

# Arkansas Highways

SUMMER 1989

# ***From the Director's Desk***

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## **Safety First!**

The 101 days between the Memorial Day weekend and the Labor Day weekend are considered the prime vacation and travel days of the year. It is during this time that most of us take our family vacations or numerous weekend trips to visit friends and relatives in other cities.

It is also the prime season for highway construction and maintenance activities. Hundreds of miles of Arkansas' highways will be resurfaced, reconstructed, or repaired over the next few months. This means detours, closed lanes and narrow roadways.

Highway and bridge work can cause delay, frustration and inconvenience. However, inattentive motorists and workers can cause accidents, injuries and even deaths. Driving through a work zone requires caution, concentration and common sense. By the same token, the same standards apply to those working in a construction or maintenance zone.

Work zone safety is a two-way street. Everyone is at risk in a work zone. It is up to us to look out for each other. Whether driving a car or operating a piece of equipment, we are responsible for each other's safety.

As drivers, we are at risk because the route has been temporarily changed by construction. It may be unfamiliar, narrower than usual, and dotted with barricades, safety cones and orange barrels. There may also be heavy equipment on or near the roadway.


As construction and maintenance workers, your jobs take you within inches of vehicles whizzing by throughout the day. You cannot afford to make a mistake. One glance away, a split-second of inattention, could result in a serious or fatal accident.

The Highway and Transportation Department's record on work zone safety has been a good one. Our Safety Section has done a good job over the years of training and informing employees on the dangers that exist in work zones. However, we must not become complacent. Work zones can become danger zones. It is up to each individual, whether traveling on a family vacation or working behind the barricades, to keep safety first and foremost in mind.

If we practice good safety habits, on and off the job, we will all have a safe and enjoyable summer.



**MAURICE SMITH**  
Director of Highways & Transportation

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maurice Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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FRONT COVER PHOTO: State Highway 12 east of Rogers over Beaver Lake in Benton County. Photo by John Jackson.

BACK COVER PHOTO: State Highway 23 over the Arkansas River at Ozark. Photo by John Jackson.

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# GROUND BREAKING

## Second Phase of Jonesboro Access Control Demonstration Project Underway

Another step was taken on March 17 toward the completion of the Access Control Demonstration Project on the Jonesboro Bypass. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on that date to signify the beginning of construction for an interchange and overpass at the Highway 63/Caraway Road intersection in Jonesboro.

A \$3.3 million contract was awarded in January to Robertson, Inc., of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, for the Caraway Road project which has a scheduled completion date of August 1990. The first phase of the ACDP, the construction of an

overpass/interchange at the Highway 1B (Harrisburg Road) intersection, was begun in



*Congressman Bill Alexander*

October 1987. It is scheduled for completion in the fall of this year.

The Access Control Demonstration Project involves the construction of four overpasses and interchanges on the U.S. 63 Bypass. Arkansas' First District Congressman Bill Alexander has been given much credit for securing approximately \$9.8 million for the project. "That's the job of Congress," Alexander told those in attendance at the groundbreaking luncheon, "to make a raid on the Treasury for the people we represent."

Highway Commissioner



*Congressman Bill Alexander, seventh from the left, along with Highway Commissioners, AHTD Officials, and Jonesboro dignitaries, break ground for the beginning of the second phase of the Jonesboro ACDP on Highway 63.*

Rodney Slater of Jonesboro said that the Stadium Drive intersection would be the next overpass project. "We will have to see where our money is at that point," noted Slater, adding that the U.S. 49 intersection would probably receive the next strong consideration.

In addition to Alexander and Slater, Highway Commission Chairman Raymond Pritchett, a native of east Arkansas, addressed the group at the luncheon following the groundbreaking. He said that the definition of the term "adequate transportation" has



*Highway Commissioner Rodney Slater*

changed over the years and that the challenge to provide a quality transportation system was greater than ever. He said that the construction of more four-lane highways in Arkansas was "an idea that is too strong to die and too strong to give up on."

Included in the groundbreaking activities was a bus tour of industrial and highway projects underway in the area. This was provided to acquaint the guests with the role that transportation has played in the economic development in and around Jonesboro.

# Highway 79B Dedicated at Fordyce

The recently completed widening of Highway 79B in Fordyce is a prime example of what good can come from government, according to Ron Harrod, Vice Chairman of the State Highway Commission.

Speaking at a dedication ceremony May 12, Harrod told the crowd that the one-half mile segment of highway is the first phase of an overall proposal to widen Highway 79B all the way through the city of Fordyce. "This first section is where the most congestion was being experienced," Harrod said. "This section was identified by the City of Fordyce as the top priority for widening."

Harrod expressed his gratitude to the city for cooperating with the Department in the early stages of planning for the project. "In this case, the City

of Fordyce and the Highway Department were able to sit down and work together to make this project a reality," he said. The state agreed to acquire the right-of-way for the

project and the city will reimburse the state. The Highway Commission awarded a \$425,968 contract to R.N. Reynolds Construction Co. of Camden in April 1988 for the work.



*Miss Dallas County, Keely Gray, center, and from left to right, AHTD District 7 Engineer Coy Campbell, Director Maurice Smith, Commissioners Ron Harrod and Bill Clark, Dallas County Judge James McGriff and State Senator Jim Scott, cut the ribbon to open Highway 79B.*



# RAILROAD R CONTRACT



*An engine of the Dardanelle and Russellville Railway travels slowly through the high weeds that hide much of the 5.2-mile line of track.*



*A D&R engine progresses at a maximum speed of 5 mph over the dilapidated tracks.*

A contract between the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Dardanelle and Russellville Railway (D&R) for the rehabilitation of the rail line from North Dardanelle to Russellville was signed May 24.

Maurice Smith, Director of Highways and Transportation, and William K. Robbins, Jr., President and General Manager of the D&R signed the contract at a brief ceremony held at the Russellville Chamber of Commerce office.

The Dardanelle to Russellville line is the seventh rehabilitation project to be undertaken by the Department and brings to 190 miles the total miles of track to be rehabilitated in Arkansas.

The 5.2 mile line, which provides freight service connections with the Union Pacific Railroad at Russellville, was previously a subsidiary of the Richmond Tank Car Company of Houston, Texas. Robbins purchased the line in 1987 and applied for federal railroad rehabilitation funds through the AHTD. The line serves several small businesses and plants, including the Dow Chemical Company. Many of the busi-

# REHABILITATION NOT SIGNED



nesses are totally dependent on economical rail service for their survival. If the line is abandoned and salvaged, Pope County would lose a real and personal tax assessment of about \$500,000.

The estimated cost of the project is \$488,156. The D&R will receive \$300,000 through the federal grant program and will be responsible for furnishing the remainder of the funds to complete the project. The work includes ditching, ties, ballast, rail, rail surfacing, weed control and other track material as needed.

Rail service is currently being provided five days a week for customers along the D&R line. Due to the poor condition of the tracks, trains must operate at a maximum speed of five-miles-per-hour. Some freight tonnage has been lost in recent years because of poor track conditions and the availability of specialty cars. The new owner plans an aggressive marketing campaign to add freight tonnage and acquire specialty cars.

Rehabilitation of the line is expected to provide direct and indirect benefits of \$8.2 million to the citizens of the area, the

shippers and the operating railroad. Several businesses have acquired new accounts in areas where it was not economical to ship by truck since the new owner of the line began operating. Future manufacturing sites are located adjacent to the existing line and rail service could be easily provided as new plants locate in the area.

The Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 required each state to develop a State Rail Plan in order to receive federal rail assistance. The State Highway and Transportation Department is the agency responsible for administering the funds, awarding the contracts, and inspecting the work as it is performed.



# Three Public Hearings Held Around the State

## *Highway 165 at England*

The England City Hall was site of a public hearing on March 28 to give residents of the area an opportunity to express their opinions on the proposed widening of Highway 165 (Fordyce St.) in England.

The proposed project would begin near Allis Street and would proceed east to the city limits. Total project length would be approximately one mile. Under the proposed plans, the existing two-lane roadway would be widened to include two 13-foot travel lanes with a 12-foot center-turn lane.

Paul DeBusk, of Roadway Design, explained the details of

the project design to those gathered, and Bob Colford and Danny Arendt of the Right of Way Division, discussed the Department's appraisal, acquisition, and relocation procedures.

DeBusk cited that recent traffic counts for the area showed that about 6,640 vehicles traveled that stretch of road each day. By the year 2009, he said, that number was expected to increase to about 8,770. He also explained that this project was part of a series of improvements scheduled for Highway 165 between Interstate 440 and Dumas. The

section between I-440 and England was improved in a project that was completed earlier this year.

Following the presentations by AHTD personnel, those in attendance were given a chance to make a statement or ask questions concerning the project. Although no one spoke specifically against the improvement, many concerns were brought out. Questions about parking, traffic signals, crosswalks for the schoolchildren, drainage ditches, and storm drains were answered by the Department staff.

## *Military Road in Benton*

Approximately 90 persons were in attendance at the Tyndall Park Activities Center on April 17 to hear the Department's plans for the proposed widening of Military Road in Benton. The 1.3-mile long project would widen the roadway to five lanes between Main Street and Congo Road. Also, Congo Road would be widened to three lanes beginning at Military Road and extending 400 feet to the north.

The project was deemed necessary because Department studies showed that more



Roadway Design Engineer Paul DeBusk confers with area residents of Benton.



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than 16,000 vehicles a day were using the 3-lane Military Road. That number is expected to increase to more than 26,000 per day in 20 years.

AHTD Roadway Design Engineer Paul DeBusk explained to the group that, except for a short section of Military Road, this was not an AHTD project. "This is a city project," DeBusk said. "The Federal government will pay 75% of the cost and the city will pay the remaining 25%."

Benton businessman

Curtis Ferguson spoke in favor of the project. He said that traffic on Military Road was reaching the saturation point and that something had to be done to prevent the road from being 'choked to death'. "I'm concerned about where we will be if this project doesn't go through," Ferguson said. "If this project does not go through, the next generation of business investment will not be on Military Road."

Dr. Donald Dixon, a Ben-

ton dentist, stated, "My views are about the same as Curtis', except he's for it and I'm against it." Dr. Dixon said that widening the road would make it like a freeway and increase the traffic. "We need less traffic on Military, not more," he said.

Benton Mayor Rodney Larsen said it was time for Benton to take advantage of the funding that was available. He said that the city could afford its share of the cost without a tax increase.

## Proposed New Bridge for Cherokee Village

A public hearing was held Thursday, April 27, at the North Golf Course Recreation Center in Cherokee Village to discuss a proposed new bridge for the area.

A majority of the 200 people who attended the meeting agreed that a new bridge was needed, but disagreed on the location and the type of structure that should be built.

The proposed State Aid project would replace a low-water bridge crossing the South Fork of the Spring River in Cherokee Village. Residents of the area, many of whom are retired, argued that heavy rains caused the river to rise above the bridge, cutting them off from emergency services.

But the proposed new bridge would be in the middle of the North Golf Course, and opponents said that the beauty and integrity of the area would be severely damaged if it were

to be built there.

They also said that the earthen embankments supporting the approaches to the bridge would act like a dam during heavy rains, causing more flooding upstream. They supported building a bridge at a different location.



AHTD State Aid Engineer Jake Weston explains the reasoning used in the design process of the proposed bridge.

Highway and Transportation Department State Aid Engineer Jake Weston outlined the history of the project and explained the reasoning used in the design process.

He said the project was initiated by Sharp County Judge Frank Arnold, who was doing so at the request of area residents. "The Highway and Transportation Department," Weston explained, "only acts as a consultant on state aid projects. The county selects the location and we perform the necessary engineering and design work."

