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# ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

## New Highway Program

As a result of recent legislative action, the people of Arkansas now have a highway program they can be proud of. In February the Arkansas House and Senate approved two proposals that will provide the needed additional revenues for a \$2.4 billion highway program.

The cornerstone of the program was a bill which increased the gasoline tax five cents per gallon and the diesel tax two cents per gallon. This raised both tax rates to 18.5 cents per gallon. This will produce an additional \$48.5 million annually for the highway fund. The cities' and counties' turnback funds will each receive approximately \$10.3 million annually.

The other measure repealed the Weight/Distance Tax on heavy trucks and replaced it with an increase in the diesel tax and registration fees. The diesel tax was raised four cents per gallon and the registration fees were increased \$306 on the heaviest class of trucks. This will produce approximately \$15 million annually for the Department and the city and county funds will amount to approximately \$3.3 million each.

This bill was the result of a compromise agreement between the Highway Commission, the American Trucking Associations (ATA), the Arkansas Motor Carriers Association, and Governor Bill Clinton. The ATA had challenged the Weight/Distance Tax in court, and all revenues collected were placed in an escrow account. Approximately \$60 million had been placed in the account by the time the court ruled the tax unconstitutional. As part of the settlement the ATA and the Department agreed not to pursue the lawsuit through the appeals process. The State will receive \$35 million from the escrow account with \$24 million going to the AHTD and \$5.5 million each going to the cities and counties. The ATA will receive \$25 million.

Over 6,000 miles of state highways and about 600 bridges will be constructed as a result of this program. Over 550 miles of existing two-lane highways will be widened to four lanes and about 210 miles of four-lane highways will be built on new location. In addition, 850 miles of two-lane highways and 250 miles of Interstate highways will be reconstructed, 3,800 miles of roadway will be resurfaced, and 230 miles of gravel highways will be paved.

This additional revenue will also enable the Department to begin a program to replace obsolete equipment and improve our maintenance capabilities.

It took a lot of hard work by the members of the Highway Commission, the Department staff, the Arkansas Municipal League, the Association of Arkansas Counties, the Good Roads Coalition, and many other interested groups over the past few months to win support and passage of this program.

The excellent cooperation and willingness to help that is exhibited throughout the districts and divisions of the Department proves to our Legislators that we really are concerned and care about the needs of the citizens of this State.

This Department has a proven track record. It is a record we can all be proud of. We have worked hard to gain the public's trust and I know we will continue to serve with the same dedication and loyalty that has been exhibited by Highway and Transportation Department workers throughout the years.

I also want to express my support for those employees who are members of the National Guard and Reserve. Many of them were called to active duty as part of Operation Desert Storm, and many others may still be called on to serve in the weeks and months ahead.

The call to active duty has created many inconveniences for them and their families. They need to know we are concerned and that we are thinking about them. A list of those employees currently on active duty is printed on the inside back cover of this magazine. I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you. Please take a few minutes to remember these men and women, and let's all pray for their safe and quick return.



Maurice Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maurice Smith".

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**COVER PHOTO:** State Highway 12 north of Beaver Lake in Benton County. Photograph by John Jackson.

**BACK PHOTO:** State Highway 45 north of Hindsville in Madison County. Photograph by John Jackson.

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# Herby Branscum, Jr. Appointed To Highway Commission

Herby Branscum, Jr., of Perryville, was appointed to the Arkansas State Highway Commission by Governor Bill Clinton on January 23, 1991. The 50-year old Branscum replaces Raymond Pritchett of Maumelle, whose ten-year term had expired.

"The coming decade is going to be a challenging decade for the Commission," Branscum commented at his swearing-in ceremony. "I appreciate the confidence the Governor has shown in me."

Branscum is a graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway (now the University of Central Arkansas), and from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law. He has practiced law in Perryville and Little Rock since his admission to the Arkansas State Bar in 1967.

A native of Timbo in Stone County, Branscum was a member of the Arkansas Claims Commission from 1974-1985, serving as Chairman for six years. He was Chairman of the Arkansas Democratic Party from 1976 to 1982 and Chairman of the University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees from 1986 until the time of his appointment to the Highway Commission.



Herby Branscum, Jr., right, at his swearing-in ceremony by Judge Jack Holt, center, Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, and Governor Bill Clinton, left.

He presently serves on the Board of Directors of the Perry County Bank. Branscum and his wife, the former Billie Jo Carter,

have three children: James, John C. (Chris), and Elizabeth (Beth). They are members of the Perryville First Baptist Church.



Left to right: AHC Vice Chairman Rodney E. Slater, AHC Chairman Ron Harrod, Governor Bill Clinton, Herby Branscum, Jr., Bobby Hopper, Bill Clark, and AHTD Director Maurice Smith



Ron Harrod



Rodney Slater

## Harrod and Slater Elected Officials of Arkansas Highway Commission

Ron Harrod of Prescott has been elected to serve as Chairman of the Arkansas State Highway Commission. He replaces Raymond Pritchett of Maumelle whose term on the Commission has expired. Harrod had been serving as Vice Chairman.

Rodney E. Slater of Jonesboro was elected to serve as the new Vice Chairman. Both men will serve two years in their elected positions.

Harrod, a native of Dumas in Desha County, was appointed to a ten-year term on the Commission in 1983 by Governor Bill Clinton. He succeeded James Branyan

of Camden. He is a graduate of Dumas High School and Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. He served as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board from 1979 until his appointment to the Highway Commission and is a former member of the Prescott School Board. He also was state vice president of the Arkansas Jaycees in 1972.

Harrod presently owns and operates his own life and health insurance agency in Prescott. He is married to the former Claudetta Shinn, and they have one son, Bruce.

Slater is a native of Marianna in Lee County. He received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University and earned a law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law at Fayetteville. Prior to his appointment to the Commission, Slater served as Assistant State Attorney General, Special Assistant for Community and Minority Affairs, and as the Governor's Executive Assistant for Economic and Community Programs. He is currently Director of Governmental Relations at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

### Freshman Legislative Tour

On Thursday, December 6, 1990, twelve of the State's freshmen legislators were given a tour of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's Central Office Headquarters. The tour was designed to give the lawmakers an idea of the work being performed by the AHTD.

The legislators were given brief presentations by the Assistant Chief Engineers and various Division Heads regarding the many aspects of the Department.

Following the briefings, the legislators were given a tour which included stops at Roadway Design, Photogrammetry, and Materials and Research.



Front row: left to right: Commissioner Pritchett, Rep. Christene Brownlee of Gilmore, Sen. Mike Ross of Prescott, Rep. Jacqueline Roberts of Pine Bluff, Rep. Mark Pryor of Little Rock, Sen. Bill Lewellen of Marianna, Commissioner Slater. Back row: Sen. Jean Edwards of Sherrill, Commissioner Harrod, Rep. Keith Wood of Hope, Sen. Vic Snyder of Little Rock, Rep. Roger Rorie of Gentry, Commissioner Hopper, Rep. Carol Henry of North Little Rock, Rep. Phil Wyrick of Little Rock, Rep. Jim Argue, Jr. of Little Rock, and Commissioner Clark.

# TRAFFIC DIVISION

## OFFICES MOVE TO SIGN SHOP

The Central Office Building is minus one long-time tenant these days.

The main offices of the Traffic Division moved from the tenth floor of the main building to the Sign Shop in early January.



(Left to right) Traffic Assistant Division Head Frank Vozel, Division Head Jim Barnett, Traffic Services Section Head Tony Sullivan, and Traffic Safety Section Head Mike Sellg.

For many years, the tenth floor has been the home of the administrative offices of the Traffic Division and the Traffic Engineering Section. The Sign Shop Complex, which opened in 1979, housed the Traffic Services Section and the Traffic Safety Section. It is located approximately one mile west of the Central Office Complex.

The move brings all three sections together under the same roof at the Sign Shop. Division Head Jim Barnett says the move makes it easier for the approximately 95 employees of the Traffic Division to work together. "It's just more convenient having everyone together under one roof," he said.

The Division, through the work of its three sections, is responsible for traffic operations on the State Highway System. They may also provide technical assistance for work done on roads not on the State Highway System. Plans are developed for projects pertaining to pavement markings, lighting, signing, and signals. In addition to the installation of pavement markings, signs for the highways are manufactured, installed, and upgraded by Division personnel.

Federal programs dealing with driver safety are also handled by the Traffic Division with Frank Vozel, Assistant Division Head, serving as the Coordinator of Arkansas' Highway Safety Program.

The Traffic Services Section has been located at the Sign Shop since that complex opened in 1979. It had been at the old Sign Shop in North Little Rock prior to that. Functions of the Traffic Services Section include manufacturing most of the signs used on the state highway system, the erection of a portion of those signs, and the placement of most pavement markings. This section is also very involved in the development of traffic control plans for construction projects.

Over the last two years, the Traffic Services Section has manufactured nearly 160,000 signs, installed more than 107,000 raised pavement markers, and laid down 19,129 miles of striping. Staff Traffic Engineer Tony Sullivan heads the Traffic Services Section.

The Traffic Safety Section has gone through several changes in recent years. Since the merger of the Transportation Safety Agency with the AHTD in July 1989, the Traffic Safety Section has expanded the number of programs it administers. Section Head Mike Selig says the section works closely with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration in programs concerning impaired driving, occupant protection, police traffic services, emergency medical services, school bus safety, and roadway safety. In the first year



Mark Lyons and Debra Tackett, of the Traffic Engineering Section, review intersection plans.



Rick Henriksen and Mark Lyons, of Traffic Engineering, work on the CADD system.



**Lee Greene, of the Traffic Services Section, screen prints one of the many signs produced, as Section Head Tony Sullivan reviews documents with Al Loring.**

after the TSA merger, approximately \$1.5 million in federal safety funds were obligated for 23 safety projects covering these areas.

Railroad crossing safety funds are also administered by the Traffic Safety Section. In the last two years, approximately \$4.6 million has been obligated for improvements to 53 at-grade crossings and the construction of two grade separations.

The Traffic Engineering Section, in making the move from the Central Office Building to the Sign Shop, has gone from sharing one large, partially partitioned-off room, to having individual offices. Eric Phillips is the Section Head of Traffic Engineering.

The Traffic Engineering Section studies and develops plans pertaining to lighting, signalization, channelization, and signing. The section made 1,225 engineering investigations in 1989 and 1990, resulting in more than 1,100 modifications being made to improve traffic operations and safety.



**Traffic Safety Section Head Mike Sellg, left, reviews safety documents with Charlie Marsh and Kim Enoch.**



## Archeological Site Uncovered During Highway 71 Construction

Construction problems are not the only difficulties which can arise during highway projects.

According to Burney McClurkan, Archeologist for the Highway and Transportation Department, a significant archeological site was uncovered by a construction crew in February 1990.

The crew was working on a portion of the Highway 71 Relocation project in Washington County.

Even though the area had been examined by AHTD archeologists prior to the beginning of construction, the site was not discovered because it was buried. Once the contractor began the clearing and grubbing operations, crews uncovered the site. Contract specifications require the contractor to cease operations in the area and notify the AHTD at once if an archeological site is found.

The Will site, named for the landowners, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Will, is a series of four small rock shelters situated on the northern end of McCullom Mountain. The location is about one mile south of the interchange of Cato Springs Road (State Highway 265) and the U.S. Highway 71 Bypass around Fayetteville.

It is believed that the site is significant since there had been very few extensive studies done on rock shelters in northwest Arkansas. It was determined that an archeological consultant should be hired to test the site to determine as near as possible how much archeological material was



The Will site in Washington County

present. The consultant would also determine how the materials found would contribute to our knowledge of prehistory, and if there was really enough of a deposit to justify more excavation.

The contract for this work was awarded to the Sponsored Research Program of the Arkansas Archeological Survey. Field work was done from March to July 1990. The actual work was not as long as the time span would indicate. The months of March, April, and May saw some of the worst weather the state has experienced in many years. Many days were completely lost to the bad weather and many others were shortened because of the inaccessibility of the site to vehicles. In spite of the problems and delays, the work was eventually completed.

Unfortunately, as is the case with most known rock shelters in the Ozarks, the Will site had been partially looted by relic hunters. This happened between the time it was discovered by the contractor and its examination by AHTD archeologists. In spite of the vandalism, the excavation revealed that

the site contained at least four prehistoric components covering a time span of approximately 10,000 years. The research indicated that the site had been heavily used at one time. The presence of large grinding stones indicated that the site was used for the collection, storing, and processing of food. Artifacts found included a wide range of stone tools such as spear and arrow points, knives and scrapers. Other materials found led the researchers to believe that the site could have been used to manufacture many of these tools. Other types of data, which included floral, pollen, and soil samples, were recovered which will help reconstruct environmental conditions which existed during the time the site was occupied.

