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From the Director's Desk

Economic Development Corridor Program Is A Must For Arkansas

Response to the Economic Development Corridor Program throughout the State has been tremendous. In August and September, the members of the Highway Commission attended nine regional meetings to explain the program and listen to the public's comments regarding the long-term effects such a program would have on Arkansas. An article on these meetings begins on page 2 of this issue of Arkansas Highways.

I would like to thank the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council and the eight regional Planning and Development Districts for hosting the meetings which were attended by more than 2,000 people from all sections of the state, as well as many of our State Legislators.

The meetings were part of the overall process of developing a program which will be presented to the State Legislature in January. The comments received at each meeting, as well as the results of hundreds of questionnaires that were returned following each meeting, will be reviewed by the Commission and the Department staff.

There is no doubt that a program to provide four-lane highways throughout Arkansas is needed. The people have indicated, through their comments, that they support such a proposal. Many said we should have started years ago. Our neighboring states are well on their way to getting similar programs started, and we are playing catch-up.

The big question to answer is; how are we going to pay for this program? The Commissioners will be addressing this question between now and January. There are many areas to look into. The obvious sources of additional funding are the current highway user fees, such as motor fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees. This year alone, 15 states increased their motor fuel taxes to fund highway improvements. With the continued decline in the availability of federal funds, the states must rely more and more on their own sources of revenues to get the job done.

The federal role in future highway programs is unclear. The present federal aid program expires in 1991. The funding for the Interstate Highway program is slated to end in fiscal year 1993. There is a general feeling that the federal aid highway program will change dramatically once the focus shifts from the Interstates. Arkansas, like many other states, cannot afford to set back and wait for the federal government to decide what role it will play in the future. Our needs are now. We must have the resources available at the state level to meet these needs.

An independent study shows that the 1985 Rural Road Program adds \$150 million annually to the gross income of this state. Just think what this Economic Development Corridor Program might do! The income it would add and the highway system it could develop in Arkansas would be the envy of the nation.



MAURICE SMITH
Director of Highways & Transportation

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Dr. Silas Snow, President of the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council, opens the meeting conducted in Harrison.

Public Forums Conducted On Four-Lane Highway Program

With the help of the Highway and Transportation Department, the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council and eight regional Planning and Development Districts embarked on an ambitious schedule of public meetings around the state in August and September.

The purpose of the meetings was to gain input from the citizens of Arkansas regarding the four-lane highway program that the Highway Commission plans to propose in the next legislative session. Nine meetings were scheduled beginning August 9 in Monticello and concluding September 27 in North Little Rock.

Dr. Silas D. Snow, President of the AGR/TC, said the meetings were

needed for the Commission to get some idea of public sentiment toward the program. "It is vitally important that our state and local officials be made aware of the public's feelings concerning this program in order that the best decisions be made relative to transportation issues and our state's future economic development," Snow said.

About 325 people filled the Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Monticello for the first meeting. Following presentations from AHTD Chief Engineer Charles Venable and Glen Bell of the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Highway Commissioner Bill Clark, of Hot Springs, presented the Commission's viewpoint.

"This is being called a highway program," Clark said. "In reality, it is an economic development program. Highways are just one ingredient in the overall economic development of our state."

Fourteen persons spoke at the meeting regarding the corridor program. Betty Flynn, a Crossett resident who formerly lived in Mississippi and is familiar with their four-lane highway program, seemed to sum up the crowd's feelings best when she received the loudest ovation from the audience. She said she wanted to send a message to the Legislature and the Governor that the people of southeast Arkansas are behind the program 100% and that they will support a tax increase to do it. "If

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Mississippi can do it," she exclaimed, "we can do it better!"

The meetings in Jonesboro and Forrest City, on August 16 and 23 respectively, drew smaller, but equally supportive crowds. In Jonesboro, Dr. Dan Hoyt of Arkansas State University, presented a slide presentation emphasizing the "JIT" (just in time) philosophy and its potential for northeast Arkansas. He specifically mentioned the

importance of Highways 63, 67, 1, 18, and 412.

And in Forrest City, Sharon Mars, Executive Vice President of the Forrest City Chamber of Commerce, explained that good roads would enhance the "quality of life" in the Forrest City area and could be used to attract residential development from Memphis. "Forrest City is as close [to downtown Memphis] as Germantown," she stated.



Highway Commissioner Rodney Slater, right, points out features of the program to (left to right) Representative Tom Baker, Senators Jerry Bookout and Mike Bearden, and Representative Bobby Wood at the Jonesboro meeting.



Registration at the Monticello meeting conducted in early August.

The highway program as it was presented at the public meetings was developed last year by the Highway Commission at the request of Arkansas business and industrial leaders. The program identifies the major highway corridors in the state and proposes to widen those routes to four-lanes.



"Our future economic well-being will be decided by the responses we receive at these public forums."

Highway Commission Chairman
Bobby Hopper



"Without four-lane highways we will never reach our full potential."

Commission Vice Chairman
Raymond Pritchett

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"Without the highways, potential development will look elsewhere."

Highway Commissioner
Ron Harrod

Specifically, every city of 10,000 population or more would be connected with a four-lane highway, and all cities of 5,000 or more population not on a four-lane road would be connected to the system by improved two- and three-lane highways. It is felt that these improvements would allow all areas of the state to compete effectively for new industry without transportation being an impediment. Also, commerce, tourism, and recreational travel would be enhanced by the safer, more efficient highways.

Each meeting produced much food for thought for the Highway Commissioners. In addition to oral and written statements taken at each meeting, questionnaires were also passed out to all those in attendance. The survey asked the citizens if they felt Arkansas' highways were adequate to attract new business, if they would support a new highway program and, if so, how would they be willing to pay for it. Additionally, several banks and savings and loans around the state have agreed to mail the questionnaires into the hands of Arkansans.

The Commission plans to use the results of the surveys in their formulation of a specific legislative package.



"This is important, it is significant to the revitalization of the economy in this area."

Highway Commissioner
Rodney Slater

The meetings have shown that there is a great deal of support for a highway program, but the big question is how to fund it. State Senator Morrill Harriman, of Alma, stressed in his remarks to the more than 350 people in attendance at the Harrison meeting August 30. "Meetings such as this are extremely important. We [the Legisla-



"In reality, this is an economic development program."

Highway Commissioner
Bill Clark

ture] are supportive of the roads - you don't need to make believers out of us. We know that they will bring about economic development, they will create jobs, they will create money for the people of this state. But we still have to find the sources of funding, and that's what you [the public] have to tell us about," he stated.



Approximately 325 interested individuals attended the public forum held in Batesville.

Second Phase of Pine Bluff Project Completed

The opening of the Plum Street Railroad Overpass in Pine Bluff on September 15 marked the completion of the second phase of work on the city's railroad relocation project.

The Plum Street crossing is the first of five railroad overpasses to be built in Pine Bluff as part of the Railroad Relocation Demonstration Project approved by Congress in 1976. Pine Bluff and eleven other cities nationwide were selected to receive federal funds to eliminate railroad/highway conflict points.

Mayor Carolyn Robinson noted at the dedication ceremony held on top of

the overpass that "these overpasses are vital for uninterrupted traffic north and south of Pine Bluff." She also stressed the importance of the overpasses for emergency vehicles.

The first phase of work included the consolidation of the Union Pacific and St. Louis Southwestern lines along one corridor through the city. That work was completed in June 1987 at a cost of \$1.2 million. The Plum Street Overpass was built for \$1.7 million.

The next phase of work will be the construction of an overpass at Sixth Street at an estimated cost of \$3 million. Work is currently underway on

reconstructing Third Street along the removed Cotton Belt track to provide another east-west arterial in the downtown business district.

Former Mayor Dave Wallace noted that the completion of the overpass comes after 15 years of hard work by many people in Pine Bluff and the State's congressional delegation. He joined Mayor Robinson in thanking Senator Dale Bumpers and the late Senator John McClellan for their efforts in securing funding for the project over the years.



Pine Bluff Mayor Carolyn Robinson, center, and other city officials cut the ribbon to officially open the new Plum Street Overpass.

BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM

**"Is this bridge safe to cross?"
"Will it safely support my vehicle?"**

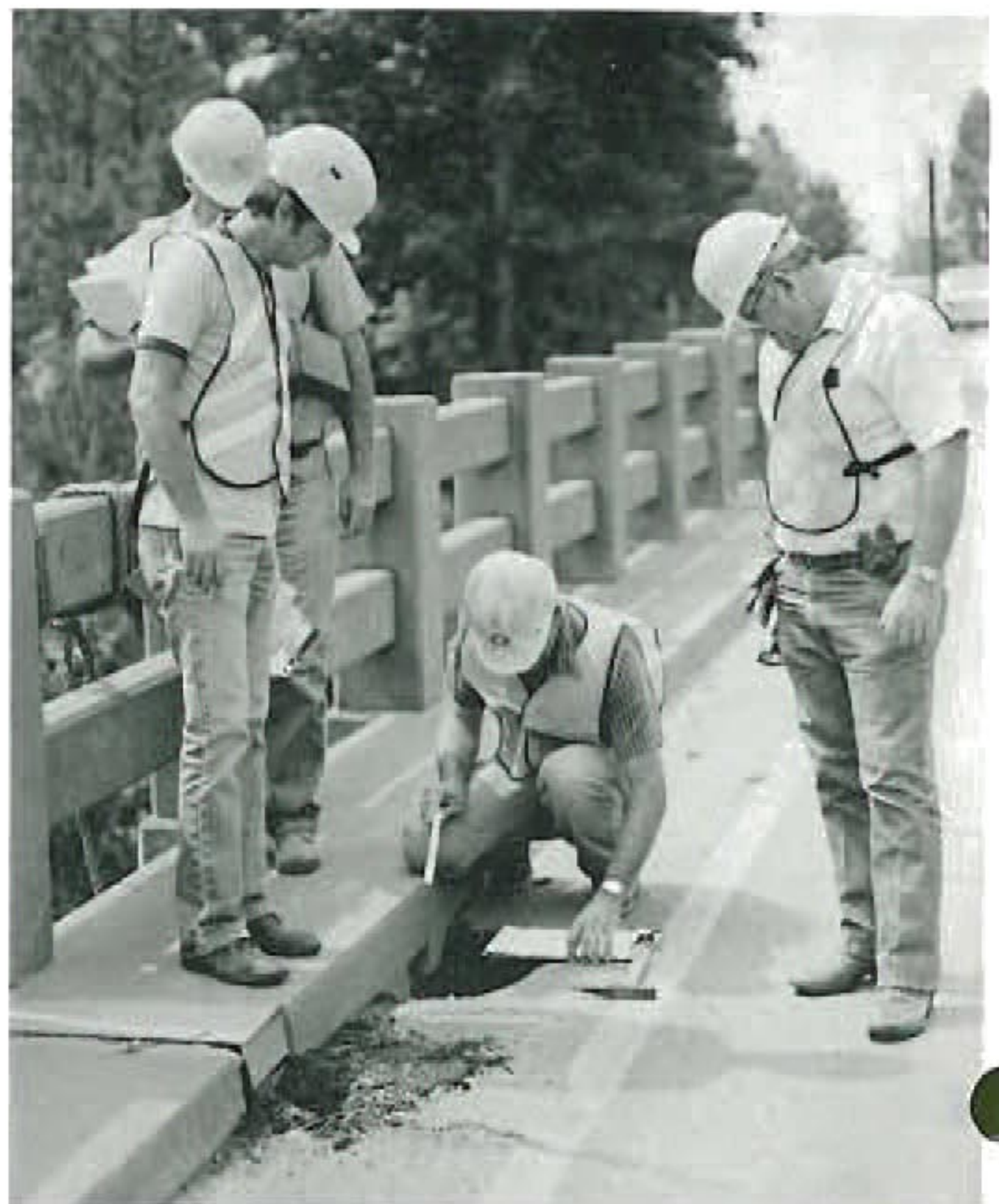
These are questions we rarely consider as we travel the states' highways. Only when we hear or read of a bridge collapse do we realize that bridge safety is a critical concern. Bridges are a vital and integral link in our highway networks. Keeping these bridges open and safe for public use is the focus of Arkansas' Bridge Inspection Program.

