1 million contract in April 1983 for the superstructure, and McGeorge Contracting Company of Pine Bluff was awarded a \$1.6 million contract in February 1984 for the roadway approaches. Right-of-way and utility adjustments totaled approximately \$112,160.



A host of dignitaries gather at the end of the bridge to cut the ribbon.



Former Highway Commissioner George Kell.

HIGHWAY 64 IN MORRILTON DEDICATED

A ceremony formally dedicating the recently completed four-laning of Highway 64 in Morrilton was held October 23 with state, county and city officials in attendance.

Highway Commissioner Raymond Pritchett told the crowd that something is ahead for Conway County "that many people thought they would never see." That is the paving of all state highways in the county.

Pritchett said that within six months, the Highway Commission would award contracts to pave the remaining two sections of unpaved state highways in the county.

The paving projects, along with about 58 miles of other overlay improvements to highways in the county, are a part of the Highway Commission's

Rural Road Construction Program which was approved by the Legislature earlier this year.

The Highway 64 project included about one mile of widening the existing two-lane facility to four lanes and installing new traffic signals at Broadway and Highway 64. Mobley General Contractors, Inc., of Morrilton, was awarded a contract in August 1984 for the construction, which was done at a cost of \$970,053.

The widening of Highway 64 was a top priority project for the AHTD and Pritchett told the audience that another long-sought after project, the reconstruction of Highway 9B in Morrilton, would be ready for contract sometime in 1986 at an estimated cost of \$2.3 million.



Highway Commissioner Raymond Pritchett (center) with Representative Bruce Hawkins (left) and Senator Allen Gordon (right) cut the ribbon dedicating the new four-lane Highway 64 in Morrilton.

FINAL SECTION OF I-630 OPENS IN LITTLE ROCK

When the ribbon was cut to officially open the final segment of I-630 in Little Rock on September 30, it was the sixth time since 1969 that dignitaries has gathered to open various sections of the highway.

It was appropriate that former United States Representative Wilbur Mills was on hand to deliver the dedicatory address. Mills played a key role in securing the federal funding that finally lead to the completion of the project. In appreciation for his efforts, the City of Little Rock named the freeway

in his honor. (See related story on I-630 history).

More than 250 persons parked their cars on the newly constructed west-bound lanes near the I-630/I-30 Interchange to listen to the speeches and take part in the event. Many then formed a single line caravan behind Arkansas Highway Police and City Police cars to travel the entire 7.4-mile length to the I-430 Interchange in west Little Rock.

Mayor Tom Prince praised the perseverance of local officials who worked for the east-west link over

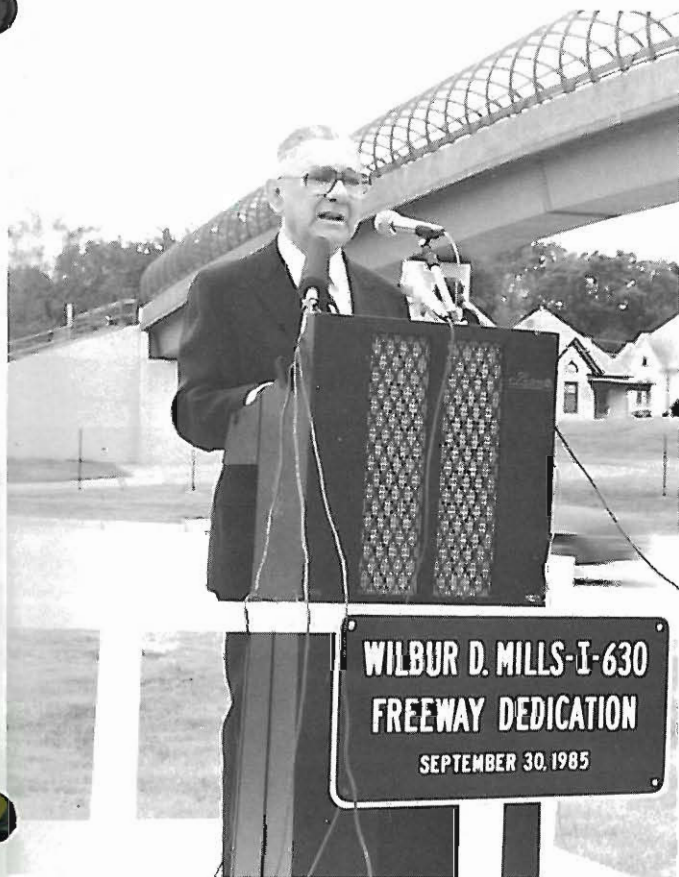
he years. Among those mentioned was the late Werner Knoop, Little Rock's first mayor under the city manager form of government. A plaque honoring Knoop, who died in 1983, was presented to his granddaughter by Mayor Prince.

Mills told the audience that the special significance of the dedication ceremony was that it would be the last for the state's basic Interstate Highway system. "There will be additional lanes, reinforcement, and even new construction, but for the opening of our interstate highway system in Arkansas, this is it," he said.

The former chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee said Little Rock benefits from an almost-unique situation. Most urban freeways have been bypasses, or loops that encircle a downtown area, he said. "Crosstown interstates have not been prevalent," he added.

Recalling that the work that went into the freeway would be one of his fondest remembrances, Mills remarked, "It's been said that the easiest way to grow old gracefully is to look back selectively."

He said the completion of the project was "a positive accomplishment, one of those that we can always point to and appreciate."



Former Congressman Wilbur Mills

Mills was presented a plaque that displayed a miniature "I-630" sign by the Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson pointed out that it was a combined effort on the part of many organizations and officials that brought about the highway project in the beginning. She said 27 separate construction projects, extensive utility adjustments and right of way acquisitions, and the relocation of an elementary school, brought the final cost of the project to \$130 million.



Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson



More than 250 persons were on hand for the dedication ceremony.

I-630 HISTORY:

"A DREAM BECOMES A REALITY"

The first conceptual appearance of the Interstate 630 Route in Little Rock appeared in a master street plan and highway improvement for Little Rock, reported by John Nolen and Associates of Cambridge, Massachusetts during the early 1930's. A rapid increase in east-west traffic in Little Rock was noted - and a band between 7th and 14th Streets was recommended for development as a major thoroughfare.

Planning for the Little Rock "crosstown" route began to materialize locally in 1941 when the Pulaski County Planning Board issued a report that indicated a high capacity traffic artery would be needed near the center of the City to handle east-west traffic.

It was the Highway and Transportation Plan for Greater Little Rock in 1948 that first envisioned some type of controlled-access freeway, or expressway, in Little Rock.

Since 1948, virtually every planning or transportation proposal has included a highway facility in the corridor of which I-630 is now located.

In September 1958, the City of Little Rock petitioned the Arkansas Highway Commission to designate the East-West, or Eighth Street Expressway, as a part of the highway system. This meant the State would bear the responsibility for the construction and the City of Little Rock would be responsible for right-of-way and the relocation of utilities. In October 1959, the Highway Commission, by Minute Order, agreed to include the Eighth Street Expressway as a part of the Highway System and to construct the facility as funds became available. However, there was no schedule commitment of funds made by either the City or the State at that time.

In 1961 the Route Location Study was completed and approved by the City, State and Federal officials. During this time the Eighth Street Expressway corridor was protected by a zoning ordinance in the City of Little Rock. In the downtown area of Little Rock, most of the necessary right-of-way was purchased and cleared under the Urban Renewal Program. In April 1963, the Highway Department directed the consultant to proceed with the construction plans for the first phase of the Expressway from Dennison Street to University Avenue. The first contract was awarded for five overpass structures in 1964. Following this, a contract was awarded for the construction from Dennison Street back toward Pine Street. The initial planning was for a four-lane expressway. This section was opened to traffic in April 1969. As time went by there weren't any funds available to continue construction of the project from either the City or the State. However, this didn't keep the traffic from increasing and the traffic demands kept mounting.

In March 1970 the Highway Commission asked the Federal Highway Administration to accept the 7.4-mile "8th Street Expressway" into the Interstate Highway System.

In May of that year the FHWA advised the Department that the request was being denied - saying, the allocated Interstate mileage was all gone.

U.S. Congressman Wilbur Mills began working on the problem at this time and was able to get the Interstate mileage increased for Arkansas. The FHWA notified the Department, in November 1970, that the route had been added to the system and would be designated Interstate 630, thus making it eligible for



I-630 under construction looking east from the Cedar/Pine Interchange, July 1968.



The Cedar/Pine Interchange on I-630 in July 1968.



Paving on the first section of I-630 in August 1968.



I-630 Railroad Overpass east of Woodrow Street, July 1968.



First ribbon cutting on I-630 to open the section from Dennison to Cedar/Pine, April 1969.

90/10 Federal funds. The City of Little Rock, grateful for Congressman Mills' efforts, named the route in his honor.

Also, during this time the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 came into being. The first guidelines came out in 1970 and the final guidelines, or regulations, were published by the Federal Highway Administration in 1971. The first Draft Environmental Impact Statement on I-630 was completed in February 1972 and was approved by the FHWA in December 1972. Following the initial approval, and adoption of the Environmental Impact Statement, construction contracts were awarded on the remainder of the section from Pine Street to University Avenue.

Additional lanes were added on the Dennison-Pine Street section and planning began for the project on the west, from University out to I-430. At the same time the plans on the western portion were being done, a consulting engineering firm, Garver and Garver, was hired to do the design from Dennison to I-30.

On November 9, 1973, a group of citizens, known as the Arkansas Community Organization for Reform Now (ACORN) filed a suit in Federal court to halt the construction of Interstate 630, contending that the State's Environmental Impact Statement was inadequate. The case went to trial on September 16, 1974. A decision was rendered by the Court on July 28, 1975, in which the I-630 Environmental Impact

INTERSTATE 630 HISTORY

Statement was found to be inadequate particularly in the areas of alternatives relating to the design of the project. The decision did allow work to continue on the western portion and to continue the acquisition of right-of-way on a voluntary basis on the eastern end.

A new Environmental Statement was prepared and the Federal Court released the State from its injunction, clearing the way for construction to begin on the eastern segment in May 1979.

The work included 12 overpass structures as well

as the I-630/I-30 Interchange. Because the highway forced the closing of several city streets, the work had to be completed in phases in order to maintain traffic with the least amount of inconvenience to the motorists.

Various sections of the eastern portion were opened to traffic as they were completed beginning in late 1982. The final section, the eastbound lanes from I-30 to Center Street, opened September 30, 1985.



