

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS**  
**SUMMER 1986**

# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

## SAFETY - A MAJOR FACTOR

Summertime is the prime highway construction time. It also is the prime travel time. This summer will be no exception. In fact, it promises to be a record year for travel in Arkansas. The State's Sesquicentennial celebration will draw tourists to special events scheduled throughout Arkansas.

With over \$420 million worth of highway construction work underway throughout the State, it is almost certain that many motorists this summer will encounter some delays. Along with those delays, comes frustration which often leads to inattention. These factors combine to create unsafe driving habits which can lead to accidents.

Highway and Transportation Department employees working in construction and maintenance zones are well aware of the dangers that can occur in these situations. That is why it is extremely important to keep safe driving and working habits in mind at all times.

In May, I attended the National Forum on Work Zone Safety, co-sponsored by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Federal Highway Administration. The critical issue of construction/maintenance worker and motorist safety, as well as an evaluation of current practices, was addressed.

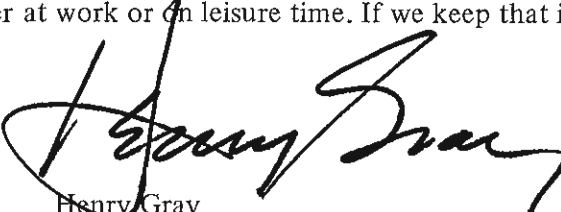
This subject is particularly important at this time as the level of rehabilitation and reconstruction work continues to grow nationwide. The Road and Transportation Builders Association is to be commended for being the leader in bringing together a broad-based group to discuss this important issue. I am confident that in the months to come, more progress will be made in this very important area of concern.

Summertime is also the time which most of our employees take time off for the family vacations. As you travel this summer, keep in mind the safe driving techniques you have learned over the years.

One very important habit is to use your safety belt. Study after study has shown that safety belts work. One such study revealed that an unbelted person is five times more likely to die in an accident than the belted person sitting next to him when a crash occurs. He is three times more likely to be injured and will pay four times more for medical care.

It pays to be safety conscious, whether at work or on leisure time. If we keep that in mind, we will all benefit.



  
Henry Gray  
Director of Highways & Transportation

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**BACK COVER PHOTO:** Interstate 630 in Little Rock . Photograph by John Jackson.

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# Interstate System Celebrates 30th Anniversary 1956 - 1986



Interstate 30 in Saline County (1958)

The Interstate System, called by many as “the world’s most ambitious civil works program,” celebrates its 30th birthday in June.

Many years have passed since studies were undertaken in 1938 to investigate the feasibility of building superhighways. These 1938 studies also included studying the feasibility of a toll system on such superhighways Congress found the idea of toll roads to be unfeasible because of the fluctuation in use and revenue across the country, but the concept of a great trunkline superhighway system was found eminently desirable and a briefly outlined 26,700-mile master plan for free highway development was set out.

In April 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt appointed a National Interregional Highways Committee to investigate the need for a limited system of national highways to improve the facilities available for interregional transportation.

In July 1943, the 78th Congress amended the Defense Highway Act of 1941 to direct the Commissioner of Public Roads “to make a survey of the

need for a system of express highways throughout the United States.”

In 1944 Congress established a National System of Interstate Highways. This original Interstate program, as described by the Federal Aid Highway Act called for a national system of Interstate highways “not exceeding 40,000 miles in total extent so located as to connect routes, as direct as practicable, the principal metropolitan areas, cities, industrial centers, to serve the national defense, and to connect at suitable border points with routes of continental importance in the Dominion of Canada and the Republic of Mexico.” The idea grew during the next ten years, and became a reality with the passage of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, which authorized use of federal road user taxes to fund the system, thus our modern-day Interstate System was born when Dwight Eisenhower signed the law to fund America’s Interstate System on June 29, 1956.

Arkansas constructed its first project using Interstate System Funds in December 1956. The

project entailed adding lanes to Interstate 30 from Little Rock to the Saline County Line. Arkansas has several highways that were built and designated as Interstate highways prior to the passage of the Federal Aid Highway Act. These highways had not been funded with the federal road user taxes but were recognized as part of the Interstate System.

Today, over 90 percent of American cities with populations over 50,000 are linked by the Interstate System. Interstate mileage in the United States covers in excess of 42,000 miles, with the Arkansas Interstate highways contributing 542 miles of this total. The Interstate System constitutes about one percent of America's road mileage, and carries roughly 20 percent of the U.S. traffic. In Arkansas, the Interstate highways make up three percent of the total road mileage while carrying 23 percent of the Arkansas traffic.

Interstate highways are built to handle traffic over a 20-year life cycle. Due to aging of the system, about 2,000 route miles are reaching the repair stage each year. When major repair is needed, 90 percent of the resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, and reconstruction costs are paid from the Highway Trust Fund. Trust Fund revenues are derived from highway user taxes, mainly the tax per gallon on gasoline.

The Interstate System has played a vital role in helping Arkansas become a more productive and economically prosperous state. Without the Interstate System in Arkansas the state's farmer and industries would most certainly be in poor condition. We must, therefore, be sure as taxpayers that this Interstate System is maintained. Our investment in the Interstate System must be protected to assure Arkansas as chance to grow in productivity and to assure the people that Arkansas will have a capable transportation network to meet their changing future needs.



I-40/I-55 at West Memphis (1960)



North Terminal Interchange in North Little Rock as it looked in 1963

# Crossing the Mississippi – the Task Began 100 Years Ago!

Construction on the Interstate Highway System began 30 years ago, and today much of that system is worn out and in need of rehabilitation. Projects to repair and restore our Interstates have been going on for several years in Arkansas. One such project is the rehabilitation of the I-55 Mississippi River Bridge between West Memphis, Arkansas and Memphis, Tennessee.

The \$5.6 million contract provides for painting, deck overlay, and other modifications. It is the first major work on the structure since it was opened to traffic a little over 36 years ago.

The I-55 Bridge is one of two modern interstate highway structures crossing the Mississippi River at West Memphis. The I-40 Bridge has been opened since August 2, 1973.

Although a modern highway crossing of the Mississippi River is now taken for granted, it wasn't until December 17, 1949 that the automobile had a bridge it could call its own. That was when the then designated Highway 70 Bridge opened to traffic. When the Interstate Highway System came into being in the mid-1950's, the Highway 70 Bridge was re-designated the I-55 Bridge and became the first structure on the interstate system in Arkansas.

It has been 100 years since the task began to build the first bridge over the Mississippi River at Memphis. On January 15, 1886, George S. Morrison, a bridge designer and builder, climbed up the bluff on the Memphis side of the river to select the location for a railroad bridge. He fixed the line by the top of a staircase on the Memphis side and by a log cabin in the bottom land on the Arkansas side.

At that time the construction of such a bridge was a novel and a major undertaking, and a matter of great professional interest among engineers the world over. This bridge was to be the first crossing of the lower Mississippi; that is, below the confluence of the river with the Ohio at Cairo, Illinois, and was in fact the only one below the Eads Bridge at St. Louis. It was to be built for a railroad then known at the Kansas City, Ft. Scott and Memphis system.

The Act of Congress, which granted a charter for the construction of the first bridge, carried a

requirement that provision be made for passage of railway trains, wagons, vehicles of all kinds, pedestrians, and for the passage of animals also. The bridge was completed in the early 1890's.

The second bridge on the lower Mississippi was also built at Memphis. This was the Harahan, constructed 200 feet upstream from, and parallel to, the first bridge. Completed in 1916, the Harahan carried a double railway track and two separate 14-foot highway lanes, or wagon-ways as they were called in those days. These lanes, one on each side of the bridge, were carried on cantilevered brackets alongside the trusses and approach towers.

Traffic on the bridge had increased to 11,000 vehicles per day by 1939. The two separated highway lanes, which did not permit passing, were unable to handle this volume adequately, especially when slow moving and stalled vehicles restricted traffic. It therefore became necessary to provide a modern highway crossing, designated solely for highway purposes.

Prominent citizens of Tennessee and Arkansas sponsored and formed the Memphis and Arkansas Bridge Commission in 1939. The Commission secured the cooperation of the highway departments of both states and the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads.

A study conducted by the agencies proposed investigations be made at two locations and a consulting engineering firm, Modjeski and Masters of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, recommended a site adjacent to the other two bridges already in place.



The first bridge over the lower Mississippi River was completed in the early 1890's. The single-track railroad structure also served as a pedestrian and wagon crossing.

On July 18, 1945, bids were received for the first two contracts. These bids were considerably higher than the original estimates. It was therefore decided to reject the bids for the Arkansas Approach Substructure and accept the bids on the Main Bridge Substructure in order to not delay final completion.

The Arkansas Approach Substructure was re-advertised and bids were again over estimates. The contract was re-negotiated with the low bidder on November 26, 1946 and modified by supplemental agreement. Bids on the remaining projects were received through 1948, bringing the total cost of the bridge and approaches to \$10.4 million.

Although some minor approach work and other items had not been completed, it was decided to open the bridge to traffic on December 17, 1949, ten years after the formation of the Bridge Commission and eight years after the start of active engineering work.

The I-55 Bridge served as the only highway crossing between Arkansas and Tennessee for 24 years until the I-40 Bridge was completed. The I-40 Bridge has greatly relieved the traffic congestion on the Interstate System in the West Memphis area. Today it carries an average of 30,800 vehicles per day. The I-55 Bridge is carrying an average of 26,500 vehicles per day, more than twice the number it carried when it opened.



The Harahan Bridge was built in 1916. Wagons, and later, automobiles, used the outside deck as a means of crossing the river. The wooden deck has since been removed but the supports which remain can be seen to the right.



The I-55 Bridge, to the left, is presently undergoing major rehabilitation work. The center bridge is the first one built across the Mississippi River at Memphis and the bridge to the right is the Harahan Bridge.



## Early Travel In Arkansas

For most Arkansans trekking across the 16,113 miles of the State Highway System or traversing the 66,531 miles of local roads, not a single thought is given to the origin of those engineering marvels.

In this celebration of 150 years of Arkansas' state-of-being, it is appropriate to reflect on the development of our highway, road, and street system. A crude, inefficient network of Indian trails has evolved into well-designed modern thoroughfares that handle 45.7 million vehicle miles of travel daily. And that transformation was no small task.

Explorers and Indian traders, traveling by canoe, were the first to furnish accurate accounts of Arkansas' countryside. Once the Louisiana Purchase lands were transferred, the establishment of permanent settlements and the need for policing frontiers brought wagons and carts upon the scene. Wider paths to accommodate vehicular travel became necessary.

Both the military and the federal government needed higher type direct-travel arterial facilities to link eastern centers of commerce and government with western frontier trading and military posts thereby facilitating Indian removal and frontier

defense. Costly roads could not be funded by the territories, and the areas were too sparsely settled to provide labor for constructing needed facilities. To support the nation's growing transportation needs, Congress was forced to provide funds and military manpower to build roads. The U.S. Army needed roads to move artillery and supply trains to Army outposts. Existing Indian trails were often improved to become the first roads on the frontier, and local people called them military roads.

Around 1807 John Pyeatt enlisted the aid of his neighbors in opening a road from Crystal Hill and Cadron to Arkansas Post. The north bank of the Arkansas River was followed for about fifty miles to an old Indian trail which led directly to Arkansas Post. This may have been the first road in Arkansas, but historians seem certain that it was the first constructed by Arkansas labor. Pyeatt's road appears on the 1836 map of Arkansas. John Pyeatt was in a group returning from New Orleans in the winter of 1823. He died after wading about 90 miles through ice and water between Arkansas Post and Little Rock on the Big Prairie. The frost-bitten travelers could not make a fire because their means for doing so had got-



Mule drawn wagons and dirt roads were standard means of transportation in the early 1900's.