Following the 1967 collapse of the Silver Creek Bridge over the Ohio River resulting in 46 deaths, Congress established Federal law requiring all states to develop and implement an on-going bridge inspection program. This Federal Aid Highway Act of 1968 required the Secretary of Transportation, with the state highway agencies, to develop the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS). The Act also required each state to establish and maintain a current inventory of all bridges on the Federal Aid Highway System. The Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978 greatly expanded the program to require that all bridge length structures on the public highway system (state, county, city) be inspected. Currently there are

approximately 13,000 structures in Arkansas' inventory and the NBIS requires inspection of the bridges be made at least once every two years.

With this in mind and to ensure appropriate inspector training, a comprehensive bridge inspection training course was held in North Little Rock July 18-29. Forty-five AHTD District and Central Office personnel participated in the two-week course conducted by the engineering firm of Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. of Beaver, Pennsylvania.

The overall goal was to increase the uniformity and objectivity of Arkansas' Bridge Inspections in order to accurately assess bridge conditions and to place the Highway and Transportation Department in full compliance with National Bridge Inspection Standards. The course provided in-depth technical and practical training regarding bridge inspection, including the field inspection of three bridges.



Participants in the Bridge Inspection Training Course get hands-on experience as part of the program.



DeVal's Bluff Bridge Reopens

Travel between DeVal's Bluff and Biscoe is back to normal thanks to the reopening August 22 of the Highway 70 bridge crossing the White River. The usual four-mile trip was extended to six times that distance when the bridge was closed in January after a barge on the river struck one of the bridges' concrete piers.

The impact caused the center lift span of the bridge to jamb in the raised position, forcing the closure of the structure. Highway and Transportation Department officials first feared that the concrete pier was severely damaged in the accident, but a thorough inspection later found the pier to be sound. The force of the impact caused the bridges' two 20,000-pound counterweights to slam into the bridge frame damaging the overhead trusses on the lift span.

During the time the bridge was closed, motorists had to use the Interstate 40 bridge north of Highway 70 to cross the White River. This required a detour of several miles in either direction. In February, the AHTD spent approximately \$10,000 improving Webb Lake Road for use as an alternate detour. Webb Lake Road was previously a closed gravel road running between DeVal's Bluff and the rest area on I-40. This action by the Department helped to cut the detour length in half for local travelers.

Jensen Construction Company of Des Moines, Iowa, began repair work on the bridge in April. One approach span, the lift towers, and the lift span were repaired at a cost of \$930,484. For the residents of DeVal's Bluff and Biscoe, this was money well spent.



Public Hearing Held on Widening of Fort Smith Thoroughfare

Approximately 100 interested citizens gathered August 18 to see and hear about plans for the widening of portions of Waldron Road and Grand Avenue in Fort Smith.

The public hearing, which was held in the Gardner Lecture Hall on the Westark Community College campus, primarily attracted homeowners from the area whose property will be directly affected by the project.

The project calls for the widening of Waldron Road from two to five lanes between Euper Lane and the Grand Avenue intersection. Grand will be widened from two to five lanes from Waldron Road to Interstate 540. Improvements will also be made to the Waldron Road/Grand Avenue intersection. Total project length is approximately two miles.

Strib Boynton, Fort Smith City Administrator, outlined the background of the project for those in attendance. He explained how U.S. Representative John Paul Hamerschmidt of Harrison sponsored legislation naming the project as a demonstration project. By doing this, he said, 80% of the funds for the widening will come from the Federal government and be administered by the AHTD. The remaining 20% will come from Fort Smith's one-cent sales tax for street and drainage improvements.

Detailed design plans for the project were presented by Roy Grimes, of Grimes Consulting Engineers, Inc. The route selected, he stated, was the least damaging for the

homes and businesses along the route. Only six homes and two businesses will have to be relocated under the plan, Grimes said.

Jim Fooks and Danny Arendt, of the AHTD's Acquisition and Relocation Sections respectively, explained how their personnel would be handling the project. Appraisals should begin in October, Fooks said, and Arendt briefly explained the various types of relocation assistance available to those who qualify.



Roy Grimes, consulting engineer, explains the design plans for the project.

Bridges Dedicated North of Hector



Attending the dedication ceremonies were (left to right) AHTD District 8 Engineer Lawrence Fletcher, Rep. Bill Porter of Clarksville, AHC Vice Chairman Raymond Pritchett, Sen. Allen Gordon of Morrilton and AHTD Assistant Director Dan Flowers.

Monday, June 6, was a happy day for residents of Hector and Tilly in Pope County. Dedication ceremonies were held that day for two new bridges crossing the Illinois Bayou on Highway 27. Several lifelong residents of the area attended the ceremony and called the project "a blessing" for the people who regularly travel that stretch of highway.

Arkansas Highway Commission Vice Chairman Raymond Pritchett presented the keynote address at the informal gathering on one of the bridges. The project was necessary, he said, because the two old bridges were no longer considered adequate. One bridge, a narrow metal truss bridge, was replaced by a 502-foot composite W-beam span bridge. The second bridge, approximately 300 feet in length, was constructed three and one-half miles north of the first one. It replaced a "low-water bridge" which often had to be closed during heavy rains, occasionally stranding residents and schoolchildren for hours at a time. Both bridges were constructed by Mobley Contractors of Morrilton. Total cost of the project was approximately \$1.32 million.



AHTD Director Maurice Smith (center) with visiting Burmese Engineer Hla Soe, Soe Thein, Lin Kyi and Kyi Wa.

Burmese Engineers Training at AHTD

Five engineers from the Asian country of Burma are spending time at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. The five are here as part of a United Nations program which enables professionals from a developing nation to spend an extended period of time learning first-hand how their jobs are performed in a more advanced country. The trip was coordinated by the Arkansas Council for International Visitors. The five Burmese engineers are Kyi Wa, Soe Thein, Lin Kyi, Hla Soe and Maung Maung Lwin. All but Maung Maung Lwin arrived in late June. He arrived in mid-September.

During their visit, the engineers will learn about highway planning, construction, and maintenance. "They are highway engineers who want to learn more about our transportation system so they can improve theirs," said Catherine Cockrill, co-chairman of the ACIV. She commented that the engineers would train at the Department until mid-December.

In addition to their professional training, the Burmese will spend time with host families. According to Cockrill, part of the program involves a cultural exchange between the Burmese and the people of Arkansas.

The Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma is bordered by China, India, and Thailand. It covers approximately 262,000 square miles, which is slightly smaller than the state of Texas. The climate there is tropical, which made the hot Arkansas summer feel almost normal to our five visitors. They hope to return to Burma in December with many helpful ideas.



Gary Dallas, Chief Drug Chemist
State Crime Lab

Highway Police Holds Drug Identification Seminar

Would you or your supervisor be able to recognize the symptoms of a fellow worker if he or she came to work impaired by drugs? This question and others were addressed June 22 and 23 at the North Little Rock Ramada Inn as the Arkansas Highway Police sponsored a Drug Identification and Enforcement Seminar for Supervisors.

The course, attended by 48 supervisors, included all AHP District Commanders, Assistant District Commanders, Station Supervisors, and many District Engineers and Division Heads.

According to AHP Lt. James Brown, this was a basic drug identification course designed to give persons in a supervisory capacity some knowledge of the types and effects of drugs they may encounter in the workplace. This included profiles of typical drug users found in the workforce and how to handle them if they are detected.

HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY COMPLETED BY AHTD

The Highway and Transportation Department has completed its historic bridge inventory and, as a result, forty bridges will be saved from destruction and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. According to Chief Bridge Engineer Veral Pinkerton, that should translate into about \$50 million worth of new bridge construction to replace these structures over the next few years. This amount will be in addition to the Department's annual \$30-\$50 million bridge rehabilitation program.

The historic bridge inventory was completed in response to Executive Order 11953 issued in 1971 by President Richard Nixon. It directed all Federal agencies to inventory all historic or archeological properties for which they may be responsible.

The newly completed bridge inventory shows about 2,600 bridges which meet the minimum age requirement of 50 years. These bridges were further evaluated by AHTD Archeologist/Historian Burney McClurkan and the AHTD Historic Bridge Review Committee. This evaluation took into consideration the bridges' type, builder, uniqueness or

rarity, and condition, as well as age. Their conclusions led to the 40 bridges being named to the Historic Register.

According to Pinkerton, "Very few of the old bridges can be renovated. The structural alterations involved in renovating could compromise the bridges' historical character."

"We'll try to replace the old bridges with new bridges close to the original crossing," says McClurkan. But he adds that this is "impossible to do in some areas where we're locked in on bridge approaches."

Many of the historic bridges selected have colorful pasts. One of these is the Highway 62 bridge crossing the White River in Cotter. Had it not been for some quick thinking by former Baxter County Judge R.M. Ruthven, the bridge may not have been built.

It seems that the Highway Commission in the mid-1920's authorized feasibility studies for nine proposed new bridges, one of which was the bridge at Cotter. All of the studies were favorable except for the one for the Cotter bridge. Judge Ruthven noticed this before the Highway



Highay 62 bridge crossing the White River in Cotter.

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Commission had a chance to look over the report. When the Commission met to consider the studies, the report for the proposed Cotter bridge was missing. Thinking this was just an oversight, the Commission approved the bridge for Cotter along with the others. Construction was authorized and the bridge was completed in 1930.

Twenty years later, Judge Ruthven mailed the negative feasibility study to the Highway Commission and admitted that he had taken the report home with him so they would not see it.

Since its completion, not only has the bridge been added to the National Register of Historic Places, but in 1986 it was designated as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Most importantly, the old bridge has served the needs of the region effectively for 58 years.