Judge Arnold stressed that the most important issue involved was seeing that better access was provided to the residents of the area.

He concluded by saying that an alternate location would be looked at before a final decision was made.

# Deficient Bridges Again Drawing Attention



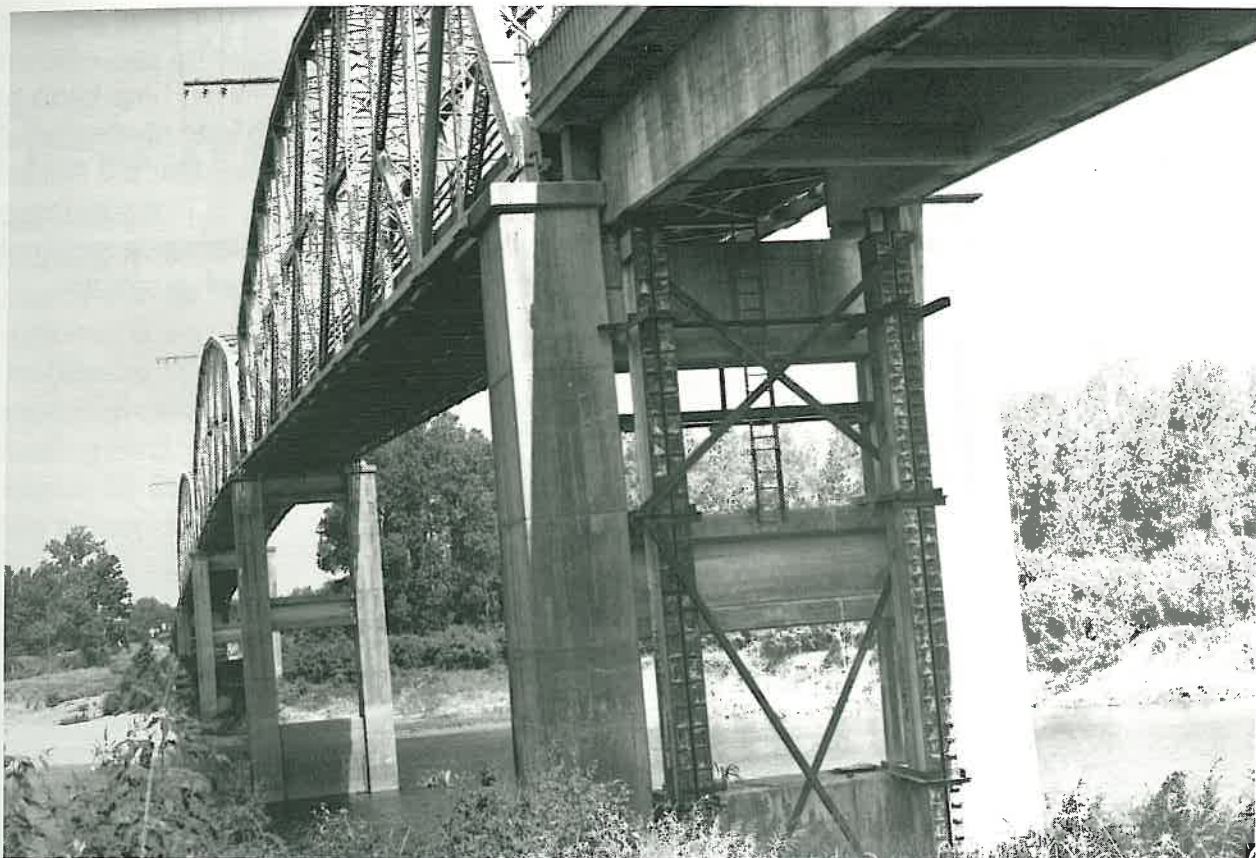
In light of recent bridge collapses in other states, attention is again being focused on the bridge situation as it exists in Arkansas. Although the situation is not considered a crisis here, it is generally acknowledged that the State's system of bridges is in need of some major improvements.

Of the 12,989 bridges in the State, 43% are considered deficient in design or are deteriorating. This puts Arkansas slightly above the national average of 41%. However, of the 12,989 total, only 6,687 are maintained by the Highway and Transportation Department. Of that number, 22% are considered deficient. This means that although the state maintained bridges are faring better than average, city and county maintained bridges are not holding up as well. Sixty-six percent of the city and county maintained bridges in the state are deficient.

It is estimated that it would cost \$1.25 billion to fix the bridges on the state highway system, and an additional \$700 million to repair the city and county maintained bridges. The current federal outlay for bridge maintenance is approxi-

*A typical example of a narrow, one-lane functionally obsolete bridge in Arkansas.*

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*A typical example of a structurally deficient bridge. Note additional support under piers.*

mately \$18 million per year.

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. The Federal Aid Highway Act of 1968 required the Secretary of Transportation, with the state 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



*The inspection of steel members.*

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structures on the public highway system (state, county, and city) be inspected at least once every two years.

David Lambert, AHTD Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, and Ed Fain, Staff Structures Engineer, recently attended a Federal Highway Administration sponsored workshop dealing with bridge inspection and management. The workshop addressed the more stringent NBIS criteria that the FHWA will soon be implementing.

Workshop participants were informed that scouring of bridge foundations is the most common cause of damage to bridges during floods. Scouring is the term used to describe the washing away of the riverbed or other material from around the footing of a bridge. The FHWA is putting great emphasis on the need for states to evaluate both existing bridges and newly designed bridges for scour potential. According to Lambert, the AHTD has developed and submitted to the FHWA a draft plan regarding scour evaluation of existing bridges in Arkansas.

Other topics discussed at the workshop included the need for states to identify bridges which require inspection more often than once every two years. States must also identify and designate in their bridge inventory file bridges with fracture critical members, bridges requiring underwater inspections, and bridges with features requiring special moni-

toring and evaluations.

Due to the lack of sufficient funding for bridge improvements, the FHWA continues to encourage all states to develop a Bridge Management System. A comprehensive system for managing bridge im-

provement activities in a consistent and efficient manner would help keep bridges in better shape. Lambert and Fain say that the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department is considering implementing such a system.



An AHTD Bridge Inspector utilizes the "Snooper" to check underneath a bridge structure.

# Research Committee Receives Recommendations

A report recommending steps to minimize pavement damage caused by the "lift" axle on four-axle trucks was presented to engineers at the 48th Transportation Research Committee Meeting held in Fayetteville, March 28-29. The Committee also agreed to fund four projects for the fiscal year 1990 Research Program.

Dr. Thomas Parsons, an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at Arkansas State University, began performing research on the effects of the "lift" axle in July 1987 and concluded the project last November. His research included a review of the technologies that exist in regard to the "lift" axle and what restrictions exist in other states.

After surveying all 50 states, Dr. Parsons found that no two states view the use of the axle in the same way. Some states do not allow the use of the truck at all; while others have various restrictions.

Dr. Parsons' study concluded that the "lift" axle is more damaging than other axles, especially when the truck is negotiating a turn, which is when scuffing of the pavement occurs.

A test plate, developed at ASU, was embedded into the pavement and the lateral forces generated by passing



*Dr. Thomas Parsons examines a truck with a "lift" axle, shown here in the raised position.*

double, tri-, and quad-axle trucks over the test plate were obtained.

Among his recommendations, Dr. Parsons suggested that each axle should be required to carry its share of the total load; require the "lift" axle pressure regulator to be located outside the truck cab; require the "lift" axle to have castering or self-steering wheels; and restrict the load capacity on the axle to the rated capacity, the legal limit, or 600-650 pounds per inch of tire tread width.

Any changes in the present requirements for "lift" axles would have to be made in the form of legislation to amend existing laws. The Research Committee has taken the recommendations under ad-

visement.

The four projects to be undertaken by the Committee in 1990 are:

- 1) Permit Fee Study;
- 2) Reducing lead based paint from bridges;
- 3) Slope Stability Analysis Program; and
- 4) Pavement Management Records System.

The Research Section of the Materials and Research Division is responsible for the administration of all highway research contracts to the State's universities and for conducting in-house research. The TRC oversees and directs the work performed.

Calvin Peevy, ACE for Operations, serves as chairman of the TRC and Bob Walters, ACE for Design, is vice-chairman.

# Understanding the Need For Employer Support

At least one weekend a month and several weeks out of the year, a large number of Highway and Transportation Department employees trade in their hard hats, safety vests, laptop computers, and other tools of the trade for an army helmet, flight suit, and even another laptop computer, to perform their duties as members of the National Guard or Reserve. They are citizens who undertake an added responsibility for the security of the Nation. In turn, they require support and understanding of their employer and fellow workers.

Jane Wilson, head of the Department's Human Resources Division, was recently treated to a first-hand look at how the Air National Guard performs and the training it provides its members. Wilson was one of six Arkansans selected to attend the Air National Guard's Business and Industry Day at McGheeTyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, Tennessee. She was nominated by Don Crain, a 12-year employee of the Department. Crain is an AHTD Safety Officer who pulls military duty as Ground Safety NCOIC with the Air National Guard's 189th Tactical Airlift Group at Little Rock Air Force Base. He has

18 years of service with the Guard and holds the rank of Master Sergeant.

"I thought it was important for Ms. Wilson to learn more about the Guard and Reserve," Crain said. "After all, there are many department employees who are required to take time off from their jobs to perform military duty and all requests for military leave must go through the Human Resources Division for approval," he said.

It was appropriate that the 189th was sponsoring Wilson's trip since at least eight Central Office employees are Air National Guard members who attend training sessions at Little Rock AFB each month.

"I had no knowledge whatsoever about the Guard before I took this trip," Wilson said. "I just thought they trained for war. I didn't know there was such an emphasis on leadership training and supervisory skills."

The participants from Arkansas were joined by business leaders from Texas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Missouri, Colorado and New Mexico. The event began for Wilson and two other Pulaski County employers, Rick Ezell, Jacksonville Fire Chief, and Jerry Halsell of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, on

April 19 with a meeting with Colonel Shelby G. Bryant, Commander of the 189th, where they were briefed on the unit's mission and responsibilities. The 189th is the only Air Guard unit that teaches basic flight training to Air Force, Air National Guard, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and International C-130 aircrew members. They flew from Little Rock Air Force Base aboard a Colorado Air Guard T-43. Three Fort Smith area employers also accompanied them on the trip. On April 20 they spent the day attending briefings, classroom sessions at the Professional Military Education Center, graduation ceremonies for the Air Guard's NCO Leadership Academy, and ending with an awards banquet for the NCO graduates. The return flight to Little Rock on April 21 was aboard a Texas Air Guard C-130.

"I was very impressed with what they offered in the way of leadership training. There was much more emphasis on human resources than I anticipated," she said. Wilson was particularly impressed with the communication skills taught at the Academy.

The NCO Academy is a six-week session which covers the many military disciplines as well as the importance of

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community involvement on the part of the individual.

A lot of stereotypes regarding the Guard and Reserve were dispelled by the trip, Ms. Wilson commented. As a result, she now has a more positive attitude about the military in general, and the Guard in particular.

"I also have a new respect for the Department employees who are Guard or Reserve members. By being guardsmen they are gaining something from their training that also benefits the Department. I have a better understanding of the value of what they are doing

and how it relates to the Department," she said.

The Director of the Air National Guard, Major General Phillip Killey, told the participants that the reserve forces have been taking on more and more responsibility for the Nation's defense in recent years. He pointed out that the Air Guard provides 85% of the fighter-interceptor force, 50% of the reconnaissance force, and 35% of the tactical airlift force of the total Air Force. Because of this additional responsibility, training is increasingly important in maintaining the readiness levels required to perform

the missions, the General said.