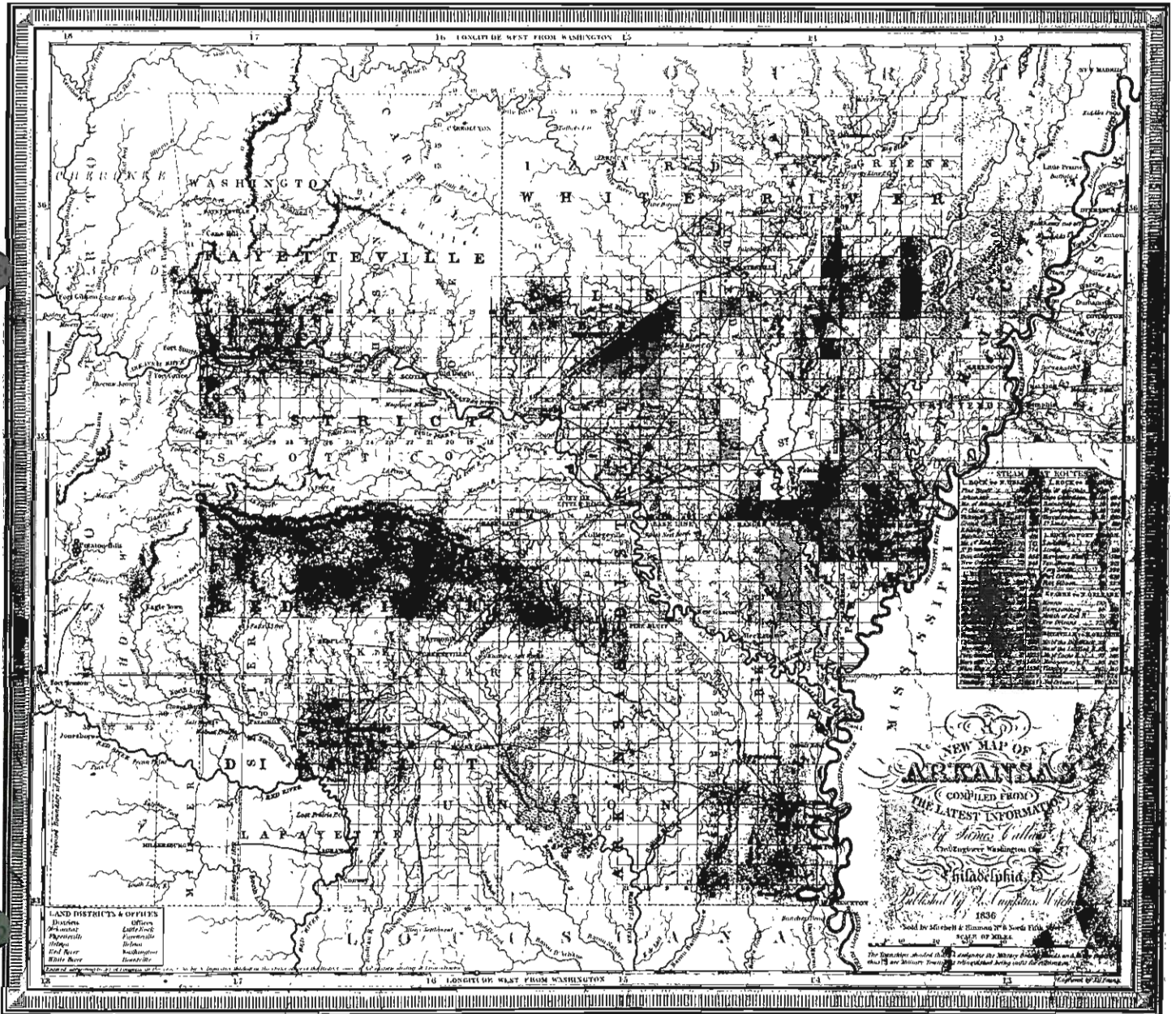


ten wet.

The most important route in Arkansas in terms of early immigration was the Southwest Trail. This old Indian trail began west of the Mississippi River at St. Louis and followed a southwest course through southeast Missouri to Hix's Ferry in Randolph County on the Current River where it entered Arkansas and on through the central portion of the State to Fulton on the Red River, the boundary between the U.S. and Mexico. Soon after 1803 Congress declared it a military road and appropriated funds for improvement. Many adventurous persons traveled over this route to the Great Southwest to seek their fortunes.

In 1828 an east-west military road from Little Rock to Memphis was "completed" and was extended the following year to Fort Smith. As defined then, a road was "completed" when timber had been re-

moved and the sides of ditches had been cut. Only horses and light vehicles, not loaded coaches, could travel on the surface which during the rainy season often became almost entirely impassable. The federal government had spent approximately \$250,000 building the road but had made no provision for maintaining the facility. Arkansas was expected to repair it but struggling territorial general assemblies did not provide funds. Without maintenance, the road could not withstand the constant battering of heavy traffic volumes. In 1830 Congress provided \$200,000 to upgrade this key link in one of the most direct routes to the Southwest. Funds were exhausted before the route was completed as an all-weather road, and no additional funds were provided. In 1838 the Second Arkansas General Assembly assigned responsibility for building extensions and maintaining roads to the



counties when it burdened them with levying road taxes.

Advertisements calling for bids on specific sections of road indicate the constructed facilities were often low grade. Typical specifications called for the road to be "opened" to a certain width and entirely cleared. All brush and saplings six inches in diameter would be cut within four inches of the ground and all over 12 inches to within eight inches of the ground. Well-trimmed stumps were required.

The military road to the Red River near Fulton must have been constructed to such specifications. One visitor in 1834 described the road bed as being filled with rocks, stumps, mud and fallen trees. Often no bridges existed. He observed one peculiarity of Arkansas road-users. Fallen trees across roads were not removed. Instead the short detour (turn-out) round the tree made by the first traveler was followed by subsequent travelers. A fallen tree across the first turn-out caused a second detour. A road often wandered some distance from its original alignment.

Travel was still hazardous early in this Century. Potholes were bottomless pits called "mud holes" in the early 1920's. One description of oil field roads in South Arkansas brings to mind a tall tales contest. Oxen and mules were used to move the heavy steam boilers and drilling rigs over the roads and streets. One observer remembers seeing during one rainy spell "eight trapped mules buried so deeply in the mud only their heads were above the surface."

Late fall and early winter were chosen more frequently as travel times for the bulk of immigrants. During those seasons they could expect comparatively dry roads, cool weather, a minimum of insects and

arrival at their destinations before planting time.

Our ancestors were rugged individualists whose adaptability enables them to overcome the many obstacles of settlement. Times were difficult and travel from place to place included many perils. They sought a secure future for themselves and their families. Arkansas had the necessary natural resources to ensure them that opportunity. They had the desire and creativity to succeed. Our challenge is to preserve that spirit through a planned transportation system that serves today's needs and can expand to meet future needs.



## DEDICATION OF BLUE STAR MEMORIAL

Mrs. Gladys Rhoades of Scotland, a Gold Star Mother of World War II, places a wreath at the Blue Star Memorial on Highway 65 in Clinton May 18 as it was dedicated. Mrs. Rhoades lost a son, Noval, off an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific.

U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers was the featured speaker at the dedication. A color guard from Fairfield Bay Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion is seen in the background.

# 1987 HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST

The State Highway Map Photo Contest is an open invitation to all Highway and Transportation Department employees and family members. The winning entry will appear on the 1987 State Highway Map. Your photograph could become a visible symbol of the pride we have in our State and the Highway and Transportation Department.

## THE CONTEST RULES ARE:

1. All entries must be either 35mm color slide or color glossy print. (You may submit any number of entries)
2. Each entry must be labeled with the entrant's name, address, and picture location.
3. Submission of entry constitutes agreement that it may be published on the Highway Map. Proper credit will be given to the winner.
4. All entries must be submitted no later than November 1, 1986.
5. Entries will be prejudged on the basis of concept, originality, and artistic merit by a selection committee. The final selection will be made by the Director of Highways and Transportation.
6. All entries must be taken in Arkansas and in 1986.
7. Vertical format entries are preferred.
8. Entries should be highway oriented; highways, roads, bridges, etc. and/or:
9. Scenic photos of Arkansas' natural beauty; mountains, lakes, rivers, etc.
10. All entries remain the property of the sender and will be returned.
11. All entries must be accompanied by an official entry form or facsimile.

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

The entrant submitting the winning photograph for the 1987 Map Cover will receive an 11x14 custom framed print and a certificate awarded by the AHTD Director. Other winners submitting photographs selected for use on the map will receive an 11x14 print.

## 1987 STATE HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please accept my photograph(s) for consideration in the 1987 AHTD Map Photo Contest. I have enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ slides and \_\_\_\_\_ glossy prints. I have read and understand the rules of the contest and agree to allow the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to reproduce and print my photograph on the State Highway Map in the event my entry is selected as a winner.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form and entries to:

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

# NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK

## Highway 71 Dedication Held at Springdale

Approximately 300 people showed up May 13 in Springdale to dedicate a 12.4 stretch of Highway 71 as part of the State's observance of National Transportation Week. Governor Bill Clinton joined the members of the State Highway Commission and local business and civic leaders in a ceremony held on the Highway 71 Overpass of Highway 68.

A 6.12-mile section from Fayetteville to Highway 68 has been opened to traffic for about a year. The section from Highway 68 to Highway 264 at Lowell was scheduled to open in June. The total cost of the two projects is slightly more than \$40 million.

Construction is underway on a 6-mile section from Lowell to Highway 71 at Rogers at a cost of approximately \$15.7 million and a grading and structures contract on a 2.8-mile section from Highway 71 to Little Flock Road at a cost of \$3.1 million. Construction is programmed for 7.5 miles to Bella Vista, which will complete the relocation of Highway 71 from Fayetteville to Bella Vista to tie in with an already completed four lane section to the Missouri State line.

With most of the work underway on the Highway 71 segment north of Fayetteville, attention has now turned to the south where preliminary work has been underway for some time and construction scheduled to begin later this year.



Governor Bill Clinton reads the National Transportation Week proclamation as Highway Commission looks on.

The Governor told the crowd that the completed section of highway was the first step of an irreversible process to build a four-lane highway from Northwest Arkansas to I-40 at Alma.

"Because of the efforts of the Highway Commission and the availability of Federal funds, even in these difficult times, and because of all of the work by the legislators from this area, this project is going to become a reality," Clinton said.

"This is one of the fastest growing areas in America, and it has all happened in spite of the fact that we have not had the transportation network that we needed. The progress of this area is remarkable and a tribute to the character, vision and hard working habits of the people," he added.

