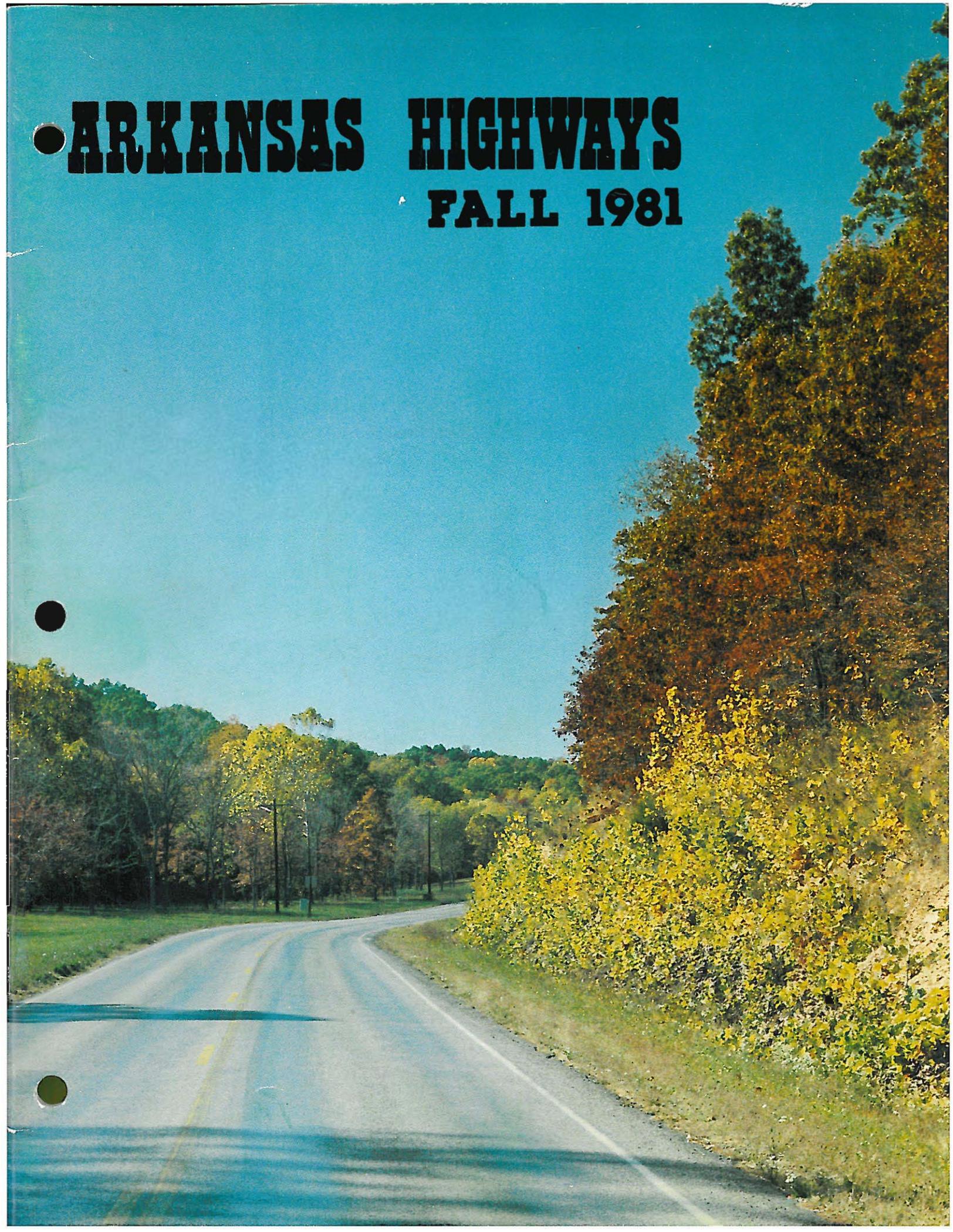


**ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS**  
**FALL 1981**



**A REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR  
ON THE RESULTS OF THE  
TRUCK WEIGHT STUDY COMMISSION**

The Arkansas Truck Weight Study Commission finished its work in the same position it was in when it began its deliberations in April — with its members sharply divided into two factions. Both sides, the Public Sector and the Private Sector, favored increasing truck weights to 80,000 pounds, provided adequate revenues could be obtained. However, the difference between the two sides is wide over the adequacy of a revenue package to compensate for the increased damage which would be caused by heavier trucks, and how much of the costs are to be allocated to the heavy truck industry.

Earlier this year, legislation was approved requesting that a detailed report be made by a select committee appointed to study the effect of increasing truck weights to 80,000 pounds and to determine revenue sources to serve and maintain the roads and streets of Arkansas.

During the last four months, this special committee, representing the interests of the State, the cities and the counties, as well as industry and the trucking concerns, met and discussed in detail the road needs, some possible sources of revenue, and the part the trucking industry should play in an effort to allocate to them their fair share of the costs to repair and improve our highways, roads and streets.

However, in the last month, after the detailed studies on the road program needs had been compiled, the Forward Arkansas Committee, which represents the trucking industry, stated that they would only support about \$20 Million of additional revenues, even though it had been determined by a majority of the committee members that a minimum of \$108.5 Million would be needed just to maintain and protect the existing highway system in which the citizens of Arkansas have invested almost \$3 Billion.

The Highway Commission, upon checking, learned that the Trucking Association figures presented by the Forward Arkansas Committee had proposed less than \$10 Million, suggesting that \$8 Million of their \$20 Million package would come from penalties for the illegal overweight trucks that might be caught exceeding 80,000 pounds while traveling over Arkansas roads and streets.

From the beginning, it has been the hope of the State Highway Commission members that if the Legislature ever agreed to raise the truck weight limits to 80,000 pounds, the truckers would be willing to stay within the maximum limit in order to protect our highways, city streets and county roads. It appears they plan to continue to run overloaded regardless of any weight increases that may be approved by the Legislature and the Governor.

As it stands now, the majority report that was recommended by the six members of the study commission representing the interests of the public suggested a funding increase totaling \$108.5 Million. The proposal includes: a highway use equalization tax on all vehicles 56,000 pounds gross loaded weight and above; a \$1,500 registration fee for 73,280-80,000 pound vehicles; remove the sale tax exemption on gasoline and diesel fuels, and diversion of Sales and Use tax proceeds on motor vehicles to the Highway Fund.