"Generally, I think our supervisors resent having to let some of their people go for military training each year," Wilson said. "But I believe they should re-think that attitude and consider the rewards of that training for the individual, as well as the Department."

"I'm glad I had the opportunity to go to this session in Knoxville. I hope the Guard and Reserve members of the Department nominate their supervisors for similar programs in the future," she added.

***"Our employees need to know we support them."***

**Jane Wilson**

**Human Resources Division**



*Jane Wilson, second from right, meets with Col. Shelby G. Bryant, left, commander of the 189th TAG, Senior Master Sergeant Larry Thompson, and Don Crain, who nominated her to participate in the Business and Industry Day.*

## AHTD Employees Participate In Walk-A-Thon

When it comes to helping out a good cause, you can count on AHTD employees to participate.

That's just what more than 50 employees did on April 29 when they volunteered to raise funds for the March of Dimes by taking part in the annual March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon.

The Department's Physical Fitness Committee coordinated the effort to raise a little over \$1,500 for the March of Dimes. Employees were asked to walk a ten-mile course through downtown Little Rock. Each participant collected donations from "sponsors" and those funds were donated to the March of Dimes.

"It was an excellent first effort," according to Bob Tyler of Environmental. "Everybody had a good time. It was an opportunity to do something together. It was good for morale and it was fun," he said.

Tyler said the majority of the money was raised from employees who sponsored their co-workers. "The key to a successful campaign is having the support of top management, and our employees had that support," he said. "As a matter of fact, Charles Venable, Chief Engineer, was one of the participants who walked the entire ten miles."

The Highway Police Division had the largest number of participants. About 20 officers from throughout the state showed up wearing their utility

uniforms and combat boots.

"It was great that so many employees were involved," Tyler said. "It shows other people in the community that state employees really do care and that we will make a special effort to be a part of the

community."

The Physical Fitness Committee is putting employees on notice that more activities like the Walk-A-Thon will be coming up throughout the year and they will be doing their part to encourage participation.

## Potter Runs Boston Marathon



Don Potter #4907

Even though Don Potter is chairman of the AHTD committee that recruited participants for the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon, he admits that walking is not exactly his cup of tea. No, Don Potter would much rather *run* ten miles than walk it. As a matter of fact, ten miles is less than half the distance that he ran recently in the Boston Marathon.

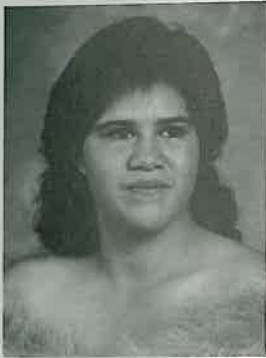
The Boston Marathon was held this year on Monday, April 17. More than 6,400 runners took part in the race, including Potter and 22 other Arkansans. For Don, this was his second Boston Maration. He also competed there in 1983.

Don completed the 26 mile, 385 yard course in 3 hours, 31 minutes, and 41 seconds. Even though he defeated more than half the runners in the race, he was not satisfied with his time. "I had a bad day, but I enjoyed it all," he told a reporter shortly after completing the race. "It was most exciting. I enjoyed it all."

Potter, who began running in 1976, heads the Hydraulics Section of the Surveys Division. He qualified for the Boston Marathon in December 1988 at the Dallas White Rock Marathon.



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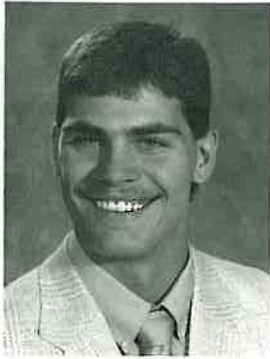


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**Patrick David Fort**  
Sheridan High School  
Judy Parson  
Programs & Contracts Division



**Gary Goggans**  
Rison High School  
James Goggans  
District Two



**Gregory Wade Mallett**  
Harrison High School  
J.N. Mallett  
District Nine



**John T. Markey IV**  
Springdale High School  
Phyllis Leonard  
District Four



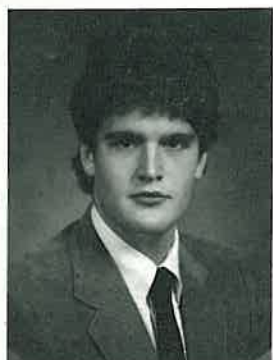
**Gina Ann Millican**  
El Dorado High School  
Jesse and Delores Millican  
District Seven



**Shellee Lynn Morgan**  
Bearden High School  
Bennie F. Morgan  
District Seven



**Tammy Reed**  
Lavaca High School  
Tom and Jan Reed  
District Four



**Jason D. Schales**  
Highland High School/Ash Flat  
Dual and Barbara Schales  
Construction & Maintenance/Radio



**David Andrew Sellers, Jr.**  
Vilonia High School  
Mr. and Mrs. David A. Sellers  
AHP/Permits



**Bradley Sipe**  
Melbourne High School  
Doug and Madeline Sipe  
District Five



**Kristen Tyler**  
Little Rock Central High School  
Bob Tyler  
Environmental Division



**Cheryl Whitehurst**  
Hope High School  
J.R. Whitehurst  
District Three



**Jason Willmon**  
Hope High School  
Diane Willmon  
District Three



**Kathy Ann Wood**  
Oil Trough High School  
Larry and Judy Wood  
District Five

# AHTD LETTERS

February 6, 1989

Maurice Smith, Director  
AHTD - Little Rock

Dear Mr. Smith:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the tremendous job done by the Baxter County Maintenance Crew of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department.

As you are aware, the highways in our area are far from straight and level, a fact that can create havoc when ice and snow falls upon them. We are extremely fortunate, however, in that we are blessed with an excellent maintenance crew from your agency. We can always count upon them to salt the danger spots before serious problems develop, and when we discover an area of particular hazard, a call to the AHTD promptly brings assistance.

While their assistance is especially appreciated during inclement weather, we call upon them year-round to assist with various highway safety problems and have always found them eager to help in any way.

We enjoy excellent year-round cooperation from the Baxter County Maintenance Crew of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, without whom our job would be considerably more difficult. We hate to think what inclement weather here in the "hills" would be like without their help.

Sincerely,  
Arkansas State Troopers  
assigned to Baxter County  
Corporal Jackie Hopkins  
Trooper Mark Hollingsworth  
Trooper Mark Blankenship

But the quick response is not what I am writing about. I wish to commend these people for their constant attention to this matter in the days following the initial blast. I don't know for sure, but I believe they must have ran 24 hours a day for the next six or seven days. I saw a truck at 1:00 a.m. on Sunday at Greenbrier, 9:00 p.m. Sunday on U.S. 64 towards Vilonia, 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday at Conway and these are just the ones I saw. In years past if we found a trouble spot we would notify the Highway Department and they would send a truck out. This time when we called the trucks and motor patrols were already out and in most cases were just down the road.

I wish I knew everyone involved so I could thank them personally, but I don't. If you would, let them know that we appreciate their efforts. I realize that no one likes to work in the cold and ice but it has to be done. Fortunately for us, your people are willing to make the sacrifice for the good of the public traveling this part of the state. Thanks again.

Respectfully,  
Trooper Tim J. Carter  
Arkansas State Police

February 10, 1989

Mr. Lawrence Fletcher  
District 8 Engineer  
Russellville, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Smitty Bonds and the crew that work out of the Clinton AHTD office for the excellent job they have done during the recent ice storm here in Van Buren County. They have been working long hard hours to keep the motor-ing public safe and moving along. I know they work a lot of long and often cold and miserable hours during times like this and I for one would like to thank them for doing such a fine job.

I know they get little or no thanks from the public for the work they do and maybe this will let you know that we appreciate them very much. The work they do during weather like this certainly does make my job a lot easier and I appreciate them for it. Too many times we forget to say thanks, so perhaps you can see to it that everyone who works for the AHTD will know just how much we appreciate people like Smitty and his crew here at Clinton. They do a great job.

Sincerely,  
Corporal Jerry L. Davis, #510  
Arkansas State Police - Clinton

February 9, 1989

Arkansas Highway Dept.  
District 8  
Russellville, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

I would like to bring to your attention the excellent job done by Mr. Jack Ray and the men that work out of the Faulkner County office of your department.

During the recent ice and snow storm it was necessary to call upon the highway department for assistance in making the highways passable. I feel certain that their quick response to this request saved the motorists caught out in it untold problems, property damage and mostly personal injury or death.

## ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

February 10, 1989

Mr. Jim Chaney  
District 5 Engineer  
Batesville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Chaney:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to your department for the assistance during the recent bad weather. My special thanks goes to the employees of the Heber Springs Highway Maintenance Department. I personally know that they worked very hard trying to keep the roads passable and ensure the safety of those who had to travel on the roads of this county.

If I can be of assistance to you in the future please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Holmes  
Cleburne County Sherrif

March 23, 1989

Ark. Highway Dept.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

The Bus Drivers Benefit Committee, in conjunction with our safety committee, appreciates all the work you and your department have done to keep our roads in good repair and especially for running the snow plows. We feel this kept us from missing additional days of school. Keep up the good work and thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Sally Palmer, President  
Bus Drivers Benefit Committee  
Pulaski County  
Special School Dist.

April 10, 1989

Ms. Margarita Olive  
AHTD - Little Rock

Dear Ms. Olive:

Thank you so much for sending the Log Cabin Democrat the 100 maps that we requested. Almost by the time I put the phone down, they were sitting on my desk! I do appreciate your prompt service in getting these maps to me. Maps are a must in the newspaper business.

Sincerely,  
Betty N. Doty, Ref. Book Librarian  
Log Cabin Democrat - Conway

April 22, 1989

Mr. Maurice Smith, Director  
AHTD  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

While traveling through the state of Arkansas with my brother, who is blind, and my mother, who has lost a lot of sight herself, we took the opportunity to stop at the Morgan Rest Area and while there I was having trouble with my brother's video camera. I was still trying to learn how to use it.

While having this problem the attendant of the park came by and offered his assistance and we wanted to inform you of this and how helpful Mr. Dwayne Stokes was to us.

We drove ten states and stopped at a lot of roadside rests and Mr. Stokes was the only person that ever offered any assistance to us. We really appreciated him. Wish there were more like him.

Mr. Stokes was very helpful to us by suggesting the best photo sites. He gave us literature and maps and suggested places for us to see.

We really appreciated him and again, wish there were more like him.

Sincerely and gratefully,  
Jean Peterson  
Hesperia, California

March 21, 1989

Mr. Bobby Bailey  
Sevier County Area Foreman  
DeQueen, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

One of our goals as a committee to attract tourist to our area is to support and encourage any activity which will make Sevier County more attractive.

We wanted to yo know that people in the area have noticed and appreciate your recent efforts to clean our rights of way. You help to make Arkansas and Sevier County an attractive place tourists may choose to spend time and tax dollars in.