By recognizing the importance of the Will site and its potential for shedding light on the ways of prehistoric life, the AHTD not only preserved a part of the past for the future, but also will afford the recovered information to be used in current archeological and environmental research.

# SATELLITE SURVEYING:

## New Technology In Use At AHTD

Since the beginning of time, man has looked to the stars to help him navigate. By using the relative position of the sun, moon, and stars, one could get a general idea of his position on the earth, perhaps within a mile or two. This method worked well for such early explorers as Columbus and Magellan.

In modern navigation, man is still looking to the stars to determine positions on earth. But today's "stars" are not of the celestial variety. The "stars" we look to today for navigation are actually man-made satellites orbiting the earth.

More specifically known as the Global Positioning System (GPS), satellites orbiting the earth in known positions are used to determine unknown points on the ground.

The GPS satellites were put in orbit by the U.S. Department of Defense. Their main purpose is for military navigation, but the information transmitted by the satellites can be used by others for surveying and tracking purposes.

When the constellation of GPS satellites is complete in 1992 or 1993, 24 satellites will be in orbit approximately 12,000 miles above the earth's surface. Presently, about half of the satellites are in place. This provides a time-frame of about eight hours per day in which GPS surveying can take place. When all the satellites are in place, GPS surveying will be available 24 hours a day.

GPS surveying works something like this: Each satellite constantly transmits radio-signal "beats" at regular intervals, and also sends data concerning its orbit location. This data allows the satellites exact location in the sky to be determined, and the beats allow the distance between it and a point on the ground to be measured.

Portable receivers on the ground collect and analyze this information from at least three satellites simultaneously. A ground position accurate to within several feet can be determined in just a few minutes. The longer

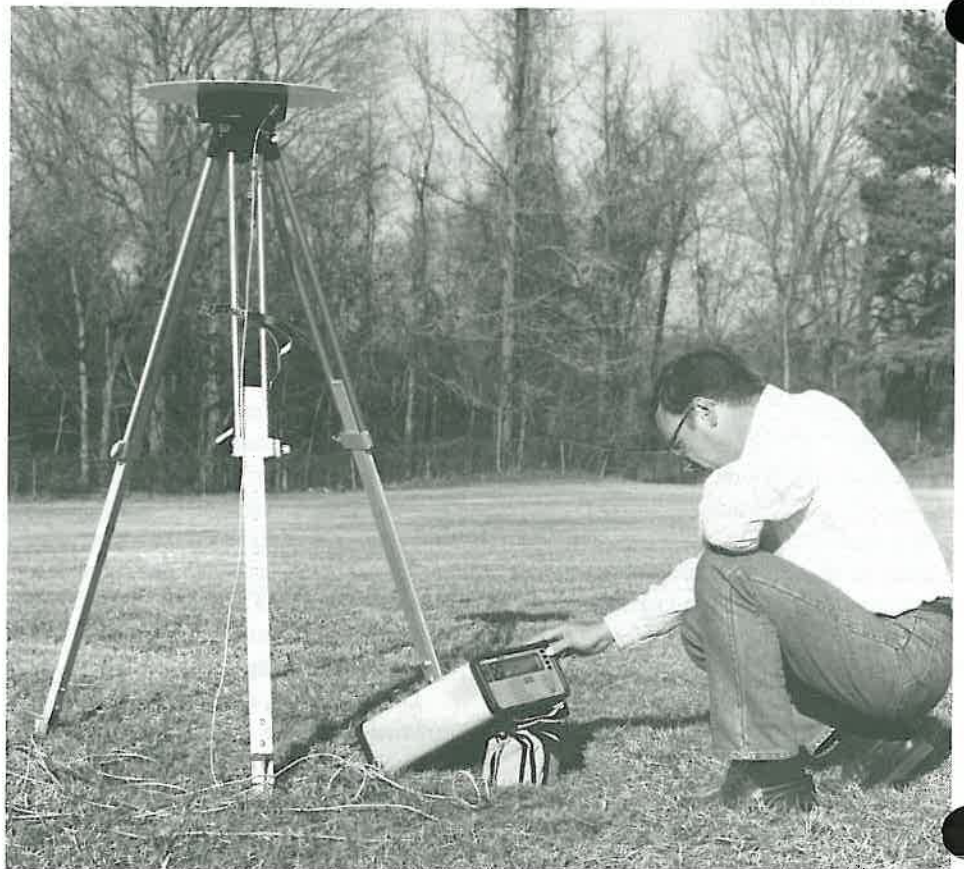
the satellites are tracked, the more accurate the measurement.

When fully utilized, GPS surveying has the potential for accuracy of one part per million; that's less than one/one-hundredth of a foot per mile.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has purchased four portable antenna and receiver units at a total cost of approximately \$130,000. The Department is using this equipment to establish control points near construction projects. A control point on a job is a known point from which all surveying for that project begins. Using the GPS to establish new control points

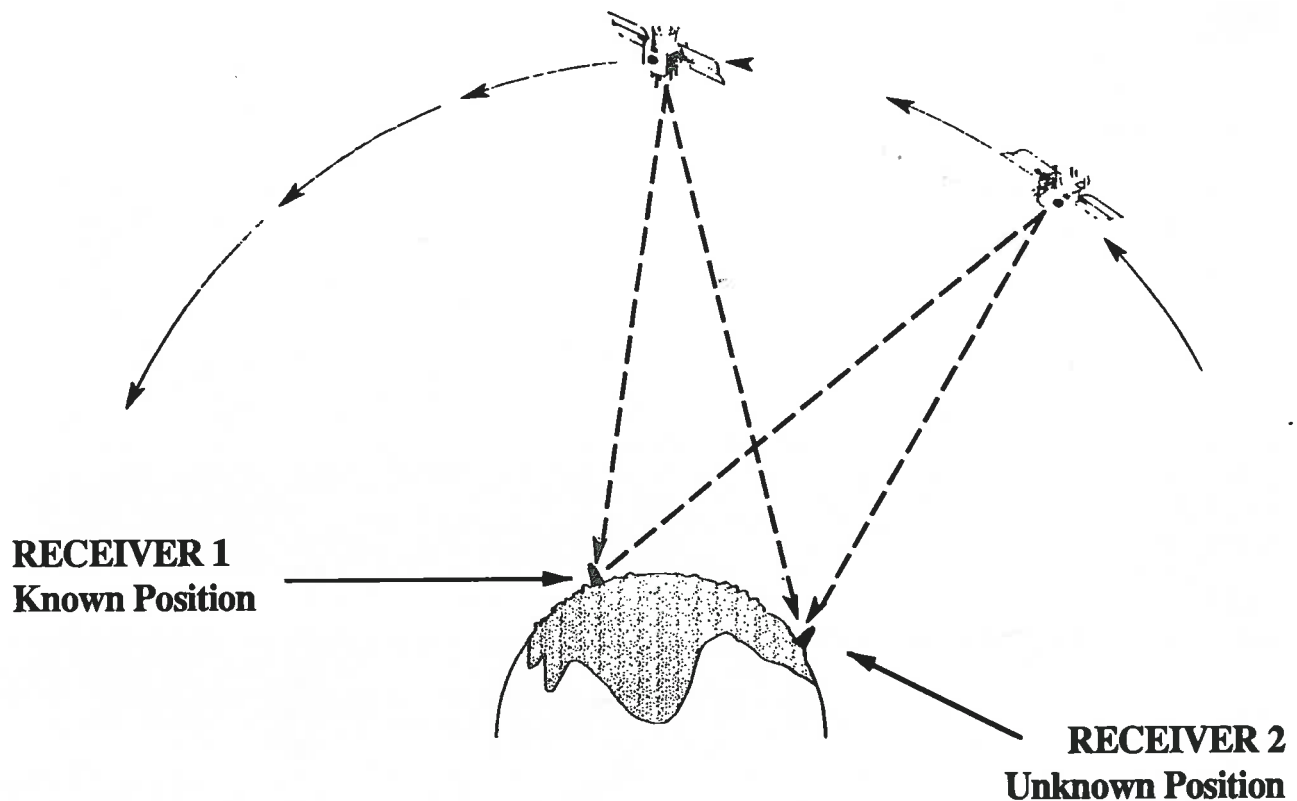
is quicker, more accurate, and less costly than using conventional methods.

For example, establishing a control point for a construction project using traditional methods could be difficult and time consuming. To establish a control point, surveying must begin at a known point on the State Plane Coordinate System, which is a statewide grid system of known coordinate points. The distance between the nearest point on the State Plane Coordinate System and job site could be twenty or thirty miles. Depending on the terrain between these two points, it may take several days using a traditional line-of-straight method of sur-



Mike White, of the AHTD Surveys Division, checks data being received from satellites.

# GPS SURVEYING



veying to establish a control point for the job. Accuracy using conventional methods is thought to be very good if the survey crew can limit error to one foot for every 20,000 feet surveyed.

By using GPS surveying, a control point can be established for practically any job in less than half a day with far greater accuracy.

The Global Positioning System of surveying is not expected to completely replace the conventional line-of-sight method of surveying at the AHTD. Many smaller jobs can be completed quicker using traditional methods. But it is considered to be a very useful and complementary surveying technique.

The Department is also looking at using GPS as a tool for increasing accuracy in aerial photography and in mapping. Since

the Department of Defense created the GPS system primarily for navigation - a moving vehicle carrying a receiver can be continually tracked to within three feet - the system seems ideally suited for these functions.

In photogrammetry, the need for large on-ground markers to guide the pilot would be eliminated. Instead, the pilot's course is plotted on a computer-screen grid and the pilot watches an image of his plane flying on the grid. Numbers on the screen tell him how far he needs to fly up, down, left, or right to match the ideal course.

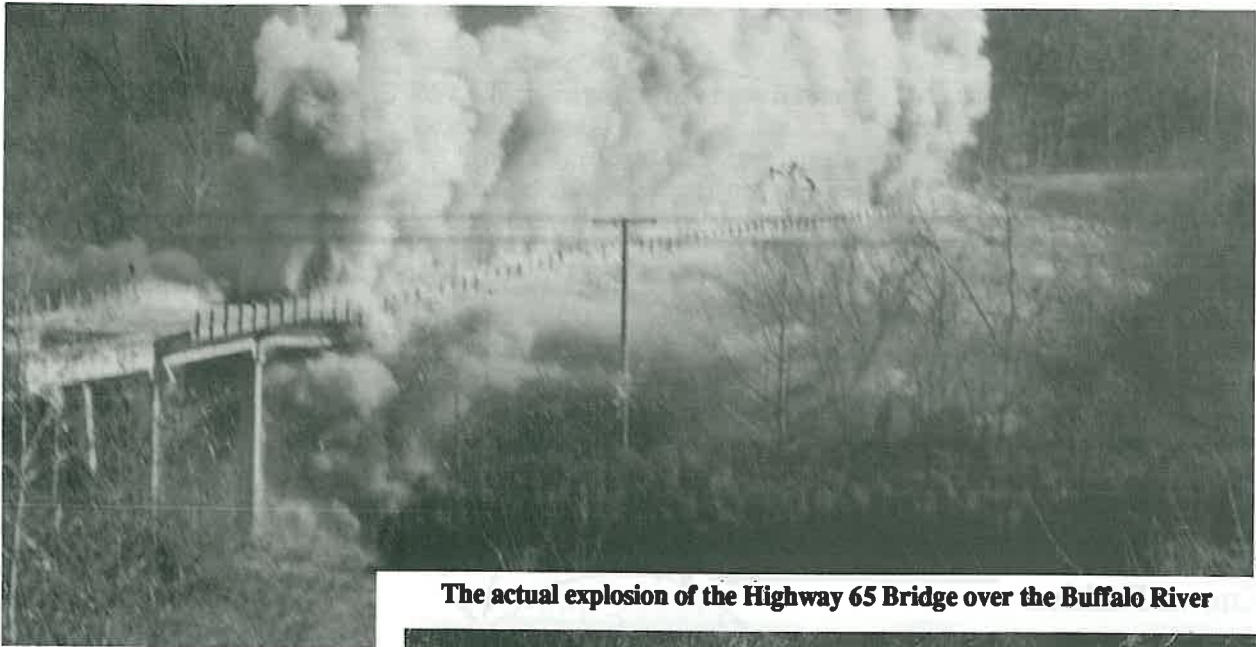
The plane's actual course is recorded by the computer from information provided by the GPS receiver on board. The receiver also records the exact moment the on-board camera takes a photograph. This method of

photogrammetry is thought to be more accurate than the traditional method.