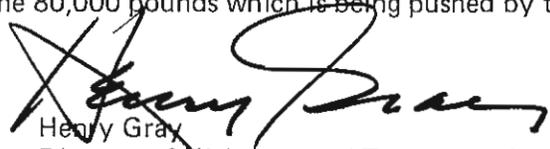
The minority report, proposed by the four members representing private interests, provides less than \$20 Million in additional revenues. Their proposal includes: increasing license fees to \$1,500 for trucks registered to carry 80,000 pounds; raising farm and natural resources license by \$500; increasing the diesel fuel tax two cents a gallon, and increasing fees and penalties on overweight trucks.

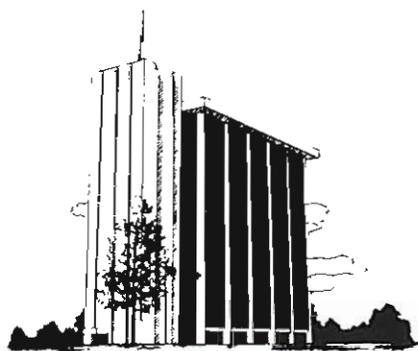
Both reports will now be transmitted to the Governor and the Joint Legislative committees on Public Transportation and Revenue and Taxation.

We hope that the Legislative Committees and the Governor will support the majority report and recommend it to a special session of the Legislature which Governor White could call to consider funding relief for highways, city streets and county roads. If they do not, then the Highway Commission will continue to object to increasing the heavy truck weights on Arkansas roads and streets to the 80,000 pounds which is being pushed by the Forward Arkansas Committee.



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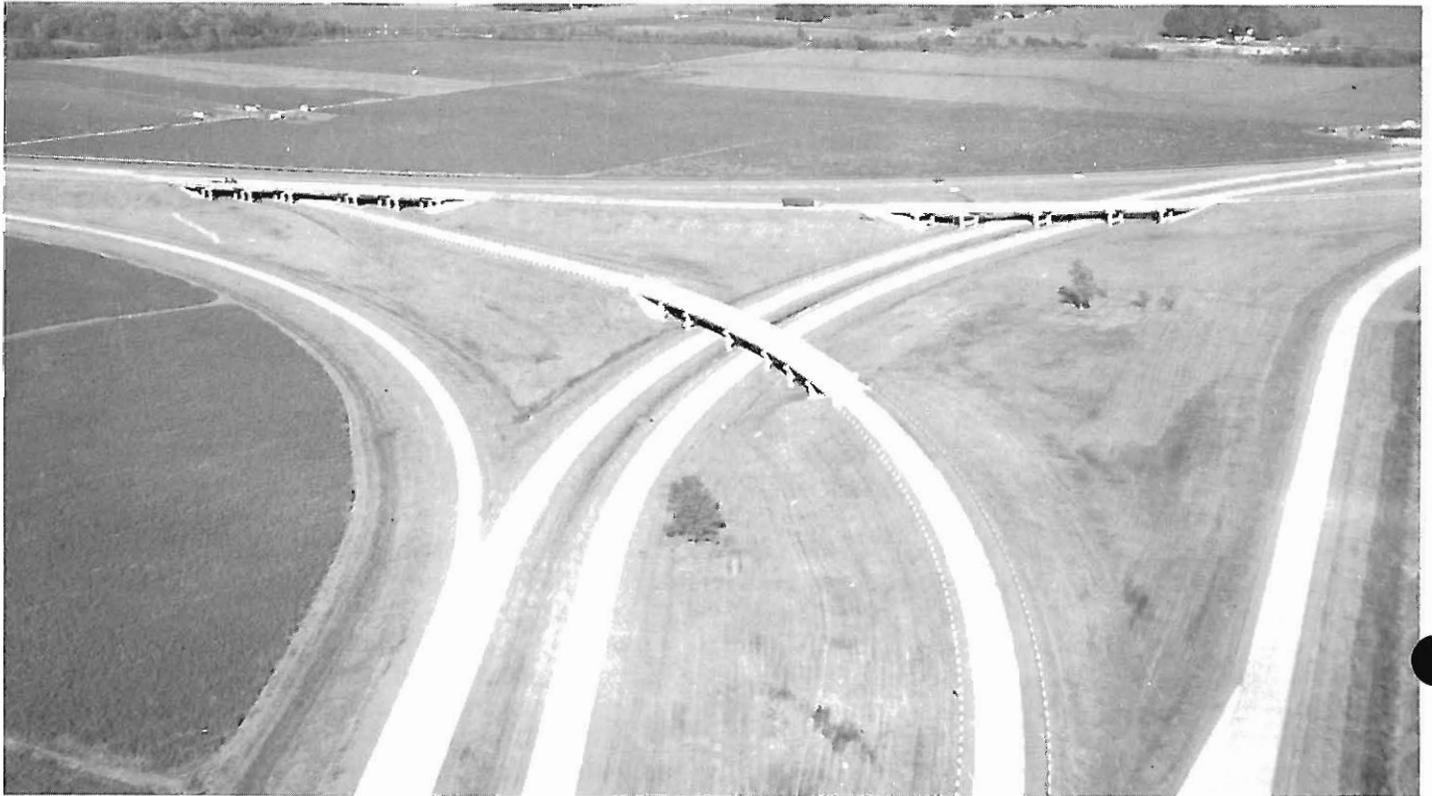
COVER PHOTO – State Highway 12 near Prairie Creek east of Rogers. Photo by David Hunter.

BACK COVER – The brilliance of Arkansas' Autumn is captured in this scene, Photo by David Hunter.

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# INTERSTATE SYSTEM CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

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I-40 (background) and I-55 Interchange near West Memphis (1962)

The Interstate System, called by many “the world’s most ambitious civil works program”, celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday in June.

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

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

In July, 1943, the 78th Congress amended the Defense Highway Act of 1941, to direct the Commissioner of Public Roads “to make a survey of the need for a system of express highways throughout the United States.”

In 1944, Congress established a National System of Interstate Highways. This original Interstate program, as described by the Federal Aid Highway Act called for a national system of Interstate highways “not exceeding 40,000 miles in total extent so located as

to connect routes, as direct as practicable, the principal metropolitan areas, cities, industrial centers, to serve the national defense, and to connect at suitable border points with routes of continental importance in the Dominion of Canada and the Republic of Mexico.” The idea grew during the next ten years, and became a reality with the passage of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, which authorized use of federal road users taxes to fund the system, thus our modern day Interstate System was born when Dwight Eisenhower signed the law to fund America’s Interstate System on June 29, 1956.