I-630 at Woodrow looking east in January 1970.



Additional lanes and median barrier wall under construction in August 1972.



I-630 looking west from near I-30 in September 1985.



I-630 looking east from Ceder/Pine Interchange in September 1985.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

'STOP' IS SLOWING TRUCKS

A program designed to slow down speeding trucks in Arkansas has caught the attention of police agencies in Texas and Oklahoma and they are making plans for a cooperative effort, according to Arkansas Highway Police Chief John Bailey.

"The Speeding Truck Offender Program, or STOP, as it is called, began in late August when we put two unmarked cars out on the road to clock speeding trucks. During the first month over 600 vehicles were stopped and ticketed," Bailey said.

Of those stopped, 477 were trucks. Of the truckers ticketed, 282 were speeding and 106 were following too closely. Officers also checked for violations of safety and weight regulations.

Increasing complaints from the public about speeding trucks prompted the program, Bailey said. "We went to the unmarked car approach because the truckers can spot the regular marked police cars and relay their whereabouts on the CB radio. Our unmarked cars don't use radar, either. They just pull in behind a truck and clock its speed on their speedometer," he said. Each unmarked car is equipped with blue lights in the grill and a portable blue light that mounts on the dashboard.

The Highway Police used the Department's research data to determine where the highest volume of trucks were speeding, the time of day they were speeding and the days of the week they were speeding. That information was available from the vehicle detector loops installed in the pavement. Each time a vehicle passes over one, it records the vehicle speed, as well as providing a count of the daily average traffic in a certain area.

"We have been concentrating on the high volume stretches of Interstate highways. This gives us maximum effectiveness," Bailey said.

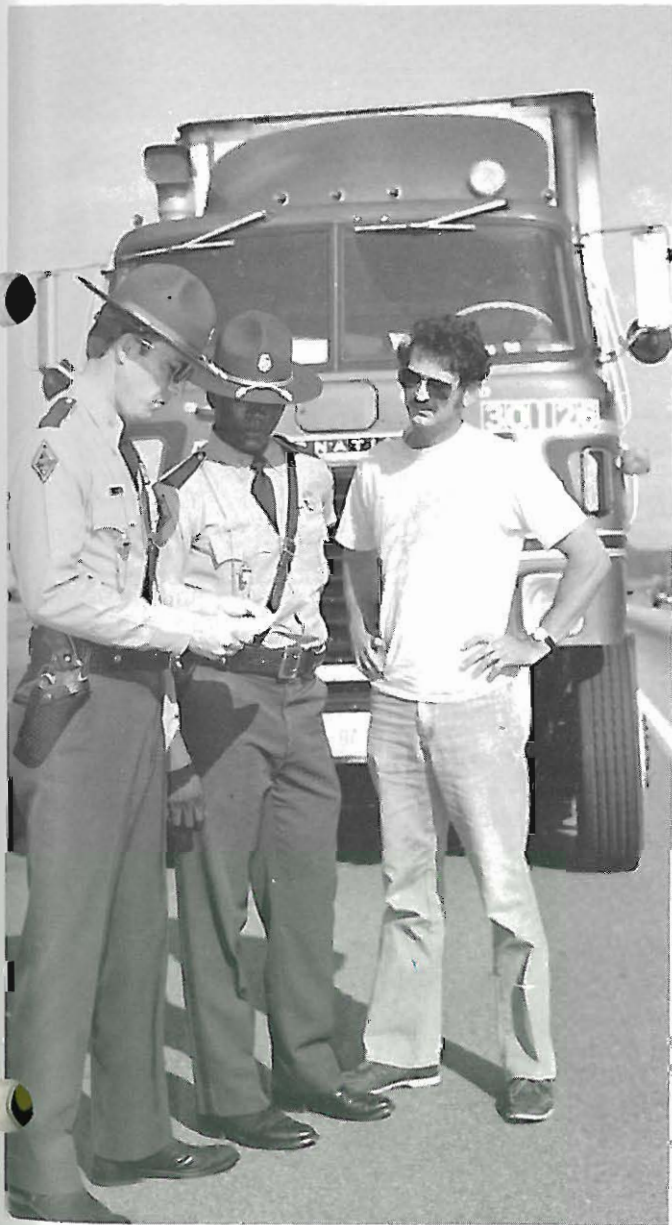
Bailey was so pleased with the program that he asked for, and received permission to add three more unmarked vehicles to the fleet for speed enforcement.

Texas officials heard of the program while attending a conference in Arkansas in September and invited Bailey to Austin to discuss it with them.

"As a result, Texas has agreed to work with us on a trial basis during November, December and January on I-30 between Fort Worth and Little Rock," Bailey said. "There will be officers stationed along the interstate every ten miles for an eight hour period on each of two days during each of those three months," he added.

The enforcement agencies will also be checking the movement of hazardous materials, truck drivers' logs and other legal requirements for truckers.

Oklahoma is also interested in STOP because of mounting public pressure to enforce speed limits and may be joining Arkansas and Texas in future enforcement efforts, according to Bailey.



Highway Police Officers check a driver's paperwork.

RURAL ROAD PROGRAM

OVER 600 MILES OF IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

Between April 1 and the end of October approximately 13 percent, or 634 miles of the 4,850 miles of rural highways identified in the "Ten Year Rural Highway Construction Program" has been placed under contract for improvement by the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

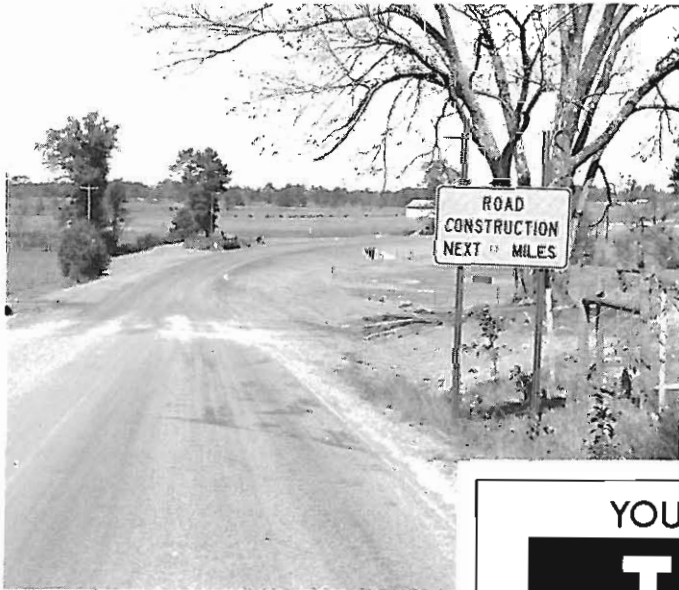
The program, created by Act 456 of 1985, is the most extensive rural highway program ever undertaken in Arkansas. Over the next ten years the Highway Commission will improve 4,850 miles of deteriorated and substandard rural highways with funds from this program.

Since April 1, when the program went into ef-

fect, 98 contracts totaling \$118 million have been awarded for improvements to rural highways throughout the State.

Of these contracts, 71, involving 534 miles of rural highways, are funded with 100 percent State funds amounting to \$37 million. The remaining 27 contracts, involving 100 miles of rural highways, are being funded with \$68 million in Federal funds and \$13 million in State matching funds.

These projects, thus far, have included jobs in 64 of the 75 counties of the State. Additional projects are on the drawing board or programmed in the other 11 counties.



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OPERATION LIFESAVER

RAIL/HIGHWAY CROSSING ACCIDENTS THE TARGET



"Operation Lifesaver" train prepares to depart Little Rock.

The four major railroads operating in Arkansas have undertaken the task of increasing the public's awareness of the dangers of rail/highway crossings through a special program called "Operation Lifesaver."

In an effort to get the word out, the railroads recently hitched together four locomotives and several passenger cars, invited about 400 special guests aboard, and traveled from Fort Smith to Pine Bluff with several stops in between to promote the public education program.

On board was Jim Burnett, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. Burnett, a native of Clinton, Arkansas, told the passengers and others who gathers at each stop on the trip, that because of programs like "Operation Lifesaver" the number of accidents at rail/highway crossings has been cut almost in half over the past five years.

"Most of the people killed in railroad accidents in this country are killed at grade crossings. It is going to be the responsibility of drivers to avoid being in a position where they can be killed by trains," Burnett said.

Over the past four years, 75 persons have died in accidents at rail crossings in Arkansas. Another 325 have been injured.

One type of accident involves a careless, perhaps drunk, driver racing a train to a crossing and losing. Another type involves a normally cautious driver, crossing familiar tracks in broad daylight and good weather, who courts disaster through a moment of inattention.

"Operation Lifesaver" was initiated in Arkansas in 1981. Since its inception, the Missouri Pacific, (now part of the Union Pacific), Burlington Northern, the Cotton Belt, and the Kansas City Southern, have been active in the program.



Jim Burnett, Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, addresses spectators at a stop in Pine Bluff.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GARLAND CITY - RED RIVER BRIDGE

Plans for the construction of a new bridge and approximately three miles of roadway were discussed August 29 at Garland City, and although no speaker at the public hearing opposed building a new bridge, several questioned the location chosen for it.

About 40 people attended the hearing on the design of the proposed Red River Bridge on Highway 82 at Garland City in Miller County. The existing structure is in very poor condition and a hearing

to choose a location for a new bridge was held last August. Following that hearing, alternate route "B" was selected as the site for a new bridge.

Several persons asked the Department to reconsider the location and build the bridge nearer to the old one. Others asked that an access road be built across the railroad tracks north of town to connect with the new highway if it is constructed at the designated location.

PARAGOULD - HIGHWAY 412



Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters, right, points out features of the Highway 412 project.

The Department's plans to reconstruct and widen Highway 412 at Paragould received strong support from over 120 persons at a public hearing in Paragould September 26.

The proposed project calls for widening the existing two-lane highway to four lanes, with left turn lanes at selected locations. The highway currently carries about 10,000 vehicles per day, according to Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters. Projections estimate that 15,000 vehicles per day will use the facility in the future.

Because of the traffic demands, a four-lane facility is urgently needed. The project would be 50 feet wide, with curb and gutter. It begins at the west city limits and extends each to Third Street, where it would tie in with a new railroad overpass that is presently under construction.

No one spoke in opposition to the project at the hearing, although several persons were concerned about additional right of way requirements and disruptions to traffic during the construction period.