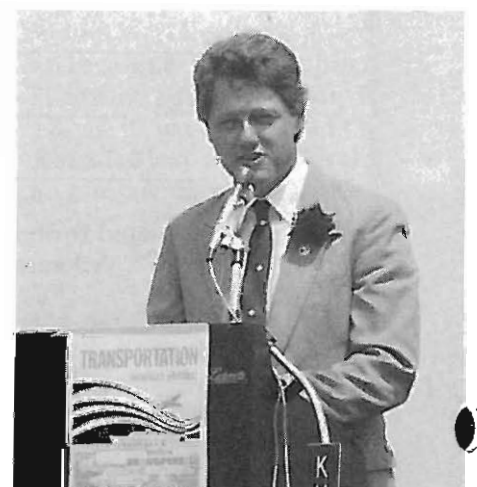
The Governor also commended Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper of Springdale for his hard



AHC Chairman Patsy Thomasson



AHC Vice Chairman Bobby Hopper



Governor Bill Clinton



Highway 71 North of Fayetteville



Highway 71 Interchange at Johnson Road

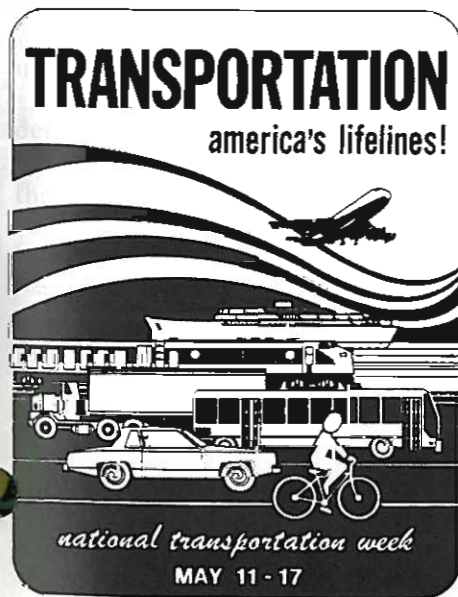
work in moving the Highway 71 project along. Clinton said he had urged Hopper, and his predecessor on the Commission, F.H. Martin of Fayetteville, to work toward the completion of Highway 71 and he was proud of the work they had done.

Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson said the Highway Commission had "a very strong commitment to Highway 71."

"There is about 42 miles left to tie in with I-40. With the passage of the 4 cents increase in the gaso-

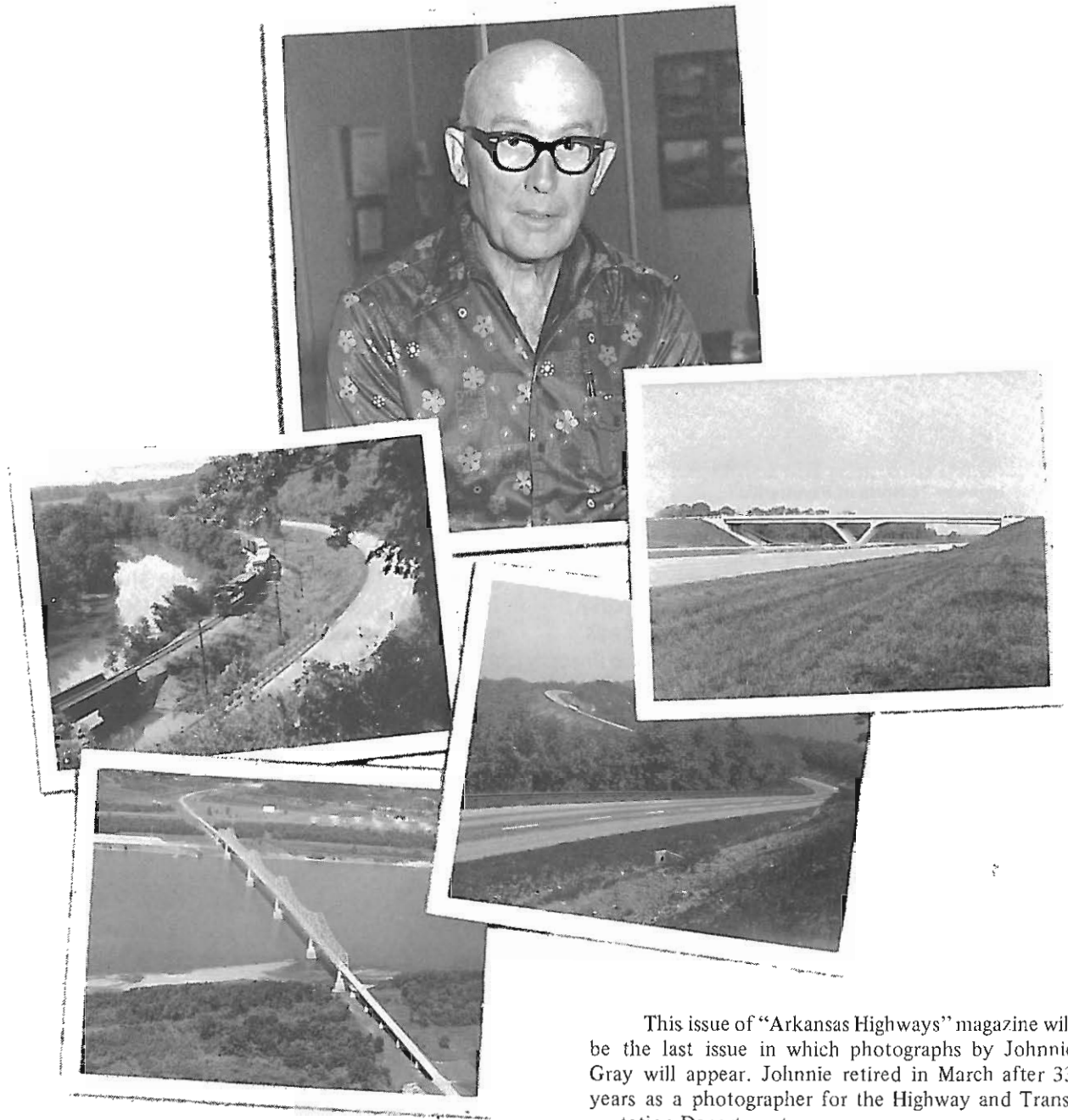
line tax last year by the legislature and the Federal government agreeing to include this highway on the Interstate System and providing 95 percent funding on construction, we now have our greatest opportunity to realize a major freeway which is going to cost in excess of \$150 million," Thomasson said.

Following their remarks, the Governor presented the members of the Highway Commission a proclamation designating May 11-17 as National Transportation Week in Arkansas.



(Left to right) Governor Bill Clinton, Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson, Director Henry Gray and Commission Vice Chairman Bobby Hopper cut the ribbon dedicating Highway 71.

# PHOTOS BY JOHNNIE GRAY



This issue of "Arkansas Highways" magazine will be the last issue in which photographs by Johnnie Gray will appear. Johnnie retired in March after 33 years as a photographer for the Highway and Transportation Department.

Johnnie started his career with the Department in October 1953. Prior to that time he had worked as a photographer for the Arkansas Publicity Department (now Parks and Tourism), Construction News magazine, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and newspapers in Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama. During World War II, Johnnie was an aerial photographer with the Army Air Corps in Korea and Japan.

Johnnie's photographs were the first to appear in "Arkansas Highways" magazine when it started publishing photos in 1954, and he shot all the film for the annual progress movie that was produced for 25 years.

The photographs accompanying this article are among the thousands Johnnie has taken throughout his career. Many were selected over the years as award-winning photographs.

Those of us who have worked with Johnnie on the magazine and in the Public Affairs Office are going to miss his 'tall tales' and other stories about the 'good old days'. We wish him the best for his retirement and thank him for his dedicated service to the AHTD over the past 33 years.



Sam and Mary Smith

## Sam Smith Retires After 33 Years

M.S. "Sam" Smith III, District Engineer at District 2 in Pine Bluff, retired in May after 33 years of service with the Department.

Sam began his career with the Department as a summer employee in 1949 while attending the University of Arkansas. He was assigned as an Inspector in the Forrest City area.

He graduated from the University in 1951 with a degree in Civil Engineering and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army. He was assigned to the Corps of Engineers for two years where he was an engineering officer with Aviation Engineer Group Headquarters.

Following his discharge from the Army, he returned to Arkansas and taught math and science at Forrest City High School for a short time before he was employed by the Highway Department in 1954.

His first job was as an Instrumentman in the Construction Division. He became an Assistant Resident Engineer in 1955 and promoted to Resident Engineer in 1956. At the time of his promotion, it was noted on his evaluation form that "he is a very capable employee and has unusual abilities as an

engineer." Two years later another evaluation, this one by E.E. Hurley, who was then District Engineer at District 1, stated; "He has good judgement and we think that he has the background, leadership quality and attitude to make one of our top engineers."

Sam was promoted to Assistant Construction Engineer in 1962 and three years later he was promoted to District Engineer at District 10 in Paragould. He served in that capacity until 1976 and was transferred to Pine Bluff to take over as District Engineer after John Harris retired.

He was first elected to the Highway Employees Retirement Board of Trustees in 1972 and served in that capacity until his retirement. In 1980 he completed work for his Masters degree in Engineering.

An open house in Sam's honor was held at the District Headquarters May 15 and many of the Department's employees dropped by to wish him the best. District employees pitched in and presented Sam and his wife, Mary, with a barbecue grill to show their appreciation for his years of loyal and dedicated service.

## Public Hearing Held For Highway 10



Paul DeBusk, right, Assistant Roadway Design Engineer, explains some of the features of the proposed project to an area resident.

The proposed widening and reconstruction of Highway 10 west of Little Rock received support from the 100 area residents who attended a public hearing on the project May 20.

A dozen persons spoke at the hearing and all expressed support for the project. There was some concern mentioned by two of the speakers that care be taken to minimize any potential harmful environmental effects.

The proposed project calls for widening Highway 10 to five lanes from near Rodney Parham Road in Little Rock west to Taylor Loop Road, and widening the highway to four lanes from Taylor Loop Road to Highway 300. The overall length of the project is approximately 6 miles and will cost about \$5 million to construct, according to Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters.

Several speakers requested that the Department consider extending the project about another quarter of a mile past Highway 300 to take in the area where the Joe T. Robinson High School, Middle School and Elementary School are located.

The first phase of the project would be the five-lane section, and work could begin late this year. The remainder of the work will probably begin about a year later.

## Commendation Awards Presented

Willie Anderson, Senior Mechanic at District 1 in Wynne, received commendation awards from both the Highway and Transportation Department and the Arkansas Department of Labor in May for his efforts in saving the life of 19-year-old Curt Moore earlier this year.

Anderson, who had taken the First Aid Course offered by the Department on March 4 and 5, was traveling on Highway 1 near Cherry Valley March 11 when he drove up on an automobile accident that had just occurred. When he reached the vehicle he noticed that Moore was unconscious and bleeding profusely. He removed the victim from the vehicle and cleared his breathing passage and stopped the bleeding until an ambulance arrived.

In a letter of appreciation to the Department, Moore's parents said their son is alive today because of Anderson's quick action and knowledge of what to do. "We appreciate the Highway Department making this training available to their men. We wanted you to know how well Willie used his training. We have known Willie for years and he has always been our friend. Now we owe him for our son's life." This letter was signed by W.J. and Judy Moore.



AHTD Asst. Chief Engineer for Operations Dan Flowers (left) and Clark Thomas from the Arkansas Department of Labor (right) present Willie Anderson (center) with his Lifesaving Awards.



## Laser Device To Be Tested On Trucks

The Arkansas Highway Police may soon be equipped with laser devices to aid in the identification of trucks passing through the State's Port of Entry Weigh Stations.



Professor Bill Rader explains Bar Code Reader.

Although it may sound like something out of a Buck Rogers movie, the device is really something right out of the local grocery store checkout counter, according to Highway Police Chief John Bailey.

"The device reads 'bar codes' similar to those in grocery stores," Bailey said. "A thin bright red light reads a bar code decal affixed to a truck cab and feeds the information to a computer, which would display the information on a television screen. The truck's identification number, its make, model and color, and whether it has a permit to carry hazardous material, would instantly be available on the screen for the officer to check," he said.

Bill Rader, an industrial engineering professor at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, explained the device at the recent meeting of the Department's Research Board.

Rader was asked to conduct research on such a system. He said the next step is to try out the system under actual operating conditions. About 2,000 bar code decals will be purchased and placed on the cabs of co-operating trucking companies and tried out at the weigh station at Alma on I-40.

Eventually, portable systems could be devised so that an officer could use a hand-held gun to check a bar code decal on a truck moving down a highway.