Using GPS for database mapping would involve mounting a receiver in a car or van. A technician would simply drive along a highway collecting GPS data. This information could be used to correct existing maps or to create new ones. This technique could provide a more accurate picture of reality than old maps, and would increase the ability to share such information with other agencies using GPS.

The possible applications for the use of GPS at the Highway and Transportation Department are very promising. Many of these applications sound futuristic in nature, but in the world of Global Positioning Surveying, the future is upon us.

# Highway 65 Bridge Over Buffalo River Demolished



The actual explosion of the Highway 65 Bridge over the Buffalo River

With a loud bang and a cloud of dust, a nearly sixty-year-old bridge became only a memory on December 19, 1990. The U.S. Highway 65 bridge crossing the Buffalo River near Silver Hill in Searcy County was demolished in front of about fifty spectators.

A \$4.6 million contract was awarded in January 1988 for the construction of a new, safer bridge crossing the river. Huffman Bridge and Grading, Inc., of West Plains, Missouri, was awarded the contract.

Since no group could be found to take over the maintenance of the old structure, specifications were included in the contract with Huffman for its demolition. Special precautions were taken to avoid any harm to the pristine Buffalo River below.

The old bridge was considered functionally obsolete because of its narrow width and curved approaches.

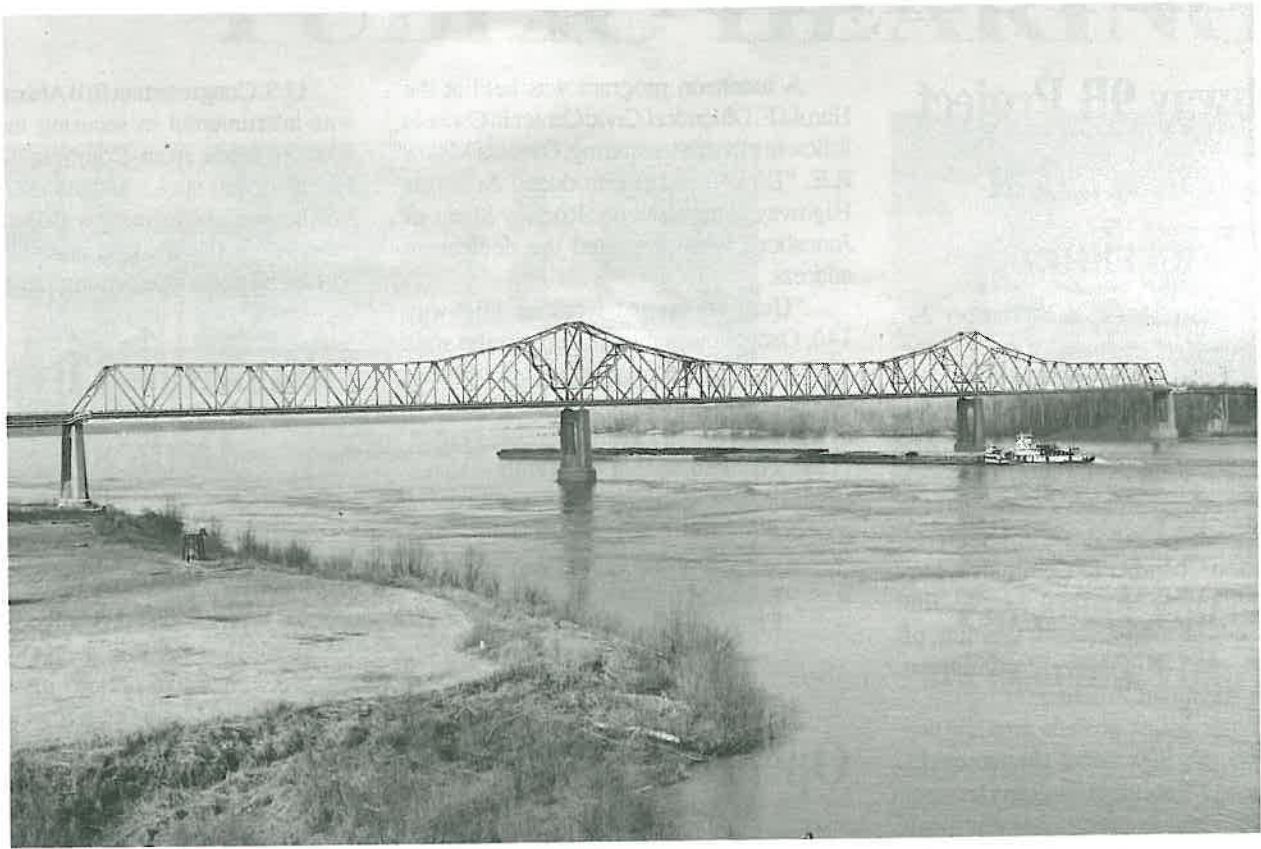
The new bridge features straighter approaches and a bridge deck that consists of two 12-foot travel lanes with 8-foot shoulders and a 4-foot pedestrian walkway on one side.



Before



After



The Greenville Bridge linking Greenville, Mississippi and Lake Village, Arkansas

## AHTD Assumes Responsibility of Greenville Bridge

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department gained a "new" bridge in December. The "new" bridge is actually a fifty-year-old structure crossing the Mississippi River in Southeast Arkansas.

The U.S. Highway 82 Bridge, commonly referred to as the Greenville Bridge, became the joint property of the Arkansas State Highway Commission and the Mississippi State Highway Commission on December 19, 1990. Representatives from both states met in Greenville, Mississippi that day to officially assume ownership of the bridge.

The City of Greenville constructed the bridge in 1940 to link the Greenville and Lake Village, Arkansas areas. Over the years, the city of Greenville has maintained and operated the bridge even though a U.S. highway utilized it. It was the only bridge crossing the Mississippi River that was not maintained by a state.

Under the terms of the agreement, the AHTD and the Mississippi Highway Department agreed to jointly accept ownership of the Greenville Bridge to "maintain, repave, rehabilitate, reconstruct, repair, and

inspect the bridge and to share equally (50/50) in the cost of performing the aforementioned duties."

The AHTD will perform all maintenance, repairs, upkeep, and inspection of the bridge, excluding contract painting and major repairs. Twice a year, the AHTD will bill the Mississippi Highway Department for its share of the cost of those duties.

In the event it becomes necessary to award a contract for major repairs, painting, or construction work, the states will each pay one-half of the cost of the work.

# DEDICATIONS

## Highway 9B Project Completed at Morrilton

A ceremony was held November 29, 1990, to mark the opening of a five-lane section of Highway 9B in Morrilton. The 1.6-mile project begins near the intersection of Harding and St. Joseph Streets and extends east and north to Highway 9.

The ceremony, which was hosted by the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Morrilton Chamber of Commerce, featured remarks by Morrilton Mayor Jim Sutton, State Senator Allen Gordon of Morrilton, and Highway Commission Chairman Raymond Pritchett.

"The amount of growth through this part of the city has been phenomenal," Pritchett said. "But this growth has brought more traffic. This job was crucial to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic and to provide for future growth."

A \$1,524,000 contract was awarded May 31, 1989 to the Conway Asphalt Co., of Conway, Arkansas, for the work. The project was funded with 100 percent state funds.

## New Segment of Highway 140 Opened at Osceola

The town of Osceola is now linked to Interstate 55 with a four-lane highway. A ceremony was held December 28, 1990 to celebrate the opening of a four-lane segment of Highway 140 between Highway 119Y and Highway 61 in Osceola.

A contract was awarded February 15, 1989, to Southern Pavers, Inc., of Pine Bluff, for the two-mile project. The contract amount was \$1,992,520.

A luncheon program was held at the Harold F. Ohlendorf Civic Center in Osceola following the ribbon cutting. Osceola Mayor R.E. "Dick" Prewitt introduced Arkansas Highway Commissioner Rodney Slater of Jonesboro who presented the dedicatory address.

"Until we started work on Highway 140, Osceola was the only city in the state with a population of more than 5,000 that was not connected to an interstate highway by a four-lane highway," Slater commented. "That's something that was brought to our attention, and something that we have responded to."

## Interchange on Highway 63 Opened at Jonesboro

The latest in a growing list of improvements to U.S. Highway 63 in Jonesboro was dedicated December 13, 1990.

Several officials and local residents were present at the Holiday Inn in Jonesboro for the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the \$3.38 million Caraway Road Interchange. The job was let to contract January 11, 1989, with Robertson, Inc., of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, being awarded the job.

The interchange is a part of the Access Control Demonstration Project which is presently in progress on U.S. 63 through Jonesboro. The demonstration project will make the roadway safer by eliminating all at-grade crossings in the area. To date, three interchanges have been completed and several miles of frontage roads constructed, totaling \$26 million in work completed.

The Willow Street Grade Separation and the Stadium Boulevard Interchange are currently under construction at a cost of \$5.2 million. Nearly \$35 million is still programmed for construction under the demonstration project.

U.S. Congressman Bill Alexander, who was instrumental in securing the demonstration funds from Congress for use on Highway 63, spoke at the ceremony. He said he would be meeting with local officials soon to "make a close analysis of what should be done next" along the route.

## Highway 4 Bypass Dedicated at Warren

The five-mile Highway 4 Bypass around Warren was dedicated November 19, 1990. Several area residents were on hand to witness the ribbon cutting.

The bypass was constructed in three phases: Reynolds and Davis, Inc., of Little Rock, was awarded a \$881,000 contract for the grading and structures work to link Highway 4 on the west side of Warren with Highway 15; McGeorge Contracting Co., of Pine Bluff, completed a \$967,000 contract for the grading and structures works from Highway 15 to Highway 4 east of the city; and, Pace Construction Co., of St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded a \$2.75 million contract on May 31, 1989 for the base and surfacing of the entire bypass. Total cost of the bypass was approximately \$4.6 million.

Arkansas Highway Commission Vice Chairman Ron Harrod of Prescott delivered the dedicatory address. He was accompanied at the ceremony by fellow Commissioners Rodney Slater, Bill Clark, and Bobby Hopper.

Others on the dedication program, which was sponsored by the Warren Chamber of Commerce, were State Senator Jim Scott and State Representative John Lipton, both of Warren; Bradley County Judge Joe Fowler, and Warren Mayor Greg Reep.

# PUBLIC HEARINGS



Hot Springs area residents review aerial displays of project

## Hearing Held On Final Leg Of Hot Springs Bypass

The East/West Arterial has been a hot topic around Hot Springs for several years now. A public hearing was held in 1985 for that portion of the project from Highway 270 west of Hot Springs to Highway 270 on the east side of town, and construction is underway on that.

On November 15, 1990, the Department held a public hearing on the final leg of the East/West Arterial. This section would link Highway 270 with Highway 70 east of Hot Springs. Approximately 225 people were on hand at the Hot Springs Convention Auditorium to express their opinions about the project.

Paul DeBusk, of the Department's Roadway Design Division, described the 2.4-mile final leg as a logical extension of

the bypass. He detailed the three alternate locations considered, describing the pros and cons of each.

"This project is something of prime importance to us, because until we finish the final leg of the bypass, it would be very similar to dropping out of college when you've completed the first semester of your junior year and deciding not to go back," said State Representative John Parkerson of Hot Springs. "More important than anything, we want this project done."

Jim Cherry of the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce also spoke about the project. "This final link is needed. And God forbid it should ever become the missing link. We need it, so let's build it."



An AHTD Engineer reviews plans for the widening of Highway 27

## Opinions Voiced at Nashville Hearing

About 75 Nashville area residents were on hand, Tuesday, December 4, 1990, for a public hearing to discuss the proposed widening of Highway 27 between Nashville and the Pike County line. The hearing was held in the Community Room of the City/County Building in Nashville.

The proposed 5.3-mile project would widen and overlay the existing roadway to consist of two 12-foot travel lanes with 8-foot paved shoulders. The road currently has 10-foot lanes and 5-foot shoulders.

Nashville Alderman Joe Dallas agreed with the need for the improved roadway, but questioned the amount of right of way being taken for the construction. "One lady back here didn't wish to speak, but you're coming within three feet of her front door. And you're coming five feet up in my yard and getting every dogwood tree I've got out there."

Roadway Design Engineer Paul DeBusk explained to the crowd the Department's reasoning behind the proposed design. He said that federal guidelines regulate the amount of clear zone needed on each side of the roadway on projects such as this one, but that the Department would be happy to talk with any property owners about specific right of way questions.