The project would be funded with Federal Primary funds and State matching money. The cost has been estimated to be about \$3.5 million.

HEBER SPRINGS - HIGHWAY 25 BYPASS

Heber Springs residents expressed support for the proposed Highway 25 Bypass at a public hearing held July 20.

Most of the 18 persons who spoke at the hearing commented on the lessened traffic congestion and added safety which would result from the bypass.

The 5.2-mile bypass route would cost an estimated \$3.5 million to \$4 million to construct and eliminate the need for through traffic to negotiate two 90 degree turns and downtown traffic in Heber

Springs along the present route.

Heber Springs Mayor Ray Robus asked the Department to leave the existing route on the state highway system once the bypass was constructed and re-designate it as a Business Route.

Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters told the audience that the Department hopes to be able to begin acquiring and clearing right of way for the bypass in early fall of 1986.

AHTD PERSONNEL CHANGES

CALVIN PEEVY ASSUMES DUTIES OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER



Calvin Peevy has assumed the duties of State Construction Engineer, replacing Norman Pumphrey who recently retired.

A career employee with 26 years of service, Peevy is a graduate civil engineer of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and is a Registered Professional Engineer. Has considerable experience with the Department and has served in the capacity of Resident Engineer, District Engineer, Assistant State Construction Engineer, Division Head of Materials and Research Division, and State Maintenance Engineer.

JOHN HALL IS NEW MAINTENANCE ENGINEER



John E. Hall has replaced Peevy as State Maintenance Engineer. Hall was Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer at the time of his promotion.

Hall joined the Department following his graduation from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1950. He has a degree in civil engineering and is a Registered Professional Engineer. He worked in various capacities in the Construction Division before being promoted to Bridge Designer in 1952. In 1966 has been promoted to Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer.

STEVE TEAGUE TO HEAD PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS DIVISION

Steve Teague was recently promoted to Division Head of the Programs and Contracts Division, replacing Hubert Holland who retired.

Teague has been serving as Assistant Division Head. He began his career with the Department in 1971



following his graduation from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a degree in civil engineering. He is also a Registered Professional Engineer. Teague has served as Assistant Section Head of Program Planning, Research Manager, and Section Head of Program Planning.

TERRY NANNY IS NEW SECTION HEAD OF PERMITS



Terry Nanny was promoted recently to Section Head of Permits, replacing V.W. "Buddy" Dumas who retired.

Nanny was serving as Assistant Section Head. He has been with the Department 12 years, serving in the Permits Section. During his tenure he has been involved in the reorganization and development of the Permit Section as it now operates. He is a graduate of North Little Rock High School and also attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville.

HENRY WILLIAMS IS NEW CHIEF OF RIGHT OF WAY APPRAISAL

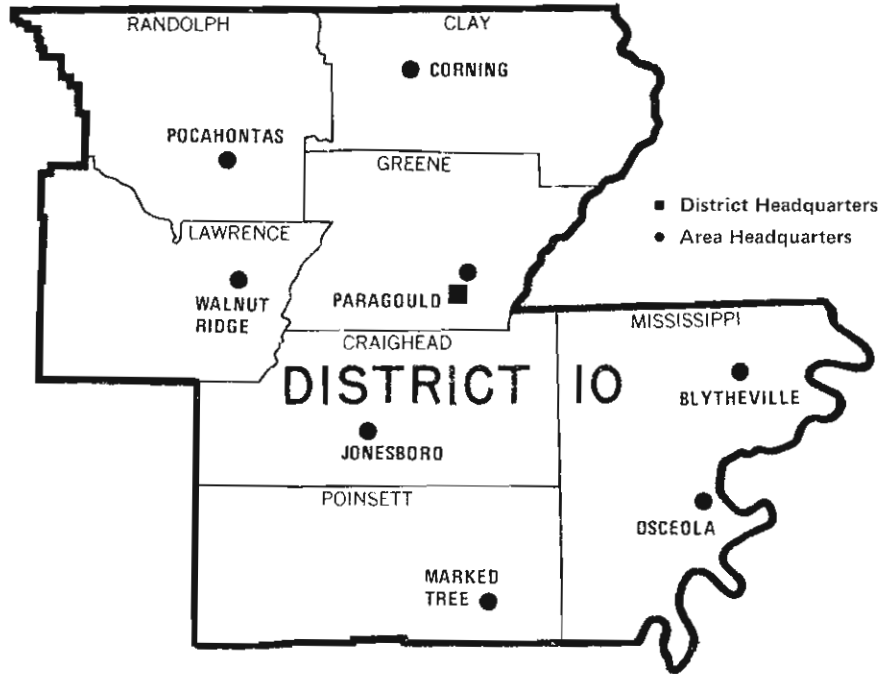


Henry Williams has been promoted to Chief of the Appraisal Section of the Right of Way Division. He replaced Herbert Hooten who recently retired.

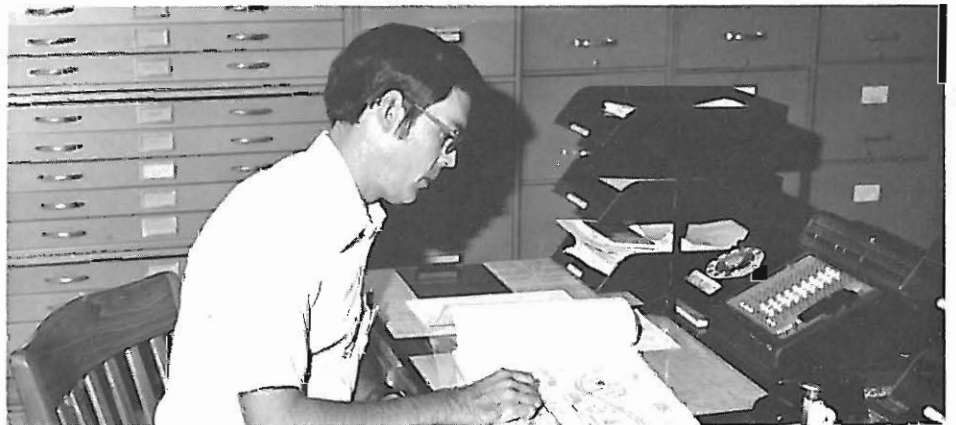
Williams began his career with the Department in 1959 and has worked since that time in the Appraisal Section. He has an Associate of Science degree from Arkansas Tech at Russellville and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is a charter member of Chapter 51 of the International Right of Way Association and has served as President of the Chapter.

DISTRICT TEN PHOTO FEATURE

In this issue of "Arkansas Highways" we are featuring the tenth and last of a series highlighting District personnel. This is District Ten with headquarters in Paragould, Arkansas. Photographs by John Jackson.



Joe Barnett, District Engineer with 15 years service, checks spacing on reinforcing steel.



John R. Porter, Permit Officer with 16 years service to AHTD, checks plans for an access driveway.



Jessie Reeves, senior mechanic with 19 years service, works in the District Shop.



Walter Hamm, senior construction aide with 7 years, oversees work on the Highway 67 bridge at Pocahontas.



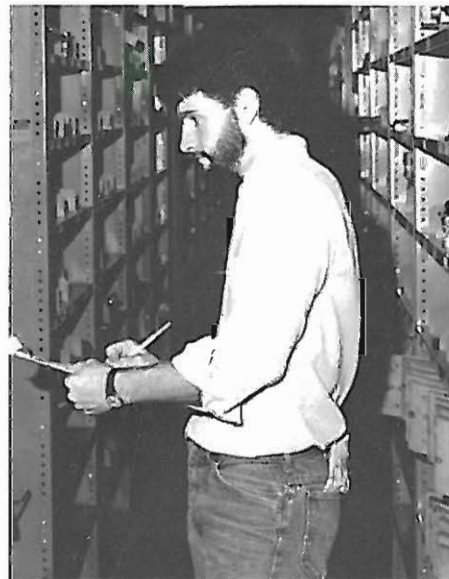
(L-R) David Cooper, truck dr.; Byron Hanson, general laborer; Jerry Easley, motor patrol operator; and Jim Dooley, backhoe operator, repair highway.



Calvin Douglas, with 14 years of service to AHTD, works in as a paint and body man, in the District Shop.



Billy Tremain, has 1 year service as a rest area attendant in Blytheville.



Randy Cooper, 4 years service, is stock clerk at the District Headquarters.



June Mayne, with 18 years service, is the stockroom supervisor.



Charles Wells, has 20 years service with the Department and works as a welder in the District Shop.



Brad Benson, single axle truck driver/mower operator, has 1 year service and works on the Greene County Crew.

AHTD LETTERS

September 6, 1985

AHTD District 2
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Yesterday as I was bringing my mother back from Little Rock, my car blew a water hose about 8 miles from Pine Bluff. One of your employees, Mr. Johns, and another fellow, came by and stopped. They carried me into Pine Bluff, we got the hose, went back out and they put it on for me and had me on my way in about one hour. I tried to pay them but they would not accept my money, so I just told them how much I appreciated their help and wanted to let you know what kind and courteous people you have in your department, though I am sure you must already know this.

Sincerely,
Mrs. James Lane
Crossett, Arkansas

August 9, 1985

Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

A few days ago my son lost his wallet at DeGray Lake. He looked for it for quite a while and finally conceded that it was lost. Someone in this department found it, called him, but he did not get the name. A few days later we received the wallet which contained all the important documents, cards, and even the few dollars that he had in it.

I would like to personally thank whomever was responsible for this and to pay the Department a compliment for having employees with this kind of integrity. Please accept my sincere appreciation.

Sincerely,
B. Aldon Dixon
Dean of Students
Ouachita Baptist University
Arkadelphia, Arkansas

EDITOR'S NOTE: The employee referred to was Richard Young, with the Heavy Bridge Maintenance Crew, who was killed while working on the Interstate 40 White River Bridge on July 31, 1985.

August 2, 1985

Dept. of Highways & Transportation
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Henry Gray:

I wanted to thank you and to congratulate your department on the nice job you all have done on the four-mile stretch of highway above Bismarck on State Highway Seven.

I wrote you all about five years ago about this stretch of highway being my residence was near that part of the highway and at that time gave you and your department some flak

about it being so dangerous.

Now that four-mile stretch of highway is safe plus it is a very beautiful and scenic drive. I think you and your department should be proud of what you have done and the many lives and injuries it will save.

We thank you.