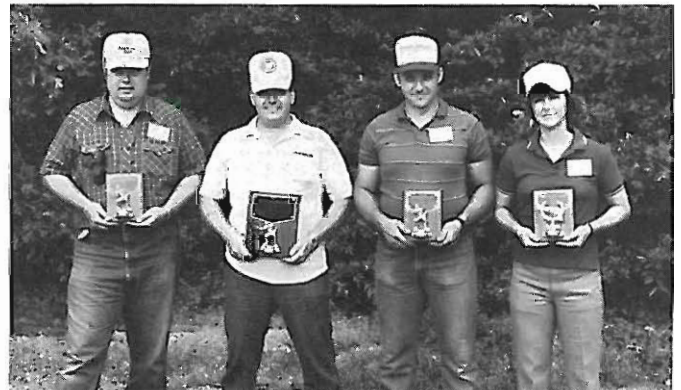
## A.H.P. Shooters Win Awards

The First Annual Arkansas Highway Police "PPC" (Police Pistol Combat) Championship Matches were conducted May 15. A four-member team from each Highway Police District competed for Best Team and Top Shooter. AHP District 5, firing a designated number of rounds within a certain time frame at various distances, walked away with the top honors. Trophies were presented to Top Shooter Cpl. Joe Davis, each winning team member, and to the winning District by AHP Chief John Bailey.



AHP Pistol Shoot: D-5 winners Captain Danny McLean, Ptl. Glen Holloway, Lt. Joe Upton, AHP Chief John Bailey, Cpl. Joe Davis, Ptl. Howard Besett, and not pictured, Ptl. Charles Lomerson.

Four of the AHP's top shooters went on to enter the Arkansas Law Enforcement Association's Pistol Competition on May 22 and carried home 4 out of the top 9 places awarded. Approximately 50 individual shooters from federal and state police agencies and county sheriff offices entered the competition. Cpl. Sue Sehon, who was attending the Association's meeting, used a borrowed weapon and placed third in the Women's "Bullseye" Competition.



Ark. Law Enforcement Match: Cpl. Joe Davis, 3rd PPC; Ptl. Charles Lomerson, 1st Bullseye; Pfc. Gaylon Russell, 3rd Bullseye; and Cpl. Sue Sehon, 3rd Women's Bullseye.

# LETTERS

April 4, 1986

Arkansas Highway Department  
P.O. Box 278  
Wynne, Arkansas

Dear Jimmy Goad & Danny Glenn,

We at Farmers Insurance would like to express our gratitude to you for your help and honesty in returning the gun belonging to Carl Jones. It is not very often that you find people willing to help with the return of lost items.

Once again we would like to express our appreciation to you for your honesty and help in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Bill T. Ramsey  
Farmers Insurance Co.  
Little Rock

Editor's Note: The gun, a 12-gauge shotgun, was found on the side of Highway 64 in Woodruff County during duck season. It apparently fell out of the back of a truck or boat.

# RETIREES

FEBRUARY 1986

- James L. Dickey . . . . . District 9
- Eugene E. Gramling . . . . . District 10
- Elmer M. Clark . . . . . District 3
- John E. Smith . . . . . District 5
- Winfred P. Cummings . . . . . District 5
- Charles H. Tullos . . . . . District 6
- Luther McGowin . . . . . AHP
- Henry T. Purvis . . . . . District 6

MARCH 1986

- Frank Novak . . . . . District 2
- John F. Ashby . . . . . District 1
- Tollie C. Berry . . . . . District 10
- James L. Foster . . . . . District 7
- David F. Neighbours . . . . . District 5
- Dallas Vire . . . . . Bridge Division
- Kermit Wendell . . . . . District 7

APRIL 1986

- William J. Braggs . . . . . District 5
- Troy A. Case . . . . . District 5
- Johnnie M. Gray . . . . . Public Affairs
- Eugene L. Horton . . . . . District 1
- Harold L. Higgins . . . . . District 3
- Chester M. Jones . . . . . District 10
- Jay H. Parker . . . . . District 9
- Lewis R. Porter . . . . . District 6
- Cleveland B. Pierce . . . . . District 1
- J.B. Stuart . . . . . District 4
- Orvel J. Thomas . . . . . District 4
- Chester R. Ketchum . . . . . District 6
- J.W. Hancock . . . . . District 7

# SERVICE AWARDS

MARCH 1986

- Jay H. Parker . . . . . District 3  
30 Years

- Cal Porterfield . . . . . Maintenance/Radio  
25 Years
- Billy N. Stanton . . . . . District 5
- Carolyn Stringer . . . . . Computer Services

- Carolyn W. Wise . . . . . District 6

20 Years

- Emmett D. Barrott . . . . . District 3
- Johnny G. Chambers . . . . . District 1
- Charles M. Gibson . . . . . District 9
- Harold T. Gunn . . . . . Traffic
- William R. Harbison, Jr. . . . . District 9
- Howard F. Snow . . . . . Materials & Research
- Chip C. Young . . . . . District 8

15 Years

- Junior Carter . . . . . District 6
- James R. Cofer . . . . . Roadway Design
- Tommy C. Curbo . . . . . District 1
- James H. Ellis . . . . . District 7
- Walter A. Lloyd . . . . . District 2
- Kenneth McMickie . . . . . District 1
- William D. Milam . . . . . District 9
- Lewis R. Porter . . . . . District 6
- Edward W. Pridgeon . . . . . District 2
- Tommy A. Riley . . . . . District 4
- Al Sacco . . . . . Equipment & Procurement
- Leslie A. Shane . . . . . District 5
- William C. Simpson . . . . . AHP
- James D. Smith . . . . . District 7
- Harold White . . . . . District 10

10 Years

- Kathy J. Clark . . . . . District 3
- Ronnie D. Faught . . . . . District 9
- John F. Jackson . . . . . Public Affairs
- Oscar Lester Jr. . . . . District 6
- James A. Moore . . . . . District 7
- Chris Parker . . . . . Legal
- Joe C. Phillips . . . . . District 8
- Larry D. Toombs . . . . . District 10
- James P. Waggle . . . . . District 1

5 Years

- Sammie Delozier . . . . . Permits
- Billy F. Milholen . . . . . District 3

APRIL 1986

35 Years

- John E. Hall . . . . . Maintenance

30 Years

- J.H. Burton . . . . . District 10
- Brooks O. Nichols . . . . . ACE-Design
- Floyd Pharris, Jr. . . . . Computer Services

25 Years

- O.Z. McGee . . . . . District 2
- William H. Smither . . . . . District 4
- Galen N. Williams . . . . . District 10

20 Years

- Jimmy N. Barker . . . . . District 4
- Kenneth Brazile . . . . . District 1
- Oscar Doherty Jr. . . . . District 7
- Jimmy Goad . . . . . District 1
- Hershel L. Henry . . . . . District 4
- James C. Smith . . . . . District 2
- Joe H. Smith . . . . . District 8
- Richard R. Steele . . . . . District 2
- Billy A. Turpin . . . . . District 3

15 Years

- Leonard M. Cotter . . . . . District 5
- Charles Ellingburg . . . . . District 2
- Donald Hastings . . . . . AHP
- Billy T. Hayes . . . . . State Aid
- Barney L. Herring . . . . . District 2
- Lotis Horton, Jr. . . . . District 9
- Jessie Hubbard . . . . . District 5
- Leonard Norton . . . . . District 10

- Doyle L. Shrable . . . . . District 5
- James A. Todd . . . . . District 4
- Alvin Vaughn . . . . . District 3
- Dennie R. Williams . . . . . District 5
- Jerry Williams . . . . . District 8
- Larry G. Young . . . . . District 4

10 Years

- Jimmy Adams . . . . . District 10
- Gary Barham . . . . . District 3
- Susan R. Bradley . . . . . Environmental
- Erwin V. Bridges . . . . . District 7
- Danny R. Duvall . . . . . District 8
- Don R. Etchison . . . . . District 9
- Lee O. Gordon . . . . . District 7
- Johnny D. Harvey . . . . . District 6
- Marvin W. Hunter . . . . . District 7
- Richard R. Keaster . . . . . District 8
- Ferrel V. Magby . . . . . Surveys
- Frankie McMahan . . . . . District 7
- Edgar L. Moore . . . . . District 7
- Milton Nicks . . . . . District 1
- William E. Oliver . . . . . District 6
- James C. Simmons . . . . . AHP
- Mark E. Williams . . . . . District 4

5 Years

- Arthur L. Beakley . . . . . Internal Audit
- Bobby L. Cordle . . . . . AHP
- Robert J. Dunn . . . . . AHP
- Charles R. Hart . . . . . Bridge Division
- Fairy E. Warren . . . . . AHP

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

## BRIDGE DIVISION

Congratulations to Charles 'Phil' Brand on his promotion to staff bridge design engineer. He is replacing Dallas Vire who recently retired as design squad leader. Phil is a 1972 civil engineering graduate of the University of Missouri at Rolla. He began his career with the Department in September 1972. He has been assigned the design of various bridge projects which include the White River Bridge at Batesville, East Belt Freeway structures, and the replacement structure for the Edgemont Bridge at Greers Ferry. Phil's most recent duties as senior structures engineer has been assisting in supervising and coordinating load capacity rating and structure inventory activities in the Structure Inventory and Rating Section. Phil and his wife, Terry, have three children, Gay (15), A.J. (12), and Philip (7).

We want to congratulate Veral Pinkerton's daughter, Christi, upon her graduation in May from UALR with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Dallas Vire has really been missed since his retirement in March. He had been with the Department almost 34 years and most of that time was in the Bridge Division. He enjoyed his work and also his friendship with co-workers. Dallas and his wife, Alice, have been nurturing a greenhouse for cactus for the past several years and this will be a hobby already in progress. With summer coming on, there is a possibility they will drive out to California again and take in Cactus Shows and camping.

Stewart Lintz and his wife, Rhonda, are the new parents of Tiffnay Michelle born on March

19 and weighing 7 pounds and 9 ounces. Rhonda brought Tiffnay to the office one day recently and she is just adorable.

Mike and Debbie White have a second daughter, Claire Elise born on April 3. Big sister Amelia is almost five now. Debbie has been employed with the Game and Fish Commission and will return to work there. Congratulations also to Mike on his promotion to senior structures engineer in the Structures Inventory and Rating Section.

J.P. Sumner and his wife, Frankie Jo, have good reason to be proud of their two daughters. Kelly, is completing the 10th grade at Hall High School and taking advanced and honor classes. We want to congratulate her on a 4.0 grade average. Susan is in the 5th grade at Wakefield Elementary and is making excellent grades also. Frankie Jo is a 2nd grade teacher at Wakefield. J.P., Kelly and Susan have been tracking Halley's Comet as junior astronomers.

A large group from Bridge Division survived the Second Annual Buffalo River Float on April 26. Fresh air, blue skies, and white water provided pleasure to all who joined the expedition this year. This trip proved to be as adventurous as the last. Don Bradshaw fell out of his canoe; L.D. and Susan Finister ended up with a three-inch gash in their canoe; Chuck and Linda Sherwood turned over; Mike Rollins and Don Bradshaw crashed into Gray Rock; and Debbie Gross and Betsy Kimmel, Ivan and daughter Erin, and Glenn Cheatham and Mike White all got turned around backwards. What a trip! Surely they weren't all in the same area or they would still be canoeing. This is the story they reported back, saying, aside from a few sunburns, there were no casualties and no shortage of broad smiles. The group would like to thank Mike Coogan for being one great tour guide and Charlie Hart for providing the canoe shuttle. Here is a short prose by Ivan Karnezis entitled, "Buffalo Bridge".