Sincerely ,  
Sevier County Tourism  
Ann Blackwell, Secretary  
Ilene Smith, Gillham Mayor  
Peggy Hawk, Horatio Mayor  
Freddie Marshall, Lockesburg Mayor  
Ed Sheppard, Asst. Coordinator  
Ron Moore, Coordinantor  
O.H. "Rusty" Durham, Sevier CJ  
Phillip Cox, DeQueen Mayor

# AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

**MARCH 1989**

**30 Years**

Paul H. DeBusk, Jr. .... Roadway Design  
 Bob G. Kessinger ..... M&R  
 Billy J. Montgomery ..... District 10  
 Roy T. Richmond ..... District 5

**25 Years**

Jeannie Barrett ..... ROW  
 James R. Brown ..... AHP  
 Richard Butler ..... Roadway Design  
 William J. Harrod ..... Traffic  
 Arvin L. Shuffield ..... Construction 64  
 Charles E. Vance ..... District 7

**20 Years**

Meribeth Adney ..... Prog. & Confs.  
 Roy W. Andrews ..... District 2  
 Jimmy E. Auld ..... District 3  
 Harold Beaver ..... C&M  
 Roger D. Cheney ..... District 1  
 Freddie L. Hall ..... District 6  
 Jerry M. Trotter ..... District 4

**15 Years**

David L. Anderson ..... Surveys  
 Gary D. Anderson ..... ROW  
 Ronald W. Andrews ..... District 1  
 Steve W. Balch ..... AHP  
 Kenneth B. Cook ..... District 6  
 Lester L. Cupp ..... Surveys  
 Jessie L. Downie ..... AHP-Permits  
 James B. Fincher ..... AHP  
 Brenda G. Freeman ..... Construction 04  
 Harold L. Godwin ..... AHP  
 Gordon R. Hite ..... Construction 76  
 James M. Holt ..... E&P  
 Donald L. Matthews ..... ROW  
 Leslie McSwain ..... Bridge  
 Jackie G. Ninemire ..... District 5  
 Garry N. Price ..... Construction 04  
 Bill L. Raimer ..... District 9  
 Lyndal M. Waits ..... District 5  
 Albert D. Wyers III ..... Construction 44

**10 Years**

William F. Beach ..... District 5  
 Amoj A. Belcher ..... District 1  
 Morris O. Bennett ..... District 3  
 Robert L. Cagle ..... Planning  
 Arlis G. Daniels ..... District 9  
 Carl W. Imler ..... District 10  
 Donald G. Johnston ..... District 10  
 James R. Mansfield ..... Human Resources  
 Jerry C. Maples ..... Construction 94  
 Ronald L. Reynolds ..... Construction 94  
 Ronnie L. Southerland ..... Construction 65  
 Charles Brian Wright ..... District 6

**5 Years**

John E. Baber ..... Environmental  
 Thomas L. Crutchfield ..... AHP  
 Willie C. Gilcrease ..... District 1  
 Leo C. Heiderscheidt ..... AHP  
 Tommy L. Jackson ..... District 6  
 George E. Jones ..... District 1

James B. Ketchum ..... AHP  
 C.L. Lott ..... District 1  
 Nathaniel Lowe ..... District 7  
 Ross W. Martin ..... AHP  
 Ethan O. Moody ..... District 5  
 James C. Newton ..... AHP  
 Dave Stevens ..... District 7  
 John D. Williams ..... Planning

**APRIL 1989**

**35 Years**

Frank M. Lemon ..... Roadway Design

**30 Years**

John K. Bussell ..... District 7  
 Milan E. Miles ..... District 2  
 Cletis D. Whitson ..... District 4

**25 Years**

William F. Blalock ..... Traffic  
 Chester H. Jester ..... Traffic  
 Kenneth Jones ..... Surveys  
 Walter Mays ..... District 1

**20 Years**

Harold W. Blackwell ..... District 10  
 David M. Hammond ..... Construction 62  
 Jimmy R. Harrison ..... District 4  
 William G. Heffington .. Planning-Reproduction  
 Daniel R. Lister ..... District 4  
 Thomas D. McCormick ..... District 4  
 Gary D. Scroggins ..... Construction 84  
 Stanley C. Smith ..... Construction 76  
 Ronald N. Withrow ..... District 8  
 Phyllis J. Womack ..... E&P

**15 Years**

Louis Carter Jr. .... District 9  
 William D. Cox ..... District 9  
 Jerry Crawford ..... District 10  
 John S. Dailey ..... Computer Services  
 Ronald D. Elmore ..... AHP  
 Freddie J. Ficht ..... District 9  
 Benny R. Henley ..... Construction 24  
 Benjamin Parker ..... District 6  
 Billy J. Rea ..... District 9  
 Ronald C. Sheetrum ..... District 5  
 Stanley D. Sutterfield ..... District 8  
 Harold D. Turner ..... District 5

**10 Years**

Ronald L. Barrow ..... District 10  
 Charles M. Bragg ..... AHP  
 R.D. Brown ..... District 3  
 Thomas W. Cleghorn ..... District 3  
 Floyd R. Cranford ..... E&P  
 James A. Doster ..... District 6  
 Essie M. Erwin ..... AHP  
 Willie C. Gray ..... District 1  
 Daniel W. Howell ..... District 5  
 Bobby J. Irons ..... District 3  
 Lewie B. Killebrew ..... District 9  
 Alfred L. Langhorn ..... District 6  
 James E. Martens ..... M&R  
 Steven S. McNeese ..... District 6  
 Coleman Nesbitt ..... District 1

James E. Steelman ..... District 7  
 Borden R. Tate ..... Traffic  
 David L. Tenner ..... District 6  
 Thomas A. Wingfield ..... District 7

**5 Years**

Michael W. Daniel ..... Construction 32  
 Charles R. Davis ..... District 3  
 Jimmie D. Glass ..... District 7  
 Clinton E. Littlejohn ..... District 8  
 Jerry D. Mitchell ..... District 1  
 James B. Moore, Jr. .... Human Resources  
 James L. Rankin ..... District 8  
 Joe L. Riley ..... District 10  
 Ricky J. Sattler ..... District 9  
 Randy C. Still ..... Construction 23  
 William E. Styles ..... District 9  
 Cornelius Tucker ..... District 1  
 Frank E. Young ..... AHP

**MAY 1989**

**30 Years**

Calvin Peevy ..... Asst. Chief Engineer  
 Fred E. Williams ..... ROW

**25 Years**

Jimmy J. Parker ..... District 7

**20 Years**

Kenneth W. Eason ..... District 4  
 Gary D. Jordan ..... District 8  
 Robert L. Kendrick ..... District 4  
 Rhilip L. McConnell ..... Roadway Design  
 Thomas H. McMurray ..... District 3  
 James A. Moudy ..... District 8  
 John R. Porter ..... District 10  
 Junior D. Priddy ..... District 4  
 Lynn A. Rand ..... District 9  
 Michael C. Schmalz ..... District 4  
 Odis D. Smith ..... District 4  
 James L. Steele ..... District 2  
 Carl D. Thompson ..... District 6  
 Donnie G. Walker ..... District 9  
 Sterling L. White ..... District 10

**15 Years**

Steven R. Arocha ..... District 4  
 Aubrey D. Beasley ..... District 10  
 Rex L. Boothe ..... ROW  
 Everett L. Burr ..... District 9  
 Robert W. Cox ..... Planning  
 Edward M. Elder ..... District 10  
 Herman L. Croy ..... District 3  
 James M. Glisson ..... District 9  
 Arlin Godwin ..... District 3  
 Carolyn Johnson ..... Public Affairs  
 James M. Johnston ..... District 8  
 John A. Mizell ..... District 4  
 Willis T. Morehead ..... District 5  
 Herbert A. Moss ..... District 5  
 Philip K. Norman ..... Construction 11  
 James E. Rye ..... District 8  
 Thomas E. Smith ..... District 2  
 William J. Tramel ..... District 8  
 Larry E. Wheeler ..... District 9  
 Van D. Woosley ..... District 10

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## 10 Years

Lee R. Bratton .....	District 3
Danny W. Burnett .....	Construction 61
John M. Cowen .....	District 2
Jesse A. Davis .....	District 1
Roger D. Elder .....	District 3
Vernon Erwin .....	District 10
Leslie H. Hall .....	District 9
Timothy C. Harris .....	Construction 24
Ralph E. Hawkins .....	Aircraft Operations
Ronnie L. Henderson .....	District 8
Ben E. Novak .....	District 2
Donald R. Pergeson .....	District 4
David H. Plugge .....	Bridge
William E. Roberts .....	District 4
Willy G. Smith .....	District 2
Raymond C. Walker .....	District 4
Ocie Williams .....	District 1

## 5 Years

Steven B. Benson .....	District 10
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Brooks V. Booher .....	Surveys
Sherry L. Campbell .....	Construction 05
Jeffery Collier .....	District 1
Raymond L. Davis .....	AHP
Neal K. Duke, Jr. ....	AHP
Ronnie W. Eckhardt .....	C&M
Brenda L. Flower .....	District 9
Tammy R. Goshien .....	P&C
Howard L. Hairston .....	District 6
Eddie G. Herndon .....	Traffic
Russell R. Hightower .....	District 5
Jerry J. Johnson .....	AHP
Larry J. Lane .....	District 4
Theodore D. Miller .....	Construction 41
Mimi Nation .....	Planning
Barbara F. Parks .....	District 10
Donnie E. Pfeifer .....	District 10
Cheri S. Pounders .....	Traffic
Karen Reinschmidt .....	District 4
Tim N. Tolleson .....	District 3
Steven C. White .....	District 4

# RETIREES

## JANUARY 1989

Luther Brown .....	AHP
Marvin D. Cazer .....	Right of Way
Paul A. Clem .....	District 1 Maint.
Walter H. McClain .....	District 2 Maint.
Louis J. Quarti .....	Computer Services

## FEBRUARY 1989

Glenn R. Buck .....	District 7 Maint.
Norman O. Post .....	E&P Central Shops
George W. Rosenbaum .....	District 3

## MARCH 1989

Henry H. Baker .....	District 7 Maint.
Douglas L. Berry .....	District 2
James R. Mansfield .....	HR-Safety & Training
Jake W. Starling .....	District 6

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

## BRIDGE DIVISION

Those long awaited twin boys we had been looking forward to from the Linz household arrived February 6. Stewart and Rhonda are the proud parents. In just two and one-half months Christopher Nicholas has grown from 7.4 pounds to 14 pounds, and Brandon Michael has grown from 5.9 to 13 pounds. Three-year-old Tiffany is a big help entertaining and playing with the boys.



Brandon, Tiffany and Christopher Linz

David Ball, senior bridge design engineer in Gary Ashley's design section transferred to the Bridge Rating and Inspection Section in mid-March. He will be working with Ed Fain to keep Arkansas' bridges inspected and rated to insure proper posting and increase bridge safety.

Congratulations to Leslie McSwain and his wife, Joyce, on the birth of their son, Ryan Miles. There's no more peace and quiet through the night since the six-pound bundle arrived April 14. We are looking forward to a visit from Joyce and Ryan.

Debbie Gross has just returned from a two and one-half week trip to Budapest, Hungary. She and her aunt, Mary Frances McGehee, visited her Uncle Flin who is teaching chemistry at the Technical University there. Debbie did some sightseeing in Munich and Vienna and reported the flight was a long 12 hours from Vienna to Dallas, and then home. It was a very enjoyable and interesting trip. Wonder what she will do on

her vacation next year. Last year she went on a three-week camping trip in Colorado.

Reid Beckel, advanced structures engineer, has some exciting news about his son, Jeffery. He was awarded a \$2000 Presidential Merit Award scholarship. This is one of 5000 awarded nationwide based upon scholarship and writing ability. Jeffery is obtaining his master's in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas. Congratulations Jeffery!

John Sage's design section will be getting some drafting help for a month from Randy Roberts who is studying drafting and carpentry at the Arkansas School for the Deaf. After helping John, Randy will be going to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in New York to study electrical and computer engineering. Good luck Randy!