# AHP Establishes Canine Unit

Arkansas Highway Police Patrolman Robert Scott has a new partner. Scott and his partner work together day-in and day-out. They look out for one another, just like good partners do. But Scott's new partner only gets to sit in the back seat of the patrol unit and occasionally likes to rest his head on Scott's shoulder. Even more, the partner doesn't even understand English!

No, the Highway Police hasn't drastically changed its criteria for hiring new officers. Robert Scott's new partner is a two-year old German Shepherd named Hrom (pronounced "Rome"). Hrom and Officer Scott make up the AHP's new K-9 Unit.

Hrom joined the Highway Police October 31, 1990. Specifically, Hrom is trained in detecting and locating illegal drugs.

AHP Chief John Bailey said that federal MCSAP (Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program) funds were used along with state funds to purchase and train the dog, and to establish the drug unit. Competitive bids were taken last summer for the dog and the training. Greg Durham of the Durham-Haas Kennel in Little Rock was awarded the contract. Total cost of the dog and training was \$5,000.

Patrolman Scott has been employed by the AHP for two years. When the Department advertised for a dog handler late last summer, Scott eagerly applied. He had previously supervised a canine unit with the Lonoke County Sheriff's Office.

After spending time together to get acquainted, Hrom and Scott attended a special two-week school at the Durham-Haas Kennel to learn to work together. Hrom is originally from Czechoslovakia and previously learned all his commands in



**AHP Patrolman Robert Scott and his partner, Hrom**

German, so the first thing Officer Scott had to do was learn to speak a little German. He did, and the two graduated from their school December 10 and have been living and working together ever since.

Even though Hrom lives with Scott and his family, he is not exactly a family pet. "He is very possessive, very protective of me," Scott said. "And he is not allowed in the house at all."

Hrom has been trained to detect seven illegal substances: cocaine, heroin, THC, marijuana, amphetamines, methamphetamines, and hashish. Searching is like a

game for Hrom, so when the search is completed, he must be rewarded. His reward is either playing with a ball or playing tug-of-war with a burlap bag.

Unlike other AHP units, Scott and Hrom are on-call statewide. If a truck is pulled over for a violation or an inspection and the officer suspects the presence of drugs, the drug unit is contacted. "So far we haven't had to go any further than Hope," Scott said. "But we are always ready to go wherever we are needed."



# LETTERS

AHTD District 6  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

On Saturday, December 8, 1990, I had a serious mechanical breakdown with my car at the Morgan Rest Area on I-40. Fortunately for me, your employee, Mr. Jimmy Thomas, was on hand and helped me correct the breakdown so that I was able to proceed to a very important meeting that I was attending. It is very nice to know that we have such kind and caring people working for our Highway Department. He was of immeasurable service to me.

kindest personal regards.

Morton C. Wilson, M.D.  
Fort Smith, Arkansas

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AHTD Map Sales  
Little Rock, Arkansas

I just want to take a moment to compliment your map sales department. I have ordered three maps in the last week, and the service was friendly, competent and fast. Mitzi was especially helpful.

Thanks from a satisfied customer!

E. Virginia Woodlee  
The Coca-Cola Company  
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Maurice Smith  
AHTD Director

Today, November 28, 1990, I inadvertently left my purse on my car and left my home to go to Blytheville. When I realized what had happened, I remembered that I had seen highway crews working on the road. I looked for them, but they had already left. I immediately called Blytheville, and they said they were just getting ready to contact me. Mr. L.D. Brown had found my purse in the middle of the road, had stopped, though it was the end of the day, and had taken great

effort in retrieving everything he saw on the road. He put it back in my purse and was sending it back to Leachville with Charles Masterson.

When Mr. Masterson brought the purse to me, he wanted me to check it thoroughly. I was so delighted to see all of my credit cards and even what little change I had. However, my checkbook was not there. He offered to take me to the spot with his spotlight and look, but I knew he was tired and told him my husband and I would go look. After we searched and could not find it, I called Mr. Masterson again to check on the location. In a few minutes, he and his wife were at my house. It was after 7:00 p.m. They were kind enough to go with us, and we did find my checks and driver's license.

I want to commend these two very fine men. Mr. Brown displayed such honesty and consideration for his fellow man. Mr. Masterson and his wife were so kind to me, even though I had never met them. Your department should be proud of these two very fine men. I talked to Mr. Brown and thanked him personally. He said he was going to call me and check on things. I appreciate the efforts of these two men. Words can never be enough to show my appreciation, however, the "thank you" is from the bottom of my heart.

Lynda Edwards  
Leachville, Arkansas

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Maurice Smith  
AHTD Director  
Little Rock, Arkansas

This letter is written to commend the caretaker of the Rest Area between Rison and Pine Bluff. For the past several years I have worked in Camden and lived in Pine Bluff. I have stopped there many times during this period. Even though I now live in Camden, my mother, who is 83, lives in Pine Bluff, and I still frequently stop at the rest area.

I have never seen this rest area when conditions were below average. I have seen graffiti in the morning removed by the afternoon. My opinion of the area must be shared by many others, as I have seen numerous group activities taking place at this rest area.

Again, please express my appreciation to the caretaker of this rest stop.

William H. Bryan  
Camden, Arkansas

*Editor's Note: Roy Harris is the Rest Area Attendant.*

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Mr. Harold Beaver  
District 4 Engineer  
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this time to commend you and your District 4 employees for an excellent job during the recent winter weather. I, as supervisor of our County Road Department, can really appreciate your efforts. Your preparation and swiftness in clearing and sanding roads made driving conditions much better than any of us could have expected.

We just wanted you to know that we appreciate you and look forward to working with you in the future.

Joe Powell  
Franklin County Judge

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Jim Briley  
AHTD District 2 Engineer  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

On January 13, 1991, my wife, two friends, and myself, left Pine Bluff for a meeting in Camden. We stopped at your rest area on Highway 79. Mr. Roy Harris, was cleaning the restroom, and we greeted each other.

When we arrived in Camden, I realized I had lost my billfold. Not knowing what to do, one of our members called the State Police.

In the meantime, a man found my billfold in the restroom at the rest area. Mr. Harris saw him, and said, "Let me see the

billfold, I believe it belongs to a man who just left." The man refused, so Mr. Harris told him, I have your car license number, if you don't let me have the billfold, I will call the Sheriff. So he gave him the billfold.

Mr. Harris gave the billfold to a friend of his in the Pine Bluff Sheriff's Dept. and he returned it to us.

We wanted you to know we offered Mr. Harris the cash contents of \$25, but he refused. This kind of honest people seems rare today. So we say "thank you" to Mr. Harris, you and your organization.

Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Whittredge  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
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Mr. Lamar Coyle  
Hazen, Arkansas

Thanks so very much for finding my purse and returning it to me. I am very grateful to you. I made a dumb mistake and

didn't have to pay for it. I am one lucky person. Thank you again.

Sherry Landry  
Nashville, Tennessee

*Editor's Note: This purse was found by Alvin Reaves and Bruce Ingle, members of the Prairie County Maintenance Crew, on I-40 near Hazen.*  
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To Whom It May Concern

I stop at the Rest Area on I-40 at Morgan every few days. I really appreciate the way the manager keeps it so clean and the dirty writing off the walls. He keeps it painted at all times. I am at a lot of other rest areas and none are as clean as the Morgan rest stop.

I just believe you needed to know how good it makes people feel to stop at a clean rest area. You need managers like this one at all rest stops.

L.G. Reynolds  
Conway, Arkansas  
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Ralph Hall  
District 6 Engineer  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Hall

On Friday, December 7, we had the misfortune of accidentally locking our grandbaby in the truck at the rest area west of Malvern on I-30.

Your work crew was nearby and was a great help to us, because one of the men, Roy Erwin, could unlock the door for us.

We wish to commend him for his help. We were very thankful to him as we do not know what we would have done without him.

Again, thanks for the help received and will really did appreciate it.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Lowe  
Buckner, Arkansas  
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# Certificates of Service

The following Certificates of Service were achieved by Highway and Transportation Department employees during the months of January, February, and March 1991.

**BRIDGE**

30 Years Raymond W. Major .....Structural Detailing Spec.

**COMPUTER SERVICES**

30 Years Carolyn J. Stringer .....Production Control Manager  
15 Years Mary R. Green .....Data Control Clerk  
10 Years David H. McNeely .....Senior Automation Engineer  
Dana E. Benetz .....Computer Operations Supv.  
5 Years Ronald W. Mitchell .....Senior Systems Analyst

**CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE**

20 Years Barton K. Benson .....Civil Engineer IV  
5 Years Raymond H. Parker .....HB Crew Leader  
Danny Carlton .....Lead Person

**EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT**

20 Years Al J. Sacco .....Division Head  
5 Years Wilfred K. Caddy .....Senior Mechanic

**FISCAL SERVICES**

15 Years Harden Steele, Jr. ....Hwy. Truck Tax Administrator

**HIGHWAY POLICE**

20 Years William C. Simpson .....Second Lieutenant  
Angela Hall .....Section Secretary/Permits  
15 Years Donald R. Haskett .....Corporal  
10 Years Sammie Delozier .....Permit Technician  
5 Years Michael H. Bounds .....Patrolman First Class  
Sandra K. Bates .....Corporal  
Howard I. Besett .....Corporal  
Jimmy V. Acord .....Patrolman First Class

**LEGAL**

15 Years Tom G. Lorenzo .....Staff Attorney

**MATERIALS AND RESEARCH**

25 Years Robert H. Gossett .....Materials Technician IV

Years Howard F. Snow ..... Research Study Coordinator  
 James F. Marshall ..... Administrative Officer II  
 Bernard W. Mize ..... District Materials Supervisor

**PLANNING**

25 Years Pete Escarre, Jr. .... Asst. Section Head  
 10 Years Thomas F. Black ..... Civil Engineer IV  
 Marilyn Boyles ..... Statistical Analyst  
 5 Years Peggy J. Gaines ..... Planning Technician II  
 Bobby J. Bradshaw ..... Transportation Planner  
 Virginia H. Porta ..... Transportation Engineer

**PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS**

20 Years Steve Teague ..... Division Head  
 10 Years Lorie R. Merrick ..... Prog. and Sched. Specialist  
 5 Years Billy M. Bradberry ..... Civil Engineer II  
 Howard Jackson .... Supportive Services Coord./DBE

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

15 Years John F. Jackson ..... Photographer

**RIGHT OF WAY**

5 Years Eric Scruggs, III ..... Realty Appraiser II

**ROADWAY DESIGN**

20 Years Ron Cofer ..... Roadway Designer  
 10 Years Marty A. Bevans ..... Advanced Drafter

**SURVEYS**

15 Years Donald Cheatham ..... Survey Party Chief  
 5 Years Donald Sims ..... Senior Surveys Aide  
 Brian D. Freyaldenhoven ... Surveys Instrumentman

**TRAFFIC**

30 Years James D. Barnett ..... Division Head  
 25 Years Sue Payne ..... Division Section Secretary  
 Richard Henriksen ..... Traffic Investigator  
 5 Years Paul W. England ..... Sign Erector III

**DISTRICT ONE**

25 Years Jimmy W. Smith ..... Equip. Maint. Supv.  
 Johnny Chambers ..... Const. Project Supv.  
 20 Years Roy E. Morris ..... Maint. Job Supt.  
 Kenneth McMickle ..... Senior Inspector  
 Tommy C. Curbo ..... Welder  
 15 Years James P. Waggle ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Finish  
 5 Years Edward Frierson .... Single Axle Tr. Dr./Mower Opr.  
 Danny Bramel ..... Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
 Jimmy A. Tapp ..... Single Axle Tr. Dr./Mower Opr.  
 Ricky D. Jones ..... Rough Carpenter  
 Freddie L. Gilliam ..... Vegetation Controller

**DISTRICT TWO**

Years Edward W. Pridgeon ..... Area Foreman  
 Walter Lloyd ..... Lead Person

15 Years Troy Lee Adams ..... Lead Person  
 Elbert Spakes ..... Crew Leader  
 5 Years Johnna Kirkman ..... Construction Aide

**DISTRICT THREE**

25 Years Emmett Barrett ..... Dist. Bridge Inspector  
 20 Years Don Donaldson ..... Assistant District Engineer  
 15 Years Kathy Clark ..... Resident Office Technician  
 5 Years Jesus R. Arechiga ..... Rough Carpenter  
 Buddy McKamie ..... Finish Carpenter  
 Paul W. Spears ..... Vegetation Controller