I wish I was on the Buffalo  
Racing between the rocks  
Scooting my canoe from bank to boulder  
And wringing out my socks.  
Losing my drink at one turn  
My sunglasses at another  
Loving the speed and excitement  
And screaming for my mother.



## COMPUTER SERVICES

Computer Services employees receiving recognition for years of service with the Department in February were: Dana Benetz, 5 years; Mary Green, 10 years; and Fay Sullivan, 20 years. Mike Shaw made the presentations. Cookies and punch were also served in honor of the occasion.

On March 5, Carolyn Stringer completed 25 years of service with AHTD. As a token of

love and esteem, her co-workers honored her with a beautiful open house reception.

Also, in December, an open house was held honoring Jerry Conway for his completion of 25 years of service with the Department. Mike Shaw presented him with a 25-year service pin to commemorate the occasion. Friends and co-workers came by to offer their congratulations and wish him well.



Carolyn Stringer



Jerry Conway and Mike Shaw

Judy Akers' daughter, Angela, played "Cleopatra Queen of the Nile" in the school program entitled "It's A Small World".



In April, during Secretaries' Week, Fay Sullivan was presented a beautiful bouquet of yellow roses, and a potluck luncheon was held for her.

Congratulations to Shirley Barnes who on November 14, 1984 became a grandmother to Rachel Leigh Williams. Rachel's parents are Evelyn and Jo David Williams of Russellville.



Rachel Leigh Williams

## CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

We extend a warm welcome to James B. Moore, Jr. who joined the Department as Administrative Assistant. He was associated with AGC. Mary, his wife, works for Safeway. They reside in Hot Springs with their children James III, Denisho, and Ashley.

John Howell became a proud grandfather again when Jason Ross was born March 10, 1986 weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces. Congratulations to his happy parents, John C. and Deborah Howell.



John and Jason Ross Howell

In April Victor Moody had hip surgery and will be recuperating at home for about two months. We miss you Vic!

Congratulations Michele, Rita Fleming's daughter, who was inducted into the National Honor Society. She is a senior at Cabot High School.

Stanley and Penny Garver enjoyed their vacation visiting relatives in Columbia, South Carolina. Came home by way of Augusta, Georgia so Stan could attend the Masters Golf Tournament.

Best wishes to Casandra and Ricky Simpson who have a new home in Pecan Lake.

Elaine Smart's son, Jon, played Daddy Warbucks in "Annie" at McClellan High School where he is a senior. We are proud of you Jon!

Bobby Joe Parker had knee surgery but we are glad he is able to be back at work.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

We have been waiting for babies around here and have had a lot of excitement over their arrival.

Mitchell Bradley Webb was born April 18, 1986, weighing 6 pounds and 11 ounces, and with a head full of blond hair. The happy parents are Mike and Cindy Webb. Mitch was also welcomed by his big brother, Brad Webb, now age 13.

Robin Covert became an aunt again when Tarynn Lee Woods was born April 25, 1986 weighing 6 pounds and 5½ ounces. Now Robin has two cute nieces and a nephew.

Some of our men really take their diets seriously. Four of them held their Second Annual Weight Loss Contest after Christmas this year, and the winner received a nice prize. Their total weight loss was as follows: Winner-Larry Long (17 pounds); Gary Bulloch, 15; Al Collins, 15; and Jim Gaither, 6. Here they are looking trim and slim after their hard work.



Jim Gaither



Gary Bulloch, Al Collins & Larry Long

## EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

In reviewing various activities over the past few years in this office, we noted that there have been quite a few people honored for years of service as well as a retirement or two.

We honored another co-worker recently following 15 years of service to the Department. Cake and coffee were served following the presentation to Al Sacco, Division Assistant, by M.D. Head.

All of us have a good time kidding with Al because he takes it so well, but being a converted Southerner, he still has problems with buttermilk and cornbread. Maybe someday he will learn. Congratulations Al!



Al Sacco

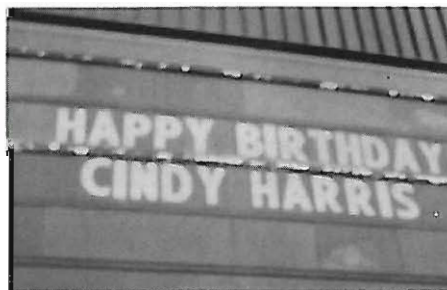
## INTERNAL AUDIT

Welcome to John Goff and Terry Green who transferred to our office at the beginning of this year from Highway Police. John Goff also received his 5 year service pin and certificate on February 7 from Bill McDorman, Chief Auditor in an informal ceremony. Congratulations John and we wish you many more years of loyal and dedicated service with the Department.



Bill McDorman and John Goff

Our office had three female birthdays in the month of March and they were: Cindy Harris - the 3rd, Shirley Wesson - the 4th, and Ann Helm - the 5th. The only one of those whose birthday was heavily publicized was Cindy's, which as you can see from the picture, was shown all over Harrison on the Holiday Inn's billboard sign, where she just happened to be staying while auditing District 9. Right on Cindy! Everyone's not able to get such good treatment.



As everyone probably knows by now, Shirley Wesson was able to adopt a son (Mark Anthony) whose very special in the Wesson household. Thanks to all of you who attended the shower in their honor, and to her very special guests (her mother, Phillip Paul, Treatment Home Staff, Ginny and Susan Stewart)

for such nice and useful gifts. Mark is the best-dressed child on his block. A special thanks to all of you who planned and had some part in setting up everything for the shower, it was simply lovely. At this writing, Mark is cutting two bottom teeth.

Congratulations to Cindy Harris who has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library. She was appointed by the Faulkner County Judge to a five-year term.



Shirley and Mark Anthony



Ginny Stewart

## MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Calbert A. Porterfield, Radio Section Head, was presented his 25 year service pin on April 30 by John Hall.



Employees of the Maintenance Division enjoyed cake and punch served in Cal's honor. Congratulations Cal!

On March 30, Karen and Gene Hall became the parents of an 8 pound, 2 ounce baby boy - Shawn Robert. Congratulations to you and Jeffery, Shawn's big brother.

In April, Leonard Hall transferred to District Six as Maintenance Superintendent. We miss you Leonard, but know that District Six folks will enjoy you.

Harold Reynolds transferred to the Maintenance Division from Traffic as Lowboy Float Truck Driver. He replaces Tommy Kirkpatrick who transferred to District Eight.

## RADIO SECTION

Charles G. 'Chuck' Bishop, Jr., Communications Maintenance Specialist, was presented his five year service certificate and pin by Cal Porterfield, Radio Section Head. Cake and coffee were served.



Cal Porterfield and Chuck Bishop

Suzette Gladden returned to the Radio Section after a short 'tour of duty' in the National Guard - three months. Welcome back, Suzie!

Suzette is 22 years old and single. She is a graduate of Hot Springs High and attended UALR. She plans to return to college to complete her degree in Criminal Justice.

Her hobbies include dancing, waterskiing and beating her boyfriend at Trivial Pursuit.



Suzette Gladden

David Stafford is our newest Telecommunications Operator in the Radio Section. David is 23 and has a beautiful, blonde, 3 year old

daughter named Katy, who is the delight of her father.

David was born and raised in the Little Rock area, then moved to Bryant in 1974 where he graduated from high school. He attended Henderson State University, returned to Little Rock and graduated from Southern Technical College with an A.A.S. Electronic Technology degree in January. He worked at the Baptist Medical Center for four years in different jobs and specialty areas.

David has traveled extensively in the United States with limited travel in Canada and Mexico. He hopes to continue traveling and visit Alaska, Hawaii, Europe and the Far East - let us know when you plan to go - maybe we could all go! Welcome David.



David Stafford

## MATERIALS & RESEARCH

We will begin this article by welcoming another new employee. Kim Ford began working with us on April 14 as a Geotechnical Aide. We hope that Kim will stay with the Department for many years of faithful service.

While mentioning faithful service, congratulations are in order for Howard Snow, who celebrated his 20th anniversary with the Department at a reception held in his honor on March 27. Pictured is Ralph Hall presenting Howard with his 20 year service pin and certificate. Hope you are around for another 20 years Howard!



Ralph Hall and Howard Snow

Charles Means, Area Engineer for M&R, certainly has something to brag about. He became a 'Grandpa' on April 15, 1986. Charles

Ryan Means was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to proud parents Mitchell and Carlene.

Cynthia Suzanne, daughter of Albert Haden and Emily Cockrill, is a May graduate of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro where she received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. In 1985 she received a BS in Data Processing. While at ASU, Cindy was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and a member of Lead Staff.

The AHTD Goft League had their first tournament on April 26 at Hindman Park. Three M&R employees participated. They were Harold Banks, John James, and John Annable. John James was the only one of the three who placed. He was on the winning team coming in first on his team. I am sure the day was enjoyable for Annable and Banks even though they didn't do as well as James!

While lots of folks in M&R have been exchanging fish stories, Ralph Hall still can't get out of the woods! While turkey hunting on the weekend of April 19, he shot and killed 1 turkey!

Our most frequent fishermen so far have been Terrell Watts, Reggie Cobb and Bob Gossett. Their stories haven't gotten to far out of hand, but summer is not over yet although they have had a few funny experiences!!

Along with hunting and fishing in the sports news so goes softball. Practice has started and sore muscles that were forgotten after last summer's season have been found again. Strawberries and bruises have reappeared and yet we call this fun! Some of us still play, others spectate, and others rule the field. Steve Harris has decided against playing this year and has opted for the ruling part while Ray Gruver, Bill Wall, and Cathy Haley are playing.

On April 9, 1986, we lost a very dear friend and co-worker. George E. (Mutt) Smith will be remembered by all as a cheerful and helpful person. He worked with the Highway Department for 24 years and will be greatly missed. Mutt will always be a happy memory in our hearts.

## PERMITS

Congratulations to Sammie Delozier, who was recently presented a 5 year Certificate of Service by Section Head T.A. Nanney.



Terry Nanney and Sammie Delozier

Jessie Downie is proud of his grandsons, Ian and Zakary Chumney. Ian celebrated his second birthday on April 20 and Zakary was born on January 7. They are two adorable little boys.



Ian and Zakary Chumney

## PLANNING DIVISION

The Planning Division would like to welcome Sammye Martinez who came to work in the Administrative Section on March 27. Sammye worked for the Department a few years ago in the Permit Section and we are certainly happy to have her back again.

Statewide Planning would like to welcome Bobby Bradshaw to our office. Bobby began working in the office in February as a Computer Systems Manager. He is married and enjoys hunting and fishing. Welcome Bobby!

Statewide Planning said farewell to Jerry Jansma in April with a catfish dinner. Jerry accepted employment back in his hometown of Fayetteville. We all miss him and wish him well.

Congratulations to Van Hale and Mark Jones of Statewide Planning. Both were recently accepted as affiliate members of MOTIVE (Missouri Valley Institute of Traffic Engineers).

Shown in the picture is Erin Nicole Starnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Starnes of McGehee. Erin was born November 5, 1985 and weighed 7 pounds and 9½ ounces. She is the granddaughter of Sunny and Ed Johnson. Ed is State Rail Coordinator in the Planning Division.



Erin Nicole Starnes

A new "Baron" arrived in the Rail Office this week. No longer will he have to shake, rattle, roll and smell gas fumes because, with a nod of the head, he became the proud owner of a new Chrysler LeBaron. We therefore congratulate Mr. Charles William (the Baron) Walters.

## PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Congratulations to Laura and John Carter on their new baby girl, Gwendolyn Shante

Carter, who was born April 9. Laura and Gwendolyn are both doing fine.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Barney Phillips after rising at 1:45 a.m. and driving to the Ozark National Forest in a driving rain storm, somehow managed to surprise and kill and poor love struck turkey. It weighed 6¼ pounds and had a fourteen inch beard, and as of this writing, we are not sure who was the most surprised.