How did the fifth annual Buffalo River canoe trip turn out? Picture this: sunny skies, eighty degrees, lots of cold drinks, beautiful scenery, and no one turning over for a change. At night, there were tall tales around the campfire while the whippoorwills called overhead. It just doesn't get any better than that. Those from AHTD that went along were Mike and Jamie Coogan, Steve and Kelli Lawrence, Charlie and Dianne Hart, Glenn Cheatham, Stewart Linz, Steve and Meribeth Heye, and a couple of good friends, Chuck Nugent and Tanya Giron.



5th annual Bridge Division Float Trip

## COMPUTER SERVICES

Best wishes to Jerry Conway who retired March 22. We couldn't let him go without giving him special treatment to show our love and gratitude. In doing so, 13 out of his harem of girlfriends took him out to eat and presented him a special made T-shirt. Jerry was also honored with a potluck lunch, a cake decorated with his favorite sport, and an assortment of gifts. Jerry, keep your visits regular and we won't miss you so much!



Jim Stringer and Jerry Conway

We wish the best of luck in their new jobs to Donna Matthews, division secretary, and Jay Wilson, applications programmer.

Carolyn Stringer was the "proud mother of the bride" when her daughter, Keena, was married to David Lee, Jr. on April 15. The wedding took place at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. A reception honoring the couple was held at Holiday Inn. After a cruise in the Bahamas, the couple will reside in Little

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Rock. Keena is the daughter of Jim and Carolyn Stringer.



Mrs. David Lee Jr.

## CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Harold Beaver, staff engineer, was presented his 20 year service pin and certificate by Allan Holmes, State Construction and Maintenance Engineer in March. Refreshments were served to honor the occasion.



Harold Beaver and Allan Holmes

A bridal party was held to honor Carolyn Burleson who wed Henry Montalvo January 30. She was presented with a gift certificate from the division by Gary Joe Lewis, section head. Best wishes to the new couple.

We welcome Cynthia Anderson who transferred to our division in February. She and her husband, Lynwood, have an 18 month old daughter, Victoria. Cynthia's hobbies include tennis and bowling.

We extend our sympathy to Stan Garver on the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Robert Weaver of Benton, but also congratulate Stan on the birth of a new granddaughter, Victoria Lee Sutton, who was born to their daughter, Lori and her husband, Jimmy, on March 29.

David Henning flew to San Diego to attend the wedding of his sister, Lt. Lisa Henning, to Lt. Phillip Raimondo, who are stationed at Camp Pendleton, Ca. David did a lot of sightseeing and returned with a great tan.

Larry and Debbie Payne are the proud parents of Krystle Payne, born February 14, weighing 8.7 pounds. Big brother Ty can't wait to teach her to play basketball.



Krystle Payne

Jon Smart, son of Elaine and Dudley Smart, and Miss Paula McDaniel were wed April 7 in Monroe, Louisiana where they will make their home. Our congratulations and we hope that your years together will be happy ones.

Last November we celebrated Madge Livingston's 25th anniversary with the Department by taking her to lunch at Michael's Restaurant. Madge is the division secretary in Maintenance and we certainly do appreciate all the dedication she puts into her work. Thanks for all that you put up with Madge and Congratulations!



Bill Mulhollen and Madge Livingston

In December, the Maintenance Division had their annual Christmas feast. Everyone seemed to enjoy, as usual. During the dinner, Mr. Mulhollen presented Kathy Ballard, division section secretary in Roadside Development, with her 5 year service pin and certificate; and also, Tommy Kirkpatrick was presented his 5 year pin and service certificate. Tommy works in our Pavement Profiling Crew. Congratulations to both of you!

We wish to congratulate Bill Ritchie, crew leader for one of our Heavy Bridge crews, on his success in killing a 7-point, 150-pound buck last fall.

Danny Keene of Roadside Development and his wife, Traci, would like to show off their newest addition to their family, Tyler Daniel. Tyler was born October 7 and he sure is a happy looking little guy. We know you are both very proud of him.



Bill Ritchie and 7-point buck



Tyler Daniel Keene

## RADIO SECTION

Barbara Vinson has been with AHTD for seven years and in the Radio Section as a Telecommunication Operator for four months. We enjoy her as she is an enthusiastic and congenial employee.

Barbara's hobbies include swimming, skiing, camping, fishing, gardening and sewing. She has five grandchildren and tells us that they are her favorite hobby!



Barbara Vinson



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## ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Congratulations to John Isom and Jannie Brodie who were married December 31 at St. John's Baptist Church on East 6th Street in Little Rock. After the wedding, John and Jannie honeymooned in Memphis, Tenn. John's bride is the director of Stepping Stone Emergency Shelter in Little Rock. John and Jannie are pictured below at their wedding shower during our Christmas luncheon.



Jannie and John Isom  
(John Fleming is Santa's reindeer)

Congratulations to John Baber, who received his 5-year service pin and certificate from Division Head Marion Butler. John, we hope you stay around for a long time!



John Baber and Marion Butler

It is always interesting to hear about the adventures of Burney McClurkan's children. His son, Michael, moved back to Little Rock from Chicago and just finished his first year of medical school at the University of Arkansas Medical School. Kevin is an architect in New York and has decided to return to Arkansas to live and work.

His daughter, Heather, just turned 18 years old and is one of our 1989 high school graduates.

Congratulations to Heather McClurkan and Kristen Tyler, daughter of Bob and Ann Tyler, who graduated from high school. Kristin plans to attend UALR and major in accounting. Heather is going to attend college but is unsure of her definite plans at this time. We are very proud of our seniors and wish them the very best.

Stacy Wallace is our new secretary in Beautification. Stacy is a graduate of Capitol City

Business College and came to us from another state agency. She is single and the most special man in her life is her three-year old son, JoniVan.



Stacy Wallace



JoniVan Wallace

Gary Bulloch and Roger Milligan, a Game & Fish employee, killed their limit of ducks a few mornings of the first part of the season, but as the season went on, duck hunting became very poor. So, Gary devoted more of his time to deer hunting, killing a 6-point and a 3-point with modern gun, and a doe with his muzzleloader. Gary also enjoys fishing. Gary and his brother, Barry, took 4th place in the first tournament of the newly founded Southeast Arkansas Crappie Association.



Gary Bulloch and Roger Milligan with Gary's 6-point buck

Congratulations to Susan Bradley's third-grade daughter, Brooke Erin, who won 1st place in an essay contest in the Little Rock School District. The subject was "School is What You Make It". Brooke was awarded a \$25 prize and a

certificate at a Little Rock School Board meeting. Brooke attends Carver Magnet School, which emphasizes math, science and computers. Brooke is pictured with her teacher, Mrs. Ammel, and principal, Mrs. Goodwin, after receiving her award.



Brooke and friends

## EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT DIVISION

Norman Post, senior mechanic at the Central Shops, retired February 22. The occasion was celebrated with a potluck taco salad luncheon and cake at the shop and Norman received a gas grill from fellow employees. We are now awaiting the invitation to the cookout!

We all miss Norman's friendly smiling face, but we wish him many years of doing "just whatever he wants to do." Congratulations Norman.



Norman Post and family

## FISCAL SERVICES

Fiscal Services Division would like to share pictures of some of our children this time.

Who is the good looking rock star? Ringo Starr? Elton John? No! It's Mary Crow's grandson, 3-year old Joey Longino. Joey and his parents, Roy and Ginger, live in St. Louis. Mary bought this drum set for Joey last Christmas. Unfortunately, it is still at Grandma's house because there was no room to take it back home. Good excuse Mom and Dad!

The cute little "drop-in-the-bucket" is Leonard Grinstead's granddaughter, Shayla Strickland. Shayla is 18 months old and the daughter of Tommy and Shelly Strickland. Shayla is a very happy baby, as you can see, and from the looks of it, loves getting into things. We couldn't pass up this adorable picture. And we know that Grandpa and Grandma love to spoil her.

Pictured below is the handsome son of Scott and Lorie Merrick. Tim is in the second grade and has had a very busy school year. He played soccer and basketball at the Benton Boy's Club and was chosen to play the part of Father Bunny in the second grade play. But even with all these extra activities, he has made straight A's on every report card. As you can guess, Lorie and Scott are very proud of him.



Joey Longino



Shayla Strickland



Tim Merrick

## HUMAN RESOURCES

In April, James Moore, External EEO Coordinator, was presented with his 5-year service certificate and pin by Jane Wilson, Division Head, and Henry Droughter, EEO Section Head. James began working in the Finance and Economic Section in 1970. He left the department in 1972 for employment with AGC but returned to the AHTD Construction Division in May 1987. He was later promoted to his present position in the EEO Section. Coffee and donuts were served to fellow employees to celebrate the occasion. Congratulations James.



James Moore and Jane Wilson

Emma Galyean is Grandma again... Little Jordan Daniel greeted grandma on April 20. Proud parents are Becky and Jody Gathright.

Travel news in the division includes Jane Wilson's two-week trip to London, England and Jean Scarlett's ski vacation to Crested Butte, Colorado.

Jane, her parents, Katherine and Bush Satterfield of Conway, and sisters, Kay and Joan, flew to London on March 25. They visited with Jane's daughter, Darby, who will be graduating from Oxford in May. Their travels included Hampton Court, Wimbledon and trips throughout the English countryside. Darby will be returning to the states in early July.

Jean Scarlett's eight-day skiing trip to Colorado in March was one of love and hate. After two days of tiring lessons and descending ungracefully many times down the mountain, she was ready to give up. But being determined and stubborn, she hit the slopes for the next 3 days and fell in love with the sport.

## MATERIALS & RESEARCH

We wish to congratulate Pat Gee of the Research Section who recently received her 15 year service award. She is determined to get in 15 more years if she can only survive the next two years on the Little Rock School Board.



Paul Simms and Pat Gee

We would also like to congratulate James Martens who received his 10 year service award in April and to Cathy Haley who received her 5 year service award in January.

Some three years ago, Jim Reynolds, division office manager, became acquainted with the young man pictured below, and as their relationship grew, this young man, named Duane, decided that he wanted Jim to be his father. Jim agreed and the adoption became final in January of this year. Duane is originally from Paragould and has a twin brother, David, that also wants to be adopted. David is married and has a pretty little baby girl. Jim has indicated that this relationship is still developing, so we will keep you posted on this. We wish to express our congratulations to Jim and Duane and wish the very best of everything for them.



Duane Alex Reynolds

## PERMITS SECTION

Congratulations to Jess Downie, who received his 15 year service award.



Terry Nanne and Jess Downie

Mr. and Mrs. David Sellers are proud of their son, David Andrew Sellers, Jr., who graduated from Vilonia High School. He plans to attend UCA. David, who is known as Andy, has two brothers, Chuck and J.P.

We would like to welcome Daisy Stringer to our office. She transferred from the Osceola Resident Engineer's office.

## PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Terry and Cindy Gaither took an early vacation and went to South Padre Island. They spent time shopping and lying on the beach. Terry said they had the beach almost to themselves since it was a little early in the year for the big tourist rush. While there, they crossed the border into Mexico and did some shopping. Overall, Terry said that he and Cindy had a very nice vacation.

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Ferrel and Rose Magby went to see Ray Stevens at the Hot Springs Convention Center. Ferrel said they really enjoyed it and that Ray Stevens really put on a good show. He sang all of the old songs that made him famous.

Sue Walls is sporting a new 1988 Ford Taurus. She said she really loves driving it, but it takes a while to get used to the front-wheel drive.

Congratulations to Richard Finkle who recently received his ten-year service certificate. It was presented to him by Section Head Larry Fenton. We celebrated with cake and chip 'n dip. We hope Richard is with Photogrammetry for many more years to come.