The Springfield Bridge crossing Cadron Creek between Faulkner and Conway Counties is the oldest steel bridge still in use in the state. It is located on Faulkner County Road 222 and, according to data on file at the Faulkner County Courthouse, was constructed in 1871.

1.2-Mile Section of Interstate 40 Widened in North Little Rock

Construction has been completed on a 1.2-mile stretch of Interstate 40 in North Little Rock between Interstate 30 and the Highway 67/167 interchange.

A fourth travel lane was added in each direction to help accommodate the large volume of traffic using that portion of highway.

During construction, the work zone was the site of numerous traffic accidents which prompted the Arkansas Highway Police Division to begin around-the-clock surveillance through the construction zone.

Total cost for the construction, which included the remodeling of three bridges, was approximately \$8.5 million.



This view looking west from the Lakewood Overpass shows the new look for I-40 in the Dark Hollow area of North Little Rock.

Highway Police Lieutenant Proves She's Worthy of the Challenge

From the time she was 13 years old, Sue Sehon knew she wanted to be a law enforcement officer. Now, at age 31, not only is she a law enforcement officer, but she is the first female to reach the rank of Lieutenant within the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the State Highway and Transportation Department.

Apparently, police work got into her blood when she became a Cadet with the Ashdown Police Department as a teenager. "As a Cadet, we didn't have any authority. We just rode around with a Police Officer, and I got real interested in it," Sehon said. "I spent most of my time at the police station. My mom usually had to call me there to tell me to come home."

She continued to work as a radio dispatcher for the police department through high school. Following graduation she worked as a dispatcher for the Little River County Sheriff's Office while attending Texarkana College. Sehon joined the Highway Police as a Patrolman in September 1978 and graduated from the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in November of that year. She was promoted to Corporal in December 1983 and attained the rank of Sergeant in February 1987. She became the Department's first female Lieutenant in May of this year and is currently in charge of the weigh station on Highway 71 south of Ashdown.

Sehon admits that she briefly considered pursuing a

medical career rather than law enforcement. "I thought about going into medicine, but I didn't take chemistry in high school. When I took college chemistry, it changed my mind real quick," she said. She was working for the Sheriff's Department at the time, and decided that her skills were best suited for police work. She began assisting deputies with their work and investigations, and would ride with one of them anytime they would let her. "It was great practical experience," Sehon recalls.

When her career began with the AHP, she was only the third female law enforcement officer ever to be hired by the Division. She began working at the old Ashdown Weigh Station and was there until it closed. She then began commuting to the Hope Weigh Station. Soon thereafter, she expressed an interest in being assigned to a patrol unit and manning a set of portable scales, which weigh about 50 pounds. Roy Johnson, who was AHP Chief at that time, was hesitant at first. Sehon recalls, "Chief Johnson told me I couldn't handle it and I said, 'Chief, I've been hauling hay since I was 8 years old - I believe I can pick up a scale.' I said, 'Just give me a chance,' and he did."

One of Sehon's first partners in a patrol unit was AHP Cpl. Doyle Crouch. Ironically, it was Crouch who was the Ashdown police officer in charge of the Cadet Program when Sehon began as a police cadet. She credits Crouch and former AHP Lt. Bob McKellar with teaching her much

about law enforcement. Sehon has been at the new Ashdown Weigh Station since it opened in July 1987. She says that she misses her friends on patrol, but not the situations. "The action at this station is enough for me," she commented.

In her present capacity, Sehon supervises a staff of 8 to 10. "I want to make this a really good station," she says of her position. She compliments her staff, saying all the officers are good and want to help her in making the Ashdown station one of the best. She says that the station currently weighs in excess of 2,000 trucks per week.

As for the future, Lt. Sehon doesn't rule out pursuing other advancement opportunities, but she admits that she is very happy with her current situation. "I don't really want to move away from here," she stated. "I've got a home and my family is here." Judging from her past, Lt. Sue Sehon will stick with and make the most of, any decision she makes regarding her future. No doubt, she will be worthy of the challenge.



Lt. Sue Sehon



Construction Party Chief Tereza Maze

Department Has First Female Construction Party Chief

Teresa Maze, a ten-year AHTD employee, has become the first female Construction Party Chief in the Highway Department. Maze, 31, was promoted to that position in April of this year.

Maze began her career with the Department as a summer employee while she was a civil engineering student at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. After completing two years of study, she quit school and became a full-time AHTD employee in 1979. She has served as a Construction Aide, Engineering Aide, Senior Construction Aide, and Inspector during her career with the Department.

Maze is married to Ralph Maze, who is a Finish Motor Patrol Operator on the Washington II Maintenance Crew. They met while she worked as a flagger during her first summer of employment when she was in school. She said that the fact that they now work out of the same area headquarters is "very convenient and economical."

As a Construction Party Chief, Maze puts her two years of studying civil engineering to good use. She and her crew mostly do survey work - checking curve data, establishing

centerlines, and determining cut or fill quantities - before and during the construction process. The crew she supervises fluctuates between 3 and 6 people, depending on the type of work they are performing.

"I like the surveying better than the inspecting," Maze said, referring to her former position. "I don't have to argue with the contractors near as much now."

Apparently Maze has become a pretty good teacher since she stopped being a student. George Jones, a civil engineering student at Fayetteville, has spent two summers working with Maze as a seasonal employee. "She helps me apply what I learn in class," Jones said. "She's good to explain things to me that I might not learn in class."

Maze says that she doesn't have any plans to go back to school and complete her degree in the near future. She and her husband have two children, Jeffery, age 7, and Daniel, age 3. "Maybe I'll go back when the children get older," Maze said. But she admits that she is happy with the way her career is going now, and that the degree doesn't seem as important now as it once did.

AHTD LETTERS

April 29, 1988

Mr. William Tyler
AHTD District 3 Engineer
Hope, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Tyler:

First I will send you the much delayed letter which I promised a month or so back complimenting your work on the highways in the area following the two heavy snows of this past winter. When James Patterson of A&P Truck Lines and myself were discussing the work you did immediately following the first snow, we agreed that you did a much better job than the State of Texas Highway Department. I had promised James that I was going to write you on your snow removal and that I would send him a copy of the letter.

What really inspired me this week was the work you're doing on the Highway 355 shoulders between Yellow Creek bridge and McNab. I'm sure that we will see a definite drop in the instances of broken windshields and headlights on both our company equipment and our employees vehicles. We appreciate it.

Keep up the good work.

Yours very truly,
M.J. "Buddy" Lucy, President
Southern Cement Transport, Inc.
Saratoga, Arkansas

May 10, 1988

Mr. James Moore
AHTD Human Resources Division

Dear Mr. Moore:

April 4 through April 29 would have been very difficult, if it had not been for you, a volunteer instructor participating in our Women in Work: Breaking the Barriers employment preparation program. You gave so much of your knowledge and yourself. I sincerely thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to help the women prepare for employment that will have a major impact on improving the quality of their lives.

You may not have realized that by your being with us you were sending a very positive message to all of us - you were telling the women in the program that they have value and you believe in them. You were telling me and the other staff of the Women's Project that we are doing something right and that the community is in total support of our work.

I can't say thank you enough to demonstrate my appreciation for your support and for you caring so much. Preparing for a brighter tomorrow,

Janet Perkins-Doles
Women's Project, Little Rock

June 6, 1988

AHTD District 6
Little Rock, Arkansas

I just want to let you know what a fine, honest crew you have working for you. We were passing through Arkansas on our vacation and stopped at the rest area in Prairie County, mile marker 200. I left my purse in the bathroom. Johnnie Madden, the Sheriff's daughter, found it and gave it to her father, who returned it to me. It had everything still in it. I just wanted to say thanks.

Sincerely,
Lillian Jones
Red Bank, Mississippi

Editor's Note: Rest area attendants on duty that day were Johnnie Madden, Steve Talley, and Johnny Jones, Jr.

June 16, 1988

Ralph J. Hall
AHTD District 6 Engineer
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Just a note to express our thanks to you for your assistance in the paving and drainage improvements to Highway 86 Tollville Road. The Highway Department crew did a good job. This work has improved our road and is now in the best condition since the original black-topping.

Again, thank you from the Tollville Community of Prairie County.

Sincerely,
Horace "Pete" Sichel

June 21, 1988

Dear Sirs:

Last week we stopped at the Bentonville Tourist Information Center. We used the facilities and were so impressed with the cleanliness - in fact it was spotless - even in the corners. I felt compelled to find out who kept it so well and took such a great interest in the place, the grounds, the tables, the Center itself - everything was neat and spotless. I inquired from the lady at the desk who was also so very nice - and she gave me the name of Joe Evans as the attendant there. He is surely to be commended. How grateful you must be to have him. Thank you for such a pleasant place to stop.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. R.B. Worth
Gravette, Arkansas

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Mr. Bobby Hopper
Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Hopper:

A few days ago, I called the Arkansas Highway Department at Mena for some assistance. Within ten minutes, Mr. Herschel Henry was in my driveway discussing the problem and giving assistance. The problem was a low area on the highway right-of-way that is very boggy in the fall and somewhat boggy in the summer. Within the hour, Mr. Melvin Heath was there with some equipment and the problem was taken care of. These gentlemen were very helpful and courteous and the equipment operators seemed to have a concern to remedy problems and create good harmony with the public.

Letters are seldom written when people are satisfied, but when they are dissatisfied they seem to find the telephone and their pen and pad. Just a note to pass out a little bouquet!