Daphne went turkey hunting also this season and almost saw one. Of course she tells anyone who will listen about the time long, long ago, far, far away how she killed two turkeys with one shot!

Mimi Nation's son, Tony, is now the proud owner of a new bass boat and spend all of his time on the lakes around Arkansas. He has promised to take his Mother fishing on one condition - she bring fried chicken and trimmings, cokes, plus buy gas for the car and boat. Mimi agreed to all of that on her condition that he take her fish off the hook and she considers herself coming out on top of the deal.

Marla Sams joined the PTU gang recently when she transferred from Accounting where she had been working for the past seven years. She drove to work today sporting a brand new Maxima.

Brenda has a new addition to her family also, a new Datsun 300ZX and in case you are interested the rest of us are still driving our trusty old clunkers and continue to lead a rather boring lifestyle.

## REPRODUCTION

Our best news is to have our boss, Al Dunn, back working with us after major surgery and recuperation. He is still under doctor's care but is looking great. Welcome back, Mr. Dunn!

Friends, relatives and co-workers enjoyed refreshments in honor of Pete Escarre, Assistant Section Head, who recently completed 20 years of service with AHTD. His service certificate and pin were presented by Section Head Al Dunn. Congratulations Pete!



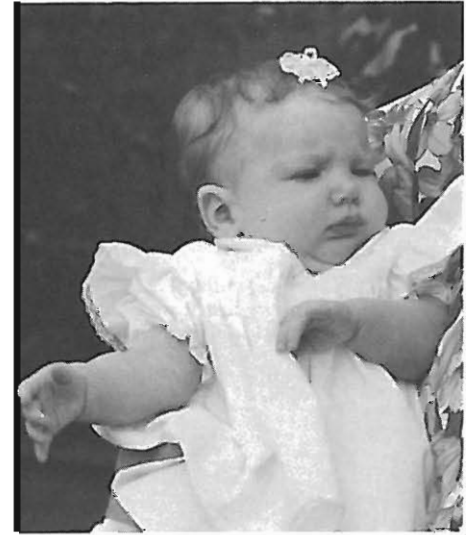
Pete Escarre and Al Dunn

We are happy to welcome Caceia Coleman to our Map Sales Section. She is single and loves success. Her hobbies are creative cooking and reading. We believe she will become a great asset to our Section.

Jerry Heffington and family are settled in their new home in Benton.

Welcome to the beautiful new addition to the Dunn family. Rebekah Leigh Graves arrived February 8 weighing 8 pounds and 13 ounces.

She is the granddaughter of Al and Bettie Dunn. Her parents are Rick and Pattie Graves. Move over John Allen because Rebekah is going to want her share of attention from the grand parents.



Rebekah Leigh Graves



Caceia Coleman



Mike Daniel

Pictured is Mike Daniel, son of Barbara and Tommy Daniel, with his great 'catch'. He has proof of his fish stories. These were caught in a small lake in Jacksonville within 10 minutes fishing time. The large fish was 20" long and weighed 7 pounds and the small one was 15" long and weighed 5 pounds. Congratulations Mike. Seeing this picture will probably give all the fishermen and fisherwomen "fishing fever."

We all miss Loretta Rice who transferred to Fiscal Services. We wish her the best of luck in her new position.

Dick Godfrey's last day with us was May 2. He has retired after 13+ years of service and will now be able to do all the things he has been putting off all these years. I'm sure his wife has a few 'honey do' chores saved for him. We all envy you Dick and wish you the very best.



Dick Godfrey (far right standing) and family

Congratulations to Robert Cagle who recently purchased a blue 1986 Dodge pickup. Al Dunn is driving a new pickup too, but doesn't want it in the news.

## RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION

Congratulations to Sheryl Fletcher on her promotion to Section Secretary of the Acquisition Section of Right of Way.

We would like to welcome Treva Meador to the Right of Way Division. Treva replaced Sheryl after her promotion. Treva is a native Arkansan but because of her husband's job has lived in several states other than Arkansas. She was living in Carson City, Nevada before moving to Arkansas this time. Treva and her husband, Monte, have two daughter, Vivica, who is a probation officer in Carson City and Deidre Michele, who is now living in France while continuing her education.

We are a little late doing so but we would also like to welcome Donna Smith to the Right of Way Division. Donna is a general secretary in the Utilities Section. She started work in September 1985. Donna is married to Bruce Smith and they have two children, Natasha, age 6, and Charles, age 3.

Another employee we are a little late on congratulating is Mary Dry who completed 15 years of service with the Department in September 1985. Mary was the secretary in the Relocation Section until her promotion to Title Research Technician in September 1983 in the Administrative Section. Congratulations Mary!

Congratulations and best wishes to Marie and Greg Cargile. Marie and Greg were married March 20 at the Westminister Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. After a three-day honeymoon trip to Eureka Springs, Marie was back at work - on time - Monday morning. Marie is the secretary in the Administrative Section.

Mary Gibson's son, Joey, won a third place trophy - Blue Belt, Light Weight Men's Division,

Free Sparring - in Regional Taekwondo Tournament held at Pine Bluff April 12. Mary is very proud of her son Joey but she is also proud of her daughter, Tammy, son-in-law Mike, and grandson Nathaniel (especially Nathaniel). Nathaniel was born November 8, 1985 and as you can see by this picture why Mary is so proud of him. Nathaniel's mother, Tammy, works in Fiscal Services.



Nathaniel Collier



Matthew Scott Bowen

Congratulations to Sharon and Grant Bowen who are the proud parents of their first child, Matthew Scott Bowen, who was born March 19 weighing 7 pounds and 11½ ounces. Sharon is a drafter in the Engineering Section.

Congratulations also to Donald and Vicki Mitchill on the birth of their second daughter, Julie Renee, born April 4 weighing 7 pounds and 13 ounces. Julie's older sister is Jennifer Lynn, who is 3½ years old. Donald is an advanced drafter in the Engineering Section.



Julie Renee Mitchell

Dick Lucas of the Utilities Section competed in the Ozark Highland Games at Arkansas College in Batesville on April 19. Dick won medals in four of the five events he entered. He took 1st place in the stone throw, tossing an 18-pound stone 29 feet, 11 inches; 2nd place in tossing the caber, which is a 20-foot long pole that weighs about 100 pounds; 3rd place in the 28-pound toss for distance, 21

feet; and 2nd place in the 56-pound toss for height, 7 feet, 9 inches. Dick's 15 year old son, Greg, entered six events in the junior high classification, winning medals in each event. The events for the competition are based on things done in warfare between Scottish Clans several hundred years ago. Dick was the oldest competitor in Class Two, which is the Professional Classification. This was his second year to participate.



Dick Lucas

## SURVEYS DIVISION

Bill Prince, our Parcel Survey Coordinator, retired from the Department with 34½ years of service. The office gave Bill a small party (at his request), and the office staff and Bill's old crew presented him with a gift certificate. Bill enjoys hunting, fishing, and woodworking, so we know he won't be sitting around wondering what to do. We wish him the best of luck but want him to know that he will be missed very much.



Bill Prince

John Taunton, Survey Party Chief, suffered from a heart attack in April. He is still off work but recovering rapidly. We all wish him well and will be glad to see him back at work.

Kenneth Riggs, Survey Party Chief, received his service award for 20 years and Kenneth Raines, Senior Surveys Aide, received his 5 year service award. Congratulations to you both.

This Division Secretary would like to thank her guys for the great Secretaries' Week. I received a beautiful flower arrangement and was taken out to lunch two different times! For all you girls out there. . .No, I will not be retiring soon!

## PHOTOGRAMMETRY SECTION

Our secretary, Sue Walls, received several arrangements of flowers in honor of National Secretaries' Day. She received a beautiful carnation and mum arrangement from Farrell Adams and Roy Walden; a beautiful Persian Violet pot plant from Larry Fenton, Section Head; and a beautiful Iris arrangement from Debbie Meyer, the Surveys Division Secretary. Sue said she really felt appreciated this year, and 'thanks' to everyone who made her feel special that day.



Sue Walls

In honor of Roy Walden's birthday, we ordered pizza for lunch one day and had strawberry shortcake on another day. We were too full of pizza to have it all on the same day. Everything was so good, I guess Roy will have to have a birthday more often.

Roy also got a real nice birthday present. (I guess you could call it a birthday present). He had a new in-ground swimming pool built and got to use it for the first time on his birthday. That is the kind of gift that they say "keeps on giving." We are all happy for Roy and his family and hope they invite us over some weekend to enjoy it with them.

## TRAFFIC DIVISION

We would like to welcome Wayne England, Allen Rouse, Keith Stokes and Paul Wamack to the Traffic Division.

We are going to miss Hollis Reynolds who has transferred to Maintenance. Good luck Hollis.

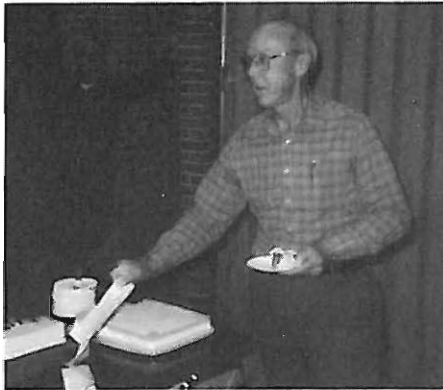
Roosevelt Dwayne Dobbins graduated in May from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a BS degree in Computer Science and Data Processing. Roosevelt is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Dobbins. Frank is a transport truck driver on the striping crew.

Congratulations to service award recipients Jim Barnett, 25 years in February, and Harold Guinn, 20 years in March.

## DISTRICT ONE

Gene Horton, Storeroom Supervisor, retired in February with 17 years of service. He was honored with cake and punch and presented with an engraved watch from his fellow employees. Gene was a conscientious, dedicated employee and we wish him many happy years of retirement. We hear he is helping his son farm and is spending quite a bit of time on a tractor which does not sound much like retirement to me. Billy McGuire was promoted to Storeroom Supervisor. We also have a new parts runner in the Storeroom, Bubba Ragan. Good luck to both of them on their new jobs.

The lovely decorated cake at Gene's party was made and given to him by Darlene Belknap, wife of Assistant District Engineer, Gene Belknap. Darlene makes most of the cakes for our parties and does a super job, sometimes with very short notice. We would like to thank Darlene for all the cakes she has made over the years.



Gene Horton



Victims of First Aid Course

A Basic First Aid Course was held at the District Headquarters on March 4 and 5. From the picture it is hard to tell whether the victims were better off being rescued or not. These classes do pay off though. Willie Anderson, Senior Mechanic, saved a wreck victim the very next week after taking part in the first aid class. He pulled the man from his wrecked truck, cleared his air passage which was blocked, and kept him warm until help arrived. Our hats off to Willie for putting what he learned into action and for being willing to help his fellow man.

Congratulations to Stanley Eugene Pierce who graduated from Cross County High School. Stanley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pierce. Delbert is Crew Leader on the District Wide Bridge Crew.

Tracy Diane Abel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Abel, graduated from Central High School in Helena. Her mom, Ernestine, better known as 'Ernie' is the Field Clerk in the West Helena Resident Engineer's office.

## DISTRICT TWO

The big news for this issue is the retirement of District 2 Engineer M.S. 'Sam' Smith on May 20. An Open House was held for Mr. Smith on May 15. After 33 years with the Department, 12

of those years as District 10 Engineer in Paragould and the last 9 years as District 2 Engineer in Pine Bluff, Mr. Smith will be greatly missed but we wish him the very best!