Arkansas constructed its first project using Interstate System Funds in December, 1956. The project entailed adding lanes to

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

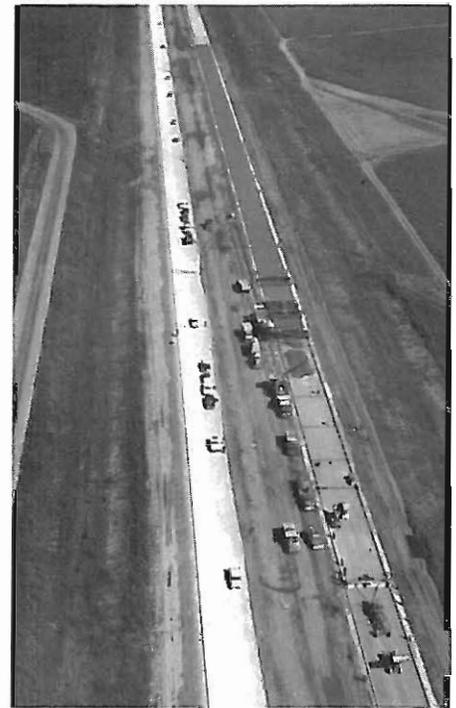
Today, over 90 percent of American cities with populations over 50,000 are linked by the Interstate System. Interstate mileage in the United States covers in excess of 42,000 miles, with the Arkansas Interstate highways contributing 526 miles of this total. The Interstate System constitutes about one percent of America's road mileage, and carries roughly 20 percent of the U.S. traffic. In Arkansas, the Interstate highways make up three percent of the total road mileage while carrying 23 percent of the Arkansas traffic.

Interstate highways are built to handle traffic over a 20 year life cycle. Due to aging of the system, about 2,000 route miles are reaching the repair stage each year. When repair is needed, 75 percent of the resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation costs are paid from the Highway Trust Fund. Trust fund revenues are derived from highway user taxes, mainly the tax per gallon on gasoline.

The Interstate System has played a vital role in helping Arkansas become a more productive and economically prosperous state. Without the \$676 million Interstate system in Arkansas the state's farmers and industries would most certainly be in poor condition. We must, therefore, be sure as taxpayers that this Interstate system is maintained. Our investment in the Interstate system must be protected to assure Arkansas a chance to grow in productivity and to assure the people that Arkansas will have a capable transportation network to meet their changing future needs.



I-30 at University Ave. in Little Rock (1962)



I-40 paving east of Little Rock. (1962)



I-40 and State Highway 1 at Forest City. (early 1960's)



I-55 grading, north of West Memphis. (1962)

# DEDICATIONS

## SH 176 RELOCATION

North Little Rock residents joined with AHTD officials on June 26, to break ground for the Highway 176 Relocation.

The \$2.1 million Highway 176 Relocation will extend the four-lane Pershing Boulevard west on new location from Percy Machin Boulevard to the intersection of Pike Avenue and Scenic Drive. Percy Machin will be widened from 20th Street to Pike Avenue, with an underpass constructed under the Missouri Pacific Railway.

The Highway 176 Relocation project, when finished, will give the motorist a more direct and quicker route to the Memorial Hospital. The underpass at the Pershing and Percy Machin intersection will give the motorist a safer route to travel by eliminating a dangerous intersection with the railroad.

Among those giving speeches and wielding gold plated shovels were North Little Rock District Two Representative Cliff Hoofman; Bill Moore, chairman, Roads and Highway Committee, Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce; North Little Rock Mayor Reed Thompson; Highway Commissioner Raymond Pritchett and Miss Pulaski County, Debbie Baltz.

Commissioner Raymond Pritchett told the spectators that the project was something they could be very proud of. He congratulated them for not giving up the



Breaking ground are; Randy McNulty of Bituminus, Inc., Mayor Reed Thompson, Debbie Baltz, Commissioner Pritchett, Rep. Cliff Hoofman and Bill Moore of the Chamber of Commerce.

fight for the relocation, even though it did take a number of years to get the project underway.

Pritchett then thanked the onlookers for their efforts to help get the project funded, and said that without North Little Rock's 40 percent funding the project never could have been started.

Commissioner Pritchett then told the crowd that when completed, the project should have a beneficial economic impact for the citizens of North Little Rock. The Commissioner spoke of the social benefits citizens of North Little Rock will receive from the

project, by creating a more accessible and quicker route to the Memorial Hospital. He emphasized that it would do no good to build more new highways, when we do not have the money to maintain the existing highway system. Pritchett warned the onlookers that these groundbreakings would become a thing of the past, unless new revenue sources were found to maintain the existing highway system. He then urged his audience to get out and spread the word about the Highway and Transportation Department's financial crisis, or they could watch as their highway system quickly deteriorated.

## US 270 RAILROAD OVERPASS

A crowd of nearly 150 persons turned out June 9, for the dedication of the new Highway 270 Railroad

Overpass at Malvern.

The new \$3 million facility was reconstructed to provide four

traffic lanes from Interstate 30 to the downtown area. In addition, a 90 foot long relief bridge was

constructed as a part of the north approach roadway.

Commissioner Patsy Thomasson told onlookers "the new railroad overpass should serve as a gateway to the growing industrial park between Malvern and Jones Mill." She also added, that the improvement of Highways 270 and 51 to a four-lane undivided highway to Hot Springs would help the Malvern area attract some major industrial facilities.

In addition to Miss Thomasson, Commissioner Raymond Pritchett, District Engineer Hurley Perkins and Resident Engineer Gayle Gunn attended the ceremony.



Highway 270 Railroad overpass, looking south into Malvern.

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## SH 81 ACCESS RAMPS

Dedication ceremonies were held to formally dedicate the Jordan Drive access ramps in Monticello on July 23.

The completion of the project provides Monticello with a full diamond interchange at Jordan Drive and State Highway 81.

Following the dedication ceremonies, a dinner was held at the Monticello Country Club honoring the Highway Commission.

At the dinner, Director Henry Gray, Commission Chairman James Branyan, Commissioners Patsy Thomasson and Raymond Pritchett all expressed their thanks and appreciation for their warm welcome. They also expressed their gratitude to the people of Monticello for their continued support on many highway issues. The group of



Councilman Benson Byrd and Miss Drew County, Jana Hoover cut the ribbon to open the Jordan Drive access ramps.

speakers emphasized how the highway system was in dire need of financial assistance to maintain adequate standards for system facilities. The people were urged to voice their opinions on key highway

issues, and to continue their support of the Highway and Transportation Department in their efforts to provide adequate transportation facilities now, and for the future decades.