Larry Fenton and Richard Finkle

## PLANNING DIVISION

Congratulations to Tom Harrell and Eric Phillips who have both completed 15 years of service with the Department. Tom and Eric were presented their certificates and service pins by Bryan Davis at a reception held in their honor.



Eric Phillips, Bryan Davis, Tom Harrell

Congratulations to Mimi "Grammi" Nation on the birth of her first grandchild, William Andrew Nation. Andy was born March 16 (which was also his father's birthday) and weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. The proud parents are Tony and Gretta Nation.



William Andrew Nation

Tom Harrell, Ed Hoppe and Bill Durham attended the Geographic Information Systems Symposium in Orlando, Florida in February and were able to visit DisneyWorld while there. Tom purchased several pairs of Mickey Mouse ears to bring home with him!

Tom also attended the National Conference of State Rail Officials in San Antonio with Charles Walther in March. They had some time to visit Sea World while there and enjoyed all the sights.

A reception honoring Jimmy Clark of Technical Services was held on February 23. Jimmy was presented his 20 year service certificate and pin by Jim Head. Cake and punch were served for the occasion.

Congratulations also to Robert Cagle for his completion of 10 years of service and to David Williams who was presented his 5-year service award.



Jimmy Clark and Jim Head



Robert Cagle and Jim Head



David Williams and Jim Head

Hilda Harris, of Technical Services, and her husband, David, along with their two sons, Richie and Scott, traveled to Huntsville, Alabama,

with a school group for a tour of the Marshall Field Space Center in March. Hilda's son, Scott, attends East End Elementary School and is a member of the Gifted and Talented Education Program. Hilda and family also took a very short tour of Nashville, Tenn. before starting their journey home.

Jackie Greer, of Technical Services, visited her sister in Chicago for a few days in March.

Minnie Beth White and Bill Ryan represented AHTD at the "FHWA Traffic Monitoring Guide" course in Oklahoma City for three days in March.

This beautiful young lady is the granddaughter of Proud Grandpa Dan Morgan, of Technical Services. She is Taylor Elizabeth Morgan, 4-month old daughter of Missy and Brooks Morgan.



Taylor Elizabeth Morgan

The AHTD sponsored a regional transportation planning workshop April 11-13 in Little Rock. The workshop involved a presentation by Dane Ismart, of FHWA, of the latest micro-computer analysis techniques in transportation engineering and planning.

Cliff McKinney and his family plan to view the "Ramses the Great" exhibition in Dallas, during the Memorial Day weekend. They also plan to tour Dallas Alley.

Virginia Hamman represented Southwest Toastmasters at the Division Level of the International Speech Contest in March.

## REPRODUCTION SECTION

Congratulations to Jerry Heffington who recently completed 20 years of service. He was honored with a cake and a delicious potluck dinner. Planning Division Head Bryan Davis presented Jerry with his certificate and pin.



Jerry Heffington and Bryan Davis

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Jerry, who does beautiful pen and ink drawings, was interviewed by a reporter from the Benton Courier. They are doing a feature article on him and his drawings. We are looking forward to seeing this article.

A great big welcome back to Credonna LaCook. We have missed her. Congratulations to Credonna and Ben on the birth of their baby son Kendall Seth, born February 24 weighing 6 pounds and 3 ounces. Their son, Nathan, is in kindergarten and playing on the Instructional League baseball team.

Pictured is Andy Escarre, son of Pete Escarre. Andy is back home after six months of basic training with the National Guard at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and AIT training at Fort Gordon, Georgia.



Andy Escarre and instructor

Scott Alan Hubert, son of Al and Nita Hubert, and Meredith Scott were wed April 15 in Scott. The reception was held at Trapnall Hall. They will be living in North Little Rock. Congratulations to this couple. We wish them many years of happiness.

### PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

This sweet little angel is the newest granddaughter of Annette Stanton. She was born March 28 to Diane and Dennis Smithson.



Rebecca Smithson

Congratulations to David Fort, son of Judy Parson, who will be graduating from Sheridan High School in May.

### PROGRAMMING & SCHEDULING

We would like to welcome Bill Bradberry. He is from Batesville and worked in District 5-Construction before returning to the U of A at Fayetteville to receive his BSCE. Bill also has a BS in Environmental Science from the University. He enjoys hunting, fishing and softball.

Our congratulations to Kimberly Staggs, a 1989 graduate of Cabot High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Staggs. Kim was involved in various activities, such as, National Honor Society, Student Council, Drill Team Captain, Senior Who's Who, Future Homemakers of America and Homecoming Sweetheart, just to name a few! She received an academic scholarship to the U of A at Fayetteville. She will be a member of the Flag Corp for the Marching Razorback Band. Congratulations Kim!

Shown here is two-year-old Robin Marie "babysitting" with her new sister Katherine Renee. Jerry and Pat Dixon are the proud grandparents of these little dolls.



Robin Marie and Katherine Renee

These two young ladies are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bradley. Rebekah is in the seventh grade, plays the clarinet in the band and takes piano lessons. Martha is in the fourth grade and takes guitar lessons. Both girls are on the Honor Roll (in which Mark will be happy to discuss with you). They are both animal lovers; the rest of the family consists of one dog, two cats, 3 hamsters, 1 guinea pig and a turtle that's been around for 7 years.



Rebekah Bradley



Martha Bradley

Mark turned 39 this year. We tried to have a surprise potluck lunch but he always finds out things one way or another. So, it was no surprise until his wife, daughters and mother-in-law just happened in on the party. Just wait until next year Mark!

The close-knit environment in our division has frequently been likened to working with family. That's actually the situation now for Meri-

beth Adney and Steve Heye who were married April 1 in a ceremony at the Otter Creek Club House. We were about to decide the whole thing was Steve's idea of an April Fool's joke after he spent what seemed like forever fishing through his pockets for the ring. But the ceremony continued and the couple even received a 50-year warranty. They hope to live long enough to renew their option. The wedding was really an AHTD affair, with Fiscal Services' retiree Bonnie Hill serving as Matron of Honor and former Birdge Division employee Jeff Buchwald as Best Man. The newlyweds were honored with a division-wide potluck luncheon at which Meribeth received her 20 year service certificate and pin. Congratulations Meribeth and Steve, we wish you all the happiness possible.



Steve and Meribeth Heye



Meribeth Heye and Mark Bradley

### RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION

Amanda Stuart, daughter of Rose Stuart, a clerk-typist in the Administrative Section of Right of Way, is shown as she signed to attend Henderson State University in Arkadelphia on a basketball scholarship.

Amanda "Peaches" played on the two-time State Champion Bryant Lady Hornets. Shown with "Peaches" is her mother Rose, father Donald, Lady Hornet Coach Carla Crowder and standing behind are Bryant Assistant Steve Loibner, left, and Henderson Coach, David Thigpen.

Peaches is not only an outstanding basketball player, she is also an honor roll student and

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an artist. In 1988 her artwork was chosen to be displayed at the Benton State Bank. (It is now hanging in her mother's kitchen). Peaches plans to major in law with a minor in business. We would like to congratulate Peaches on all her accomplishments and wish her well in all her future endeavors.



Amanda "Peaches" Stuart

## ROADWAY DESIGN

We would like to welcome our new employees. They are: Frank Bray, who is originally from Magnolia. He graduated from Louisiana Tech and came to us from Virginia, and Don Mosley transferred from the Bridge Division.

Congratulations are in order for Charlie Rain who received his 25 year pin and service certificate. He is shown below with Dick Seigler and Paul DeBusk.



Dick Seigler, Charlie Rain, Paul DeBusk

Cindy Webb's son, Mitch, had a wonderful birthday party. He is three and really likes his new tricycle.



Mitch Webb

Ed Reynolds went to Chicago with his church's Young Persons Group for a meeting of approximately 500 young people from all over the United States.

We were able to surprise Shirley Bridges with a birthday party. We really can keep a secret!

Marty Bevans has another grandchild - this makes No. 5! Anna Louise Jones was born March 16 weighing 9 pounds and 1 ounce, to Jo Jo and David Jones of Camp Pendleton, CA. They also have two sons, Michael, 4, and Corey, 2. They all came to Arkansas on Amtrak for a visit with Marty. Marty's son, Steve Oliver, and his family will be going to Germany for two years where he will be stationed with the Army. They will really be missed, especially Christopher, Marty's six-month-old grandson.



Michael, Corey and Anna Jones



Christopher Dwight Oliver

## DISTRICT ONE

Congratulations are in order for several of our crews who earned Safety Awards for 1988. These awards were presented to the foremen of these crews at the April supervisor's meeting. They are:

- District Wide Bridge Crew - 1 Year
  - Cross County Maintenance Crew - 1 Year
  - West Memphis RE Office - 1 Year
  - District Wide Sign Crew - 2 Years
  - Wynne RE Office - 2 Years
  - Monroe County Maintenance Crew - 3 Years
  - Phillips County Maintenance Crew - 3 Years
  - West Helena RE Office - 11 Years
- That's no misprint! Special congratulations to the West Helena Resident Engineer's office for eleven years of working without an accident or injury.



District Wide Bridge Crew



Cross County Maintenance Crew



District Wide Sign Crew



Wynne Resident Engineer Office



Monroe County Maintenance Crew



Phillips County Maintenance Crew

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West Helena Resident Engineer's Office  
Safety Award for 11 years straight!

Early spring was school time in District One. Classes on Herbicide Application; Basic Materials Training; CPR classes; training films on sealing, drainage, patching, etc... were shown or given to maintenance or construction employees.

Assistant District Engineer Gene Belknap and his wife, Darlene, have every right to be proud of daughter, Kristie, who graduated from Wynne High School in May. Kristie was salutatorian in her class, ranking second in a class of 175. She plans to attend Henderson State University this fall. Good luck Kristie and keep up the good work.

The happy, smiling couple pictured is our office manager, Lynda Baker (formerly Thomas) and husband Bob. They were married in a lovely ceremony at McElroy Methodist Church on March 25. Even though Bob tried to get out of it by having a heart attack and bypass surgery, Lynda pulled him through and led him to the altar. Seriously, we wish them much happiness as they begin their married life together.



Bob and Lynda Baker

The Lady Yellowjacket pictured is Sarah Vest, daughter of our Shop Foreman Jerry, and wife Susan. Sarah has been a first string starter for three years in junior high and now as a 9th grader. She has three years left to play on a team which won the Class AAA championship this past season.

Sarah's dad, Jerry, caught the two bass (8 lbs. and 10 lbs.) pictured, which were two of six caught weighing over 7 lbs., in January and February. He said that he released 3 more that weighed over 7 lbs. for next year's stock. The two pictured are going on the wall with some caught in the past which weighed over 8 lbs. This really

sounded like a "fish" story until we saw the picture.



Sarah Vest



Jerry Vest with prize catch

Rick Hudson, Resident Office Technician in the West Helena RE office, is very active as a leader in the Boy Scouts. He was the camping chairman of a spring camporee held at Storm Creek Lake which was attended by more than 400 scouts, leaders and parents. Ricky was presented a plaque for his hard work in coordinating this event from Sam Reyna, executive of the Dixie District of the Boy Scouts.

We are going to try one more time to get the real Paul Clem pictured in this magazine. Paul was recognized and presented with a watch at our Christmas party having retired as Area Foreman of the Crittenden County Maintenance Crew. When the spring issue of the magazine came out, Paul's name was there but someone else's picture was above it. We wish you a long happy retirement Paul. The Magazine Staff apologizes for the printer error that was not caught.