Yours truly,
C.J. Albert
Hot Springs, Arkansas

July 26, 1985

Mr. Jim Francis
AHTD Roadside Development
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Francis:

This letter comes to you in appreciation of one of the employees in your department. A Mrs. Teresa Lawson works at the rest area stop on I-40 between Little Rock and Conway. The job she has and does is a dirty, thankless job, yet she does a good job. She always is so pleasant, smiles and speaks. My husband and I make about one trip a week to Little Rock and usually stop there on our way.

Since Mrs. Lawson has been there, we've never missed a day that she has not been very pleasant. If the men's room has just been cleaned she tells him to be careful, the floor may still be wet. We feel she is an asset to the State and to the department for which she works, being as pleasant to us as she is she surely sees a lot of out of state folks and greets them as well. Yet, so many people are so nasty and the rest area so abused. If one goes by soon after it's been cleaned, their first impression would be, "boy, they keep a nice rest area here". Yet, many people do not deserve to have facilities provided for them at all.

Mrs. Lawson deserves a minute of my time to let you know we appreciate her and the job she is doing.

Sincerely,
Mrs. J.J. Kitchen
Clinton, Arkansas

September 19, 1985

Arkansas Highway Department

To Whom It May Concern:

I just feel I must write this note. I want to compliment you on the wonderful job you did on the highway from Benton to Hot Springs. It's just great. I go to Hot Springs every week and the new road is a real treat. It certainly will be safer during the horse racing season.

Mrs. Carl E. Bopp
Little Rock, Arkansas

September 6, 1985

Mr. Dan Flowers
Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Flowers:

On behalf of the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association, I wish to thank you for your cooperation and interest in allowing us to be at the eight Tourist Information Centers around the state, as well as at the Morgan Rest Area. I have not heard from the other places as yet, but we were very busy at the Morgan Area.

Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. we had given out 500 fans and about 700 pieces of literature on seat belt use. The travelers were most friendly and appreciative of our efforts on promoting automotive and highway safety. We did receive coverage in the "Gazette" and Channel 11 did a film coverage on the noon and 6 p.m. news. I have received several calls commending the AHAA on this activity.

Again, our sincere appreciation to you and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for permitting the AHAA to carry out this Labor Day project. We are already thinking of next year.

Sincerely,
Jane Texter, President
Arkansas Hospital Assoc. Aux.

September 10, 1985

Mr. Allan Holmes
District 4 Engineer
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Holmes:

We at United Blood Services would like to thank you and the employees of the Arkansas Highway Department for

hosting the recent blood drive on Wednesday, September 4.

There were 22 employees who participated in the drive with 5 donors deferred for medical reasons resulting in 17 productive units. This is an excellent drive. The blood came to us at a very critical time for it was no sooner processed than it was requested by our area hospitals.

Please thank Kathy Fortner for coordinating the drive. Her hard work helped the drive run more smoothly. Our technicians commented on the hard work that was obviously done.

Also, thank everyone who donated or tried to donate for "Caring and Sharing for Life."

Sincerely,
Robert N. Draper, Director
of Donor Resources
United Blood Services
Fort Smith, Arkansas

July 26, 1985

Mr. William Tyler
District 3 Engineer
Hope, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Tyler:

We would like to express our appreciation to you for the help in getting Highway 379 repaired. The road is in the best condition it has been in years and we are all very grateful to you.

Mr. Carmack and his crew have done a very good job and we are sending them a letter of commendation.

Again, our sincere thanks.

Letter signed by 24 Persons
Who Live and Drive on S.H. 379

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

AUGUST 1985

- 35 Years
Oscar F. Neeley Heavy Bridge
- 30 Years
Charles Conine District 7
Charles W. McCluskey District 5
James H. Tucker Maintenance
- 25 Years
Robert C. Baskin District 8
James E. Belknap District 1
Joe Davidson District 2
James Hamilton District 4
Frank A. Pitts Equipment
Gary E. Wilmoth Computer
- 20 Years
Shannie Crain District 2
Jerl C. Dodson District 9
Luther W. Dunaway District 10

- Kathleen P. Portner District 4
Robert D. Mize Roadway Design
Otto B. Morton District 10
Elizabeth J. Niehaus Materials & Research
John L. Rollins District 6
Jimmie E. Trost Surveys
- 15 Years
Gaylord E. Dart District 9
Mary A. Dry Right of Way
Edward T. Fain Bridge
Kenneth M. Glover, Jr. Bridge
William D. Johnson Highway Police
Ellis G. Landers District 5
Odell Lewis, Jr. Planning
Connie D. Meyer District 4
Thomas R. Oglesby District 7
Lonnie D. Sudbury District 4
Joe E. Taylor District 9

- 10 Years
Ivy V. Burnett District 3
Charles R. Carlton District 3
Leonard E. Grinstead Internal Audit
Victor E. Hanshaw District 10
Albert E. Helmert Surveys
Jerry M. Hillman Internal Audit
Laura A. Hinze Materials & Research
Richard B. Ingram District 4
Rodney L. Landers District 6
Damon E. Launius District 7
Vernon M. Sanders District 1
- 5 Years
Ernest D. Collard, Sr. Highway Police
Jerry L. Denton District 10
Bill Z. Fine Surveys
Larry V. Fraley District 4
Mildred D. Galt Planning

SERVICE AWARDS

Joe P. Gilbert Surveys
 Rebecca A. Glover Highway Police
 Carolyn J. Harris District 6
 Hugh M. Halloway State Aid
 William O. Hubbell District 2
 Frank H. Humble District 10
 Nola P. McCollum Materials & Research
 Glenn D. Milligan Traffic
 Joe Munn Jr. District 3
 James R. Nail District 8
 Sheila J. Neighbors Planning
 Steven D. Pennington District 4
 Mary E. Sanders Programs & Contracts
 Felix T. Thompson Right of Way

SEPTEMBER 1985

35 Years
 Bobby James District 4

30 Years

A.J. Blaylock District 10
 Lee G. Jones District 1
 Floyd E. Lancaster District 5
 J. Russell Owen District 6
 Patsy P. Roling Reproduction

25 Years

Jerry N. Barnes District 10
 Carl F. Clark Materials & Research
 Jimmie R. Hamilton District 7

Larry L. Hodnett District 9
 Larry Hollis District 7
 James E. McCarthy Fiscal Services
 James A. Paine District 8
 Edward L. Trickey District 6

20 Years

Lloyd Burgess Jr. District 9
 James W. Burt District 3
 Edward E. Dickey District 5
 Bernie L. Gaiser District 6
 Paul R. Gatlin District 10
 Bobby F. Hamrick Highway Police
 Tommy A. Jones District 5
 John W. Odom District 5
 June S. Rain Traffic
 Lawrence Satterwhite District 5

15 Years

Billy W. Berry District 9
 Jerry B. Branch District 8
 Jane D. Craft Personnel
 Alvis J. Dillin District 5
 M.C. Fuller District 10
 Larry F. Gorbet Highway Police
 Billy H. Hunt District 4
 Danny O. McWilliams District 3
 Jerry D. Montgomery District 4
 Bobby G. Passmore District 4
 Henry H. Plunk, Jr. Equipment

Francis S. Riggan Computer
 Carrol R. VanDalsen District 8
 Frank Vozel Jr. Traffic
 Robert G. Williams District 3

10 Years

Shirley Butler Right of Way
 Charles D. Clements Roadway Design
 Bobby J. Cunningham District 4
 Denver Duncan Planning
 Eugene E. Gramling District 10
 Ava N. Harding Reproduction
 Richard Hearnberger District 7
 Mark L. Koone District 8
 Joseph P. Muscalino District 1
 Samuel E. Turner District 4
 Larry G. Williams Materials & Research
 Floyd W. Woodruff Surveys

5 Years

J. Steve Allen District 6
 Mark K. Crumpton District 6
 Herbert E. Harper District 4
 Loys J. James District 8
 Larry L. May Highway Police
 Alan L. Meadors Materials & Research
 Michael W. Mitchell District 6
 Robert E. Poston District 2
 Charley E. Taylor District 9

AHTD RETIREMENTS

JUNE 1985

Ralph Vickers District 1

JULY 1985

Oran L. Cossey Surveys
 Harold S. Culdice District 9
 Marion W. Downs District 9
 John W. Glass District 3
 Thedus L. Mitchell Right of Way
 Robert G. Moss District 10
 Ernest E. Potter Equipment
 William M. Rowland District 7
 Wilson F. Russell District 1

Henry A. Watson Highway Police
 James L. Wilson District 3

AUGUST 1985

Joe R. Barham District 3
 Billy R. Bethea District 7
 Charles C. Danner District 2
 V.W. Dumas Permits
 James J. Epton District 3
 Gerald Eubanks District 10
 Hershel E. Patterson Heavy Bridge
 Floyd W. Petty District 3
 James C. Tritch District 10

Walker M. Watson Right of Way
 James W. Whitney District 9

SEPTEMBER 1985

Lawrence W. Gee Highway Police
 Adam Harrison District 2
 Roy L. Johnson Highway Police
 Moran O. Lacy District 5
 Robert C. Metcalf District 10
 Jack S. Mitchell District 5
 Vincent O. Selby District 9
 Jack C. Shankle District 4
 Clifton R. Yates District 4

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Congratulations to Regina Hopper, daughter of Commissioner and Mrs. Bobby Hopper, on her marriage to Mark "Kip" Blakely on August 3, 1985.

The couple exchanged vows in a double-ring ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Springdale. Mrs. Jerry Van Hoose, organist, accompanied soloist Wanda Gayle Geddie of Jersey City, New Jersey.

The Blakelys took a wedding trip to Bermuda. Regina is attending law school at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and is employed with the law firm of Arnold and Grobmyer. Kip is employed with Watkins Graphics in Little Rock.



Regina Hopper Blakely

BRIDGE DIVISION

A big welcome to Greg Carter, Carl Fuselier, and Stewart Linz who have joined our staff in recent months.

Greg, an engineer in Gary Ashley's design squad, has been very busy since he has been here working on the design of the new Computer Annex. This building will house some offices that have needed quite a bit more space than has been available for many years. Greg had just the experience to be assigned the task of completing these plans. He has worked for an architectural firm designing plans for office buildings, hospitals, and hotels. Greg is a native of Arkansas, and he has a BSCE degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Greg was married October 18 to Linda Rodrick. Congratulations to you and Linda.