John Hill
Wicker, Arkansas

AHTD RETIREES

APRIL 1988

Lloyd Hall District 6
Glenn B. Malmquist District 6
Kenneth B. Wright District 3

MAY 1988

Morgan C. Gullett District 6
Everett Lexion District 5

JUNE 1988

Danny O. McWilliams District 3

JULY 1988

James W. Bush District 7
Bennie B. Edwards District 9
Kenneth H. Peerson District 4

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

JUNE 1988 30 Years

Jake E. Clements M&R

25 Years

William E. Coles District 5
Felix A. Hall District 6
Robert E. Myers District 7
Bobby D. Reddin District 7
Loran K. White District 10

20 Years

Roger S. Almond Asst. Chief Engineer
Jimmie D. Bowerman District 4
Ralph E. Buchanan District 5
Brenda K. Kirkpatrick Public Trans.
Jimmy Lee Leath District 6
Buel B. Lofland District 8
William L. Martin District 4
Doyle C. Powell District 3

15 Years

Ronnie E. Anderson A.H.P.
Jimmy D. Aydelotte District 5
Dan Farley A.H.P.
Glenna K. Holt Right of Way
Rex Holt District 9
Johnney D. Horton District 9
Millard Hunter, Jr. District 6
Olma L. Keck District 9
Nancy Kennedy District 8
Linda G. Lewis Right-of-Way
James W. Nobles District 10
Johnnie L. Parks Internal Audit

Otto B. Potter District 3
Leo D. Priest Roadway Design
Albert L. Rhoads District 9
Lile C. Richardson District 3
Jimmy H. Sanson Right of Way
Gillis P. Taylor District 9
William J. Walter District 7
Billy L. Williams District 1
Rubin H. Williams District 8

10 Years

Thomas J. Adams District 6
Gene C. Bishop, Jr. District 3
Paula K. Crutchfield Internal Audit
Roy E. Cupp District 1
Kenneth D. Holmes Bridge Design
David A. Hutchins District 2
Kenneth W. Jones District 8
Billy D. McCartney District 4
Simon McGraw, Jr. District 7
Harold D. Mosley District 7
Kenneth H. Peerson District 4
Thomas D. Rountree District 4
Mark C. Simpson District 4
Sharon K. Sullivan Human Res.
Billy W. Trammell District 9

5 Years

James W. Burkham District 3
Travis M. Cearley District 3
Patricia L. Gilbert District 4
Isaiah Green, Jr. District 7
Dennis R. Langston District 8
Jack A. Walker Surveys

Vernard Williams District 1
Claude E. Willis District 1

JULY 1988 30 Years

Jim R. Francis Maintenance
Leonard W. Nelson District 10

25 Years

Wayne S. Bell District 9
Walter W. Doss District 1
Billy W. Grubbs District 10
John H. Harvey District 7
Millie F. Houston Programs & Conts.
James E. Loyd A.H.P.
James O. Sadler, Jr. A.H.P.
Glenn D. Sullivan A.H.P.

20 Years

Ronnie L. Blankenship District 10
Charles D. Evans District 5
Kenith L. Harris District 3
Marlon R. McEuen Traffic
Jimmy L. Turner District 1

15 Years

Mazel E. Diggs District 1
Donnie L. Duvall District 8
Herman L. Erwin District 6
Jimmy G. Griffin District 9
Coy W. Holland District 5
Paul F. McChristian District 9
Judy A. Prewitt Fiscal Services
Charles E. Sanders District 1

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Ron E. Satterwhite	District 5
Terry M. Sipes	District 5
Richard R. Steen	District 3
Roy F. Walden	Reproduction
Billy J. Wallace	District 5
Marvin L. Whorton	District 8
David L. Zimmer	District 5

10 Years

Ronald D. Boldra	District 9
Clifford M. Childers	District 7
Charles D. Crain	District 6
Ervin J. Curd	District 5
Michael E. Dudoich	E&P
William R. Hogan	District 8
Timothy E. Honeycutt	District 8
Denver D. Jennings	District 9
Charles D. Johnson	District 9
Allan C. Loring	Traffic
Mary Lee Man	District 1
Henry M. Noland	District 8
Troy D. Reed	District 5
Ricky K. Smelser	District 10
John G. Smith	District 1
Lesley R. South	District 1

5 Years

Margaret Dorsey	District 10
Richard W. Earnheart	District 5
Stanley R. Glover	District 5
William H. Hoyt, Jr.	Surveys
William C. Irby	District 1
Elven J. Mustiful	District 2
Melvin C. Raney	District 9
Floyd Spencer	District 2
Tim A. Turnbough	Traffic

AUGUST 1988

30 Years

Siegle, L. Swink	District 5
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25 Years

Leslie C. Carrington	District 2
Joe N. Downs	District 4
Ronald F. Hedges	District 5
Clarence W. McCaskill	District 7
Richard L. Morgan	District 2
Jimmy T. Sexton	District 5
Carl J. Stipe	Surveys

20 Years

Dan L. Flowers	Assistant Director
Julia A. Hopkins	Permits
Cornelius Peters	District 4
Travis D. Teague	District 3

15 Years

Michael D. Allman	District 6
Orville G. Brooms	District 10
Frank J. Brown	District 2
Jessie J. Brown	A.H.P.
Herman R. Evans	District 7
Kermit H. Gay	District 5
Michael J. Lackey	District 5
Charles D. Loyd	District 8
James L. Thompson	District 6
Ralph D. Williams	Right of Way

10 Years

John D. Allison	District 10
Gladys S. Berry	District 6
John A. Brandon	District 7
Loyce D. Brown	District 10
Travis D. Cunningham	District 10
Lionel K. Elder	District 4
Samuel Fletcher	District 1
James L. Fourthman	District 1
Tommy Harper	District 5
William S. Hesselbein	Traffic
Clinton A. Isaacs	District 4
Patty L. Jackson	District 5

William R. Kendall	District 2
James R. Key	M&R
David O. Lovell	District 6
Jewell Lowe	District 7
Dan D. Marrs	District 1
Virgil W. Martin	District 6
Bobby W. McKinney	District 8
Kenneth C. Parker	E&P
Billy H. Pruitt	District 8
Randy L. Rector	District 5
Leon D. Sanders	District 5
Larry D. Shirley	District 10
Patricia R. Smyser	District 6
Nathaniel Turner	District 3
Evandrew Washington	District 7
Dwight D. Wells	District 2
James R. Woods	District 7

5 Years

Dale W. Borland	A.H.P.
Shelia L. Chastain	A.H.P.
Melton O. Clark	District 8
Frank R. Dobbins	Traffic
Ronald J. Driggers	District 3
Silas G. Green	District 1
Linda M. McCaskill	District 7
James A. Meadows	District 7
Nicky D. Mings	District 4
Worthy Morgan	District 2
David C. Pratt	District 10
Shelby D. Simpson	Fiscal Services
Alfred G. Sipes	District 2
Charles R. Smith	Hydraulics
David W. Stovall	A.H.P.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

COMMISSION

Congratulations to Claudetta Shinn Harrod, wife of Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod of Prescott. Mrs. Harrod was recently selected as one of 28 statewide recipients of an "Exceptional Accomplishment Award" by the 1988 Arkansas Community Development Program for outstanding service to her community. Mrs. Harrod and the other recipients were honored at a luncheon at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock on September 8 sponsored by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce.

BRIDGE DIVISION

Congratulations to Jim Beatty and his wife, Karen, on the birth of their third daughter, Elizabeth, born on June 8. All the predictions were for another girl and all the family is very happy with Elizabeth.

Dennis Vire and his wife, Michelle, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Clara Elisabeth, born July 17, weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces. After four boys (one set of twins) for Granddad Dallas Vire, another granddaughter was exciting news. Dallas was a staff design engineer before

his retirement three years ago. Another son, Craig and his wife, Pam, have a two-year-old daughter named Allison. Congratulations to Dennis and Michelle and Grandpa!



Clara Elisabeth Vire

In April and May, Debbie Gross planned two canoe trips on the Buffalo River for the Southwest Toastmasters Club. She and Bonnie Wesson joined Virginia Hamman and Kim Co-

per from Planning Division along with other club members. Debbie made a list of all the things that first timers might forget to bring along. There were perfect spots for swimming, sunning, and a picnic along the way. The weather was just right with a small shower to keep us cool with a slight breeze. The outdoors is a favorite place for Debbie. She is now on a two week camping trip in Wyoming. We can't wait until she gets back to find out all the details and decide if we all want to go next year.

CONSTRUCTION

In May we had a party to honor Carolyn Burlson and Jane Bussa who celebrated 10 years of service with the Department. State Construction and Maintenance Engineer Allan Holmes presented them with their certificates and service pins. Congratulations to both.

Construction Secretary Brenda Walden and her husband, Roy, enjoyed an exciting vacation in Hawaii while he was serving with the Air National Guard. They had a wonderful time and brought back fresh pineapple which we all enjoyed.

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Jane Busaa, Mr. Holmes, Carolyn Burlson

Congratulations to Tina Horton who was promoted to Construction Office Specialist.

We would like to welcome David Henning to the Final Estimates Section. David was born in Germany while his Dad was stationed there in the Air Force. He is single and enjoys golf and designing and constructing aircraft models.

Also joining us for the summer is Barbara Hart who attends the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and is majoring in Finance.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Congratulations to our Division Secretary, Sue Fuller, who received her 25 year service award in April. To celebrate the event we had a surprise lunch for her at Michaels Restaurant. Maurice Head, E&P Division Head who retired in December, and Al Sacco, Division Head, had many kind words to say about Sue.

Also we would like to congratulate Mike Dudoich, Office Manager, who received his 10 year service award in July. We celebrated the occasion at Western Sizzlin Steak House.



Al Sacco and Mike Dudoich

Dewayne Combs' son, Sean, married Wendy Carter on June 25 at Seventh and Muller Church of Christ in Paragould.

One of our summer employees, Laurel Major, had an enjoyable week in Fort Walton Beach, Florida in July. She will be returning to UALR this fall where she is majoring in Psychology. Laurel is the daughter of Wayne Major of Bridge Division.

The Equipment and Procurement Office and Central Warehouse enjoyed a picnic and fish fry at Murray Park on June 11. Larry Watson, Lee Jones and Bill Patterson can really fry fish!

And from the Central Warehouse, Donald Lee Rouse has announced the arrival of his new granddaughter, Haley Brooke Weeks, who was born July 16. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Rhonda Weeks. Also congratulations to Donald for completing 15 years of service. Donald came to the Central Warehouse from District Two in 1973.



Haley Brooke Weeks



Al Sacco and Donald Lee Rouse

FISCAL SERVICES

This Division has a lot going on these days. We have two new employees, JoAnne Bates in the Receipts and Expenditures Section and Wayne Whitley in the Reports and Cost Section. JoAnne is married and has one son, William, age 5 and Wayne is married and has an eight-month old son, Zach. Wayne transferred from DF&A. Welcome aboard!



William Bates



Zach Whitley

We would also like to welcome Shirley Campbell as our new Division Section Secretary. Shirley transferred from the Right of Way Division.

Patti Bryant transferred to Programming and Scheduling and Gail Scott transferred to the Sign Shop. We will miss Patti and Gail.

Congratulations to the "Three Tens and a Safety Pin" for winning the 1987-88 AHTD bowling championship. Bill Mulhollen of Maintenance, says he carried the team but, you better ask Mary and Toni about that.



"Three Tens and A Safety Pin"
Toni Barnes, Bill Mulhollen, Mary Crow, Carol Sakell

Joanne Potts has a new identity. She is now known as Joanne McBrayer. Joanne married Dwight McBrayer in March. Dwight is from Prescott and works for the LRPD. He has one son, Tommy.

Judy Prewitt was honored for her 15 years of service in July with a surprise breakfast given by the office. The menu included Lorie Merrick's famous homemade cinnamon rolls, some great sausage balls made by Mike Eden, Rhonda Dahlberg and Donnalee Griswold. Also, donuts, fruit and orange juice. Hots off to the Chefs and congratulations Judy.

Pictured is Zack Barnes, 6-year-old son of Toni Barnes. Zack played 3rd base this year for Southwest Christian Academy in the Geyer Springs T-Ball League. We are real sure his team did well because his team was coached and managed by Mom and Dad, Toni and Ronnie Barnes.