Commissioner Slater, Clem and Woodruff

## DISTRICT TWO

Congratulations to Susan Calvert, stock clerk in the District Stockroom, who became Mrs. Marvin Moak on March 3. The parents of the couple are Mr. & Mrs. Harry Moak of White Hall and Mr. & Mrs. Del Calvert of Rison. Susan was honored with a wedding shower and gifts from her fellow employees. We wish Susan and Marvin all the best wishes in the world and lots of happiness in the future.

Our sympathy to the family of Richard Steele, who passed away on March 4 after a long illness. Richard was a Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator in Drew County. A native of Drew County, Richard was 56 years of age. Our thoughts are with his wife Pauline and two daughters.

We also lost one of our most faithful retirees recently. Claude Cope was retired from the Jefferson County Crew, but was always good to come around and visit throughout his retirement years. He enjoyed the retiree meetings and never missed any of them. Out thoughts are with his family as all of us in District Two will miss him.

Jerry Vail is shown with his first grandchild. Megan Denise was born February 2 and weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces. She sure is pretty Grandpa!



Jerry Vail and Megan Denise

The District Sealing Crew recently lost two employees to retirement. Murl Cater, Crew Leader retired with 32 years of service and Doug Berry, Distributor Operator, retired after 24 years.

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Murl is a native of Drew County and has been a very devoted and hard working employee. Many of his friends and well wishers got together and honored him with a going-away dinner in Monticello. His tireless efforts to "get the job done" will always be remembered by all.

Doug Berry was one of the most faithful and dependable employees around. All of his friends wish him the best in the years to come.



Doug Berry and Murl Cater



Mr. and Mrs. Doug Berry



Anna and Murl Cater

We want to recognize the following employees as they received service awards: Randy Still, Construction Field Engineer, 5 years; J.D. Vail, Crew Leader; Robert Thompson, District Maintenance Crew; and Roy Nelson, Jefferson County Crew, 10 years; and Rickie Hogue, Bridge Crew, 15 years. We congratulate these employees on their years of service with the Highway and Transportation Department.



Randy Still and Ernie Westfall



Roy Nelson and E.W. Pridgeon



Tommy Simmons and Robert Thompson



J.D. Vail and Jimmy Johnson



Rickie Hogue

District Two has had several promotions lately. E.W. Pridgeon was promoted to Area Foreman of Jefferson County. "Pridge" has been with AHTD and the Jefferson County Crew for 18 years. Debra Pruitt, who has 12 years of service, is the new Crew Leader replacing "Pridge". Tommy Simmons is the Job Superintendent for the District Maintenance Crew. He has 18 years

of service. Ben Novak is the new Crew Leader in the District Sealing Crew at Monticello.



Debra Pruitt and E.W. Pridgeon

## DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to Melissa Leanne Myers, daughter of Loyd Myers, inspector at the Texarkana RE office, who was selected as Homecoming Maid of Honor at Arkansas Senior High School. Melissa is also a varsity cheerleader, member of the Teenage Republicans, FBLA, and NIKE clubs, while maintaining straight A's.



Melissa Myers

Congratulations to the following employees who have received service awards: James Draper, Richard Wheeler, Mike Daniel, C.R. Davis, Lonnie Hazel, James Owens, and Rick Hendrix, 5 years; M.O. Bennett, R.D. Brown, Thomas Cleghorn, and Bobby Irons, 10 years; Don Cearley and Stephen Foster, 15 years; and Wendell Murry and Jimmy Auld, 20 years. Some of these employees are pictured receiving their awards and also pictured are employees who received their awards sometime back but we did not have their pictures in time for magazine publication.



Mr. Whitehurst and Bobby Irons

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**Don Cearley and Mr. Tyler**



**Mr. Whitehurst and Stephen Foster**



**Mr. Whitehurst and Wendell Murry**



**Jimmy Auld and Mr. Whitehurst**



**Audrie Caldwell and Mr. Whitehurst**



**Raymond Cox and Mr. Whitehurst**



**Mr. Tyler and Bobby Bailey**



**Mr. Tyler and Helen Kidd**

Debbie Caster, Assistant Storeroom Supervisor, has a new addition to her family. Jessica Jean was born February 17, joining big brother Trey, and father, Charlie.

We hope to have a picture of both lovable little ones for the next issue. Debbie's Dad got a bonus that day as Debbie's sister also gave birth to a daughter at almost the same hour! And, it was also Grandpa's birthday!

Congratulations to Jason Willmon, son of Diane Willmon, District Receptionist, and to Cheryl Whitehurst, daughter of Jerry Whitehurst, District Maintenance Superintendent, on the occasion of their graduation from Hope High School. Many good wishes to these young people for a rich and successful life ahead.

Bobby Calhoon, Maintenance Job Superintendent, loves to hunt and is pretty successful judging by this turkey, one of two he bagged this spring. The one pictured weighed 21 pounds and its beard was 11 1/4" long.

Gary Roberts, Construction Party Chief in the Texarkana Resident Engineer's office, is shown with his 20 pound, 9 1/2" bearded turkey, one of two which he shot in Oklahoma.



**Bobby Calhoon**



**Gary Roberts**

Doug Ward, Sr. Inspector at the Texarkana RE office, is shown with his 62-pound blue catfish that he caught March 31 in the Red River near Fulton. He and his partner, Ernie Kennemore, had a very "Lucky" day. The total catch for the day totaled 186 pounds and ranged in size from 62 pounds to 1/2 pound.



**Doug Ward**



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Twenty degree weather did not discourage the Texarkana RE crew from enjoying the large catch of crappie which was caught on February 17 at Millwood. Pictured are Larry Myers, Gary Roberts and Jim Owenby.



Larry Myers, Gary Roberts, Jim Owenby

Larry Nine, Inspector, and his wife, Reba, are the proud grandparents of Mindie Renee Cooper who was born January 26 and weighed 7 pounds. The proud parents are Regina and Ben Cooper.



Mindie Renee Cooper

This handsome young man is Wayne Alan Knudsen II, grandson of Gloria Candelaria, Field Clerk II at the Texarkana RE office.



Wayne Alan Knudsen II

## DISTRICT FOUR

This quarter, District Four implemented a new recognition award for an outstanding crew. Although this is not new to some districts, Crew of the Quarter, is new to District Four. Our first Crew of the Quarter award went to C. Peters and his crew, Sebastian II. We congratulate them on their fine work.



Sebastian II Crew

Safety awards were presented recently at a foreman's meeting to: Danny Lister, Sign Crew-South; Rachel Turman, Storeroom; Amos Zimmer, Scott County; Bud Faubus, Washington II; Hershel Henry, Polk County; Mark Williams, Bridge Crew; Darrell Roper, Logan County; and Jerry Clemence, Sign Crew-North.



Safety Awards - District 4

Service awards presented this quarter were to: Jack Coleman, Resident Engineer, 30 years; Jerry Trotter, Crew Leader; Gene Holloway, Area Foreman; Danny Lister, Sign Crew-South; and Jim Harrison, Area Foreman, 20 years; Aubrey Bowen, Shop Foreman, 10 years; Teresa Maze, Construction Party Chief, 10 years; and Twila Darland, Field Clerk, 5 years. (Twila has since resigned to stay home and be a full time mom to her twins born last September).



Jack Coleman and Carl Sanders



Jerry Trotter and Ralph Goodson



Gene Holloway and Carl Sanders



Danny Lister and Jim Harrison



George Lee and Aubrey Bowen



Leon Brewer and Teresa Maze

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Twila Darland

Hershel and Barbara Henry are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Vondia to Cotye Meyers. They were married March 25 at the Corinth Church of God in Mena. Congratulations to Cotye and Vondia. Hershel is the Polk County Area Foreman.



Vondia and Cotye Meyers

This handsome young man is Dexter Briscoe, son of Tim and Sheryl Briscoe and he turned 3 years old on March 3. Tim is Construction Helper at the Alma RE office.



Dexter Briscoe

Melvin and Nancy Heath are proud to announce the birth of their grandson, Tyler Alfred Heath. Tyler was born April 13 and weighed 8

pounds and 5 ounces. His parents are Steve and Kristin Heath. Melvin is Motor Patrol Operator Rough in Polk County.

Kim McDowell, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, recently caught this 6 1/2-pound largemouth bass. This is proof of the one "that didn't get away" and it sure is a beauty.



Kim McDowell

The District Office had quite a scare recently when Fort Smith City Police officer, David Overton, came to "Lockup" Carl Sanders, District Engineer. As it turned out, it was for a good cause, the American Cancer Society, and the District helped round up donations to pay his bail and bring him back in short order.



Officer Overton "arresting" Carl Sanders

Nan Williams, District 4 Payroll Clerk, is very proud of her two sons, David and Darin.

David is an active FFA and 4H member. He was awarded the Star Greenhand award, which is the highest honor for a 9th grade FFA student. He also won the Sebastian County Veterinary Science competition, a blue ribbon, and will compete in the district contest in July.

Darin was high point scorer at a recent basketball game with 14 points. He plays point guard on Mansfield's 5th and 6th grade team. He is also very active in 4H and won several blue ribbons in recent Sebastian County competitions.



David Williams



Darin Williams

The following letter was published in a local newspaper and we would like to pass it on to you.

### Thanks, road crew

*I manage the Turner Bend Grocery on Highway 23 north of Ozark. Whenever it snows we hear one comment more than any other, "The highway is clear until you reach the Madison County Line."*

*The state highway department crew that works out of Ozark stops at the county line north of here. If every county crew had a crew as diligent as ours, then winter travel wouldn't be such a problem. You only have to drive over to Madison or Washington counties following a snow to see the difference.*

*I am passing on a big "Thank You" to the state highway road crew in Franklin County from all of the travelers of the "Pig Trail".*

*Brad Wimberly*

### DISTRICT FIVE

We wish to congratulate our eight crews who earned Safety Awards for the past year. They were: District Shop Crew, 2 years; District Sign Crew, 12 years; Fulton County Crew, 2 years; Independence County Crew, 4 years; District Maintenance Crew, 1 year; Sharp County Crew, 1 year; District Bridge Crew, 2 years; and Jackson County Crew, 1 year.



District Five Safety Awards

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Two employees recently received service awards from District Engineer Jim Chaney. Lyndal Waits, Assistant District Engineer, completed 15 years of service. He has been in District 5 since 1984. Tommy Richmond, Finish Motor Patrol Operator in Fulton County, received his 30 year service award. He has been with us since December of 1983.



Jim Chaney and Lyndal Waits



Jim Chaney and Tommy Richmond

Sheri Cotter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cotter, was crowned Viola Homecoming Queen. She entered the state competition held at the Hilton Inn in Little Rock and was chosen as a finalist. Max is a Multi-Axle Truck Driver in Fulton County.



Sheri Cotter

Pictured are the two grandsons of Marion and Hazel Brecheen. Michael Marion is the 5-year-old son of Mike and Dorothy Skinner of Velvet Ridge and Dylan Thomas is the 10-month-old son of Jerry and Angelia Chastain of Locust Grove.

Marion, Crane Operator on our District Maintenance Crew, is fortunate to have both of these guys living close enough to visit often.



Michael Marion and Dylan Thomas

Crystal Page Marshall is the first grandchild of T.G. Daugherty, Station Attendant at the Searcy Area Headquarters. She is 19-months-old and we agree with Grandpa, she's a real cutie!



Crystal Page Marshall

Pictured is Robert Roetzel, 10-month-old son of Bobby and Susan Roetzel of Searcy. Bobby is a Motor Patrol Operator for the White County Crew.