Carl is a civil engineer in Dale Loe's design squad. He graduated from Louisiana Tech. Carl and his wife, Karen, and four-year-old son, Eric, recently moved here from Louisiana. Karen teaches first grade at Crestwood in North Little Rock. Carl plays golf and softball and enjoys fishing and camping. He is looking forward to trips to the mountains and seeing snow every winter. It looks like Carl will enjoy living in Arkansas and we hope working at AHTD. Another bit of news, Carl and Karen are expecting another child in a few months.

Stewart is a recent graduate of Louisiana Tech with a MSCE degree. He is working in John Sage's design squad. Stewart is an Arkansas native born in Gurdon. He and his wife Rhonda live in Salem and are expecting their first child in March. Rhonda is employed at Enmar.

This division recently celebrated 25-year service awards with Frank Harrison, Asst. Br. Engineer and John Sage, Staff Structures Engr. There was some reminiscing about how things were back in the 1960's. Frank and John have been a part of many bridge projects in the state. We need their expertise in bridge design for many more years to come.



Frank Harrison and John Sage

This past summer we had a very delightful and talented summer employee named Paris Embree. This was her second summer to help ease the drafting load for the large number of bridge replacement projects. Paris is very knowledgeable and has done an excellent job each summer. Pictured with her is Carrie Moore who worked in Roadway Design. Both of these young women are fourth year civil engineering students at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. We certainly hope Paris will be able to consider a position at AHTD in the Bridge Division.

Debbie Gross, engineer in Gary Ashley's squad, is the proud owner of a new Nissan Pulsar. She looked at every kind of car around and this one fit the bill.

Glenn Cheatham and Mike White have broke the good news that their wives are expecting.

This will be Glenn and Lydia's first and Mike and Debbie's second. They have a four year old named Amelia.

Betsy Kimmel, structural detailer, has three precious children. Jacob, age 4; Laura, age 2; and Thomas born last March. Betsy and Mark are planning to take the family on their first plane ride at Christmas time. They will be spending the holidays with Mark's family in Ohio.



Thomas, Jacob, and Laura Kimmel

David Ball and his family have moved into a new home in Maumelle. They really like it there even though it takes a little longer to get to work.

Charlie Hart has just become the new owner of an ISUZU Trooper II. It's a beautiful navy color. He had recently bought a truck with a camper and thought he was all set to hunt and camp in the woods when one morning on the way to work, it caught fire just as he got into the parking lot. Thanks to quick action the fire was soon put out. The truck is going to be repaired but it looks like Charlie has lost interest in it and is now going to hunt and camp in a sure thing. The Trooper II is only a week old and he is taking it to the woods. It won't look sleek and new for long unless he is very careful.

Dallas Vire and his wife Alice have a new daughter-in-law. Their son, Mitchell, married Sharon Raney on August 10 at the Sunset Lane Baptist Church. The couple is living at Arkadelphia attending Ouachita Baptist College. Mitchell is a computer science major and Sharon is studying pre-pharmacy. Good luck and happiness to Mitchell and Sharon. Dallas is staff structures engineer and this is his 33rd year with the AHTD.



Carrie Moore and Paris Embree

COMPUTER SERVICES

We would like to extend a welcome to our new employee, Cheryl Eagle who joined us in September.

Computer Services' employees receiving recognition for years of service with the Department were: Jo Young, 15 years in July; Yvonne Reeves, 5 years in July; Sue Riggin, 15 years in September; and Gary Wilmoth, 25 years in August. Mike Shaw made the presentations. A potluck lunch was served in honor of Gary Wilmoth's 25 years and for Sue Riggin, but Sue was sick and not present that day.

Our congratulations to Gary French who won B-Flight first place in the AHTD Golf League, September 85.

Control clerk Brenda Haley made two trips to West Virginia this summer. The first being the family's vacation and the second, a surprise for her Mom and Dad's 50th Wedding Anniversary party.

Mary Green and Linda Baker really tried their families' friendship by vacationing in Disney World in August. By the way - they are still speaking.

CONSTRUCTION

Norman D. Pumphrey, State Construction Engineer, retired after 32 years of service with the AHTD.

A reception in his honor was held in the Commission Room on September 30, 1985. He was joined by his wife, Kitty, sons Butch and Greg and their wives and grandson, Clinton, to welcome co-workers and friends. Also attending were his sisters, Mrs. Retha Bush and Mrs. Joy Summer.

Chief Engineer B.K. Cooper presented him with a Certificate of Recognition signed by Gov. Bill Clinton and a set of luggage, a gift from the Construction Division, District Engineers and Resident Engineers.

Upon his retirement he will be associated with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and Pine Bluff as Technical Coördinator to assist cities and counties with construction problems.

Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.



B.K. Cooper and Norman Pumphrey

We would like to welcome Harold Beaver from the Batesville office, and Frank Russenberger from Paragould, who were promoted to Staff Construction Engineers.

Our congratulations to Ralph Hall, who was promoted to Materials and Research Engineer. A potluck luncheon was held in his honor and

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our guests were his wife, Ann, and daughter, Katie. Best of luck and we will miss you.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Robin DeRiso is our new clerk typist. A native of Benton, she has lived in California the past two years. Besides driving around in her new Pontiac Grand Am, Robin likes to spend time with her beautiful little niece, Cami, shown here on her first birthday. We are glad Robin returned to Arkansas and came to work with us.



Robin DeRiso



Cami Wright

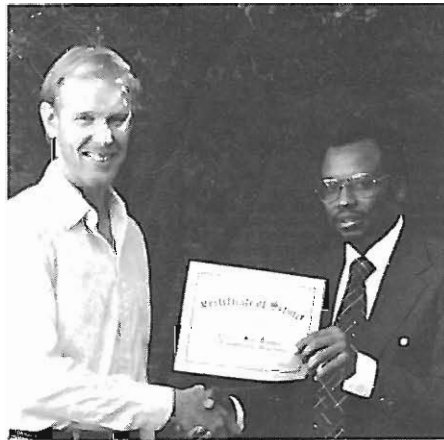
Our runner, Bob Tyler, has been getting ready for the big Red Cross Thanksgiving 7K Race in Maumelle. Among the prizes are a trip to Paris for two, a trip to Denver, and a number of turkeys and other gifts. Good luck Bob!

John and Wendy went to Knoxville to a football game and visited old friends. The countdown has begun for the completion of John's dissertation. Hang in there John!

Congratulations to John Harris and John Isom who received their 5 year pins and service certificates in October.



John Isom and Marion Butler



John Harris and Marion Butler

INTERNAL AUDIT

We would like to extend Congratulations to Jerry Hillman and Leonard Grinstead upon completion of ten years of loyal and dedicated service to the Department. They were awarded their pins and certificates on August 9 by Chief Auditor William McDorman. Coffee and donuts were served in observance of this occasion.

We were sorry to see Sharron Byrd, Sr. External Auditor, leave the Section to begin work with a private firm, but we wish her the best of luck in her new job.

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

Four M&R employees have had family additions since July. On July 1, Jack and Karen Hart became the proud parents of Jarrod Henry "Hank". Jerry and Karen Westerman also had a son, Jeremy Randell, born on July 3.

Ken Benson and Laura Hinze would "like to tell you about their grandchildren". Ken has a new granddaughter, Stephanie Ann Benson, born on July 21 and Laura has a new grandson, Jason Carter Hinze, born on August 5. Congratulations to all these parents and grandparents.

Three research employees have earned their Master's Degree in Engineering this year; Earl Kirkpatrick, Alan Meadors, and Ken Benson. Alan also received his Professional Engineer's Certificate of Registration.

Once again we have changes, promotions, and new employees in our Division. First off we

would like to welcome Ralph J. Hall as our new Division Head. It is felt, by many, that Mr. Hall will be a great asset to our division, if we can keep him here long enough! Karen McDaniels transferred to us from Environmental as a General Secretary. Within the Division John Annable, of Research, was promoted to Geotechnical Lab Supervisor and Alvin Simmons was promoted to Materials Lab Specialist. Congratulations to all of those promoted.

There are two new employees, Scott Pullen is working in Geotechnical Soils Section part time while attending college two days a week at UALR. John James is our new Civil Engineer. We would like to welcome these two.

There are four people that received service pins and certificates and they are Larry Williams and Tyler Nicholson, 10 years; JoAnn Niehaus, 20 years; and Fred Clark, 25 years. Congratulations to these fine employees.

Get well wishes need to be mentioned for two of our employees, Brad Guthrie and Mutt Smith, hope to see you doing better soon.

We had three world travelers this issue. Charles Means, his wife Corrine, and son Russell flew to Atlantic City, New Jersey where they attended the Miss America Pageant. Corrine's great niece, Kristie Lynn Taunton, is the reigning Miss Arkansas and they went to watch her compete with many other lovely young ladies for the Miss America Title. While enjoying their stay they visited many places including the Boardwalk, New York City, and the Empire State Building. Charles says the view from this building was breath taking (he was probably still thinking about the girls at the Miss America pageant).

Also in our traveling department was JoAnn Niehaus. She and her husband, Bob, took a trip to St. Louis, Missouri over the Labor Day weekend. They attended two Cardinal baseball games and went up in the Arch - and overall, had a marvelous time.

Karen McDaniels started out working for M&R with a bang! She took a vacation right off the bat! She and her husband went to Nashville, Tennessee and the Smokey Mountains.

In our sports news we would like to congratulate Harold Banks on his golf accomplishments. Harold was the first place winner in the 1985 State Publinks Championship held at Rebsamen Park Golf Course with a score of 67-74, total 141. His team tied for first place with scores of 66-66, total 132, but lost on the fourth play of hole after he 3 putted the Par 5 No. 4.

PLANNING

The Planning Division gave a baby shower for Becky Gathright on June 18. She received lots of pretty pink things, which she has now put to good use - she and Jody now have a beautiful little girl, Stephanie, who was born August 14. Becky and her family have moved to Fort Smith, and we wish them the very best in their new home. We would also like to welcome our new employee, Kay Warford, who joined us on August 1.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

With mass transit rolling right along, and the new Federal Fiscal Year at hand, PTU is anticipating a very busy and productive year.

John and June Haynie have finished their plans for a new home, construction has begun and should be completed soon. It should be interesting to see if John can keep his sanity during his new adventure of building a new house.

Jim Head, Mary Wilson and Pat Ioup are sporting new vehicles these days. Jim has a new Chevrolet, Mary a new Dodge, and Pat has a new Mustang which her daughter took over immediately. Pat hopes sometime in the near future she may have a chance to sit behind the wheel.