Zack Barnes

We had a lot of vacationers in Florida this summer. Butch Wilson and his family visited

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Epcot, Cypress Gardens, the Kennedy Space Center and Seaworld. Butch said he had a great time, however, he got a little more exercise than he expected. He was glad to get back home for some real R&R.

Mike Eden and his wife visited Epcot and also made it down to Key West! Mike sent the office a postcard while he was soaking up the sun, just to rub it in.

Rita Ross did a lot of sight seeing in Colorado. She brought back some great pictures. She said it was a long drive, but she is ready to go again.



Rita Ross and Monty Norris

Marla Sams and her husband went to the Bahamas. Marla went scuba diving and now thinks she was a mermaid in a former life.

Congratulations to Leonard Grinstead and his family, they finally moved into their new home.

HUMAN RESOURCES

On Saturday, July 16, the Human Resources Division gathered at Sharon Sullivan's house for their first annual fish fry. Several employees began the afternoon by meeting at Jean Scarlett's house for "party starters".

Joining us at the fish fry were Hla Soe, Kyl Wa, Soe Thein, and Lin Kyi, Burmese engineers working and training with the Department this fall.

Chief cooks were Duane Sowell, James Mansfield and Paul Shepard (on loan to us from Melba).

Everyone had a great time and the HRD employees introduced our foreign guests to the fun side of real southern hospitality when Don Crain unexpectedly "invited" Sharon to go for a swim.

Another July celebration in the Division was a reception to honor Sharon Sullivan's 10 years of service with the Department. Jane Wilson, Division Head and James Mansfield, Safety & Training Officer, presented Sharon with a pin

and certificate and acknowledged her dedication to the Department and her pleasant attitude to her co-workers.



Human Resources Picnic



Jane Wilson and Sharon Sullivan

INTERNAL AUDIT

Congratulations to Johnnie Parks who received his 15 year service certificate and pin from Chief Auditor Bill McDorman.



Johnnie Parks and Bill McDorman

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

Chuck Smith went to the Smokey Mountains and floated (or sunk) the Nantahala River located in western North Carolina. Chuck said he had a good time!

Kim Ford's son, Bobby Joe, played baseball for Hope Engineering this summer. Their team placed third in the Benton Baseball League.

David Lumbert has been bestowed as the first Registered Geologist employed by the Highway and Transportation Department. David recently passed his exams and received Registry #20 from the Arkansas Board of Registered Professional Geologists. Dave has been doing an excellent job in the Soils Division. Congratulations David.

Cathy Haley went to Florida in June where her niece, Brittany Nicole Haley, was in the Cover Miss USA pageant. She finished 26th out of 600 contestants, ages 15 months to 3 years. Cathy also moved to Haskell, Arkansas where her softball team, Holland Chapel II, finished first in their preseason tournament, 3rd in the league and 2nd in the post-season tournament.



Brittany Nicole Haley

Other short news from M&T are as follows: George Green went on a vacation to the Gatlinburg-Pigeon Forge, Tennessee area this summer. James Key received his 10 year service certificate and pin. Patrick Plummer is now employed as a Geotechnical Aide and S.C. McDuffie is a Geotechnical Logger. M.H. Tully is a new employee working with Gary Neely as a Materials Technician I. Jerl Burks is a grandpa again for the second time. Calvin Collins enjoyed a pleasurable trip to the Smokey Mountains this past summer in his brand new freightliner truck. Bashar Qedan has been promoted to the Geotechnical Section under the guidance of Jake Clements. John James is now working out of the Yellville Residency and congratulations to Rick Sneed, who received his 10 year service certificate and pin.

Shane Haney, a past summer employee, dropped by in late July to let us know that she had been accepted to Pharmacy School at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Campus in Little Rock. She will begin her studies this fall.

Two young men who joined us as summer employees this year were John Honeywell of NLR, and Joseph James Malat of Jacksonville. John worked in asphalt design and is presently attending the U of A at Fayetteville as a freshman majoring in zoology. He hopes to be admitted to medical school upon completion of his degree. Joe worked in the cement lab under Donna McGehee. He is presently attending UALR, it's then on to Hendrix University and hopefully finish up at Harvard University to further his work in Theology.

To end all rumors about Jim Marten, no he is not a seasonal employee. Jim was mistaken by many people, such as Jane Wilson, as a summer employee. He is very proud of the fact he was mistaken, but we think the error should be corrected.

Jim Gee sponsored an old-fashioned potluck for his hard-working, dedicated employees in M&R during the 4th of July weekend. Many people were pleased and a great appreciation was forthcoming to Jim.

Congratulations to Pat Gee of Research, who was named to fill a vacancy on the Little

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Rock School Board. Pat is planning to run for the Zone 6 seat again this fall.

Chuck Sitton and Ron Small are making plans for their retirement party in the skid truck. They have been working on the truck extensively for the past several years. According to sources this will be an ongoing project and will probably last until their retirement.

By the time this publication is out, Christy Westbrook, will be close to term with her second child. She knows what gender it is but won't tell anyone. In a few more weeks, we'll all know. Good luck to you Christy.

Brenda Price celebrated a birthday on July 27. She was presented with a birthday card signed by all in M&R and by Director Maurice Smith. We wish to thank Mr. Smith for taking time to help us. We're thinking up new schemes for her next birthday. Watch out!

The AHTD's "malcontent", Terry "Willard" Tucker, was shackled by his son, Ryan, for "lollygagging" on their recent vacation to Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri. Ryan said his father has always been a "troublemaker", especially since he started losing his hair.



Terry Tucker and son Ryan

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Dawn Fenton and Greg Anderson were united in marriage on April 9 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Mabelvale. Dawn is the daughter of Larry Fenton. She is a graduate of the Academic World of Cosmetology and is a beautician in Little Rock. Greg is a salesman for Carlton-Bates.



Mrs. Greg Anderson

Larry and his wife, Marilyn, just celebrated their 32nd Wedding Anniversary at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. They also celebrated the birth of their fifth and sixth grandchildren. Amanda Leigh was born February 18 and is the daughter of Roger and Judy Fenton, who live in Michigan and Matthew Darby Fenton was born May 11 and is the son of Darrell and Martha, who live in North Little Rock.



Amanda Leigh Fenton



Matthew Darby Fenton

Congratulations are in order for Bill Hoyt. In July, Bill completed 5 years of service. We had cake and dip & chips in his honor and also to honor Richard Finkle, whose birthday was in late June.



Bill Hoyt

Everyone has been going on vacation lately. Bob Barnett and his wife, Lea, went to the Smokey Mountains. He brought back some beautiful pictures of the scenery. It looks as though he had a great time.

Sue Walls went to Branson, Missouri on her vacation. While there, she went to see Mo Bandy and Jerry Reed. Moe was real nice and autographed a picture for her and posed for a picture with her. She said she really does enjoy going to Branson every chance she gets. Sue recently received a beautiful bouquet of silk flowers and was taken to lunch by her boss, Larry Fenton, for Secretaries' Day. She was real pleased with both treats.



Sue Walls

Terry Gaither also went on vacation to Branson for the 4th of July weekend. He and his wife, Cindy, went to see Louise Mandrell while they were there. Terry said they really had a good time.

Farrell Adams and Randy Boyd have just completed two weeks of Intermap training in Madison, Alabama. This was not a vacation, but at least they got to see some new scenery for a change.

PLANNING

Bryan Davis and his family enjoyed a vacation at Surf City, North Carolina, in June. Tom Harrell worked hard harvesting approximately 7 tons of grapes from his vineyard (he did have a little help).

Alicia Robinson was honored with a bridal "pounding" shower on May 18. The guests were served cake and punch for the occasion. Alicia and Joe Farmer were united in marriage on May 27 at Higgins First Baptist Church. Best wishes from all of us.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farmer

Kathy Upchurch is doing great after surgery on July 18. We hope she continues to improve and is able to return to work in September. We sure miss her smiling face.

Mark Frazier and his wife, Terri, traveled to Branson, Missouri in July for a few days of "rest and recreation".

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Minnie Beth Delavan-White was honored with a baby shower on June 29. The nursery was ready and waiting when Clay Edwin White arrived July 17 weighing 7 pounds and 9 ounces. Minnie Beth and Danny are very proud parents. Congratulations and our best wishes to this new family.



Minnie Beth Delavan-White

Technical Services field operations welcomes two new employees, Patricia Keith from Traffic and Robert Cagle from Reproduction.

Jackie Greer caught a 5 1/2 pound bass on Lake Conway in early July. Men, the bait was a ball of wheaties which was cast to the bottom. We would have had a picture, but she said her husband dressed it for supper before she could get her camera.

M.G. "Willie" Williams took a week off back in June to just relax and haul manure. He said the change of pace did him a heap of good.

Congratulations to Florence Routh of State-wide Planning on the birth of her first grandchild. Christopher Dean Routh was born May 9 and weighed 7 pounds and 1 1/2 ounces. The proud parents are Dean and Motchen Routh.



Christopher Dean Routh

Welcome to Margarita Olive in our Map Sales Section. She is a native Arkansan and is married to Wayne Olive. Her hobbies are singing, fishing, sewing and aerobics.

We miss Robert Cagle who transferred to Technical Services. Refreshments were served in his honor on his last day with us. Good luck Robert.

Roy Walden spent a rough 2 weeks duty with the National Guard at Hickam AFB in Honolulu, Hawaii. He says someone has to do it. He brought back lots of beautiful pictures. There are certainly a lot worse places to hold summer camp. Brenda was privileged to spend a week with him. They really had a great time.



Hawaiian scene

Debra Allen was presented her 15 year service charm and certificate by Reproduction Section Head Roy Walden and Roy was presented his 15 year service award by Bryan Davis, Chief of the Planning Division. Refreshments were served in their honor. Congratulations to these two employees. We wish them many more years with AHTD.



Roy Walden and Debra Allen



Bryan Davis and Roy Walden

RADIO SECTION

We are enjoying Tim Leet again as our summer student who is working as a Telecommunications Operator. Tim graduated from the Arkansas School for the Blind in May and plans to pursue a career in radio communications. His hobbies include ham radio and singing.



Tim Leet

ROADWAY DESIGN

Our congratulations to Stephanie Butler, daughter of Richard Butler on her marriage to Timothy Shane Percell. They were married July 19 at Mabelvale Church of Christ. They honeymooned in the Bahamas.



Mrs. Timothy Shane Percell

Congratulations to Mike and Carla Webb on the birth of their daughter Alicia Marie Webb, born July 7, weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces. They also have a son, Brandon, age 4.



Alicia Marie Webb

Marty Bevens, and her husband, took a vacation to Oceanside, California in their motorhome to visit their daughter and family. They also went to Miami, Florida for the International Firefighters Convention where Marty was a delegate to the Ladies Auxiliary. Marty also has a new granddaughter, Margaret Tiffany Jones, born June 11 to Stephanie and Jim Jones.