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## SH 130

Highway and Transportation officials joined with the people of Stuttgart to dedicate the widening and reconstruction of Highway 130 (22nd Street) on June 18.

Highway 130 was widened to four lanes for a distance of 1.03 miles. The project was funded with Federal Aid Urban funds.

Mayor Leonard Cash delivered the dedicatory remarks. In his remarks, Cash spoke about how the new project would improve traffic safety in Stuttgart. He thought this project would especially improve safety for local schools and industries that frequently use the street.

## US 79

Highway and Transportation officials joined with the Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce to officially dedicate the widening and reconstruction of U.S. Highway 79, on June 16.

After praising the Pine Bluff project, Commission Chairman James Branyan turned to the subject of highway financing. Branyan said, "Highway construction is very expensive today, and to continue our construction, maintenance and operations we must secure a new revenue source to meet today's demands.

"The loss of federal and state funds, coupled with the rising cost of construction, maintenance and operations has put the highway department in a near financial crisis. This financial crisis has severely hampered badly needed construction work on the existing roads," he said.



U.S. 79 looking north.

The \$5 million widening and reconstruction project will provide Pine Bluff with a four and five lane thoroughfare that will help decrease traffic congestion even with the number of vehicles projected to

increase from 11,700 to 17,200 in the future.

Following the dedication ceremony, the two Pine Bluff Rotary Clubs held a luncheon honoring the Highway Commission.



## SH 8



Dignitaries gather in Warren to officially open the S.H. 8 intersection improvements.

Highway and Transportation officials traveled to Warren July 14, to join the Warren community and neighboring city dignitaries in the dedication of the State Highway 8 intersection improvements.

The intersection improvements helped turn a dangerous intersection into a modern, safe intersection, by providing additional turn lanes,

new traffic lights and intersection realignments to provide safer traffic flow.

Commission Chairman James Branyan told the crowd about the highway department's preliminary plans for the Highway 4 bypass. Branyan also mentioned the great need for additional highway revenues to protect the present Arkansas

highway system. He urged citizens to become familiar with the critical highway issues and then to voice their opinion. This, he said, would enable state officials to be more aware of the citizens wants.

A fish fry was held in honor of the Highway Commission following the dedication ceremony.

# NICHOLS HONORED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

Brooks O. Nichols, Assistant Chief Engineer for Design of the AHTD was selected as the recipient of the 1981 AASHTO Subcommittee on Design Region Two "Design Award". The announcement was made at the subcommittee's annual meeting held in Hot Springs, June 24-26.

Nichols is a 25 year employee of the AHTD. His career has been spent primarily in the design field, having served as Engineer of Roadway Design for 13 years prior to his promotion to Assistant Chief Engineer for Design in 1979.

The Design Award is presented annually to a member of the Region who has contributed most to the Design field of highway and transportation with emphasis on quality, originality and response to an important problem or issue. The award was presented by the chairman of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Design, Mr. Malcolm Graham, of New York.



Brooks Nichols, left, receives plaque from Commission Chairman James Branyan.

## The Subcommittee on Design is charged with a variety of assignments :

(1) To investigate available data and pursue studies to develop and keep current appropriate publications pertaining to principles, methods and procedures of transportation facility design;

(2) To investigate, develop and keep current recommended practices for the design of facilities to integrate appropriate safety features.

(3) To recommend and pro-

mote design practices which will protect and enhance the quality of the environment;

(4) To provide a forum of exchange of practices and experience in the field of transportation facility design, and;

(5) To give due consideration to the effect of all design features on economic and energy resources.

Twenty-one representatives from the twelve state Region Two

attended the meeting. In addition, representatives of the FHWA, The Asphalt Institute, Portland Cement Association and General Motors took part in the program.

Highway Commission Chairman James Branyan welcomed the delegates to Arkansas. Mr. Branyan also served as Master of Ceremonies for the Awards Luncheon.

## COOPER HEADS AASHTO SUBCOMMITTEE AND STATE BOARD

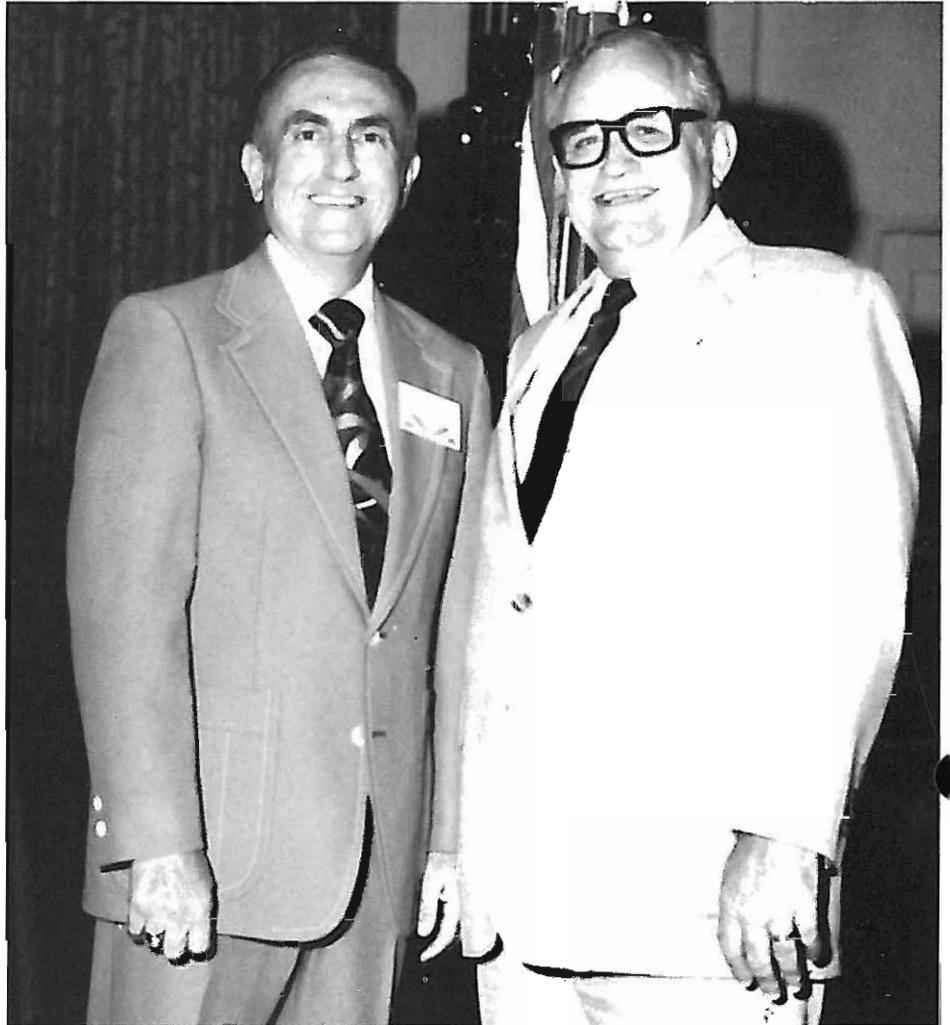
Chief Engineer Billy K. Cooper has been appointed chairman of the AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Highway Transportation.