Daphne Baker joined the PTU staff in August as our new secretary. Jim Head assured her of a few things she may expect out of working with this Unit, such as, when Ron Smith first started working in PUT, he had a full head of hair. Welcome aboard Daphne.

Speaking of Ron Smith, he transferred in September to the Planning Division as Technical Services Supervisor. We wish him the best in his new role and he will surely be missed and we will surely miss our fresh pot of coffee waiting for us every morning when we arrive.

Sheila Baugh has a new son, a 5'11", 165 pound bouncing exchange student from Madrid, Spain. Felix Puche will be Shiela and Rick's guest until June 18, 1986. Rather than being encumbered by language barriers, Felix is setting the curve in Physics, Honors Trigonometry, English, 5th Year French and Drafting. She is, understandably, real proud of her new son (as well as Rick)!

We mentioned in our last issue, Terry and Liz Pearson bought a new home after dwelling in an apartment for several years. Terry has been seen lately, by his new neighbor, Brenda Kirkpatrick, carrying paint buckets, saws and hammers. Oh the joys of owning your first home.

With hunting season approaching, Barney Phillips and Jim Head, the hunters in this crew, are breaking out and polishing their trusty shotguns and we are certainly looking forward to a wild game feast hosted by these two. However, it is the general consensus of this staff the wild game feast will more likely consist of hot dogs and hamburgers.

REPRODUCTION

We have had two weddings in our Section recently. Annette Gill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gill, and Robert Cagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Cagle, were married September 7 in Primrose United Methodist Church. Robert is an offset press operator and Annette is employed by United Food and Commercial Workers Health and Welfare Trust. They met when Annette worked in our Section as a COE student. Refreshments were served in Reproduction and gifts were given by Robert's co-workers.

Loretta French, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Raper, and Terry Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rice, were wed September 27. A reception was held at the Hilton Inn. Loretta works in our Map Sales Section and Terry is in the Air Force stationed at Jacksonville. Refreshments were served and gifts were given to Loretta by her co-workers. She says a big "thanks" for the gifts. Congratulations to both of these couples.



Loretta French and Al Dunn



Ava Harding and Al Dunn

We were all saddened by the death of Doris Horn. Doris worked in our Map Sales Section. She is survived by her husband, Jerrell Horn; her mother, Beatrice Hunter; her father, Isaac Colbert; 3 brothers and 3 sisters and her grandmother, Cornelius Walker. Her family sends this thank you for your contributions and other kindnesses:

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow.

Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

From: The Horn and Hunter Families

SURVEYS DIVISION

Does anyone really know what the Surveys Division does?! Well...they dodge traffic, climb high, mountainous terrain and wade swamps, among other undesirables to get that centerline in. Just wanted you guys and girls who sometimes feel like their jobs are getting them down to remember - you could be wading a swamp and finding alligator nests and little bugs that bite! As for this writer, I'll just stay behind my desk and not complain again. The men in the pictures are in Doye King's survey party. Keep up the good work guys.



Danal Harris



J.D. Crockett, F. Gammel, and J. Bryant

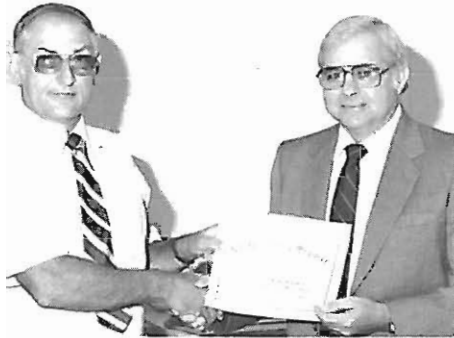


Doye King and Jim Bartlett

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Surveys has lots of service awards to mention this time around. Some are late mentioning but as they say, better late than never. J.E. Gosset, 15 years; Floyd Woodruff and J.W. Wilson, 10 years; and Steve Clay, T.C. Shaw and C.M. Starks, all with 5 years. Congratulations to you all.

The Surveys Division office celebrated Jim Trost's 20 years of service with a small reception. Only 10 more years to go, Jim!



Jim Trost and Charles Mitchell

Cullen Meyer, son of Debbie and Doyle Meyer, celebrated his 1st birthday on September 2. As you can see, he really enjoyed his birthday cake!



Cullen Meyer

Frank Battisto's son, Tony, tied the knot on July 30 to the former Kim Bridges. They were married in the bride's mother's home. The reception, given by Frank and Helen Battisto, followed at a later date at the Knights of Columbus Hall. I hear it was a feast fit for a king. Congratulations to the new married couple.

Jim Trost's daughters, Margaret and Jennifer, played the softball circuit this year at Little Oaks Ball Park in Mabelvale. Jennifer's team, Little Breakers, went undefeated in the junior league, placed second in the district and ninth in the state at the Major Junior Tournament. Good going Little Breakers. Margaret's team, Master Built Motors, placed third in the South Pulaski County intermediate league. Congratulations, Master Built Motors.

The last of the news, but by far the least is Surveys has a celebrity in their midst. John Taunton, Survey Party Chief from Mountain View, is the proud uncle of Miss Arkansas

1985, Miss Christi Lynn Taunton. If you want more details about Christi just ask "Tank". He'll be more than happy to talk to you about her. Congratulations to you both.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

We would like to welcome the following to the Traffic Division: Ricky Womack, Julie Read, Billy Jones and Dennis Green.

Our loss will be Planning's gain. Mark Jones, a Traffic Engineer, transferred to work in their Division. Good luck Mark!

We would like to congratulate Glen Milligan for completing 5 years of service in August and Frank Vozel on his 15 years of service in September; also June Rain on her 20 years of service in September.

DISTRICT ONE

Wilbur Smith, son of Equipment Supervisor Jim and Lena Smith, has made quite a name for himself in 4-H activities, especially in the cooking field. In the egg preparation demonstration, Wilbur won first place in county, district, and state competition. He also competed in other state and regional cooking contests and will represent Arkansas at Louisville, Kentucky in the National competition this year. In leadership projects, Wilbur won first place over the state and will go to National competition in Chicago. He was also selected Teen Star this year. Good luck to a fine young man.



Wilbur Smith

The annual SASHTO meeting was held this year in Hot Springs in September at the Arlington Hotel. Attending from Wynne were District Engineer Ray Woodruff with wife Carol and Assistant District Engineer Gene Belknap and his wife Darlene. The District Engineers were members of the SASHTO Olympic Road Team, but did not have to compete this year. Look out next year though as they will have to carry on the winning record.

We have had a few take advantage of the new "30 and out" retirement policy and leave us to hunt and fish and whatever it is you do when you don't have to get up and go to work every morning. Pat Russell, Senior Mechanic, retired this summer with 30 years of service. Louis Quinn, Lead Person in Crittenden County, retired with 31 years of service and Glen Jones, Construction Project Supervisor, from the Wynne Resident Engineer's office, retired with 30 years of service. Retiring with 23 years of

service was Eddie Ennis, Motor Patrol Operator on the Phillips County Maintenance Crew. Many happy years of retirement to all of these employees.

We welcome Chester Allwhite to District 1 as the new District Permit Officer. Chester is from Brinkley and is married with one child. We understand he likes to hunt and fish so he should fit in pretty well around here.



Chester Allwhite

Maintenance Superintendent Calvin George with wife, Jeanette, and sons Ronnie and Scott, traveled to St. Petersburg, Florida in April to attend the wedding of their son, Mike. He was married to the former Jeanine Biggleston of St. Petersburg. Mike and his lovely bride are now at home in Jonesboro where he is attending Arkansas State University.



Mr. and Mrs. Mike George

DISTRICT TWO

We are pleased to announce the winners of the District Maintenance Crew of the Month for June, July, and August. The Cleveland County Crew won the honor for both June and July. Their Foreman is Ricky Neal. Stuttgart, in Arkansas County, won first place for the month of August. Their foreman is Scarler Lyons.

Congratulations to several of our employees for their years of service: A.M. Murphy has achieved 35 hard working years with the Department. "Murphy" is one of our favorite employees as he has always been willing to work at any job and is always dependable. He is a Finish Carpenter in the Bridge Crew.

James Ralph Davidson, Resident Office

Technician in the Jim Pound Residency in Pine Bluff, recently received his 25 year service award.

George T. Cotten has finally made it to 20 years with the Department. He is the Area Headquarters Attendant at Stuttgart and does a lot to help win all those Crew of the Month awards.

Assistant District Engineer Bobby Cornish was awarded his 15 year certificate. Bobby has been Assistant District Engineer in District Two for two years.

Shannie Crain, the District Station Attendant, completed 20 years of service and Helen Kennedy received her 5 year pin. She is the Assistant Storeroom Supervisor. William O. Hubbell has been with the Department for 5 years and is a Guard. Robert E. Poston, Lead Person in Arkansas County, received his 5 year award. It is always nice to work with all of these employees.



Sam Smith and James Ralph Davidson



Bobby Cornish and Sam Smith



Lyons



Neal

We are always proud of our employees that donate to the Red Cross Bloodmobile. We want to recognize their willingness to help others. Those that gave from the District Office were: Bettye Carter, Jim Allbritton, Burl Roberson, Mark Stringfellow, Earl Raines, Charles Pennington, Beulah Crain, Jan Wilson, Marc Burgos, Dolly Slater, Steffanie Hawkins, Sam Harris and Billy Patton. Those from the Jefferson County Crew were Martin Crow, Gary Bunting, Bill Ingram, and Robert Thompson. Jim Pound gave for his residency.

We recently honored Dorothy Dolan with a "going away" party as she is leaving the Department. "Dodie" has been employed since 1977 as District Secretary. She was surprised with a decorated cake and a visit from "Tarzan" delivering balloons. We all will miss her.

Also leaving is Marc Burgos, the Stockroom Clerk, who is moving to West Memphis.



Dorothy Dolan

Former District Maintenance Superintendent Brewster Shalmy has recently been hospitalized. He is the President of the District 2 Retirees Association.

Shown in the picture is Hollie Anna Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pierce. Born May 22 she weighed 8 lbs., 4 ozs. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Muriel Cater. "Granddad" Muriel is Crew Leader in the Sealing Crew in Drew County.



Hollie Ann Pierce

Bill Johns and his wife, Carol, his daughter Denise and her husband Kelly spent a week in Florida. Bill said they even went deepsea fishing. Kelly Slater works in the District Sign Crew and Bill is Area Foreman in Jefferson County.