Margaret Tiffany Jones

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Marty's son, Steve Oliver, will be graduating from basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in August. Congratulations Steve!

Liz Jones and family vacationed in St. Louis, Missouri where they visited the zoo, Six Flags and attended a Cardinal baseball game.

Dick Siegler and family made a trip through the Northwestern states and Canada and back by way of Las Vegas. A certain individual gave Dick 25 cents to send him a postcard.

Paul DeBusk and family took a trip to Orlando, Florida, Julie Seay went to Louisiana Downs and had a great time, while the Phil McConnell family vacationed at Table Rock Lake for a week of relaxing and fishing.

Jim Humphrey, our summer employee, will be returning to Duke University this fall.

Ron Cofer and family went to Six Flags Over Texas. He also has a new bronze, Isuzu Trooper 4x4. Ron had a little excitement one evening when he was greeted by a 4-foot water moccasin in his swimming pool. After a chase and with the help of his cousin, Greg Shell, they finally won out by netting and shooting the snake.

Charlie Clements has a new red Nissan 4x4 that helps him get to places where the big fish are.

Bob Green left the Department after 22 years of service. We wish him luck and happiness in the future.

On Friday, July 22, a hot air balloon was attempting to land in the parking lot. Two people were trying to pull the balloon down, with some difficulty. Margaret Middleton came to the rescue by grabbing one of the ropes. With her help, they were able to land the balloon.

TRAFFIC

Congratulations to A.C. Loring, Sign Shop Supervisor, and Scotty Hesselbein, Sign Layout Supervisor, on their 10 years of service with the Department. Allan and Scotty are shown receiving their pins and certificates from Tony Sullivan, Section Head-Traffic Services.



Tony Sullivan and Allan Loring



Tony Sullivan and Scotty Hesselbein

Others receiving service awards were F.R. Turnbough, 5 years; E.E. Bruce, 15 years; M.R. McEuen and W.G. Jones, Jr., 20 years. Congratulations to all of these dedicated employees.

Congratulations to Cheri Pounders, Traffic Clerk, on the birth of Joshua Logan Pounders. Logan was born June 13, tipping the scales at 7 pounds and 9 1/2 ounces.

Congratulations to John Santoro, Sign Layout Specialist, and his teammates. John's team won first place in their division of the Hoop-Doo Basketball Tournament held in the streets of downtown Little Rock.



John Santoro (third from left) and team

Jerry and Cindi Webb would like to announce the birth of a son, Jared Thomas Webb, born May 22 weighing 7 pounds and 6 ounces. Jared had a sister, Andrea, age 6, and a brother, Jesse, age 5. Jerry is a sign erector helper in Traffic and Grandpa Jimmie Ray Smith, Sr., is a Multi-Axle Truck Driver in District 5. Jared makes Grandpa's 22nd grandchild.



Jared Thomas Webb

We would like to welcome three new employees - Lee Green, Terry Rice, and Tommy Ramsey. We feel they are a valuable addition to the Sign Shop and wish them the best of luck in their careers with the Department.

We all want to welcome back Gail Scott to the Traffic Safety Section. Gail previously worked in the Traffic Safety Section but has been in Fiscal Services. Gail replaced Patrisha Keith who transferred to Planning.

Our resident bass master, Bert Porterfield, finished in 10th place in the U.S. Bass Association Tournament at Lake DeGray recently. Part of his earnings went toward a vacation in Florida for him and his wife, Melanie.

DSTRICT ONE

District One employees donated 62 pints of blood in the Annual Red Cross Blood Drive which was held on June 16. We thank each person who gave to this most worthy and needed cause and hope others will be willing to give next year.



Being Checked Out

Bernard Crumley, one of our summer employees who worked in the St. Francis maintenance crew this past summer, had an experience on July 19 that he is likely never to forget. Bernard, his parents and two sisters, were tied up and held captive in their home in Widener by two prison escapees from Tucker Prison. The convicts took a gun, food and the family's truck to get away in. They were captured in Kansas the next day still driving the Crumley's truck. When Bernard returns to college, he will undoubtedly have the biggest summer tale to tell his friends.

The proud grandfather shown below holding his new grandson and namesake is Bobby Alford, Crew Leader in Crittenden County. The little boy is Bobby Charles Pennington, son of Bobby's daughter, Carla, and her husband, Tom. Bobby Charles was born June 3 and weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces.



Bobby Alford and little Bobby

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Marcell Hall, a music major at UCA, and the son of Carcena Hall, Field Clerk for the Wynne RE office, got a rare opportunity to travel to Europe this past summer. He was privileged to be part of a European Concert tour with the University of Central Arkansas Concert Chior. Between May 15 and June 6, the choir sang period music in its original atmosphere in such places as West Germany; Lucerne, Switzerland; Belgium; Paris, France; London, England; Wales,; and Scotland. Marcell says he came home with memories to last a lifetime.



Marcell in Paris, France

The District One Chapter of the AHTD Retirees Association held their annual fish fry at Village Creek Park on June 2. Approximately 75 retirees and their guests enjoyed fish and fellowship and the reports we received indicated everyone is looking forward to the next one.



The Chefs at work



Getting Ready



Let's Eat!

DISTRICT TWO

District Two employees were saddened by the death of former District Two Engineer, M.S. "Sam" Smith, on July 8. Sam died of a sudden illness while visiting at Forrest City. He was born September 24, 1927 in Forrest City. He attended school at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and earned a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering at the Graduate Institute of Technology in Little Rock. He retired from AHTD after 33 years of service, ten years being District Engineer at Pine Bluff. He was a member of the U of A Academy of Civil Engineers, the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers, and was a member of the AHTD Retirement Board. He is survived by his wife, Mary Virginia Smith, a son, David H. Smith of Little Rock, a daughter, Leslie Bolden of Jacksonville, a brother, Dr. Eugene Smith of Jonesboro and two granddaughters. Sam will be missed by all those that worked with him through his career and he will be remembered by many.



M.S. "Sam" Smith
1927 - 1988

The following employees of District Two were presented service awards recently. They were Clinton Bohannon and D.W. Miles, 2 years; John Herrington and Thomas M. Hayden, 20 years; Beulah Crain, and Drew E. Plunkett, 15 years. Receiving 10 year awards were Charlie McCree, Leonard Hamilton, Samuel Crain, Lafayette Wooten, Lanell Massie, Clarence Polk, Walter Graves, III, Bill R. Plunkett, H.L. Pipen, J.R. Brown, J.E. Hope, David A. Hutchins and G.E. West. Receiving 5 year awards were Jimmy L. Johnson, Roy L. Porter, Elven J. Mustiful, and Floyd Spencer.

Christi Carter, daughter of District Permit Officer, Bettye B. Carter, was recently married to Clayton Winters McGeorge on June 11 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pine Bluff. Clay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace P. McGeorge, III of Pine Bluff. Christi and Clay are graduates of Pine Bluff High School and attended Louisiana Tech. They will reside in Little Rock where they will attend UALR.



Mrs. Clayton Winters McGeorge

This summer we enjoyed Mary Beth Blankenship as our summer employee. She is a student at Hendrix College in Conway and is a native of Pine Bluff graduating from Pine Bluff High School in 1987.



Mary Beth Blankenship

We have lost several of our District Two Retirees recently. Joe T. Millen, who retired in 1977 after 10 years of service, as an Equipment Operator II in the Maintenance Crew at Monticello; Bernard Hart, who retired in 1979 as Resident Engineer Office Technician, after 29 years of service, and James Everett Cockrell, who was an Equipment Operator II at Monticello, who retired after 30 years of service. We express our sympathy to the families and we will miss, but always remember, them all.

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Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cockrell

Melanie Owen, Payroll Clerk, and her husband, Glenn, are proud grandparents. Their daughter, Molly, and her husband, Jack, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jack Jones Hollingsworth, III, born May 17, weighing 8 pounds and 10+ ounces.



Jack Jones Hollingsworth, III

Bob Ray, Assistant Stockroom Supervisor, is recovering at home after a heart attack. Bob is missed around the office for his cheerful personality and good disposition. Hurry up and get well Bob!

Shown in the picture are the grandsons of Len Pennington. William Matthew and Joshu Andrew Mailhorn were born July 12. Len is the Construction Materials Inspector for the Pine Bluff RE office. Len says they are quite a hand full.



William Matthew and Joshu Andrew Mailhorn



Clinton Bohannon and Jim Briley



D.W. Miles and Jim Briley



John Herrington and Jim Briley



T.M. Hayden and Jim Briley



James Hope and Earnie Westfall

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service to the Department: Travis Cearley, Wesley Burkham and B.R. Martin, 5 years; Tyrone Hooks, B.K. Barham, M.H. Jester, Sammie Holton, Ala Mae Flenory and G.C. Bishop, Jr., 10 years; Ray Steen, Lile Richardson and Otto Potter, 15 years; C.R. Garner, Doyle C. Powell, and K.L. Harris, 20 years; and J.R. Whitehurst for 25 years.



J.R. Whitehurst and G.C. Bishop, Jr.



J.R. Whitehurst and S.K. Holton



B.R. Martin and Don Donaldson



K.L. Harris and Calvin Peevy



J.R. Whitehurst and Calvin Peevy

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C.R. Garner and Calvin Peavy



Mr. Peavy and D.C. Powell



O.B. Potter and Mr. Peavy



J.R. Whitehurst and Kathy Barham



J.R. Whitehurst and R. Steen



J.R. Whitehurst and Ala Mae Flenory

Shown below is Lori Elizabeth Holt, nine-month old daughter of Wayman and Shelia Holt of Jonesboro. Lori is the granddaughter of District Secretary Vinie Holt.



Lori Elizabeth Holt

DISTRICT FOUR

There were several service awards this quarter in District Four: Hester Brown, 25 years; Larry Thornburg, 20 years; David Dodd and Vernon Smith, 15 years; Mark Simpson, Tom Rountree, Ken Peerson and Harold Ferguson, 10 years; and Pat Gilbert and Rita Stone, 5 years. Congratulations to all.



Carl Sanders and Hester Brown



David Becker and Larry Thornburg



David Dodd



Mark Simpson and Aubrey Bowen



Tommy Rountree and Aubrey Bowen



Vernon Smith and Lonnie Bearden

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David Becker and Ken Peerson



Leon Brewer and Harold Ferguson

More changes in the District: C. Peters was promoted to Sebastian II Area Foreman; Mark Barton transferred to Stock Clerk from Greenwood; William Boswell to Skilled Trades Trainee; Rachel Turman to Storeroom Supervisor and Debbie Isaac to Area Headquarters Attendant at Sebastian II.

We failed to get a graduate in our last issue. His name is David Jenson, who graduated from Van Buren High School and was employed at the RE office in Alma for the summer. David is the son of Rachel Turman, Storeroom Supervisor.