**DISTRICT FOUR**

20 Years Mondell Aynes ..... Area Headquarters Attendant  
 Tommy A. Riley ..... Senior Mechanic  
 10 Years Bobby Phillips ..... Distributor/Roller Operator  
 5 Years Jerry Almond ..... Rest Area Attendant  
 Dan Mowrey ..... Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
 Charles W. Ashcraft ..... Const. Field Engineer I  
 Leland T. Reed ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Rough

**DISTRICT FIVE**

25 Years Weldon Walley ..... Distributor/Roller Operator  
 20 Years Leslie A. Shane ..... Senior Mechanic  
 5 Years Lewis W. Rush ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Rough

**DISTRICT SIX**

30 Years Carolyn Wise ..... Resident Office Technician  
 20 Years Lawrence Carter ..... Crew Leader  
 15 Years Rex Spurlock ..... Resident Engineer  
 Oscar Lester, Sr. .... Lead Person  
 10 Years Stephen Peebles ..... Assistant Resident Engineer  
 Charles Fowler ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Finish  
 Billy F. Milholen ..... Construction Aide  
 5 Years G.W. Tyler ..... Single Axle Tr. Dr./Mower Opr.  
 Julia Morrison ..... Multi Axle Truck Driver  
 Elizabeth Phillips ..... Area Hdqts. Attendant  
 Ricky Prince ..... Construction Aide  
 Ruby Jordan ..... Field Clerk II  
 Calvin Phillips ..... Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

**DISTRICT SEVEN**

20 Years Johnie Bradshaw ..... Crew Leader  
 James D. "Don" Smith ..... Inspector  
 James H. Ellis ..... Crew Leader  
 15 Years Samuel J. Biggers ..... Senior Mechanic  
 Donald R. Lynn ..... Senior Inspector  
 5 Years Dennis Carpenter ..... Vegetation Controller  
 Wilson Shipp ..... Distributor Operator

**DISTRICT EIGHT**

30 Years Von Zack Sturdevant ..... Lead Person  
 25 Years Marshall C. Young ..... Assistant District Engineer  
 20 Years Oll Thomas McGuire ..... Bridge Job Supt.  
 15 Years Joe Phillips ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Finish  
 5 Years R. Doug Young ..... Welder  
 Dan Jordan Leggett ..... Multi Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT NINE**

25 Years William Harbison, Jr. .... Area Foreman  
 20 Years Jack Drewry ..... Dozer Operator/Finish  
 15 Years Greg Howerton ..... Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
 Ronnie D. Faught ..... Crew Leader  
 10 Years Diane Tomlinson ..... Field Clerk I

**DISTRICT TEN**

20 Years Charles Ludwig ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Finish  
 Nancy Mahan ..... District Bookkeeper  
 Harold White ..... Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
 Buford W. Nelson ..... Crew Leader

15 Years Larry D. Toombs ..... Distributor/Roller Oper  
 5 Years David Prine ..... Single Axle Tr. Dr./Mower Opr.  
 Charles Masterson ..... Vegetation Controller  
 Clifford E. Hyde ..... Multi Axle Truck Driver  
 Victor Blevins ..... Vegetation Controller  
 Robert C. Bynum ..... Multi Axle Truck Driver  
 Sammy Joe McDaniel ..... Rough Carpenter  
 Ricky Lloyd Hale .. Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
 Eugenia K. Selby .. Single Axle Tr. Dr./Mower Opr.

# • • • AHTD RETIREMENTS • • •

The following employees retired from the Department during October, November, and December 1990.

*Jessie E. Davis*  
 30 years  
 Senior Mechanic - District 1

*Mildred D. Galt*  
 10 years  
 Coder - Planning Division

*Thomas E. Miller*  
 22+ years  
 Welder - District 8

*William L. Moore*  
 17 years  
 Instrumentman - Construction

*James O. Sadler, Jr.*  
 32+ years  
 Administrative Aide - Highway Police

*Rachel M. Turman*  
 10+ years  
 Storeroom Supervisor - District 4

*Thurman L. White*  
 25+ years  
 Vegetation Controller - District 10

*Charles W. Leker*  
 20+ years  
 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr. - District 6

*Amel R. Taylor*  
 10+ years  
 Senior Mechanic - District 6

*Thurman E. Vines*  
 23+ years  
 Distributor/Roller Operator - District 5

*Jackie L. Cheatham*  
 30+ years  
 Lead Person - District 4

*Jessie W. Millican*  
 30+ years  
 Area Foreman - District 7

*Albert Woffard*  
 12+ years  
 SATD/Mower Opr. - District 1

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



### CENTRAL OFFICE SERVICE AWARDS

Front Row, left to right: Ron Johnston, Shirley Kingrey, Joanne Niehous, June Rain, Frank Harrison, Joe Gardner and John Sage. Back row: Bill Durham, Ed McLaughlin, George Major, Jr., Jim Trost, Bobby Hamrick, Bob Mize, and Charles Frazier.

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Troyce Wilson and her husband, Arthur, were honored with a surprise 40th wedding anniversary celebration on January 26 at the Benton Senior Citizens' Center. Their family and friends joined them in a nuptial ceremony performed by Troyce's brother-in-law, Chaplin Melvin Wilson. Attending the ceremony were her mother-in-law, Mrs. Virginia Wilson of Benton; her son Craig, and his wife, Mary, of North Little Rock; and her daughter, Kathi, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Also attending were her grandchildren, Jim, Matt, Molly, and Trayce. Congratulations to Troyce and Art and may they enjoy many more years together.

### BRIDGE DIVISION

We welcome Robert Wilcox to AHTD. He is a recent engineering graduate of the U of A at Fayetteville and is presently spending several weeks in the orientation program.

We would like to congratulate Ed Fain on his promotion to Section Head of the Programming and Scheduling Section of the Programs and Contracts Division. Ed has been a good friend and co-worker for many years. We visit with Ed frequently since his office is just down the hall. Good luck Ed in your new position.

David Ball was promoted to Section Head in the Bridge Rating and Inventory Section, replacing Ed. He is a graduate of Memphis State and has been with AHTD since January 1979. David and his wife, Brenda, have two daughters, Bethany and Emily.

Bridge Division has a new granddad! Ken Glover, structural detailer, became a grandpa on January 17 when Devin Allen was born to Kenny and Karen Glover. Ken says Devin is a pretty baby. Maybe, before long, Ken can arrange for Devin and his mom to visit the office.

### COMPUTER SERVICES

We would like to extend our congratulations to Lesa Frymark and her husband, Don, on the birth of their daughter, Allyson Lee. She arrived on November 7, 1990 and weighed eight and one-half pounds.

Is there anything in the world prouder than parents? How about grandparents! Robert E. Lee has joined the ranks of beaming grandparents with the arrival of Olivia Symone Whitley on November 13, 1990. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and captured Grandpa Robert's heart immediately.

Jim and Carolyn Stringer welcomed their first grandchild when Courtney Alison Mosley made her debut on December 10, 1990. At 8 pounds, 6 ounces, she is an armful, but Jim and Carolyn don't mind, because she has them firmly wrapped around her tiny finger.

Best wishes to all on your precious new additions to your families.



Courtney Allison Mosley

### CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Our annual Christmas dinner was held December 19 and we enjoyed the good food and visiting with family members and friends from other departments who joined us.

David Henning transferred to the District 2 Headquarters in November. Best of luck David and we miss you.

Congratulations to Mike Sebren who placed third in the Arkansas Songwriters' Association's Amateur Contest with his song "Country To Me". The winners were honored November 30 at an awards banquet at the Camelot Hotel in Little Rock.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Ron Price on the death of his brother-in-law.

Reta McCoy's daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Keith Thompson, spent Christmas with her, and then returned to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida where Keith is stationed at Elgin Air Force Base.

Danny Carson and Angela Reddick were married December 15 at the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church. Danny is the son of Doyle Carson.



Angela and Danny Carson

Congratulations to Douglas Huckaba, Radio Maintenance Supervisor, who was presented his 20 year service award by Allan Holmes, State Construction and Maintenance Engineer. Appreciation for Doug's dedication and efficiency were also expressed by Jim Taylor, Section Head of Radio Communications.



Taylor, Huckaba, and Holmes

#### EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Congratulations to Harvey and Ann Johnson, who became grandparents for the first time on January 26 when Laura Alison Johnson was born to their son, Michael, and his wife, Melonie. Laura weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces.

#### HIGHWAY POLICE

Congratulations to Chuck Lomerson, Unit 273 stationed in Conway, who won a Big Buck Contest when he bagged a 16-pt. buck. Chuck is pictured on the AHTD Outdoors page with his winning buck.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

Congratulations to Sarah Sanders, an accountant in the Insurance Office, who was recently appointed to serve on the Employees Advisory Committee for the Central Office.

Sgt. Paul E. Shepard, Jr., son of Personnel Officer Melba Shepard, is currently taking part in Operation Desert Storm. He is assigned to the USS Shreveport deployed in the Middle East. Our division wishes Sgt. Shepard and all our soldiers in the Middle East a safe and speedy return.

This division welcomes two new employees to the Building Management Section. Randy Ray who transferred from the Traffic Division in September and Johnny Germaine who joined the division in November.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Charles McGrew who passed away January 22, 1991. Charles formerly worked for the Department as a Safety Inspection Officer before retiring in 1984.

#### INTERNAL AUDIT

Since Dickie Lunsford, Robyn Smith, and Kelly Heaton, who are the newest additions to our staff as auditors, have not been officially introduced to AHTD employees, this opportunity is taken to introduce them.

Dickie works in the Maintenance Audit area. He and his wife, Vadena, reside in Little Rock. Dickie's favorite past-time is watching and attending football and basketball games.

Robyn also works in the Maintenance Audit area. She worked two summers in the Camden District Office doing clerical work while attending college. She is single and a

graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. Her hobbies include cooking, crafts of all types, and sewing.

Kelly, also a graduate of OBU, works in the Motor Fuel Tax Audit area. He and his wife, Angie, reside in Hot Springs. He loves the outdoors and his favorite hobbies are hunting and fishing.



Dickie Lunsford



Robyn Smith



Kelly Heaton

Terry Green, an Investigator in this office, is currently taking part in Operation Desert Storm. We certainly miss him and look forward to seeing him back in the office real soon.

Bill and Janiece McDorman became grandparents for the first time when William Anthony made his arrival on January 17 at Rebsamen Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville. The proud parents are Keith and Denise McDorman. He weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and is a fine and handsome child. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents.

Jon and Vicki Haydon certainly have a lot to be proud of, for their twin sons, Jon Robert and Michael Thomas, were filmed for a segment in the "Rescue 911" emergency program. They just recently completed their debut for the series which was shot in Russellville. The segment revolves around the rescue of a baby trapped under logs inside of a van.



Jon Robert and Michael Thomas Haydon

**LEGAL**

Chief Counsel Robert L. Wilson and his wife, Hazel, entertained the Legal Division with a lovely Christmas dinner in their home in December. The food was delicious and a wonderful time was had by all.

Our congratulations to Staff Attorney Regina Laidler who has been elected President of the Garland County Bar Association.

November was the time for travel in France and Belgium, according to Staff Attorney Treeca Dyer, since the weather was pleasant and the tourist crowds were low. After flying to Paris, France and taking the train to Brussels, Belgium for a three-day visit in that area, Treeca returned to Paris for a few days of sight seeing. She and her traveling companions motored into the

Normandy and Brittany regions of France for four days. When they returned to Paris, a tour of the Palace of Versailles and various museums concluded their trip before returning home on November 24. If anyone is interested, a narrated slide show of the trip is available upon request.



Treeca Dyer in front of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France.

Shanita Cogshell has been working in the Legal Division in conjunction with the Cooperative Office Education Program at J.A. Fair High School. Shanita plans to graduate in May and work this summer. In the fall she will be attending UALR and will declare a major in Pharmacy. Shanita has an additional part time job at McDonald's and spends any spare time reading or watching old classic movies.

Sheilaine Moses, a junior at Memphis State University, returned to the Legal Division during her Christmas break to assist in several special projects. We were happy to have her even for such a short duration.

Kim Jewell has been elected Youth Director of the Cloverdale Assembly of God Church. We congratulate Kim and wish her the best of luck in this worthwhile endeavor.

**MATERIALS AND RESEARCH**

The 1990 deer season was good to the hunters of this division. Chuck Sitton killed a nice buck, Bob Gossett killed a 6-pt., several deer were taken by Wade Holcraft, and a 4 pt., 6 pt., and a doe were taken with a bow by Terry Tucker. Other successful hunters were Tom Greenway, Mark Greenwood, and Gary Neely.