Robert Roetzel

The District Permit Officer took the Maintenance Superintendent on a fishing trip recently. They reportedly got their limit of crappie with the Permit Officer catching 58. Guess who caught 2 and guess who gave me this story?

In this graduation issue we would like to pause and reflect on the lives of those young

people who, due to their untimely death, will not be a part of their graduation class. In this regard we remember Darrell Collins, son of Irma Collins, Lead Person of the White County Crew in Searcy.



Darrell Collins

### DISTRICT SIX

M.J. Ross, Sr. Mechanic in the District Shop, retired April 12 after 11+ years of service. Cake and coffee were served as expressed reminiscences of times past were being told. Ross was presented a gold engraved pocket-watch from his fellow employees in the shop. Leroy remarked that the watch was set "right on time". Good luck in whatever you do Ross!

Mark Abbott recently went to visit his brother in Alaska. He was really impressed with Mt. McKinley and climbed as far as they would allow visitors. He said he can't wait to go back to do some skiing.

John Bland, a retiree, and his wife, Virginia, went to New Jersey and Virginia recently to visit with their children and grandchildren. It is always good to see our retirees.

Jim Kittler had back surgery in January and is recovering and hopes to be back to work soon. Hurry back Jim, We miss you!

Joe Floyd, another of our retirees, was busy with the legislature, so we didn't get to see much of him during the winter. Come see us Joe!

Jeffrey Pipkin, age 8, son of Don and Debbie Pipkin of Cabot, plays guard on the Cabot Blue Devils basketball league. They finished the season with a record of 7-0. Jeffrey is also active in T-Ball, soccer and football. Don works as a Sr. Inspector in the Resident Engineer's office.



Jeffrey Pipkin

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Ronnie Southerland, a Sr. Inspector for RE #65, believes in pairs. An 8-point wasn't big enough, so he went for the 10-pointer. That's some dandy hunting.



Ronnie Southerland

## DISTRICT SEVEN

Safety Awards were presented March 2 at the District Headquarters by Duane Sowell and Kathy Ratcliffe from the Safety and Training Section of the Human Resources Division. Those supervisors accepting awards for their crews were: J.R. Hamilton, District Maintenance Crew, 4 years; A.W. Hardy, Jr., RE #74, 6 years; Tommy Oglesby, Columbia County, 6 years; Bobby Reddin, Dallas County, 1 year; George Griffis, District Sealing Crew, 1 year; Danny Foster, Lafayette County, 1 year; Randy Gates, Moro Bay Ferry, 6 years; and Alan Hearnberger, Bradley County, 1 year. Congratulations to each supervisor and the employees of each crew!



Hamilton and Hardy



Oglesby, Reddin, Griffis



Foster, Gates, Hearnberger

Service Awards were presented February 2 by Commissioner Ron Harrod. Those receiving awards were: D.L. "Buddy" Beard, Sr. Inspector for RE #74, for 30 years; Edward P. Carter, Rosevelt D. Foster, Harris Hearnberger, Clarence McCaskill, Bob Myers and Bobby Reddin, 25 years.

Donald D. Brandon, retired Area Foreman from Calhoun County, received his Ambassador of Goodwill Certificate. He retired with 30 years of service.

John H. Harvey, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, was away at a school when the awards ceremony was held. District Engineer Coy Campbell presented him his award for 25 years on February 9.



Myers, Beard, Hearnberger



McCaskill and Brandon



Foster, Reddin, Carter



John H. Harvey

Congratulations to Gina Ann Millican, daughter of Union County Area Foreman Jessie and Delores Millican, who graduated from El Dorado High School in May. Gina's activities included captain of the varsity cheerleaders, member of the Anchor Club, Campfire Group, FBLA and the East Faulkner Church of Christ. Gina works in the high school guidance counselor's office and is in her 15th year of dance classes. She plans to attend NLU in Monroe, La. this fall. She will major in business and dance.

Shellie Lynn Morgan, daughter of Bennie Morgan, Multi-axle truck driver in the Sealin Crew, is a 1989 graduate of Bearden High School. She plans to attend the U of A at Monticello and study to become a registered nurse.

Angela Bryant and Shannon Waddell were recently elected Fairview High School cheerleaders for the 89-90 school year. Angela is the 16-year-old daughter of Ann Bryant, District Payroll Clerk. She will be a junior and was elected co-captain of the squad. Shannon is the 14-year-old daughter of Jerri Waddell, Field Clerk for Residency #73. She will be a sophomore and has been a Junior High cheerleader for the past three years. Congratulations girls!



Angela Bryant and Shannon Waddell

Life is never dull when there are two teenagers in the house - especially when those teens are as active in school affairs as Dena and Chuck Goodner. They belong to the family of Melinda and Rodney McKamie and attend Lewisville Schools. Melinda is the Area Headquarters attendant for Lafayette County.

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Dena is a beautiful 8th grader and is a junior high cheerleader and Chuck is on the senior high football team and is in the 10th grade. He has been on the Red Devils team for 4 years.



Dena Goodner



Chuck Goodner

## DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to all of our service award recipients. In February they were Rick Holbrook, and Barry Clark, 5 years; Ronald P. Jones and Donald Hill, 20 years. In April they were James L. Rankin and Clinton Littlejohn, 5 years and Ronald Withrow and Gary Scroggins, 20 years.

Congratulations to Cleo and Karen Webb on the birth of their daughter, Marissa M. Webb who was born January 18 at Central Arkansas Hospital in Searcy. Cleo is a Motor Patrol Operator-Rough in our Faulkner County Crew.



Marissa M. Webb

## DISTRICT NINE

On February 6, Greg Harding, Assistant Resident Engineer at the Harrison Residency, and his wife, Penney, had a precious baby girl, Susannah Ruth, who weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces. Susannah already has a companion at home, big brother Daniel, to help watch over her. Congratulations.

Sympathy is extended to Bill Harbison and family on the death of his father, William Raymond Harbison, on February 11. Bill is the Benton County Area Foreman at Gentry.

On Thursday, April 13, Safety Certificates were presented by Duane Sowell of the Safety Section at the District 9 Supervisors Meeting. Certificates were presented to the crews of Harrison and Yellville Residencies, Peel Ferry, District Office Crew, Baxter County, Carroll County, and Searcy County Maintenance Crews, Sign Crew, and Bridge Crew.



District 9 Safety Awards

Also at our Supervisors Meeting, 15-year Service Awards were presented to several of our Maintenance Crew employees. They were Dale Cox of Mountain Home, Louis Carter, Jr. of Garfield, Robert Pack and Bill Raimer of Gentry, Robert Clark of Berryville, Fred Ficht of Huntsville, Lee Breedlove of Jasper and Billy J. Rea of Marshall. Donald Spencer of the Harrison RE office and Steve Jones of the Yellville RE office also received 15 year awards.

Twenty-year certificates were presented to John Sisco of the Garfield-Benton County Crew, Kenneth Oxford and Jackie N. Cunningham of the Marion County Maintenance Crew.

Fifteen year service award recipients Pete Baker, Norman Pittman and Robert Patton and 20-year recipient, Bill McMullen, were unable to attend. However, we would like to congratulate all of these District 9 employees for their hard work and dedication to the AHTD.



District 9 Service Awards

## DISTRICT TEN

It seems that most of us are so busy we rarely have the time to lend a helping hand to those in need. Maybe that's why we feel so good when we read an article about someone who has taken the time to show they care. Some of the employees in District Ten have taken the time -

time to show they care - and were recently recognized for their efforts. Jesse Doughty, Shop Supervisor, was presented the Governor's Volunteer Excellence Award for outstanding volunteer service to the Northeast Arkansas Therapeutic Association. Jesse's wife, Glenda, received a Certificate of Appreciation from NEAT for her assistance to the organization. Also cited for invaluable service were Connie and Carl Imler (District Bridge Crew), Ronnie Blankenship (District Sealing Crew), Glen Easton (Night Watchman), and Judy and Jessie Reeves (District Shop). These employees and their spouses were instrumental in developing a riding club which offers therapeutic activities for handicapped children in Northeast Arkansas. Thanks for the "hope" you guys - keep up the marvelous work!

The U.S. Marine Corps may be looking for "a few good men" but they got "one heck of a lady" the day that Robin Dorsey joined up. Robin, a 1988 graduate of Blytheville High School, recently completed recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Robin's mother, Margaret Valliant, is employed in our Mississippi Maintenance Crew. Congratulations Robin and best wishes for the future.



Pvt. Robin Dorsey

Also a belated congratulations and best wishes to Margaret and Joseph Valliant on their marriage. Joseph also works for AHTD assigned to the Osceola RE office.

Have you ever noticed that certain people have names that seem to match their physical characteristics? Such is undoubtedly the case of Angelica Renea Liddell, 4-month old granddaughter of Antonio and Rita Aguilar. Definitely a little "Angel" if I ever saw one!



Angelica Renea Liddell

## ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

Did you know that happiness is contagious? Charles Hesselbein, our Maintenance Superintendent, caught it from his two beautiful grandchildren. David, 2, and Michael, 8 months, love to spend time "infecting" Papa and Nana! Congratulations Charles and Betty - they are beautiful children!



David and Michael Hesselbein

Safety awards were presented recently to several of our crews so we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Craighead, Clay and Lawrence County Maintenance Crews, the Sealing Crew, the District Shop, and the Jonesboro Resident Engineer's office. Safety is never an accident! Each crew member must put forth a concerted effort and we thank each one of you for your contribution in making possible these awards.



District 10 Safety Awards  
Stokes, Beaton, Moore, Blackwell, Lady and Black

Parting with good friends is always hard, but it seems that the crew at the Osceola RE office knows how to lessen the blow - you start with one big feast! Daisy Stringer, who transferred to the Central Office, was honored at this gathering. Best wishes on your new job Daisy - come visit when you can.



Daley Stringer

One of our friends in Poinsett County has also moved on to bigger and better things - retirement! Congratulations to J.B. Evans and best wishes for many years of health and happiness.



Retiree J.B. Evans and Jerry Greitens

Also congratulations to our service award recipients: Dawn Michele, 5 years; Fred Davis, William Covington, Ron Poppleton, and Ronnie Borrow, 10 years; and H.T. Dearin, 15 years.

## John Hume Papers Donated to UCA Library



While most of us spend the majority of our time looking to the future and trying to plan ahead, it is often nice to pause and look back to our past and remember those people and events that have influenced our lives. One such influential person who touched so many lives at AHTD was Mr. John Hume, V.

Mr. Hume, who died in 1987, worked at the Department from 1950 until his retirement in 1981 making many friends along the way. During that time, he compiled a collection of research papers and photographs dealing with the Highway Department and its history. This research collection was recently donated to the Archives at

the University of Central Arkansas in Conway by Mr. Hume's family.

A reception was held May 9 to honor Mr. Hume and his work. Tom Dillard, Director of the UCA Archives, says that the bulk of the material in the collection consists of printed materials and photographs relating to the AHTD. The collection also contains some personal papers and an assortment of miscellaneous political papers. Only a few of the documents are dated prior to the late 1940's, says Dillard, with most of them being dated between the late 1940's and the late 1970's.

The collection is available for public review at any time during normal business hours at the Torreyson Library on the UCA campus.



# 1990 Highway Map Photo Contest

The State Highway Map Photo Contest is an open invitation to all Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department employees and their family members. The winning entry will appear on the 1990 State Highway Map. Your photograph could become a visible symbol of the pride we have in our State and in the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department.

All entries must be 35mm color slide or color glossy print taken in Arkansas in 1989. Entries should be highway oriented and any number of entries can be submitted to the AHTD Planning Division by November 1, 1989.



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