David Brian Jenson

Safety awards were presented to the crew of Aubrey Bowen, Fort Smith Shop; Ralph Goodson, Maintenance Job Crew; John Sharum, RE #42; Hershell Henry, Polk County; Mark Williams, Sebastian I; Leon Brewer, RE #43; Danny Lister, Sign Crew, Fort Smith; D.C. Spencer, RE

#41; J.N. Faubus by Edwin Stout, Washington II; and Gene Holloway, Washington I. Congratulations to each of these crews.



District 4 Safety Awards

Congratulations to Kenneth Tucker and Missy Sewell who were married July 19. Kenneth is a Senior Mechanic and Missy is a former summer employee in the storeroom.



Kenneth Tucker

Herb and Shirley Cross caught these 4 pound crappie and bass recently and they sure were beauties. Herb is the District 4 Caretaker.



Herb and Shirley Cross

Rebecca Libby, of the Van Buren RE office, was recently named Outstanding Business Student for the Academic year 1987-88 by the faculty of Westark Community College in Fort Smith and was honored at the Annual Student Awards Reception.

We would like to congratulate Ken Peerson upon his retirement from AHTD after 10 years of service. Ken was the Area Headquarters Atten-

dant for Sebastian II. He was presented with a lot of nice gifts and a large lunch. We'd like to wish Ken well and may your fish stringers always be full. You will be greatly missed.



Ken Peerson



Ken and retirement gifts

Two members of the Polk County crew were recently married: Roger Simpson and Berneice Romaine were married April 29 and E.L. Carrell and Debbie Hendricks were married July 23.

Melvin and Nancy Heath recently became grandparents to a little girl, Cassandra Elyse Parks, who was born June 16. She is their first grandchild, so she is really special. The proud parents are Mike and Teri Parks. Grandpa Melvin is a Motor Patrol Operator-Rough in the Polk County Crew.

June 14 was a big day for Joe Downs and his wife, Faye Dean. Their son, Dexter, was married to Sondra Miller at 2 p.m. and their daughter, Karen, was married to Walter Williams

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at 7 p.m. Now that made for a busy day. We wish them lots of luck. Joe is the Crew Leader at Polk County.



Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Downe



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams

The Springdale RE office gained a new member, Charles Ashcraft, who returned to Fayetteville from Texas as a Construction Field Engineer I; and lost a member when P.J. Smith, Jr. resigned to start his own business. Welcome Charles and good luck P.J.

News from the Springdale Resident Engineer's Office includes two births. Curtis Alton was born to Charlinda and Steve Reves, Construction Aide, on May 30. He weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces. This is their first child and they are very proud of him. We understand that at 6 weeks Curtis is already showing interest in walking. Dad just beams.



Curtis Alton Reeves

Kevin Patrick Turner was born July 5 and weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces. He joins sister Sara Bath who turned two on July 11. The proud parents are Pat and Sam Turner. Sam is an inspector at RE #43. These two little ones ought

to keep Sam out of trouble for some time.



Kevin Patrick and Sara Beth Turner

Harold Ferguson and his wife, Geraldine, celebrated 30 years of marriage on May 11. Congratulations to both and we wish them 30 more years of happiness.

On June 18, District 4 held their second bass tournament on Lake Dardanelle. Leland Nixon and Tim Dycus from District 8 took first place. Roger Davis and Bill Davis from District 4 came in second, and Mark Williams and son, Greg, from District 4 took third. Tim Dycus caught the big bass.

DISTRICT FIVE

We wish to congratulate our ten crews who earned Safety Awards for the past year. They were: District Shop (1 year), District Bridge crew (1 year), District Sealing crew (1 year), District Sign Crew (11 years), Fulton County (1 year), Independence County (3 years), Izard County (1 year), Stone County (2 years); Batesville RE Jim Leggett (2 years), and Searcy RE S.L. Swink (2 years). We are especially proud of our District Sign Crew record of 11 years.

Several service awards have been presented recently. We wish to congratulate the following: Kenneth Mathis, 30 years; W.E. Coles and L.B. Montgomery, 25 years; and James Everidge, C.D. Evans, and Ralph Buchanan, 20 years.



Kenneth Mathis



L.B. Montgomery



W.E. Coles



C.D. Evans



James Everidge



Ralph Buchanan

Gerald Cupler, Independence County, is proud of these three little cuties. They are his grandchildren, Kenney, age 2 years, Patricia, 8 months, and Michael, age 4 months.



Patricia and Kenney Cox and Michael Holder

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Stacie Rena Crow and Scott McSpadden were united in marriage on June 11 in a beautiful candlelight service at the Maxville Baptist Church. Scott is the son of Sharp County Area Foreman, Don McSpadden. We wish them much happiness.



Mr. and Mrs. Scott McSpadden

Mike Satterwhite rolled to a record-breaking Southerland victory on July 10 with a 7-under-par 135 at the Batesville Country Club. Satterwhite, who won the State Overall High School Championship in 1985 and the Arkansas State Golf Association's Junior Golfer of the Year award in 1986, will be a junior and play on the varsity golf team at Arkansas State University. We're proud, along with his father, Randy (District Maintenance Superintendent), of Mike's achievements.

The Jim Leggett family is to be complimented on their achievements. Mara, Jim's wife, a student at Arkansas State University, was recently named the recipient of the Dr. D. Fred Pasmore Memorial Scholarship in modern languages. The scholarship is for an outstanding junior majoring or minoring in modern language and planning to teach or to promote the study of modern languages. Mara is majoring in French. Jenny, their daughter, was one of five swimmers who qualified for national competition in the 10 and under events as a result of her performance in the State Amateur Athletics Union Northeast Regional Qualifying Meet. She qualified in four events, being first in the 100-meter championship free and first in the 100-meter intermediate medley. Their son, Russ, age 7, was a ribbon winner.



Jenny Leggett



Mara Leggett

Jennifer Burleson, daughter of Carl and Kathy Burleson, was recently crowned Little Miss Midland. She performed a clogging routine to "Cotton-Eyed Joe" for her talent competition. Contestants were judged on beauty, talent and poise. Carl works in our District Sign Crew.



Jennifer Burleson



Celestia Ramm and Brandy Martin

These two lovely ladies are the daughters of Equipment Supervisor Ernie Martin, and his wife, Bula. Celestia became the bride of Stacey Ramm on June 4 at First Baptist Church in Mt.

Pleasant. Brandy, Celestia's little sister, served as a bridesmaid.

Several of us were involved in baseball and softball this summer. One of our Tee-Baller teams had a very impressive season. Matthew Taylor, son of Kay Taylor, our bookkeeper, and John David Parker, grandson of Office Manager Marilyn Coffman, won the league play and the tournament. Congratulations boys! Scotty Berry also played in that league. Linda, his mom, is our receptionist. Linda's son, Troy, was selected for the 11-year old All Stars and his team won their district tournament. Jason Crafton, age 9, played Little League baseball. His team came in third in league and tourney play. He was also part of the All Star Team that played in Searcy in August. Jeff Sexton's Southside Little League team placed second in their district tournament. They tied for first in season play. Jeff is the son of District Permit Officer Jim and Ann Sexton. Kristi's softball team ended up in second place at the end of the season. She is the granddaughter of Marilyn Coffman. Andra Qualls, daughter of Debbie Qualls, played softball in the Tri-County League and her team won first place in season and tournament play.



Matthew Taylor



John David Parker

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Scotty Berry



Troy Berry



Jason Crafton



Krieti Parker

DISTRICT SIX

District Permit Officer, Dave Harding, went to Biloxi, Mississippi 4th of July weekend with his wife, Ava, and another couple to do some deep sea fishing. As it is told, Dave out did them all when he landed this 8-foot long Hammerhead shark. But it wasn't easy bringing in this little monster. Dave had to wrestle him for 1 hour and 10 minutes. You can bet Dave was resting easy after that.

When they got back to the dock, they were told it was the largest fish brought into that dock. People even lined up to get their picture taken with the shark. Now that's some fish story -- the one that didn't get away!



Dave Harding

Charles Broadway, District Maintenance Job Superintendent, and his wife, Bertha, were made grandparents for the 8th time when Whitney Marie was born May 27, weighing 7 pounds and 5 ounces. The proud parents are Dewey and Leann Broadway. Whitney also has a brother, Chad, who will soon be two years old.



Whitney Marie Broadway



Chad Broadway

Pictured is Austin Cody Ruple with his parents Jequita and Jeff and his sister Brittany. Austin had a little earlier start in this world than most; having been born premature, he had to spend some time in the hospital. But Austin has come a long way and his grandpa, Claudie Ruple, is very proud of him. Claudie works in the North Little Rock Residency. Austin's other grandpa, Ernest Martin, works in District 5.



Jeff and Jequita Ruple
with children, Brittany and Austin

We were all saddened by the death of Sissy Holland, 17-year-old daughter of Adell Finch, Area Headquarters Attendant in Lonoke County. Sissy died a few weeks following an accident at home when she and Adell were severely burned when fumes from glue being brushed on new cabinets in their mobile home were ignited by a pilot light. Adell has been released from the hospital and we are looking forward to her return to work soon. Many thanks to friends and AHTD employees have made donations to help out with the hospital expenses and to continue the bi-weekly health insurance premiums.

John Bland, a retiree from the Jim Pouno Residency, had surgery in June and is doing very well. I know he misses all the excitement around the office and especially Barbara.

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We were sorry to hear that another one of our retirees, Joe Floyd, lost his wife July 22. Joe, we hope you will come by and visit because we have missed seeing you. This office has never been the same since you left.

Wallace Cook, another retiree, hasn't been feeling too well lately either. He was at our Christmas luncheon, but hasn't been by since. It is always good to see you Wallace.

Barbara Mize's grandson, Jesse Delling, had his big "2" birthday on May 20 at ShowBiz Pizza. They thought they would have to take "Billy Bob" home with them. Jesse also has a cousin who works in Programs & Contracts, Patti Bryant. Patti and Mark have almost adopted him.



Jesse Delling



DeAnna Garrison

This little doll is the newest addition to the Garrison household. DeAnna Leigh arrived April 8 weighing 7 pounds and 7+ ounces. DeAnna is the daughter of Bill and Donna Garrison. They also have a daughter, Sha, and a son, Brannon. Donna works for RE Office #65.

Jim Pound finally got settled into his new home he had built in West Little Rock. We have yet to have any parties out there, but we are working on it. By the way ladies, Jim is still single.

Tony Evans, a civil engineer in this office, and his wife, Rhonda, are in the process of having their home built in Maumelle. Tony came to us from Tullulah, Louisiana.

Frank Bednar, and his wife, Denise, have recently bought a home in North Little Rock. Both Frank and Denise are Civil Engineers and Frank's hobby is woodwork and I hear he is really good.

Bart and Robin Wray, our newlyweds, recently bought them a new home. Bart says there is nothing like the country. Bart's hobby is skydiv-

ing - well, to each his own. We are glad that Bart finally slowed down enough for Robin to catch him. He says married life is great.