The M&R Christmas party went very well this year with a lot of holiday cheer spread about. As with all customary M&R

Christmas parties, there was a lot of food. We decided to change our format this year and do something nice for the community. After a few phone calls and correspondence, we were thrilled to help the children of Woodlawn Childrens' Therapeutic Center. Woodlawn provides daycare for abused and neglected children under the age of six. It has special learning facilities and one-on-one attention in a warm and loving atmosphere. This division helped by giving each child a fruit basket filled with many varieties of fruits and candies. Many of the items were donated by our employees or money was received to purchase the fruit in bulk. After our Christmas dinner, an assembly line was formed, and the baskets were filled. They were then loaded into a truck and distributed to the children's center. Hopefully, we will do something like this next Christmas.



M&R employees making fruit baskets for the kids

Bob Gossett was surprised by his co-workers with a 25 year service award party. Bob has been with the department since 1966. Other individuals receiving service awards were Charlie Means, 20 years; Fred Clark, 35 years; Joann Niehaus, 25 years; Larry Williams, Laura Hinze, and Tyler Nicholson, 15 years; Alan Meadors and Bill Mascho, 10 years. We would like to congratulate these employees on their accomplishments.



M&R Service Awards  
Larry, Alan, Bill, Laura, Joann, Tyler, Jim



**Charlie Means and Fred Clark**

Congratulations to Reggie and Don Cobb on the birth of their daughter, Chelsey Dawn, born November 19, 1990 at Doctor's Hospital in Little Rock.



**Paige James with Chelsey Dawn Cobb**

#### PLANNING

Congratulations to Patsy Latson who was presented her 20 year service certificate in November by Reproduction Section Head Roy Walden. A beautiful cake and delicious potluck was enjoyed by all. Congratulations also to Al Hubert who received his 5 year service certificate in August.



**Patsy Latson and Roy Walden**



**Al Hubert and Roy Walden**

Hilda Harris was honored December 11 with a 20 year service reception. Jim Head presented Hilda with her certificate and pendant and everyone enjoyed cake and punch. Congratulations Hilda.

Congratulations to Bruce Elliott for 10 years service; and to Mark Fairbrother for 5 years of service.



**Hilda Harris and Jim Head**



**Bruce Elliott and Jim Head**

Julie Hart visited her husband, Jeff, an Army Reserve member now on active duty at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Pfc. Andrew Escarre, son of Pete Escarre, and member of Company B of the Army

National Guard's 212th Signal Battalion, left for Fort Hood, Texas on January 27 in support of Operation Desert Storm.

Jim Gilbert, Section Head of Public Transportation and member of the Arkansas National Guard's 189th Tactical Air Lift, left for Travis Air Force Base in California on January 29 in support of Operation Desert Storm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the men and women who are serving our country at this perilous time.

Richard Harris, son of Hilda and David Harris, was selected for America's Who's Who of High School Students. Richard is a junior at Sheridan High School. Congratulations to this fine young man.



**Richard Harris**

#### PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTS

We would like to welcome Ed Fain to our division. He is now the Section Head of our Programming and Scheduling Section. He transferred from the Bridge Division and we know he will be greatly missed. Ed was recently appointed to serve on the NCHRP Panel for Bridge Management Systems. Congratulations Ed.

Roy Douglas headed for Colorado the first week of November to go elk and mule deer hunting. In spite of the blizzards nearly every day and the 5 degree weather, the group of three came back with an elk and two mule deer.

Meribeth and Steve Heye spent the holidays touring Virginia. They visited Monticello, Williamsburg, and the Washington, D.C. area. While in D.C. they got to meet their new nephew, Nicholas. Nick is son of Steve's brother, Andy. Meribeth wished they had more time to stay in Williamsburg



to "see the sites" (more likely, to shop the outlet stores).

We would like to congratulate Bill Bradberry and Lorie Merrick of Programming and Scheduling. Bill received his 5 year service certificate and Lorie received her 10 year service award. The office celebrated with coffee and doughnuts. Keep up the good work, Bill and Lorie!



Lorie Merrick and Ed Fain



Bill Bradberry and Ed Fain

**RIGHT OF WAY**

Congratulations to Arthur Watt, Assistant Chief of the Right of Way Division, upon his retirement from the Department on November 30, 1990, after 21 years of service. A reception held for Arthur on his last day of work, November 30, was attended by many friends and co-workers. Special guests were his wife, Betty, four granddaughters and one grandson.

As time goes by we are sure Arthur will not forget us because Paul Broyles, Chief of the Right of Way Division, presented him with a wall clock from the division that was especially made for him by Danny Cornett of our Utility Section. A small plaque was on the bottom of the clock with an inscription showing where and how long he worked. He was also presented with a wrist watch. We are hoping these gifts will bring back fond

memories of the time he spent in the Right of Way Division and that he enjoys every minute of his retirement.



Betty and Arthur Watt

The installation of officers for Chapter 51 of the International Right of Way Association was held December 1, 1990, at the Holiday Inn in Jacksonville. Ed Peck, Vice Chairman of Region II, conducted the installation of officers.

Shirley J. Shelton, AHTD Right of Way Abstractor, was installed as President-Elect, and Perry Johnston, Section Head of Appraisal, continues as one-year Director. Other officers are: Danny Goff, President (GTE); Gerald C. Key, SR/WA, Vice President (U.S. Forest Service); Lawrence D. Dupree, Secretary; Bobby N. Pharr, Treasurer (AP&L); and Clinton E. Welch, Jr., two-year Director (AP&L).

Willard Holt, Property Manager in the AHTD Acquisition Section, was appointed as Property Management Chairman and Shirley Shelton was appointed as Program Chairman.

Shirley also represented Chapter 51 at the Region II Forum Meeting in San Antonio, Texas in January.



Goff, Peck, Welch, Shelton, Dupree

We extend our sympathy to Marie Claunch in the loss of her father, Porter Udell Crawford, on November 10, 1990.

**SURVEYS**

We would like to welcome Bill Morris as Photogrammetry's newest employee. Bill is a stereoplotter operator who replaced Bill Hoyt, who left the department for other employment. Welcome to Photogrammetry Bill!



Bill Morris

Terry Gaither, an avid deer hunter, bagged a prize 9-pt., 180-pound buck this season. The rack had an 18 3/4" inside spread. Terry was a finalist in the "Big Buck" contest for this deer and won a beautiful red jacket. Terry and his deer can be seen on the AHTD Outdoors page. Congratulations Terry!

Congratulations are also in order for Robert (Doobie) Kesl, who bagged a 5-pt. buck and a doe this past season. Good hunting Doobie.

Photogrammetry held its annual Christmas party on December 21, eating barbecue and shrimp. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and there was plenty to eat.



Photogrammetry Christmas Party

**TRAFFIC**

As of the first of January, the Traffic Division is all under one roof, making its new home at the Sign Shop. Most employees are adjusting to their new, more spacious surroundings quite well.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Danny Moore and his family, as Danny and his unit, the 82nd Airborne Division, were called to duty before Christmas, in support of Operation Desert Storm.

John Gorton and his wife, Jackie, set out before Christmas to visit relatives in Connecticut and New York. It was John's first trip home in nine years. When he did not return in January to help us move, we took the liberty of packing for him. It was a good thing that he was in a "real" good mood when he returned.

Our bowling team, the "Traffic Lites" is back in action. "Lord Brunswick" has been kinder to us this first half, keeping us out of the cellar.

The second annual "Winona Wilderness Weekend," held the first week of deer season, was a huge success. Tony Jones was forced to kill a young buck that was looking at him in a threatening manner and David Tolleson, in a true sportsmanlike manner, let several ferocious does escape.

Meanwhile in the northeast portion of the state, a 3-pt. buck had the misfortune of waking up "Dead-Eye" Rick Henriksen camouflaged "asleep" in a bush and provided him with his first kill.

#### DISTRICT 1

Our Annual Service Award/Christmas Dinner was held at noon on December 21. Employees, guests, and retirees who retired in 1990 were treated to good food and fellowship. Highway Commissioner Rodney Slater was our special guest and he helped District Engineer Ray Woodruff present service awards and retirement certificates.

Door prizes of turkeys were won by Ezra McFadden and Charles Aldridge. Even though Charles tried to win both of them by signing up more than once, he did not succeed; but everyone had a good laugh from his name being drawn twice.

Those receiving certificates were: Freddie Andrews, Billy Haycraft, Rufus Purnell, 15 years; Mona Dallas and Bobby Weatherford, 20 years; Gene Crossen, David McFadden and Jasper Riley, 25 years; Bobby Alford, Gene Belknap, Eddie Ferguson and Otis Smith, 30 years.

Our retirees were Ray Clark, Buck Wilkins and Albert Wofford.



**30 Year Service Awards**  
Ferguson, Smith, Alford, and Belknap



**25 Year Service Awards**  
Riley, McFadden, and Crossen



**20 Year Service Awards**  
Dallas and Weatherford



**15 Year Service Awards**  
Haycraft and Andrews



**Rodney Slater and Retiree Albert Wofford**



**Retirees Wilkins and Clark**



**Door Prize Winners: left, Ezra McFadden, right, Slater and Charles Aldridge**

January was CPR training month in District One. Instructor Murry Cline had a total of 53 participants with 50 successfully completing the course. This is something we all need to know, and everyone is encouraged to sign up for the course when it is offered again next year.



Many of our crews worked around the clock the weekend before Christmas and we thank all of them who helped make the roads passable for the rest of us.

The race is on for the most grandchildren and last year Jimmy Smith, Equipment Supervisor added three more, giving him a total of eight. Brady Cummins was born to his daughter, Brenda, and husband Bill, on February 13, 1990. Patrick Phillips was born to daughter Fran and husband, Hardin, on March 23, 1990 and Melanie Gaters was born to Teresa and James Gaters on June 11, 1990.

Assistant Maintenance Superintendent David McFadden now has five grand children with the birth of his second granddaughter, Lauren, who was born on December 12, 1990. Lauren was born in Okinawa, Japan to Jody and Karen McFadden.



Brady Cummins



Patrick Phillips



Melanie Diane Gaters



Lauren Danielle McFadden

**DISTRICT 2**

District Two is proud to acknowledge three of our employees that are presently taking part in Operation Desert Storm. Tom Whitman, a mechanic in the District Shop is a SPC with the 444th Maintenance Co. out of Camden, a Army Reserve Unit. Two employees, John Harris and Earl Green, are assigned to a National Guard Unit in Lake Village, the 216th Medical Co. John is a vegetation controller in Ashley County. and Earl is a Crew Leader in Desha County. All of their fellow employees wish them all the luck in the world and support them in their assignment. Our hope is that they return safely and soon.

Kelly Slater, Crew Leader of the District Maintenance Crew, was telling us about the big deer he bagged, but we didn't believe him until now. His picture is shown on the AHTD Outdoors page. The deer was a 10-pointer. Kelly hunts in Cleveland County at the Woodlawn Hunting Club. Good hunting, Kelly.

Max Bagwell, Assistant District Engineer, received his 30 year service award at the annual Christmas party and awards presentation. Jim Briley, District Engineer, presented Max his certificate. Also at the dinner, Tommy Cotten received his 25 year

service award. Tommy is the headquarters attendant at Stuttgart in Arkansas County. The dinner consisted of dishes brought by the families and entertainment provided by Joey Waddle and his wife, Julie. A surprise visit from Santa Claus with gifts for all the children was the highlight of the evening. Several of the employees were responsible for the event. Planning the menu was Melanie Owen, Cindy Plunkett, Hellen Kennedy, Ruby Lowe, and Marinette Carter. The decorating was done by Bettye Carter with assistance from Joyce Keith, James Sinks and Raymond Ferguson.



District 2 Christmas Party



Max Bagwell and Jim Briley

Congratulations to Ricky Neal and E.G. Landers for their years of service to the AHTD. Ricky has 15 years of service and E.G. has 20 years of service. They were presented their certificates by Assistant District Engineer Max Bagwell.



Neal, Bagwell, and Landers

Michael Shawn Bates is a senior at Hamburg High School. He is active in National Honor Society, Art Club, Law Club, FFA, SASA, member of the football team, Who's Who Among American Students, and outstanding student for AT&T. He is the son of Marilyn Bates, Loader Operator in Ashley County.



Michael Shawn Bates

Moses Woods is proud of his new granddaughter born in December. Her name is Mariah LeKree Wood and she weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Moses is a mechanic in the District Shop.