AASHTO President Dick Ward of Oklahoma appointed Cooper to fill the position being vacated by John A. Clements of New Hampshire. Clements takes over as the new AASHTO Vice President.

The Highway Subcommittee on Highway Transportation is charged with the investigation and evaluation of the various transportation needs that should be served by the highway systems of the United States and to recommend such policies, regulations, laws and practices as may contribute to the improved efficiency and safety of highway transportation.

Cooper is also the newly elected President of the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. He was appointed to the board in 1979, by former Governor Bill Clinton to serve a four-year term.

The State Board screens applicants for registration, administers tests and regulates the practice of the profession of engineering and land surveying.



Chief Engineer Billy K. Cooper and AASHTO President Dick Ward.



## ROBERTSON HONORED

Gip I. Robertson, Assistant Director for Administration, was recently honored by the State Employees Insurance Advisory Committee for his years of service as chairman.

Robertson was presented a plaque expressing the Committee's appreciation for his untiring efforts as chairman from September 19, 1975 to May 14, 1981.

Robertson remains on the Committee as the Highway and



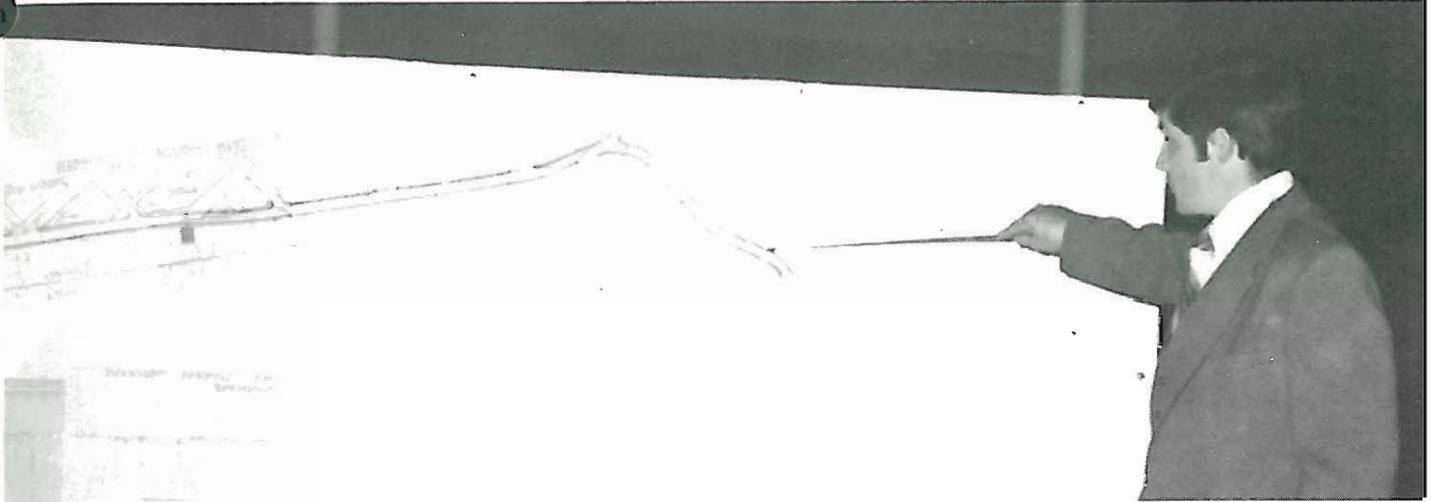
Gip Robertson

Transportation Department's representative.

The Employee Insurance Advisory Committee is composed of 11 members and is the policy making body for the state's insurance program.

The Committee has the authority to make, amend and enforce all necessary or desirable rules, regulations and orders not inconsistent with law.

## PUBLIC HEARING AT GENTRY



Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters explains the preliminary plans at Gentry.

A public hearing on the location and design of Railroad Avenue in Gentry was held at Carl Gymnasium on May 26. Highway officials were on hand to discuss the proposed improvement with interested citizens.

This portion of Railroad Avenue will be constructed as an industrial access road and will be made a part of the State Highway System upon completion. The

improvement project will be totally funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Design work is being done by highway department personnel.

The proposed location of the improvement project begins at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Main Street, then proceeds northeasterly for approximately six-tenths of a mile, then turns in an easterly direction, crosses the

railroad tracks and then intersects Highway 59 near Seventh Street. The improvement provides for two 12 foot lanes, with turn lanes where needed.

Preliminary plans, information relative to environmental studies and other pertinent materials developed by the department were made available for inspection by local citizens.



## PERSONNEL CHANGES

Hugh P. Murray is the department's new Personnel Officer. Prior to his promotion, in May, Murray was Senior Internal Auditor for the department.

He began his career with the department in February, 1970, in the Internal Audit Section, per-

forming statewide audits in all ten districts.

Murray is a graduate of The Citadel University in Charleston, South Carolina, with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He has also complete training in personnel management at Louisiana State University and is currently working on the Certified Internal Auditor's examination.

eer from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

During his 22 years with the department, he has served as Resident Engineer, District Engineer and Assistant State Construction Engineer. He is a registered professional engineer.



Hugh Murray

Calvin Peevy was promoted in June, from Assistant State Construction Engineer to Division Head of the Materials and Research Division. He replaces John Tallant, who retired.