We were saddened by the loss of Cloma Cope, wife of Claude Cope. Claude is one of our favorite retirees. Cloma will be missed at the retiree get-togethers.

John Marvin Cowen and his wife, Mary Ruth, are the proud parents of an 8 lb., 6 oz. baby boy. Johathan Lee was born September

4 and according to his Dad, is a very good boy. John is a Construction Helper in the McGehee Resident Engineer's Office and has been with the Department for over 6 years. Congratulations John and Mary Ruth.

We would like to welcome three new employees to the Monticello Resident Engineer's office. They are David Gorman, Paul Hickerson, and Sandy Mitchell.

David, a native of Hermitage, is a 1983 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello with a BS degree in Health and PE. David is married and he and his wife, Regina, have an adorable little boy named Brandon. David and his family are also the proud owners of a new home.

Paul hails from Pine Bluff and attended Southern Arkansas Tech in Camden graduating in May 1985 with an AA degree in Architectural Engineering.

Sandy comes to us from Fountain Hill. She is a 1983 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello with a BS in Geology. Prior to being employed by the Department, Sandy worked for a Construction Company in Hamburg.

All three are employed as Construction Helpers.

We are very proud of the fact that Susan Akin "Miss America of 1985" is the second cousin of one of our employees. Joe Akin is the Sealing Crew Job Superintendent from Drew County. Susan's father is from Drew County and graduated from Monticello High School. The family has lived in Mississippi all of Susan's life. The Akin family is, of course, very proud of Susan and so are we.

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: James W. Burt and Bobby Calhoun for 20 years; Gene Bishop, Danny O. McWilliams and R.G. "Sonny" Williams for 15 years and Steve Morrow for 5 years.

John W. Barham was recently honored for 30 years of service. Cake and Coffee were served and his wife, Mary, was special guest.

Pictured is DE William Tyler presenting a 15 year Service Award to Sonny Williams. Coffee and donuts were served to mark the occasion.



William Tyler and Sonny Williams

The Little River County Area Crew gave a fish fry to honor J.L. Wilson, who recently retired. Special guests were Asst. DE Don Donaldson and Asst. Maint. Supt. John W. Barham.

We want to welcome Billy Don Stewart to

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District 3 as our new Stock Clerk. He is married and has two daughters.



J.W. Wilson

Pictured are David, age 11, and Michael, age 10, sons of Earl Gene and Jane White. Earl Gene is Crew Leader in the Pencil Bluff Crew. David and Michael played baseball this past summer with the Mount Ida Pee Wee Team. David pitched for the team with 11 wins and 1 loss. He pitched 42 innings, struck out 58 and walked 14. His batting average was .548 and he led the team in home runs with 5. Michael played first base and his batting average was .543. He led the team in the hitting department with 19 hits, 2 of which were homeruns. Mount Ida Pee Wee Boys won the Tri-County League Championship and also won the Tournament Championship which was held in Delight. This team was coached by Ed Talley with assistants Earl Gene White and Ed Gibson.



David and Michael White

Congratulations to Wayne and Carolyn Dull on the birth of their new daughter, Leah Rose. Leah was born on August 25 weighing 8 lbs., ¼ oz. Leah has two sisters, Jennifer and Sonya, and one brother, Jeremy. Wayne is the Construction Party Chief with the Nashville RE.

Don Cearley, Dist. Br. Job Supt. and his family recently enjoyed a vacation to various points of interest in the United States and Canada. They saw the Grand Canyon, Yosemite National Park, Queen Mary, and many other sites too numerous to mention.

Vinie Holt, District Secretary, and her family also took a tour of several states this summer. They saw such sites as White Sands, Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, Morman Tabernacle, Yellowstone National Park, Mount Rushmore, Royal Gorge Suspension Bridge and to top it all off had a white water float down the Arkansas River. In all they traveled 10 states and 5000 miles.

DISTRICT FOUR

Service Awards - we got some for sure! Bob James, Construction Project Supv. in the Van Buren RE office, received his 35 year pin from Asst. DE Carl Sanders, while Carl received his 25 year service award from DE Allan Holmes. Pete Page, Inspector, 25 years and C.W. Lance, Sr. Inspector, 20 years, both from the Waldron RE Office received their certificates from Carl Sanders. Kathy Fortner, District Bookkeeper, received her 20 year award from Allan Holmes.



Sanders - James



Sanders - Holmes



Pate



Lance



Fortner and Holmes

Leon Brewer, Springdale RE, presented awards to the following: Glen Faulkner, Senior Inspector, 20 years; Sam Turner, Inspector, 10 years; Sandy Newberry, Construction Aide, 5 years; Steve Pennington, Const. Mat. Insp., 5 years; and David Edwards, Const. Aide, 5 years. Rachel Turman, Asst. Storeroom Supv., received her 5 year certificate from Pete Peters, Storeroom Supv; and Herbert Harper, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, accepted his 5 year certificate from David Becker, Sebastian II Area Foreman. Our sincere congratulations to each and every one of these employees.



Faulkner, Brewer, and Newberry



Turner - Brewer



Pennington, Brewer, and Edwards



Turman and Peters



Becker and Harper

The Springdale Shop had a retirement party for Donald "Duck" Jennings, Job Supt. in Springdale, who leaves us after 34 years of service. Other retirees attending the festivities were: Carm Tramel, Frank Baker, C.W. Ward, and John Shastid. Donald will be missed and we want to wish him the very best.



Donald "Duck" Jennings

Ernie Westfall, Advanced Const. Field Engineer in the Springdale RE Office, is now a Registered Professional Engineer. Our hearty congratulations to Earnie for this achievement.

Becky Libby, our Co-op Student, has received a full scholarship to Westark Community College for the 1985-86 academic year from Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. The scholarship was awarded on the basis of academic achievement, service to school and community, and quality of submitted essay. Becky is also secretary of Phi Beta Lambda business

organization at Westark and has attended the State Fall Leadership Conference at Eureka Springs and the Southern Regional Fall Leadership Conference at Orlando, Florida.

David Dodd, Road Mechanic at Springdale, and wife, Deborah, want to announce the birth of their first child. Dilynn Kay Dodd was born July 7 and weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs. Our best wishes to David and Deborah on this most precious addition to their family.



Dilynn Kay Dodd

On September 21, the Polk County Maintenance Crew had a fish fry at Lake Wilhelmina. Those attending were: Jearl Baker, Hershall Henry, Rita Stone, Peggy Scott, Gene Roberts, Melvin Heath, Joe Downs, Troy Harris, Dean Terrell and families. Everyone had a most enjoyable time. The team of Troy Harris and Dean Terrell upset last year's horseshoe pitching champions Jearl Baker and Melvin Heath. Hershall Henry did all the cooking and there was not one complaint and all appreciated it.

Congratulations to Joe Downs and his wife, Faye Dean, who became proud grandparents on August 10. Lacey Ann Belongs was born to their son, Tom, and his wife, Brenda, of Huntsville, Alabama.

Lynn Priddy, son of J.D. and Pat Priddy, placed first in the 880, the mile, and the two-mile races in the 7B West Conference Track Meet at Dierks High School on April 13. On April 23 Lynn placed first in the mile and two-mile races and third in the 880. On May 11 he placed second in the mile and was the State Title Holder in the Two-Mile run at the Class B State Track Meet in Hot Springs. Usually the winner gets to break the ribbon as he crosses the finish line, but the officials could not get the ribbon up in time for Lynn because another runner started his last lap crossed the line in front of Lynn. Now that's fast!

We would like to welcome some new members to the Polk County Crew. They are Troy Harris, Dean Terrell and Peggy Scott.

Laurie Anderson, Stock Clerk, was married September 28 to Chau David How Lang at the Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Smith. The District Office and Shop had a shower for Laurie and presented her with a large comforter and a set of cutlery. We are very proud of Laurie and want to wish her and David the very best.



Laurie Anderson

DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service with the Department: Mickey Johnson, 10 years; Ellis Landers, Alvis Dillin, 15 years; John Odom, Edward Dickey, Tom Jones, and Randy Satterwhite, 20 years; Floyd Lancaster and Charles McCluskey, 30 years.



Floyd Lancaster and Mickey Johnson



Charles McClusky and J.R. Chaney



Floyd Lancaster and John Odom

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Floyd Lancaster and Randy Satterwhite

Two years ago Gina Steward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Steward of Bald Knob, fulfilled a lifelong dream when she was chosen as a member of the Flag Corps of the University of Arkansas Marching Razorback Band. This spring she attained an even higher honor when named Head Captain of the Flag Corps for the 1985 football season. She is also a member of the Hogwild and Concert Bands. This fall she will be a junior majoring in Criminal Justice. Eugene is Area Foreman at Searcy.



Gina Steward

We would like to wish a happy retirement to the following employees who retired recently: Jack Mitchell, Roller Operator, Stone County and M.O. Lacy, Lead Person, Cleburne County.

Harold Beaver, Resident Engineer, recently transferred to the Construction Office. Jim Leggett is his replacement. We would like to wish Harold and Jim the best of luck in their new positions.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Lyndal Waits on the death of his mother and to A.L. Coles and Elisha Coles on the death of their mother. Mrs. Coles was also the grandmother of Paul Matthews and the mother-in-law of Kirby Johnson.

Proud grandparents are Earnie and Bula Martin on the birth of their third grandchild; Austin Coty Rupel and M.J. (Mutt) and Eloise Reding on the birth of their first grandchild, Crystal Ann Wiltrout.

DISTRICT SEVEN

Best wishes to Billy R. Bethea, Crew Leader for the Bradley County Crew, who retired in June. Billy is shown here with a fishing rod and reel that the crew gave him. Billy says that since he has retired, he doesn't have time to fish anymore. How about that!



Billy R. Bethea

Congratulations to Glen and Joyce Howell on the birth of their first child, a daughter. Amy Glynn Howell was born on June 24. Glen is the Equipment Maintenance Supv. for District Seven. Amy's grandparents are Paul and Nettie Howell of Amity, and Billy and Margie McLelland of Bradley. At the time this picture was taken, Amy was two and one-half months old. She is a little doll.



Amy Glynn Howell

Clifford and Jeanie Cox are the proud parents of this bouncing baby boy. Clifford is a Motor Patrol Operator-Rough with the Clark County Crew. Christopher Neal Cox was born on March 23 and weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs. He was two and one-half months old at the time this picture was taken.