Marlah LeKree Woods

### DISTRICT 3

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: Jeff Eckhart, Sidney Zimmer, Earl Haynie, Glen Hignight, and Jesus Arechiga for 5

years; Gloria Candelaria and Lester Fincher for 10 years; and Don Donaldson for 20 years.

The Hempstead County Crew had a party to honor Charlie Armstrong who received his 5 year service certificate.

David Shipman, Inspector in the Nashville Residency received his 5 year service certificate from Ken Harris, Resident Engineer.



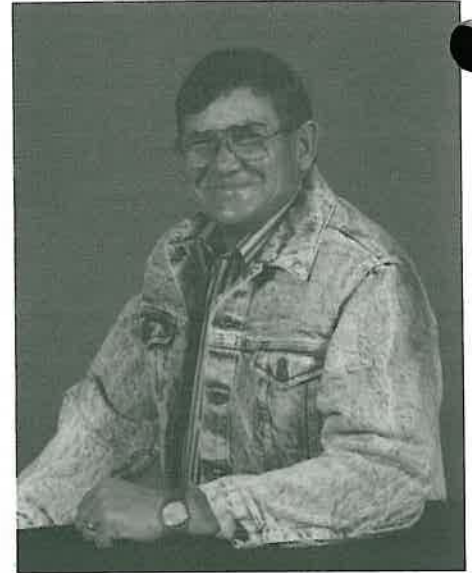
Charlie Armstrong



Ken Harris and David Shipman

Leroy Zachry, Howard County Area Foreman, recently retired and he was given a send-off by his crew. Those attending, other than his crew, were the Nashville Construction crew; Leroy's wife, Minnie; and William Tyler, Don Donaldson, Ronnie Garner, Jim Rhodes and B.R. Martin of the District Office. Leroy was also recognized at the District Christmas Party and he and his wife, Minnie, were presented with a set of luggage, a gift from the District 3 supervisors.

District 3 had their annual Christmas Party on December 13, 1990 in the District Shop. The Bethany Quartet of Springhill presented a program of gospel music which everyone enjoyed. Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod was on hand to present 25 year service certificates to Bobby Calhoon, Roy Wilson and J.W. "Porky" Burt.



Leroy Zachry



Bobby Calhoon and Ron Harrod



Roy M. Wilson and Ron Harrod



James W. "Porky" Burt and Ron Harrod

Congratulations to Debbie Caster on her promotion to Stockroom Supervisor in District 4. Debbie was given a going away

party by District 3 employees who wished her well in her new position.

We would like to welcome Gloria Hudson to District 3 as our new District Receptionist. Gloria is married and has 4 children, two girls and two boys.



Debbie Caster



Gloria Hudson

Enjoying his first Christmas is Christopher Candelaria, grandson of Gloria Candelaria, Field Clerk at the Texarkana R.E. Office.



Christopher Candelaria

The Hope Residency had its annual Christmas luncheon December 18 at the Western Sizzlin'.

Congratulations to Chuck McIlroy on his promotion to Advanced Design Engineer in Roadway Design.

Phillip is getting a "helping hand" from his big sister, Amanda. Amanda, age 7 and Phillip, 9 months, are the children of Mike and Karen Giles. Mike is a Construction Instrumentman at the Texarkana R.E. Office.



Phillip and Amanda Giles

**DISTRICT 4**

We want to salute our servicemen serving in Operation Desert Storm. Serving with the 142nd Field Artillery are: M.A. Bowen, District Shop Foreman; R.D. Law Sealing Job Superintendent; E.L. Bearden, Crew Leader; M.K. Risley, Motor Patrol Operator-Rough; and S.A. Baker, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator. With the 296th Ambulance is D.L. Lawson, Rough Carpenter; and with the 112th Signal Battalion is L.R. Barnett, Construction Instrumentman. Our thoughts and prayers are with all our men and women serving our country and with their families.

We were glad to have Commissioner Bobby Hopper at our Christmas Awards Service to present awards to the following: Ralph Goodson, C.E. Thornsberry, D.C. Spencer, J.N. Faubus, J.H. Hamilton, D.D. Wilkerson and G.M. Rose; 30 years, T.D. Robinson, H.D. Anderson, C.W. Lance, L.W. Lyda and G.W. Faulkner; 25 years. Other service awards this quarter include: B.G. Passmore, L.D. Sudbury, B.G. Lee and J.D. Montgomery; 20 years. Receiving a 10 year certificate was R.D. Law, and D.G. Isaac received his 5 year certificate.



Commissioner Hopper and Ralph Goodson



Hopper and C.E. Thornsberry



Hopper and D.C. Spencer



Hopper and T.D. Robinson



Hopper and J.N. Faubus



Hopper and J.H. Hamilton



Hopper and D.D. Wilkerson



Hopper and G.M. Rose

DISTRICT FOUR SERVICE AWARDS



Hopper and C.W. Lance



Hopper and G.W. Faulkner



Hopper and L.W. Lyda



Hopper and H.D. Anderson



David Becker and B.G. Passmore



Becker and L.D. Sudbury



B.G. Lee and Harold Beaver



David Becker and J.D. Montgomery



Becker and R.D. Law



C. Peters and D.G. Isaac

We want to welcome some new employees to District 4. They include: D.M. Caster, Storeroom Supervisor; and R.A. Millsaps, Custodian, at the District Complex; C.W. Jones, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator, Waldron; D.M. Kelly, Rest Area Attendant, Alma; J.R. Kimes, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator, Ozark.

Brad Jett, 7 year old son of Ray Jett, Office Manager, and his wife Mary, was chosen Stupendous Student of the Month at Waldron Elementary School.

Congratulations to Kenneth Tucker, Senior Mechanic, and his wife Missy, on the birth of their daughter, Brittany Diane, born October 26, 1990. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Third Quarter Crew of the Quarter was a tie between Sebastian II Maintenance

Crew and the Bridge Crew. The Fourth Quarter award went to Sebastian I. The 1990 Crew of the Year was Sebastian II. C. Peters is their Area Foreman. Congratulations and thanks to all of you for your hard work.



Shawn and Brad Jett



Brittany Diane Tucker



Third Quarter Crews of the Quarter Harold Beaver, center, C. Peters, left, Sebastian II and Mark Williams, right, Bridge Crew



Fourth Quarter Crew of the Quarter Harold Beaver and Jim Carter, Sebastian I



1990 D-4 Crew of the Year Sebastian II and Area Foreman C. Peters

**DISTRICT 6**

Congratulations to the following employees who received service awards from Highway Commissioner Bill Clark and AHTD Director Maurice Smith at our annual Christmas luncheon. The were: Bernard Gaiser and Don Dillard, 25 years; and Edward Trickey and Johny Cheek, 30 years.



District 6 25 and 30 Year Service Awards (L to R) Commissioner Bill Clark, Gaiser and Dillard, 25; Trickey and Cheek, 30; and Director Maurice Smith

District Six held a Service Award Coffee on November 8, 1990 honoring the 15 and 20 year recipients. Those receiving the 15 year awards were: Ron Nordman, Robert Conklin, George White, Ed Small, Dave Harding and Hosea Taylor. Not present

receiving a 15 year award was Rod Landers. Those receiving 20 year awards were: Tommy Daniels, Danny Adams and Joseph Lucas. Not present receiving a 20 year award was Ivory Jackson. Congratulations to all!



**District Six 20 Year Service Awards  
Daniels, Adams, and Lucas**



**District Six 15 Year Service Awards  
Nordman, Conklin, White, Small,  
Harding, and Taylor**

Lamar Coyle, Prairie County Area Foreman, presented Service Awards to three of his employees this past fall. They were: Mike Mitchell, 10 years; Mac Arthur Dotson and Alvin Reaves, 5 years.

Congratulations to all of our employees who received service awards for their hard work and dedication to the Department.



**Mac Arthur Dotson and Lamar Coyle**



**Mike Mitchell and Lamar Coyle**



**Alvin Reaves and Lamar Coyle**

Sonny Phillips, Vegetation Controller for Sheridan Maintenance Office, retired January 8 after 16.5 years of service. Sonny was honored with cake and coffee along with warm farewells and best wishes from his co-workers. Congratulations Sonny!



**Sonny Phillips (4th from left)**

Ray Baker, Sheridan Headquarters Attendant, bagged a 6 point buck on November 17 just behind his house in Grapevine. Ray didn't waste any time either; he said he was only on the stand 15 minutes when he got this buck. I bet Ray was back in his warm house watching the rest of the football game in no time. Congratulations Ray!

Talk about Good Luck! Kenny Bennett, Assistant RE in the Little Rock Residency

went to Gunnison, Colorado for the big game hunt in October 1990 and returned home with a 5x5 Elk and a 3x3 Muledeer. The Resident Engineer Office would like to welcome Kenny to our staff as the Assistant Resident Engineer.

Joe Childress and his friends went on an Elk hunting trip in Colorado this past October with 100% success. Joe said they had to put fluorescent orange ribbon on the horns when they were carrying them out of the woods to keep from being shot by other anxious Elk hunters. Joe is a Senior Mechanic for the District Six Shop.

Congratulations to all! They're pictures can be seen on the AHTD Outdoors page of this magazine.

Franklin "Joe" House, of Saline County, bagged a six point buck in Dallas County on November 15. Joe is a Lead Person for the Benton Maintenance Crew. Just the day before, November 14, the first grandchild of Joe and his wife, Mary, was born. Her name is Jordyn Lee Ann House. Great Work!



**Franklin "Joe" House and Jordyn House**

Congratulations to Steve and Tina Brown on the birth of their daughter, Jaclyn Kay Brown. Jaclyn was born on October 19, 1990, weighing 5 pounds, 2 ounces. Her father, Steve, is a Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator for the North Little Rock Maintenance Crew. Congratulations Steve and Tina!

Wayne Harvey, Inspector in the Little Rock Residency and Aurelia Killough were united in marriage on November 17, 1990 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Dickens of Greenbrier. The newlyweds celebrated their wedding nuptials in Eureka Springs and Branson, Missouri. Congratulations Wayne and Aurelia!



Clarinda and Daniel are the children of Dennis Robertson, Inspector, Little Rock RE Office; Clarinda is an honor roll student and plays the flute at North Little Rock High School. Daniel played halfback and defensive end for the YMCA, whose team finished 2nd overall. His hobbies are baseball and fishing with dad.



Jaelyn Kay Brown



Aurella and Wayne Harvey



Daniel Robertson



Clarinda Robertson

**DISTRICT 7**

The El Dorado RE Office is proud to announce the birth of Jordan Hope McKinnon on November 15, 1990. Gene McKinnon, CE Technician, and his wife,

Dee-Shana are the parents. Congratulations Gene!

Elizabeth Nicole Summit was born on November 17, 1990, to Maggie Campbell, Area Headquarters Attendant in Bradley County. She weighed 6 pounds, 10+ ounces. She was one month old when this picture was taken. Congratulations, Maggie!



Jordan Hope McKinnon



Elizabeth Nicole Summit

**DISTRICT 8**

Our annual Christmas Open House and service awards party was held December 7 at the District Headquarters. Our special guest was Highway Commissioner Raymond Pritchett, who presented awards to employees with 25 and 30 years of service. Those who received certificates were Robert "Bo" Baskin, Lawrence Fletcher, James "Buddy" Paine, Jimmy Larry Rainwater, 30 years; Samuel Ramey and Carroll Sigler, 25 years. We were happy to see the many retirees who visited with us that day. A lot of delicious food and good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Chester Patterson was to have received his 25 year award at this year's award party, but was unable to attend. Chester who is a Senior Construction Materials Inspector for the Russellville RE Office, is currently serving our country in support of Operation Desert Storm with his National Guard unit. Others from District 8 who are currently activated in support of Operation Desert Storm are Senior Mechanic Donnie Duvall, and Service Station Supervisor Fred Goates.



Commissioner Raymond Pritchett and Lawrence Fletcher



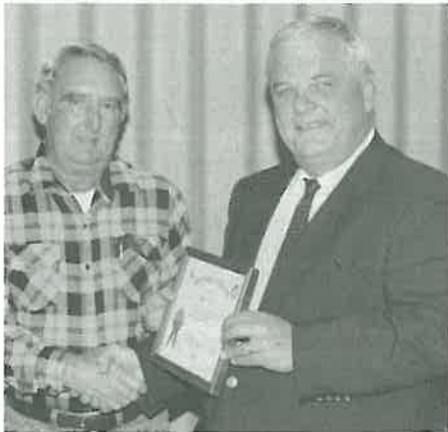
Buddy Paine and Pritchett



Carroll Sigler and Pritchett



Larry Rainwater and Pritchett



Sam Ramey and Pritchett



Pritchett and Bo Baskin



Chester Patterson

Best wishes and happy retirement to Tom Miller. Tom, who was a Welder out of our District Shop, retired October 29 with nearly 23 years of service. Tom's fellow employees honored him with a cake and a brand new Stetson hat.