Peevy is a graduate civil engineer



Calvin Peevy



# GRADUATES



Karen Alford  
Marion High School



John David Barham  
Laneburg Central High School



Ronnie Barrett  
LR Central High School



Kevin Baskin  
Clarksville High School



Dennis Benson  
Springdale High School



Ken Benson  
University of Arkansas



Steve Bostic  
Fairview High School



Brenda Boyd  
Dover High School



Marsha Brasel  
Valley Springs High School



Ladale Gene Burleson  
NLR Northeast High School



Kelly Cantrell  
Camden High School



Connie Carter  
PB High School



Rodney Wayne Combs  
Paragould High School



Kelly Dallas  
Wynne High School



Richard Henry Dry, Jr.  
Bryant High School



Greg Galyean  
McClellan High School



Tammy Gail Gibson  
UALR



Terry Gregory  
Yellville-Summit High School



Laura Harrison  
LR Parkview High School



Samuel Lee Hays  
Paragould High School



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Gentry High School



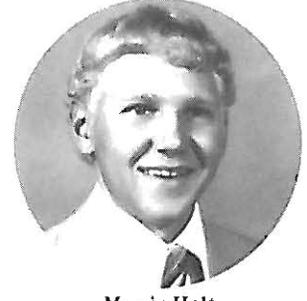
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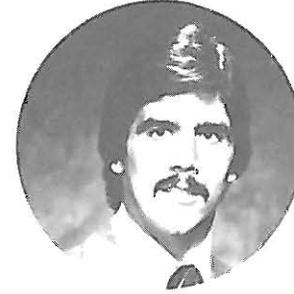
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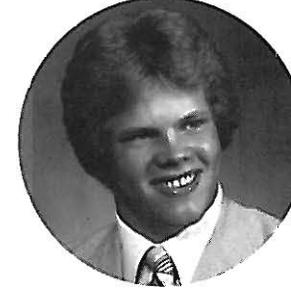
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University of Arkansas



Mike Nelson  
Oak Grove High School



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Oak Grove High School



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LR Central High School



Kerry Dean Powers  
Dover High School



Belinda Lou Rainwater  
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Harrison High School



Teresa Rose  
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Randy Sanders  
Benton High School



Donna Riley Satterfield  
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Magnolia High School

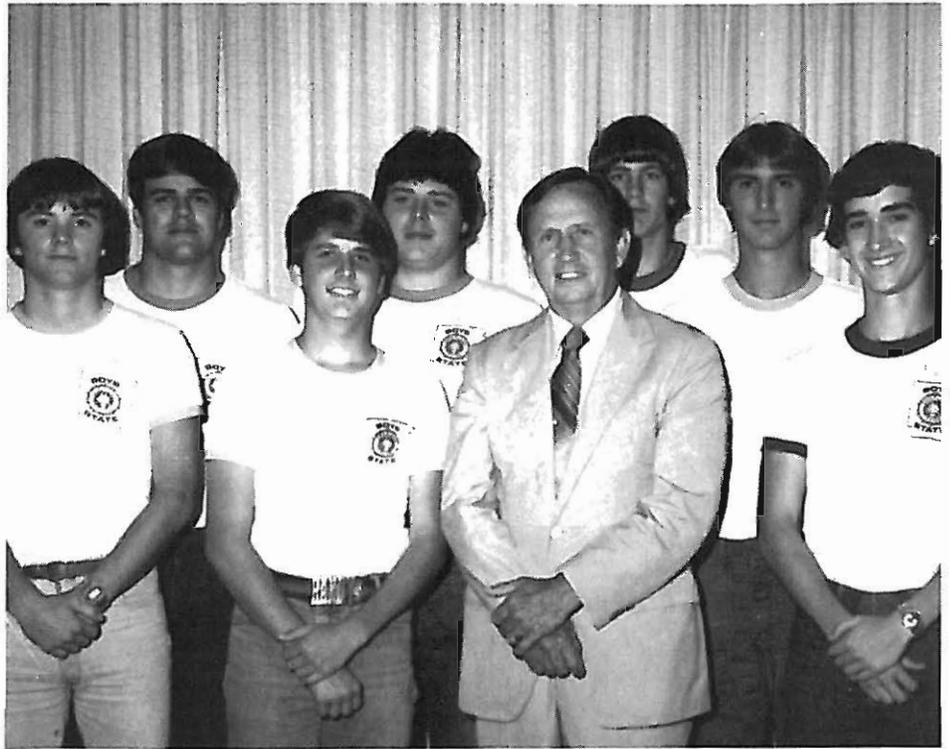


*Congratulations !*

## AHTD HOSTS BOYS AND GIRLS STATE

Seven delegates to the American Legion Boys State Convention visited the Highway and Transportation Department central office complex on June 4. A week later, on June 11, nine Girls State delegates were greeted by Commissioner Patsy Thomasson.

The young men and women met with Director Henry Gray for an orientation session on the Highway and Transportation Department. The delegates were especially quizzical about problems that have arisen in their home areas. After the session with Director Gray, the delegates were taken on a tour of various departments and sections within the central office complex.



# ANOTHER LINK OF I-440 OPENED TO TRAFFIC



The newest section of I-440 (East Belt Freeway) was opened to traffic August 4.

The five-mile section of the freeway from I-40 to State Highway 130 in North Little Rock leaves only one uncompleted link in the ten-mile urban freeway. This uncompleted link being the Arkansas River Bridge, which is expected to be completed by late 1982.

The North Little Rock segment of the highway was constructed at a cost of just over \$27.5 million. Upon completion, the entire freeway will have cost approximately \$152 million.

Highway Commissioners Raymond Pritchett and Patsy Thomasson joined a contingent of state legislators in dedicating the new highway.

Both reminded the audience that the freeway was one of only three such projects in the nation that qualified for special federal Urban High Density funds approved by Congress.

"This project was motivated by the proliferation of automobiles on the Arkansas Highway System,"

Pritchett said. "Somehow, during the decade of the 70's we grew more in the number of automobiles than we did in the number of people," he said.

It was this proliferation of autos and the demand for improved highways that brought the need for many more projects throughout the state, and Pritchett said the department was able to meet those needs.

"Arkansas ranks number one in the nation in matching Interstate funds and number two in matching Primary funds," he said. However, he added, the state's ability to match future federal funds was being jeopardized by declining state revenues.