Christopher Neal Cox

Ray Jr. and Carol Jo Hughes are proud to announce the birth of their first child, John Wayne. John Wayne was a first Mother's Day gift as he was born at 2 a.m. on Mother's Day, May 12. He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. His father, Ray Jr. is a Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator for the Clark County Crew. John Wayne is three months old in this picture. Lowell Hardaway, retired Sr. Inspector for A.W. Hardy's Residency, is the proud Grandpa of John Wayne.



John Wayne Hughes

DISTRICT EIGHT

Steven and Jill Sheets are proud parents of their first born, Justin Loyd Sheets. He was born August 15 and weighed 8 lbs., 4½ ozs. According to Dad, Justin's hobbies are eating, sleeping and crying. Steve is our Stock Clerk at the District Headquarters.



Justin Loyd Sheets

Congratulations to the following employees who received their service awards during recent supervisors meetings. They were: Ed Shinn and Deb Pellman, 25 years; Z.H. Higgs, 20 years; Virgil Proctor, Earl Baker and Glyn Rackley, 15 years; Gary Burnett, Jack Stobough, John Sutton and Bruce Adams, 10 years.



Pellham, Baker and Rackley



Adams, Shinn, Stobaugh,
Sutton and Burnett



Virgil Proctor and Lawrence Fletcher



J.D. Sigler and Lawrence Fletcher



Z.H. Higgs and Lawrence Fletcher

DISTRICT NINE

On July 17, many friends and co-workers of Jim Selby gathered at the District 9 Headquarters to wish him and his wife, Inez, a long, happy retirement. Jim was with the Department a little over 30 years, and it's going to take some adjustment not seeing him around everyday. We miss you Jim and wish you the best!

A retirement luncheon was held on July 9 in Rogers honoring Jim Selby's retirement as the District Engineer for District 9. The luncheon was held at the Lakeside Restaurant with

many friends and distinguished guests in attendance. Among those attending were Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper; AHTD Chief Engineer Billy Cooper; Roger's Mayor John Sampier; and several long-time friends from the consulting architectural/engineering firm of Crafton, Tull, Spann & Yoe in Rogers.

Following a good-natured "roasting", Jim was presented with several gifts from local Rogers' industries in honor of his thirty years of service with the Highway Department.

We wish Jim and his wife many happy years of retirement as they settle in the Fayetteville area.



Mr. and Mrs. V.O. "Jim" Selby



Hopper, Selby, Sampier and Cooper

On July 18, District 9 welcomed our new District Engineer Ralph Fulton, and his family to Harrison. Although Ralph came to us from District 6, he is not a newcomer to this area. He was a summer employee in Fayetteville, under Mr. Selby in 1971 and also worked in the Springdale area. Good to have you on board, Ralph!

On August 30, a retirement party was held in honor of Wade Whitney who had 32 years with the Department. Wade was Motor Patrol Operator in the District Wide Construction and Maintenance Crews. Good luck and best wishes Wade!

On September 18 service awards were presented to Lloyd Burgess and Clint Dodson with 20 years; Robert Passmore, Ted Journagan, Darrell Lackey, O.D. Rice, Joe Taylor, Gaylord

Dart and Billy Berry with 15 years. Congratulations to you all!



Calvin, Rushing, Wade Whitney,
Buster Widner and Ralph Fulton



Ralph Fulton and Robert Passmore



O.D. Rice, Clint Dodson, Joe Taylor,
Billy Berry, Gaylard Dart, and Lloyd Burgess

We wish Danny Grigg, Sr. Const. Aide, at the Bentonville Residency, many years of happiness with his new bride, Carla. They were married on August 30 and are in the process of building a new home near Kingston.

We would like to extend our sympathy to Edris Braswell, District 9 Office Manager, who lost her husband, Joy, on August 8; to Kenneth Booth, Service Station Attendant, who lost his Grandmother and to Frank Rose, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, who lost his father. Also, we were saddened by the death of Debbie Widner, who was involved in a bicycle accident in Little Rock on September 24. Debbie was the sister of Mark Widner, Sr. Mechanic here at the District Headquarters.

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Congratulations to our Receptionist, Diane Owen, who was married on August 3 to David Tomlinson. Diane and David reside in Harrison, and we wish them lots of happiness.



Mr. and Mrs. David Tomlinson

The stork has really been busy around here. Edris Braswell, Office Manager, is a new Grandma. Her daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Richard Smith, had a 6 lb., 7 oz. baby girl, Stephanie Ann, who was born August 4.



Stephanie Ann Smith

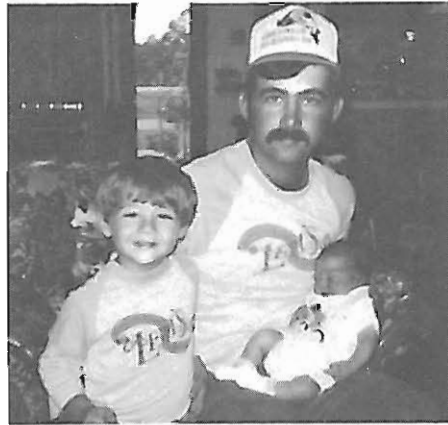
Doug and Janell Pederson are the proud parents of a baby girl, Jenna Lea, who was born September 17 weighing 7 lbs., 7 ozs. Doug works in the District 9 Bridge Crew. Jenna has two big brothers to help her along - Jason and T.J. Her grandparents are Jay and Nelda Sasser and Ethel Pederson and the late Theodore Pederson. Grandpa Jay is Inspector at the Harrison Resident Engineer's Office.



Doug and Jenna Pederson
Grandpa Jay Sasser

Ricky Dodson and his wife, Sandy, had a bouncing baby boy, Jacob Coty, who weighed

7 lbs., 15 ozs. on September 21. He has a 4-year old brother, Joshua, to show him the ropes. Ricky works in the District Wide Sealing Crew.



Ricky, Joshua and Jacob Coty Dodson

The Baxter County Maintenance Crew and their families had a get-together on September 6 on the Lake Norfolk Ferry Tour boat. Approximately 70 people attended, and C.M. Gibson, Multi-Axle Truck Driver for Mt. Home, and some of his friends provided musical entertainment. They all had a good time, but some of the old Henderson Ferry hands got a little homesick riding on the ferry again.



Baxter County Crew Get-together

Cecil Jordan, Area Headquarters Attendant at Gentry, is really proud of his 6 year old grandson, J.D. At the annual Decatur Barbeque, he was chosen "Mr. Tiny Tot" over 50 other contestants and received a banner which was autographed by Rex Allen, Jr., who was entertainer at this event. You have every reason to be proud Cecil!



Cecil and J.D. Jordan

Do you like watermelon? Sure hope Garylord Dart from the Garfield Area Headquarters does! He grew a 45-pound one in his front yard!

Congratulations to Donald Spencer who was married on August 30 to Patricia Murphy. Donald is Sr. Const. Aide at the Harrison Residency and we wish the new couple a long, happy life together.

The Bentonville Resident Engineer's Office won third place this year in the Muscular Dystrophy Softball Tournament. They received a trophy, plus a few minor injuries for their efforts.

DISTRICT TEN

Yesterdays stay the same but todays are full of change and we are changing here in District Ten.

Frank Russenberger who was assigned as Resident Engineer in the Paragould RE Office has been promoted to Staff Construction Engineer in the Central Office. Frank and his wife, Linda, were presented with camping equipment during a reception at the District Office. Also, various friends gathered at the home of Gary Price to wish Frank and Linda farewell. Frank was presented with a watch from the employees of the Paragould RE Office. He and his family will be missed in District 10 and we wish them all our very best wishes.



Frank and Linda Russenberger



Friends and employees of Paragould R.E. Office

One of Frank's last 'formal' duties as Resident Engineer was the presentation of a service

Certificate to Billy Biggs for 15 years of service. Congratulations Billy!



Frank Russenberger and Billy Biggs

Walter McMillan, formerly of District 6, has been promoted to Resident Engineer to fill the vacancy at the Paragould RE Office. Walter, his wife, Vicki, and their darling little girl, Jessica, are fitting right in and we hope it won't be long until they consider Paragould home. Welcome to the McMillan family.

Changes at times are accepted with a tint of sadness. This is the case in the retirement of three long time friends, James C. Tritch, Robert Metcalf, and Gerald Eubanks.

James Tritch, Construction Job Superintendent, retired with 30 years of service. He was presented with a hunting jacket, hunting vest, pocket knife and "retiree cap" from the District Wide Crews. Needless to say he has many pleasurable hours of hunting in his future plans.



James C. Tritch and Wayne Beaton

Robert Metcalf, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator with the Craighead County Crew, retired with 16 years of service. Robert was presented with a gift certificate from fellow employees and lots of wishes for a happy retirement.



Curtis Stokes and Robert Metcalf

Gerald Eubanks worked as a Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator with the Greene County Crew and had 15 years of service upon his retirement in June. Gerald was presented with a rod and reel from his fellow employees. We sure are looking forward to all the fish and game from Gerald and James.



Daird Hyde and Gerald Eubanks

All three of these fine men will be missed by fellow employees and we wish them our best wishes for many long, happy years of retirement.

This beautiful young lady is Sherry Barnes, daughter of Jerry and Brenda Barnes. Jerry works in the Osceola RE Office. Normally fathers are very proud of their little girls, but in this case Jerry has an awful lot to be proud of. Sherry recently graduated from Rivercrest High School third out of a class of 104 students. She was presented with a \$2000 academic scholarship to further her education. Congratulations

Sherry on the scholarship and congratulations Jerry and Brenda on having such a lovely daughter.



Sherry Barnes

We have had so many service certificates presented since the last magazine that we could not put all the pictures in this issue. However, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following: W.O. Perkins, Wayne Dunlap, Ray Holscher, and Bob Faulkner, 20 years; Lonnie Butler, Howard Beaton, and M.C. Fuller, 15 years; Eugene Gramling, and V.E. Hanshaw, 10 years; Frank Humble, Larry Hicks, Fred Gross and Jerry Denton, 5 years.



BUCKLE UP – Motorists visiting Arkansas' 24 Rest Areas and 8 Tourist Information Centers are being greeted by signs encouraging them to use their seat belts. The first sign was installed October 4 at the Morgan Rest Area on I-40 west of North Little Rock by Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson and State Representative Bob Teague. Teague, a member of the House Public Transportation Committee, has long been an advocate of seat belt use.



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