Also a big happening in the 'Smith Family' was the marriage of Sam and Mary Virginia's son, David, to Linde Martin. The couple was married on April 12 at the Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church in North Little Rock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Stanley Martin of NLR. The couple is residing in Little Rock. Many congratulations to the new couple.



David and Linda Smith

Several of our employees undertook a First Aid Class recently. This day long session was taught by the Department of Labor and everyone commented on how helpful it will be in the future.

James Pierce, Office Manager, was presented his 30 year service award in February. He has seen a lot of office personnel come and go during his years.



James Pierce and M.S. Smith



E.W. Pridgeon

E.W. Pridgeon received his 15 year service pin recently. "PeeWee" is Crew Leader in Jefferson County.

Those receiving 10 year service awards in January were Troy Adams, J.C. Everette, Walter McClain, and Darrell Spakes.



After 36 years of service and dedication to the Department, A.M. Murphy retired on March 28. 'Murphy' was a member of the Bridge Crew and held the job of 'do anything and everything.' It would amaze you to watch him on those 'cat walks'. He is greatly missed but we hope he enjoys his retirement. His fellow employees honored him with a fish fry and gifts.



**A. Murphy**

Denise Miller, daughter of Charles and Barbara Raines, recently was named to the "Top 10" list by the Arkansas State Board of Practical Nursing for her achievement on the RPN exam. She is a graduate of Rice Belt Vo-Tech School and is married with two daughters. We know Charles and Barbara are proud of Denise. Charles works in the Maintenance Crew at DeWitt.



**Denise Miller**

We have a new Area Foreman in Jefferson County. He is James Wolfe, who was an employee in Construction on Bridge Inspection since 1972. He is a native of Rison, married and has a daughter and a son. Hunting, fishing and restoring old cars are his hobbies. Welcome to Maintenance, although some days we're not too sure if he'll enjoy it.



**James Wolfe - Jefferson I**

Congratulations to Shannie Crain, who received his 20 year service certificate from Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson in December.



**Patsy Thomasson and Shannie Crain**

Safety awards were presented recently for the year of 1985 by Safety Officer James Mansfield. Those crews who were 'accident free' were: the Cleveland and Lincoln County maintenance crews, the District Sign Crew and Construction offices in McGehee, Monticello and Pine Bluff.



**1985 Safety Award Winners**



**Sign Crew - Safety Award Winner**



**Monticello Engineers' Office**

Billy Lindsey and Becky Kimball were married April 19 in Pine Bluff. Billy is a Construction Helper in the Pine Bluff Construction Office and Becky works for a doctor. Both Billy and Becky are two of our favorite people and we wish them a lot of happiness in the future.

The winner of the Maintenance Crew of the Month for January was Desha County and Foreman Richard Waller; the winner for February was Cleveland County and for March was Chicot County. The big winner for the entire

year of 1985 based on total months won was Arkansas County at Stuttgart.



**M.S. Smith and Scarler Lyons  
Crew of the Year 1985**



**M.S. Smith and Richard Waller  
January Maint. Crew of the Month**



**M.S. Smith and J.R. Neal  
February Maint. Crew of the Month**



**M.S. Smith and L.J. Bishop  
March Maint. Crew of the Month**



**District 2 Secretaries**

Shown in the picture is Mitchell Cathey born July 26, 1985. He is the son of Marty and Lesle Cathey of West Monroe, La. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Linneman. Johnnie works on the Bridge Crew.



Mitchell Cathey

Two separate retirement parties were held in the month of February for Frank Novak, Assistant Resident Engineer in the Monticello office. On the evening of February 7, a fish fry was held at the home of Scott and Amder Mullis. Many friends and co-workers were in attendance and good fellowship was enjoyed by all. Frank received many retirement gifts including wood-working tools, a watch, a sweater, and several 'useful' items needed for his new duties as Assistant Housekeeper working for Miss Jan.

The Monticello RE Office held an office get-together for Frank on February 26. Refreshments were served as many friends visited on Frank's last day after 30 years of service. Frank started to work for the AHTD on January 16, 1956 at Daisy as a Rodman. Subsequent moves included a brief stay at Ashdown before coming to Monticello for the remainder of his service with the Department.

Frank's family members include his wonderful wife, Jan, and his children, Frank, Jr., Mary, JD, Dan and Ben.

All of us wish Frank and Jan the very best. We are all going to miss him!



Frank and Jan Novak

### DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service to the Department: Billy Mil-

holen, 5 years; Joe England and Kathy Clark, 10 years; Don Donaldson, 15 years; and Emmet Barrett, 20 years.

Cody Martin, son of Susan Martin, Store-room Supervisor, was re-elected as representative of his class on the Student Council at Yerger Middle School.

Gary Roberts and his friend has a successful hunt the first week of turkey season in the Ouachita Mountains. They are shown with 6 turkey tails. Gary killed two, one with a 4½ inch beard and the other a 5½ inch beard.



Gary Roberts (on right)

Nathan William Stewart was born February 3 weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces. He is the son of Billy Don and Gail Stewart and the grandson of Joe Munn. Billy Don is Stock Clerk in the District Warehouse and Joe is a night watchman at the District. Nathan has two sisters, Beth, age 5, and Staci, age 2.



Nathan William Stewart

Debbie Caster, District Receptionist, wanted to show off her cute little nephew. His name is Phillip Andrew Dowdy and he is two months old.



Phillip Andrew Dowdy

### DISTRICT FOUR

At the April Foreman's Meeting, District Engineer Allan Holmes and Safety Officer Jim Montgomery presented safety award to the following: (left to right in the picture) Leo Seal, Maintenance Job Superintendent; Gene Holloway, Washington I Area Foreman, 2-year ribbon; Jim Montgomery, Safety Officer; Danny Lister, Sign Foreman; Ralph Goodson, Sealing Job Superintendent; Jerry Clemence, Sign Foreman, 3-year ribbon; Kim McDowell, Bridge Job Superintendent, 2-year ribbon; Ed Slaughterbeck, accepting for Joe Shipman, Waldron RE, 2-year ribbon; Mark Williams, Sebastian I Area Foreman; and District Engineer Allan Holmes. Our congratulations to these supervisors and their crews for their attention to safety.



D-4 Safety Award Recipients

Bill Bice, Advanced Construction Engineer in the Van Buren RE Office, retired in January with 36 years of service. Presenting the award was District Engineer Allan Holmes.



Bice and Holmes

Tommy Riley, Senior Mechanic at the District Shop, received his 15 year service certificate from George Lee, Shop Foreman. Congratulations Tommy!



Lee and Riley

In March the Shop and Office Staff has a retirement party for W.W. Fox, Low Boy and

Float Truck Driver. Reece is a fine fellow and we wish him the very best.



Fox

The week of April 21st was Secretaries' Week and so we got all our indispensable women a cake and coffee mugs. Pictured are: (left to right standing) Nan Williams, District Receptionist; Betty Lincks, Fuel Clerk; Mona Mahl, District Secretary; Kathy Fortner, Bookkeeper; Mary Bryant, Payroll Clerk; (sitting left to right) Lauri Chua, Stock Clerk; Rachel Turman, Assistant Storeroom Supervisor; and Leann Patterson, Stock Clerk. It's a small gesture to show a big appreciation for the tremendous work they do. Thanks Ladies!



District 4 Secretaries

Sue Shipman, wife of Joe Shipman of the Waldron RE Office, won a trip to Hollywood, California and appeared on the May 9th episode of Falcon Crest. She took Margaret Byers, Field Clerk, with her. They are shown with two of the stars of Falcon Crest; David Selby and Morgan Fairchild. Our congratulations to Sue on her great acting debut!



Shipman-Selby-Fairchild-Byers

Leon Brewer, Springdale Resident Engineer, has been selected by the Ames Division of Miles Laboratories to be on the National Diabetes Consumer Advisory Panel. This nationwide panel will share their opinions on various products and projects to help Ames to provide the diabetes marketplace with the best possible products and service. Our congratulations to Leon on his appointment to this panel.

The turkey in the middle weighed 19 pounds and had an 11 inch beard. Randall Barnett killed it and Steve Glover was his accomplice. Both men are from the Waldron RE office.



Barnett - Glover

The Mena Crew reports that Dean Terrell bagged a 12 pound turkey with a 4 inch beard. There were no pictures but if the crew says it then its gotta be so.

Lynn Priddy, son of Junior Priddy, is a junior at Wickes High School and quite a trackster. On April 3, he won 1st place in the mile and 2-mile. On April 8th at DeQueen he placed 3rd in the mile and 1st in the 2-mile with a time of 10:40.07. On April 17 at Dierks we was 2nd in the mile and 1st in the 2-mile with a time of 10:56.03. His conference track meet will be held April 26 and the state track meet will be May 17th so we will let you know how he does. We want to heartily congratulate Lynn on his performance and wish him well in the upcoming meets.

## DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service with the Department: Leslie Shane, 15 years and Bill Stanton, 25 years.

On February 28 the shop and office personnel surprised W.J. Braggs with a retirement party at the District Headquarters. His wife was on hand to help enjoy the cake and coffee. We would like to wish him a happy retirement and hope he'll be stopping by for a visit now and then.



W.J. and Mrs. Braggs

Also, congratulations and best wishes to the following retirees: H.E. Morehead, 23 years; W.P. Cummings, 30 years; T.A. Case, 28 years; and D.T. Neighbours, 34 years.



Jim Chaney and Bill Stanton

On February 27 and 28 the Bald Knob crew took the C.P.R. course. This was the first time we had given the course to a full crew at their headquarters and it proved to be quite successful.



Bald Knob Area Crew

Hulon C. Rice is our new Resident Engineer. He transferred from the S.L. Swink residency in Searcy. He replaced John Ed Smith who retired. Congratulations Hulon on your promotion.

Gary West, who works in the Hulon Rice residency, was very successful on the first day of turkey season. He proudly displays his limit of two, one weighing 20 pounds with an 11 inch beard and the other weighing 22 pounds with a 10 inch beard. His hunting grounds are in Izard County.



Gary West

Mike Satterwhite, son of Assistant Maintenance Engineer Randy Satterwhite, set a Batesville High School record with a 4 under-

par 31 to lead the Pioneers to a 30-stroke win over their opponents on April 21. On April 27 he shot a hole-in-one on a 170 yard par 3.

Mike is the defending overall state champion. We are looking forward to hearing great things from him at the 5-AAA North Region Tournament to be held in Searcy.



Mike Satterwhite

**DISTRICT SIX**

District Secretary Georgia Russenberger and her husband took an early vacation in March to Fort Myers, Florida. They made a side trip to Key West - the southernmost point in the U.S. - only 90 miles from Cuba! The weather was beautiful, the seafood delicious and the alligators plentiful. You see them just out in the road ditches. We're glad to see Georgia made it back in one piece.

We welcome Leonard Hall as our new District Maintenance Superintendent. Leonard came to us from the Maintenance Division replacing George Ingle who retired after 37 years of service. Congratulations to you both.

Zachary Walton Villareal is the newest addition to the Estell list of grandchildren. Zachary was born to Lorrie and Gene Walton Villareal. Lorrie is Olga's daughter number two. Zachary was born on Friday the 13th, in December 1985. He was a whopping 6.13 pounds with black hair and dark blue eyes. There is no doubt he is batting 100 with his 'Granny' Olga Estell, Bookkeeper in the District Office. By the way, that's his Granny's smile he's showing off!