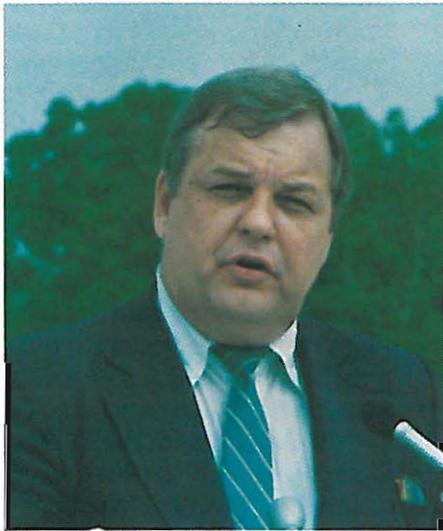
Miss Thomasson said there is less money available for highways in Arkansas in 1982 than there was in 1975.

"We all tend to take our highways for granted," she said. "We rarely think of what it would

be like without the sophisticated maze of highways we drive on today. Sometimes we say we have done too good a job. Not enough people live on gravel roads to give the impetus we need to provide more funds for highways in Arkansas. But if you would like to take a trip in a time machine and find yourself in 1990 and no additional funds appropriated for highways, then you would find plenty of gravel roads to travel on," Miss Thomasson said.

State Senator Max Howell, from Jacksonville, praised the Highway Commission and its independence from politics, given it by the Mack-Blackwell Amendment. Howell added, "If we had a highway commission that changed with every administration, you would never see a project such as this, everything would be emphasized on a different scale every two or four years with the change of each administration."

State Representative Bill Foster, from England, told the crowd that for 21 years he has been a strong supporter of the Highway Department, and he would continue that support. "It is sad fewer contracts are being let this year due to insufficient funds. This is the lowest number of contracts I have seen let in my 21 years as a state legislator and I believe that the 2 million people of Arkansas will request the state legislature to provide more money to build and maintain our highways as they are accustomed to," he added.



Commissioner Raymond Pritchett

State Representative Wayne Hampton, from Stuttgart, praised the efforts of the Highway Commission for getting the monies appropriated for special programs like the Great River Road project and the East Belt Freeway.

Hampton, a former Highway Commissioner, said he was well aware of the funding problems being experienced by the highway and transportation department. He pointed out that good roads are vital to the economy of Arkansas and that he will always be a supporter for proper funding to continue the work of building and maintaining the highways of the state.

State Representative Cliff Hoofman, of North Little Rock, told onlookers that he hoped the people of Arkansas would encourage their legislators to finance the road system so it can be maintained, and not patch up what has been destroyed for the failure of maintenance. Hoofman said he hoped the financial problems being realized can be faced in the next session of the legislature.

State Representative William Townsend, from Little Rock, expressed views that this project

stands for new growth, expansion, and new services for the people of this state. Townsend said, "This project represents the efficiency of the long run programming and planning of the state highway department."

State Representative Doug Wood, from Sherwood, told the audience, "This highway is very important for the people in this part of the county. It gives them access to jobs, to recreation, and shopping facilities. This is another step in the completion of a metropolitan transportation network."



Commissioner Patsy Thomasson



Taking part in the ribbon cutting are: (left to right) Commissioner Pritchett, Rep. Hampton, Rep. Hoofman, Debbie Baltz, Miss North Pulaski County, Senator Howell, Commissioner Thomasson holding Angie Foster, granddaughter of Rep. Foster, Rep. Foster, Rep. Wood and Rep. Townsend.

# ARKANSAS Hosts



## Public Affairs Workshop



“One of the best ever”... “An excellent program”... “Truly impressive”...

These are some of the terms used by participants to describe this year's National Transportation Public Affairs Workshop, which was held at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, July 27 - 30. The workshop, sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Better Roads/Transportation Council (BRTC), was hosted by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council. Thirty-one states and the District of Columbia were represented by the 101 delegates taking part in the workshop.

Taking part in one of the many panel discussions are: (left to right) Tom Taylor, Texas; Federal Highway Administrator Ray Barnhart; Subcommittee Chairman Henry Gray and AASHTO Executive Director Francis Francois.

This year's workshop was a working session which provided a forum for discussion of communication techniques by public affairs professionals in the public and private sectors of transportation. Featured speakers included Ray Barnhart, Federal Highway Administrator, Governor Frank White and Dick Ward, AASHTO President.

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Director Henry Gray, who stepped down as chairman of the AASHTO Public Affairs Subcommittee, served as moderator for the joint sessions at the workshop.

The subcommittee members expressed their appreciation to Gray for his four years of leadership as chairman and presented him with a plaque in recognition of his efforts toward the betterment of the nation's transportation system.

Ward told Gray, "We commend you highly for the job you have done with this committee, and look forward to working with you in the future."

Tom Taylor, Director of Travel and Information for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, was selected as chairman of the subcommittee. Other officers are: George Bell, Oregon, vice-chairman; Gary Guidice, Oklahoma, secretary; and Bill Looney, Arkansas, treasurer.

Scoop Awards, which are given annually to recognize outstanding public affairs activities conducted by public and private agencies, were presented to Wallace Green of the Minnesota Department of Transportation for his agency's rideshare program, "It's Going to Work", and Tom Walker of the Wisconsin Transportation Development Association, for his group's "Penny a Mile" campaign which helped raise additional funds for the Wisconsin DOT.

The Founders Awards, which recognize public affairs officials for their roles in the enhancement of public transportation, were awarded to Tom Taylor of the Texas Department of Highways and

Public Transportation and T. Randall Russell of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association.

Federal Highway Administrator Ray Barnhart told the delegates that their job of convincing the general public of the importance of an improved and adequate highway and transportation system is a difficult one.

"We have a lack of support from the general public," Barnhart said. "Highway advocates have not bothered to sell the public on the value of their product. We have not generated the public support," he added.

Barnhart stressed that highways "are much more than concrete on the ground. They are commerce, industry, neighborhoods... a way of life... they are the very basis of our transportation network."

The Federal Highway Administration's top man said his agency's highest priority is the completion of the Interstate Highway System and the protection of the taxpayer's investment in that system.

Barnhart also said the FHWA considered the Primary System and improvement of the nation's bridges as top priority items for federal funding. However, he said Secondary and Urban roads should be the responsibility of the states.

In an effort to give the states more leeway in the spending of federal funds, Barnhart said the

FHWA would like to eliminate many of the funding categories and establish broader categories. This would mean the abolishment of the Great River Road and Priority Primary categories, which Arkansas has been able to use for certain qualifying projects.

Barnhart said these categories benefit only a few states at the expense of the rest and he believes efforts must be consolidated to benefit the states as a whole.