Tom Miller

The following employees received service awards at a supervisors meeting November 29: Jack Cossey, Johnnie Denton, and Kerry Blair, 15 years; Willard Martin and John Roy, Sr., 20 years.



Martin, Blair, Cossey, Roy, and Denton

**DISTRICT 9**

A Supervisors Meeting was held at the District 9 Headquarters on November 8. Service certificates were presented to Edward Carson, Robert Passmore, Ted Journagan, Gaylord Dart, Joe Taylor, Billy Berry and Jack Brisco for 20 years service. Mike Brasel, Ronald Fitchue, Marvin Sims and Richard Williams were presented with 15 year service certificates.



District 9 Service Award Recipients



District 9 Service Award Recipients

Safety certificates were presented to the District Office, Peel Ferry, Harrison R.E. Office, District Wide Sealing Crew, District Wide Maintenance Crew, Bridge Crew, Gentry, Boone County and Marion County Maintenance Crews.



Safety Award Recipients

Randy Keef, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator at the Newton County Maintenance Headquarters killed an 11 point deer at north Jasper.

Our Christmas Open House was held on Friday, December 14. Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper and his wife, Lois, attended, and Mr. Hopper presented Ambassador of Good Will Certificates to retirees Willard Crow, Boyce Bohannon, Don Etchison and John Harris.

Mr. Hopper presented 25 year service certificates to Rayma King, Loyd Burgess, Leon Hodges and Bill Hudson. Unable to attend, but thought of at this special occasion was Larry Hodnett, District 9 Maintenance Superintendent, who has been with the Department for 30 years. Congratulations to all on this career milestone.



Ambassador of Good Will Recipients



**25 Year Service Award Recipients**

Not only was December 14 a special day for District 9 employees, but Mr. Hopper celebrated his birthday with us. District 9 employees presented him with a birthday cake and special birthday wish!



**Commissioner Hopper and District Receptionist Edie Korcheck**

**DISTRICT 10**

District Ten held its annual Christmas Luncheon and Service Award Presentation on December 13. We were honored to have with us as our guests Commissioner Rodney Slater, Chief Engineer Charles Venable, District 1 Engineer Ray Woodruff of Wynne, State Senator Mike Everett and State Representative Tim Wooldridge.

We were proud to have Commissioner Slater as our guest speaker. Commissioner Slater presented 25 year service awards to the following: Bob Faulkner, Raymond Hoelscher, Authur Ball, Jackie Rainwater, Paul Gatlin, Otto Morton, Wayne Dunaway, and W.O. Perkins. Congratulations to each of these fine men for their many years of service.

A service award of 30 years was presented to Jerry Barnes by Commissioner Slater. Jerry is a Senior Inspector working out of the Osceola RE Office.



**Commissioner Slater and Bob Faulkner**



**Slater and Jackie Rainwater**



**Slater and Raymond Hoelscher**



**Slater and Paul Gatlin**



**Slater and Arthur Ball**



**Slater and Luther Dunaway**



**Slater and Otto Morton**



**Slater and W.O. Perkins**



**Slater and Jerry Barnes**

While presentations were being given, Mr. Slater presented our District Engineer, Joe Barnett, with a surprise cake to celebrate "another birthday". You can see his picture on the AHTD Outdoors page of this magazine. We didn't want him to go the year without getting a deer!

After the awards presentation, a Christmas Luncheon was enjoyed by all. We would like to take this time to thank everyone that participated in making the many fine dishes that were prepared and all those who had responsibilities in making sure all details were carried out to make this luncheon a great success.

Not only were there presentations and food, we also got to enjoy a musical treat that was presented by some of our very own employees. Pictured showing off their many talents are as follows: Office Manager Steve Leath, Permit Officer John Porter, Distributor Roller Operator Roland Eaton, Crew Leader Verlin Brown, and Willie Smelser. These men put on a very fine show and entertainment that made our day.



**District 10 Musical Entertainers**

Congratulations to Thurman White who retired and received a Ambassador of Good Will Certificate. Thurman was a great source of goodwill and public relations while working for the Highway and Transportation Department.



**Thurman Lee White and Joe Barnett**

We would like to take this time to welcome two of our newest employees to District Ten.

First, we have Steve Glover, who is the Assistant Resident Engineer in the Osceola Office. Steve was transferred from the RE Office at Alma in District 4, where he was an Advanced Construction Field Engineer. Steve and his wife, Janice, are making their home in Blytheville.

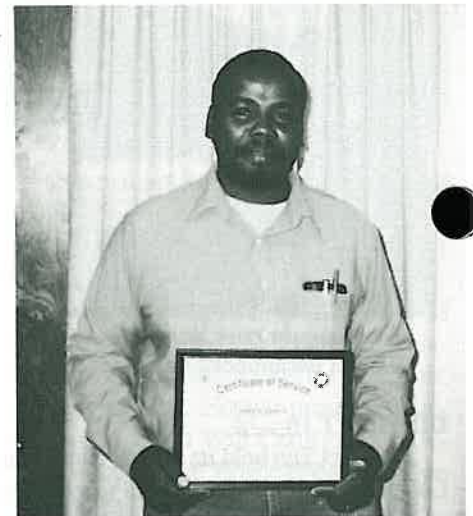
Secondly, we have Bruce Street, who is the Assistant Resident Engineer in the Jonesboro Office. Bruce transferred from Bella Vista where he was a Construction Field Engineer with the Bentonville RE Office. Bruce and his wife, Heidi, have three children, Isaac, Erin and Kati. We're happy to have these men and their families with us at District Ten.

We would like to bid farewell to Richard Sajak who worked in the Osceola RE Office. Richard transferred to the Texarkana Residency. He will be missed by all who worked with him and many of his friends here in Paragould. We wish for him only the best in his new job and location.

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: from the Osceola RE Office, David Darkins and Joseph Valliant, Jr.; District Shop Mechanic Charles Evans, Randolph County SATD/Mower Operator Hilda Fisher, Lawrence County Vegetation Controller Margie Gaither, Parts Runner Steve Faulkner, and Bridge Inspector Helper Tim Myrick, for 5 years; and Clay County Backhoe/Front End Loader T.D. Miller with 15 years of service.



**David Darkins**



**Joseph Valliant, Jr.**



**Charles Hesselbein and Charles Evans**



Hesselbein and Hilda Fisher



Hesselbein and Margie Gaither

picture of his granddaughter Maegan Le'Shae Spence, born October 10, 1990. Gene, we can understand why you are so proud, she is a little doll.



Maegan Le'Shae Spence

Carl White, Lead Person at Walnut Ridge, has these two pictures of his grandchildren to share with us. The first is Ryan Allan Mansker, 3 1/2 months old and being just a bit mischievous, while the other, Derek Danial Johnson is just amazed at all that's going on.



Tim Myrick and Bob Faulkner



Jalisa, Erik, Kedrick and Kentrell Campbell



Derek Johnson Ryan Mansker

We want to wish a lot of luck to Buddy Pounders who recently retired. Buddy worked in the RE Office at Osceola and will be missed by all. A dinner was held in Buddy's honor and he received a Seiko watch from his friends and co-workers.



Buddy Pounders and Burl Hudson

District Ten would like to thank all of our employees that had a part in giving blood during the blood drive held on January 18, 1991. There were 38 units (pints) donated. Again, thank you for showing our truly care.



Hesselbein and T.D. Miller

This little pride and joy is the granddaughter of Gilbertta Darter, Mower Operator for the Greene County Crew. Taneka Renee Cole was born September 17, 1990 and is every bit of what grandma wanted.



Taneka Renee Cole

Gene Dunn, Green County Headquarters Attendant has had a good reason to smile lately. He has been showing off this



Hesselbein and Steven Faulkner

# AHTD OUTDOORS



**Terry Galtner**  
Surveys/Photogrammetry



**Chuck Sitton - Materials & Research**



**Joe Barnett - District 10**



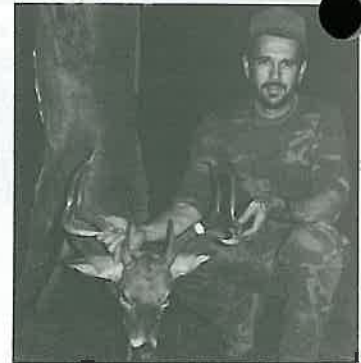
**Don Wilkerson - District 4**



**Ray Baker - District 6**



**Kenny Bennett - District 6**



**Kelly Slater - District 2**



**Joe Childress (second from right) - District 6**



**Randy Keef - District 9**



**Chuck Lomerson - Highway Police**

# AHTD EMPLOYEES CALLED TO DUTY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DESERT STORM

| RANK/NAME              | MILITARY UNIT                  | AHTD                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| SSG Earl L. Green      | 216/Medical Co.                | District 2            |
| SSG John W. Harris     | 216/Medical Co.                | District 2            |
| SPC Thomas E. Whitman  | 444/Maintenance Co.            | District 2            |
| SGT Shane A. Baker     | 142/Field Artillery            | District 4            |
| SGT Eton L. Bearden    | 142/Field Artillery            | District 4            |
| SSG Melvin A. Bowen    | 142/Field Artillery            | District 4            |
| SSG Rickey D. Law      | 142/Field Artillery            | District 4            |
| SGT Danny L. Lawson    | 296/Medical Co.                | District 4            |
| WO1 Marvin K. Risley   | 142/Field Artillery            | District 4            |
| 1SG Leslie R. Barnett  | 212/Signal Battalion           | District 4            |
| SFC Edward A. Dickey   | 122/Command                    | District 5            |
| SGT Derrick McGhee     | 148/Evacuation Hospital        | District 6            |
| SPC Kevin Sheridan     | 212/Signal Battalion           | District 6            |
| SPC Samuel Yancy       | 212/Signal Battalion           | District 6            |
| SPC David Hineck       | 212/Signal Battalion           | District 6            |
| SSG Joe Mason          | 1122/Transportation Co.        | District 7            |
| SPC Donald Roshell     | 444/Maintenance Co.            | District 7            |
| MSG George Lindsey     | 321/Logistic Materials         | District 7            |
| SGT Kinch Womack       | 148/Evacuation Hospital        | District 7            |
| SGT Danny Duvall       | 217/Maintenance Battalion      | District 8            |
| SSG Fred Goates        | 217/Maintenance Battalion      | District 8            |
| CW3 Chester Patterson  | 217/Maintenance Battalion      | District 8            |
| SSG William Cox        | 224/Maintenance Battalion      | District 9            |
| SGM Alva Jordan        | 142/Field Artillery            | District 9            |
| SFC Randal Clark       | 224/Maintenance Battalion      | District 9            |
| SGT James D. Martin    | 224/Maintenance Battalion      | District 9            |
| SGT Brian Schwartz     | 224/Maintenance Battalion      | District 9            |
| SGT Sandra Bates       | 216/Medical Company            | Highway Police        |
| SSG Glenn Cross        | 296/Medical Company            | Highway Police        |
| SFC Terry Green        | 25/Rear Area Operations Center | AHP/Internal Audit    |
| SGT Al Langhorn        | 212/Signal Battalion           | Maintenance           |
| LTC Jim Gilbert        | 189/Tactical Airlift           | Public Transportation |
| SPC Billy Ray Williams | 142/Field Artillery            | Surveys               |
| 1SG Danny Moore        | 431/Civil Affairs              | Traffic               |

## HOW TO WRITE OUR TROOPS

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APO New York, NY 09635

- 1122nd Transportation Co.  
APO New York, NY 09657

- 25th RAOC  
APO New York, NY 09657

- 217th Maintenance Battalion  
APO New York, NY 09750

- 224th Maintenance Co.  
APO New York, NY 09750

- 216th Medical Company  
APO New York, NY 09616

- 296th Medical Company  
Fort Polk, LA 71459-5000

- 212th Signal Battalion  
Fort Hood, Texas 76546-5201

- 444th Maintenance Company  
75th Support Company  
Fort Knox, KY 40121

- 321st Logistic Materials  
Materials Management Center  
1st Detachment  
Operation Desert Storm  
APO New York, NY 09616

- 431st Civil Affairs Company  
Operation Desert Storm  
APO New York, NY 09616-5000

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