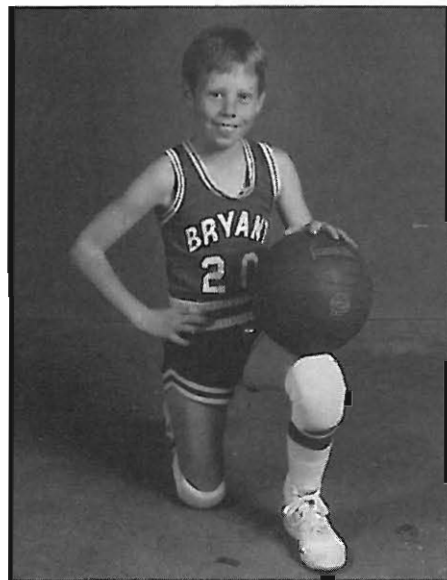
Zachary Walton Villareal

Now isn't this a fine pair! Joshua Pruitt and Joseph Ramsey born September 9, 1985. The proud parents of these two characters are Pulaski County Area Foreman Jerry Zuber and his wife, Claudette. The Zubers also have two other children, Nichlaus, 5, and Katie, 3. Jerry and Claudette should have their hands busy for a while.



Joshua Pruitt and Joseph Ramsey Zuber

Jeremy Stovall, 10 year old son of our District Sign Crew Foreman Jerry Stovall and his wife, Teresa, gave it his best shot this year in helping place the Bryant Optimist Club in third place for the season. Congratulations Jeremy and keep up the good work.



Jeremy Stovall

**DISTRICT SEVEN**

Scott Lindsey, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lindsey, Maintenance Job Superintendent, has been selected to attend the Governor's School. Scott is an 11th grader at Bearden High School. He was one of 400 applicants selected from 1200 applications; 189 schools were represented.

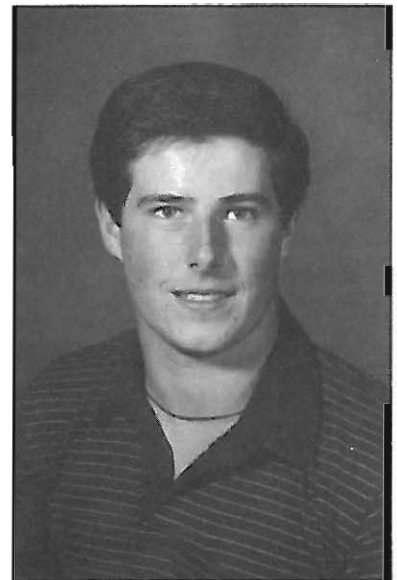
The Governor's School is a program for students entering their senior year of high school and who show a potential being "Gifted and Talented".

Scott will be studying in the field of Natural Sciences. The students also study philosophy and psychology.

Scott won honorable mention in geometry in the math contest at Henderson State Univer-

sity at Arkadelphia on April 5. This was the regional competition of the Eighth Annual High School Mathematics Contest sponsored by the Arkansas Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Scott is a talented and accomplished musician playing the organ, guitar and piano. He has made several very good tapes of his music. Congratulations Scott!



Scott Lindsey

John Livingston, District Maintenance Superintendent, is one of our most avid turkey hunters. He is pictured with his prey which he bagged on April 10. This turkey started out weighing 38 to 48 pounds, but in reality, it weighed 13 pounds and had a 4-inch beard. Mr. Livingston has invested a lot of time and effort into the skill of turkey hunting and we offer him a special "Congratulations".



John Livingston

On April 18th the Clark County Crew had a retirement party in honor of two faithful employees, Charles Conine, Crew Leader with 30½ years of service and J.W. Hancock, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator with 34 years of service. J.W. is pictured with the cake which everyone enjoyed. Charles was camera shy and did not get in the picture. Both men were presented with "Retiree" AHTD caps. We wish you both a long and happy retirement.



J.W. Hancock

### DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to those receiving service awards. They are: Von Z. Sturdevant, Larry Rainwater and M.C. 'Chip' Young, 25 years; Tom McGuire and Jurld Payton, 15 years; and Jack Cossey and Joe Phillips, 10 years.



Lawrence Fletcher and Larry Rainwater



Von Sturdevant, Tom McGuire, Chip Young, Joe Phillips, and Jack Cossey

The Pope County crew has a new employee. He is Doug Young. Danny Duvall got a turkey the first week of the season. Congratulations to you both.

Congratulations to Kevin Baskin, son of Area Foreman R.C. 'Bo' Baskin. Kevin graduated from the College of the Ozarks this past December with a degree in Management and Business Administration.

Charles May, Area Headquarters Attendant for Pope County, is a very proud grandfather. His granddaughter, Charlette Allison May of Atkins, was first runnerup in the Little Miss Atkins contest in April. "Charli" is 5½ years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alan May.



Charlette Allison May

Joe Smith, Senior Mechanic, retired April 23 with 20 years of service. His fellow employees honored him with a cake and some new fishing tackle. We will miss you Joe!



Joe and Naida Smith

We were all surprised on April 14 when Van Buren County Area Foreman Noah Moody walked in to tell us that it was his last day. He retired effective that day with 35+ years of service with the Department. We already miss Noah, but we know he deserves this time now to do all the things he has been wanting to do.

Congratulations to Noah Moody (Van Buren County), Joe Stevens (Pope County), and Francis Jones (Sign Crew) upon receiving their Certificates of Safety. We are proud of the hard work you and your men did to accomplish this.



Noah Moody, Joe Stevens and Francis Jones

### DISTRICT NINE

On April 18th, District 9 honored J.L. Ownes with a retirement party. J.L. left the Department as District Materials Supervisor with 37 years of service. Many employees were present to wish J.L. a long, happy retirement.



J.L. Ownes

We have a new Grandma in the District 9 office. Marcia Holt, District Bookkeeper, and husband Joe, became grandparents of a darling baby girl, Brittney Ann, on February 10. She weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces and is the daughter of proud parents, John and Beverly Holt. Congratulations to all!

We were saddened by the death of retirees E.E. 'Doc' Harrell, Pete Sims, Troy Deweese, George Dickey and Ertie Lawrence. Also sympathy is extended to the families of Dean Smith, Carroll County Area Foreman and Bud Young, Jr., Backhoe/Loader Operator at the Jasper Area Headquarters on the death of their fathers and Ed Cummings, Benton County Area Foreman at Garfield on the death of his wife.

Rosie Harris and Al Blansett were married April 12 at the Community Church of Peel. Rosie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris who is a pilot on the Peel Ferry. The ceremony was performed by C.G. Johnson, also a pilot on the Peel Ferry. We wish Rosie and Al the best of luck.

Searcy County Area Foreman Williard Crow loves to show off his first granddaughter, Lindsey, who is 8 months old. She is the daughter of Willard's son, Mike, and his wife, Robin.



Lindsey Crow

We have three graduates that District 9 - especially Peel Ferry - are really proud of. Donnie Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bill Wallace, Peel Ferry Supervisor, Kary Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Rose, Peel Ferry Pilot, and Craig Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Johnson, Peel Ferry Pilot, all graduated in May from Yellville High School. Best wishes are extended to these fine young people.

Dennis Jarrett, Assistant Storeroom Supervisor, has every reason to be proud of his two children, 16 years old Jeanette and 14 year old Barry. Jeanette was Homecoming Junior Maid at Spokane High School on February 14 and attended the Junior/Senior Program at her school on April 26. Barry earned his green belt in Taekwondo in a Belt Presentation Ceremony on April 24. In March, Barry was in a Taekwondo Tournament in Springfield, Missouri and won the first round match in free sparring.



Jeanette Jarrett



Barry Jarrett

## DISTRICT TEN

When you work for the Construction Division and the busy season has just gotten underway, there is little time for taking care of little matters that can add a very special touch to someone's day. But you learn to be innovative in order to accomplish the goals you have set. This is just what two employees from the Osceola RE Office did when confronted with the dilemma of how to show their appreciation to Corky Wilson, Office Technician, and Sherry Campbell, Field Clerk, for National Secretaries' Day. It seems these two gentlemen found that cylinder molds and wild flowers make a presentable combination. The results are pictured. I think we will all agree that it is definitely the thought that counts. Corky and Sherry certainly appreciated that thought. Thanks guys!



Sherry Campbell and Corky Wilson

Presentation of Safety Awards gave ample opportunity to gather at the District Headquarters. Awards were presented to Jerry Greitens, Poinsett County Maintenance Crew; Charles Hopper, District Maintenance Crew; C.J. Stokes, Craighead County Maintenance Crew; R.J. Blackwell, Jonesboro RE Office; Frank Shepherd, Osceola RE Office; and Gene Hanshaw, District Sign Crew. Congratulations to all for their excellent safety records.



(Left to Right) Greitens, Hopper, Stokes, Blackwell and Shepherd



Gene Hanshaw and B.J. Barnett

Just as one relinquishes its hold and a new season evolves, old friends leave our daily lives and new ones enter. We have had several friends retire from the Department since the last article, but we hope that, just like the seasons, they will eventually come full circle to visit from time to time. Chester Jones retired on March 31 with 13 years of service. Chester was a member of the District Sealing Crew and will be missed by all who were in contact with him.



Chester Jones and Leonard Nelson

Tollie Berry retired from the Lawrence County Maintenance Crew on March 21. Tollie was presented with a rod and reel (sure wish I was going where he plans to go) from the members of the crew. Tollie worked for the Department for 11 years.

E.E. Gramling retired from the Greene County Maintenance Crew on January 31 with

10 years of service. He was presented with a pocket knife from the crew members.



Tollie Berry and Harold Lady



Charles Hesselbein and E.E. Gramling



James L. Sorg and R.C. Blackwell

James L. Sorg had 16 years of service upon his retirement from the Randolph County Crew on April 24. Looks like James and Tollie may bump into each other from time to time at the 'ole fishin' hole.'

All four of these fine gentlemen will be missed throughout the District and we wish them all our very best in their retirements.

Service awards were presented to several members of the District Ten Staff. They include Larry Toombs, 10 years; Harold White, Bujley Ludwig, and Nancy Mahan, 15 years.



Hesselbein and Burley Ludwig



Harold White and B.J. Barnett



B.J. Barnett and Nancy Mahan



Hesselbein and Larry Toombs

## - Almost 100 Years of AHTD Service -

When one person serves 38½ years with the Department that's a feat in itself. But for that person to be a member of a family that has served a total of 97½ years, then you've really got something to be proud of.

That's the case for Hurley Perkins of North Little Rock. Hurley is the third member of his family to work for the Highway and Transportation Department, following in the footsteps of his father, J.C. Perkins, Sr., and his older brother, J.C. Perkins, Jr.

The Perkins' family association with the Department began in 1931 when J.C., Sr. began his career as a Bridge Resident Engineer. He later served as Bridge Location Engineer, Assistant State Construction Engineer, and District Engineer. He retired with 25 years of service and passed away in Harrison at the age of 74.

J.C., Jr. started with the Department in 1931 also. He began as a Rodman and was promoted through the ranks to Inspector, Instrumentman, and in 1943 to Resident Engineer at the age of 30. In 1953 he was

Division Superintendent at District 9 in Harrison, serving in that capacity for six years. He was transferred back to the Construction Division as a Resident Engineer in charge of projects on I-55, I-40 and I-30. He was promoted to State Maintenance Engineer and later retired in 1974 with 34 years of service.

Hurley began his highway career in 1938 on a wash-boring rig for Bridge Surveys. In 1941 he was employed as Instrumentman in Surveys, promoted to Location Engineer, Resident Engineer, Staff Engineer in charge of Final Estimates, Assistant State Construction Engineer, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, and District Engineer at Harrison, Russellville and Little Rock, thus become the first District Engineer to head three Districts. Hurley retired in 1982 with a total of 38½ years of service.

Hurley has remained very active promoting the Department since his retirement. He was instrumental in organizing the AHTD Retirees Association and served as its first President.



J.C. Perkins, Sr., Hurley and J.C., Jr.  
Photo taken in 1925 in Mobile, Alabama

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