Mark Abbott, one of our newest employees, recently bought a new home in Conway, where he is originally from. I think this is catching -- new houses!

Wayne Harvey's daughters, Heather and Amber, were into softball again this summer, but we didn't get any pictures to show off. Maybe next time.

DISTRICT SEVEN

James W. Bush, Area Headquarters Attendant for Calhoun County, retired June 30, with over 16 years of service. On July 1 the Calhoun County Crew honored Mr. Bush with a retirement party. Mr. Bush is shown relaxing in a new rocking chair he received for his leisure hours. He also received a tackle box and some money to help him pursue one of his favorite activities; also a watch so he won't lose track of time. Mr. Bush plans to keep busy with his church activities, gardening and fishing. Shown in the picture with him are Phil Benton, Calhoun County Area Foreman and Donald Brandon, former Calhoun County Area Foreman.



James W. Bush, Phil Benson and Donald Brandon

Larry Hollis, District Maintenance Superintendent, presented two service awards on June 9. Henry Baker, Bradley County Area Foreman, received an award for 15 years and Don Fain, Stock Clerk, received a 10 year award. Congratulations men!



Henry Baker and Larry Hollis



Larry Hollis and Don Fain

Charles M. Enlow, Senior Mechanic, is the proud grandfather of this cute graduate. Patsy Elizabeth Morris graduated from kindergarten to first grade at Fairview Elementary School in May. Patsy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morris. She is six years old and has one sister, Kimberly. Congratulations Patsy!



Patsy Elizabeth Morris

Larry Hollis, District Maintenance Superintendent, displays a turkey he bagged on April 23. Larry is one of our more skilled hunters. He stated that this turkey sported a beard that measured "something less than a foot."



Larry Hollis

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to all of our service award recipients. They are: Dennis Langston and Gary Long, 5 years; W.R. Hogan, Timothy Honeycutt, Henry Noland, Johnny Hayes, Jackie Washington, Connie Mack Harper, Al Hunt and Kenneth Jones, 10 years; Mike Hottinger, Bruce Bradke, Danny Bradford, James D. Washington, Larry

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Moore, James A. Hughes, Marvin Whorton, R.H. Williams, and Donnie Duvall, 15 years; Sonny Loffland, Floyd Cates, Billy Henry, Thomas E. Miler and James McFerran, 20 years; Thomas Dailey, James Blaylock, and J.L. Martin, Jr., 25 years; and Williams E. Martin, 30 years.



District 8 Service Awards
"290 years of service"



Lawrence Fletcher and Sonny Loffland



Gary Long

The annual District 8 Picnic was held June 21 at the Petit Jean State Park. Chef Sonny Loffland kept us in hamburgers and hot dogs. Kenneth Brown donated his talents by calling the bingo game. This was all topped off with ice cream and good fellowship and all was completed before the rains came.



Sharon and Tom Critee at District 8 Picnic



Chef Loffland and helpers



Hamburger King Sonny Loffland

Congratulations to Stephanie Wilkinson upon her graduation this past spring from Russellville High School. Stephanie is the daughter of District Permit Officer Don Wilkinson, and his wife, Sandy.



Stephanie Wilkinson

Earl Metcalf, a Rest Area Attendant in Conway County, made a "find" which made him \$150 richer. While working in the rest area, he discovered a box and an overnight bag hidden beneath a bush. The box contained \$70,000 in municipal bonds and \$20,000 in CDs, while the bag was full of women's shoes. Metcalf called the sheriff's office which took possession of the items. The investigation revealed that the valuables belonged to a man who had reported that the items were in his car when it was stolen in South Carolina. The man sent a \$150 check to the sheriff's office "to use as they see fit" for the

discovery and return of the stolen property. Because of his honesty and assistance, the sheriff's office decided to turn the money over Metcalf.

Happiness and best wishes to Missy and Kenneth Tucker who were married July 9 at the First Baptist Church in Branch, Arkansas. Missy works in our District Stockroom and Kenneth is a Senior Mechanic in District 4.

Gary and Gwen Dorrough are the proud parents of Davis Benjamin born April 14, weighing 8 pounds and 7 ounces. Gary is a Senior Mechanic in our District Shop. Davis' maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Rackley. Glyn is also a Senior Mechanic in our District Shop. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Dorrough. Garrett is a retired AHTD employee.



Davis Benjamin Dorrough

DISTRICT NINE

On May 26, a District Supervisors Meeting was held at the District Headquarters. Safety certificates were presented to the crews of Jack Brisco's RE office at Bentonville, Jim Barton's RE office in Yellville, Bill McMullen for the District Shop, Gene Taylor for the District Bridge Crew, J.N. Mallett's District Sign Crew, Ted Journagan and the District Wide Maintenance Crew, Connis Ingram's Baxter County crew, Ed Cummings' Benton County crew at Garfield, and John Harris for the Peel Ferry crew. Congratulations are extended to each crew for their conscientious effort to follow safety procedures.



Jack Brisco and DE Ralph Fulton



Jim Barton and Mr. Fulton

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Bill McMullen and Mr. Fulton



Gene Taylor and Mr. Fulton



J.N. Mallett and Mr. Fulton



Ted Journagan and Ralph Fulton



Connie Ingram and Ralph Fulton



Ed Cummings and Ralph Fulton



John Harris and Ralph Fulton

DISTRICT TEN

I wish someone could explain to me what in the world is going on with "Cupid" these days. There are three, what I considered to be confirmed bachelorettes, working in District 10 and they have completely shaken the foundation around here. Bachelorette No. 1 not only was married on June 25, but she traded in her Camaro for a little Blazer and bought a new house! This is a drastic change from the free-hearted spirit who you could never find at home because she was always making the rounds to the popular night spots (such as there are) here in Northeast Arkansas. Well, as if this wasn't enough to set all the tongues wagging, along comes Bachelorette No. 2 and announces that she is getting married on August 4 to her old high school sweetheart. (Don't tell her I told you this, but that was thirty some odd years ago. Did I say thirty? Oh! I mean twenty, or maybe it was ten). Bachelorette No. 3 has not made any announcements but we have it from a very reliable source (her mother) that he is going to pop the question at any time now. The only logical explanation must be that "Cupid" has put something in the water!

Seriously, congratulations to Bachelorette No. 1, Karen Moore Tosh, who was married on June 25 to Ty Tosh. Karen is the Field Clerk in the Jonesboro RE office. She and Ty will be moving into their new home soon where we are sure they will spend many years of happiness!

Bachelorette No. 2, June Troxel is our Stockroom Supervisor. June has been completing plans for her marriage to Ken German on August 4. Best wishes for many years of happiness to both of you.

Under sworn oath, we cannot divulge the identity of Bachelorette No. 3, but we promise to keep everyone posted on further developments in this romance.

The ladder to success? Rex Anthony Nelson (son of Buford and Loretta Nelson) graduated from Ridgecrest High School in May. Rex

played baseball and basketball while attending school and made the NEA Team this year at ASU. He will attend ASU this fall majoring in Business Management. Congratulations Rex, you have taken the initial steps and we hope you make it to the top of the ladder.



Rex Nelson

We are "kicking up our heels" here in Northeast Arkansas and so was Shane Black (son of Equipment Supervisor Jerry Black) when he took a First Place Trophy in sparring on May 7 at the Mountain Home Ozark Fued Karate Tournament. (Shane may be just the person we've been looking for to help keep Dad in line!) Congratulations Shane on an excellent showing and congratulations Jerry on having Shane as a son.



Shane Black

Meet Tiffany Nicole Jackson! She is not only a "Daddy's Girl", but also the "Apple of Grandpa's Eye". Tiffany was born March 10 and is the daughter of Terry and Brenda Jackson of Dyersburg. Grandpa (for the very first time) is William Jackson, a member of our District Maintenance Crew. Congratulations to the Jacksons on a very beautiful daughter and granddaughter.

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Tiffany Nicole Jackson

Now meet Connie Lanette Jackson, daughter of William and Jean Jackson, and "Daddy's Girl!" Connie graduated from Ridgecrest High School in May and will complete cosmetology school in August. Congratulations Connie on your accomplishments and congratulations Bill on a beautiful daughter!



Connie Lanette Jackson

Safety should be an ever constant thought in each employee's mind during their daily work routine. These crews received Safety Awards which were presented by Safety Officer James Mansfield and District Engineer B.J. Barnett.



L to R: Jerry Black (District Shop), Burl Hudson (Osceola RE), Dairi Hyle (District Maintenance), Jeff Pillow (Greene County), and James Mansfield, AHTD Safety Officer

Service awards were presented to the following: Elmer Glover, Jerry Greitens, John Michaels, Holen Jefferson, George Conway, and J.W. Ramsey, 15 years; Marvin Pinion, Walt Hamm, W.L. Currie, III, Grady Davis, and Rex Pierce, 10 years; and David Hicklin, 5 years. Congratulations to all.

Also, 20 years might seem like an awful long time to some, but these three employees agreed that it seems like the years have flown by. All three were presented a 20 year service award by Charles Hesselbein. Congratulations to Frank Coffel, Jim Murray and Jo Ann Carlile.



Hesselbein and Jim Murray



Frank Coffel and Charles Hesselbein



Hesselbein and Jo Ann Carlile



A.H.P. OFFICERS DONATE WHEEL CHAIR

Thanks to the efforts of the Arkansas Highway Police, a Pulaski County youngster now has a motorized wheel chair which makes it easier for him to get around. Five-year old John Agnew, son of Pulaski County Deputy Sheriff Jerry Agnew, suffers from spina bifida and must have a motorized wheel chair to attend school. When the AHP learned through the Easter Seal Society that the son of a police officer needed the chair, they were eager to help. AHP Captain Glen Sullivan contributed a motorized adult wheel chair and it was donated to the Easter Seal Society. The AHP officers then donated the money to make up of the difference in cost between the adult chair and a child's chair.

To show his appreciation, John sent the AHP a large poster-size photograph of himself in his new wheel chair. Pictured with the poster are: (left to right) Lt. Paul Claunch, Chief John Bailey, Lt. Ronnie Anderson, and Ptl. Bruce Ellison.

1989 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 1989 State Highway Map. Your photograph could become a visible symbol of the pride we have in our State and the Highway and Transportation Department.

CONTEST RULES:

1. All entries must be 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 by November 1, 1988.
5. Entries will be prejudged on the basis of concept, originality, and artistic merit by a selection committee. Final selection will be made by the Director of Highways and Transportation.
6. All entries must be taken in Arkansas and in 1988.
7. Vertical format entries are preferred.
8. Entries should be highway oriented: highways, roads, bridges, etc. and/or scenic photos of Arkansas' natural beauty: mountains, lakes, rivers, etc.
9. All entries remain the property of the sender and will be returned.
10. 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 1989 Highway Map 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.

1989 STATE HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please accept my photographs for consideration in the 1989 AHTD Map Photo Contest.

I have enclosed _____ slides and _____ glossy prints.

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