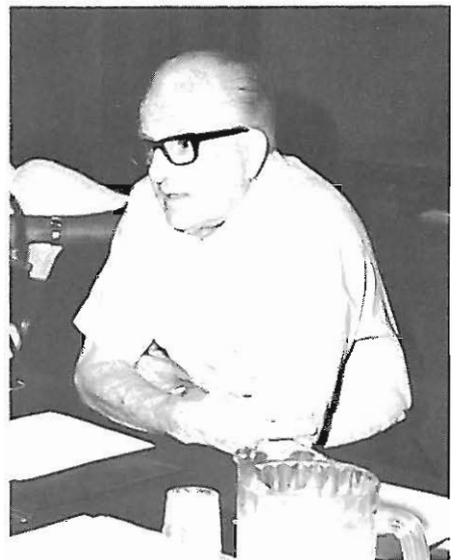
In his address at the workshop, Governor Frank White expressed concern that federal funding for rural roads might be eliminated. He also appealed for the release of federal funds that were frozen last year.

"I can't tell you how devastated Arkansas will be and how great our highways will suffer if this happens, and our funds remain frozen," he said.

The Governor urged the public affairs officials to stimulate the people to act and contact their elected officials and let them know their thoughts.

"These are tough times," White said. "If we fail, our transportation facilities will suffer. The public must get involved."

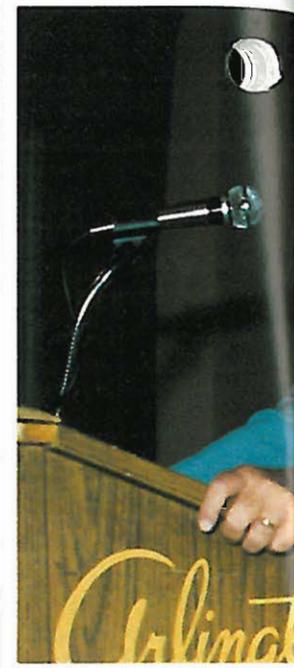
AASHTO President Dick Ward of Oklahoma stressed that it is up to the public affairs officers to get the public involved. He told delegates they must bear the burden of public education.



Dr. Silas D. Snow, President of the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council, discusses a point at one of the BR/TC panel meetings.



Henry Gray receives plaque of appreciation from Tom Taylor



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FHWA Administrator Ray Barnhart, a former Texas Highway Commissioner, receives a Razorback blanket from Henry Gray.



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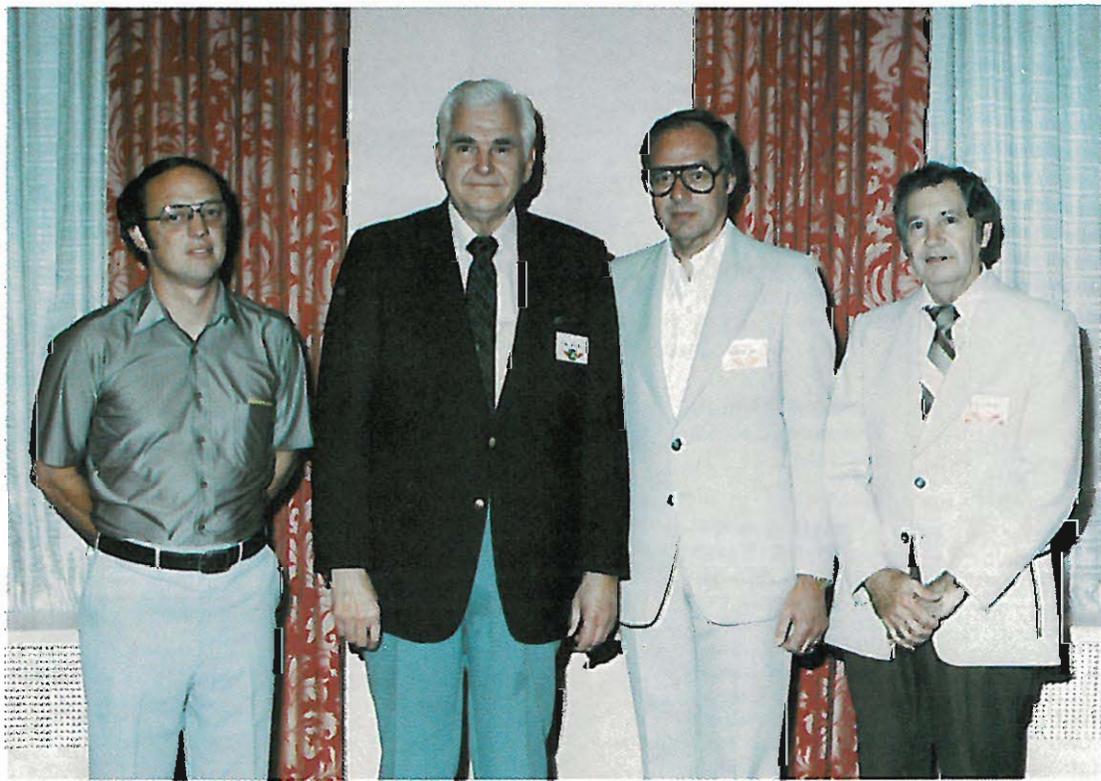


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FHWA Administrator Ray Barnhart and Governor Frank White

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New P.A. Subcommittee officers are: (left to right) Gary Giudice, Oklahoma, Secretary; Tom Taylor, Texas, Chairman; George Bell, Oregon, Vice Chairman; and Bill Looney, Arkansas, Treasurer.



Frank White

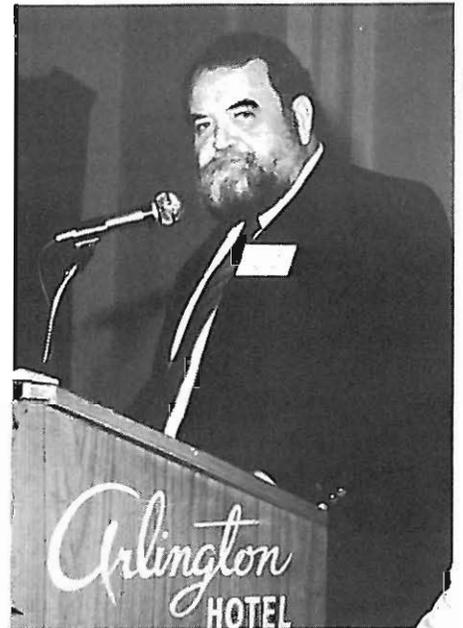


Commissioner James Branyan

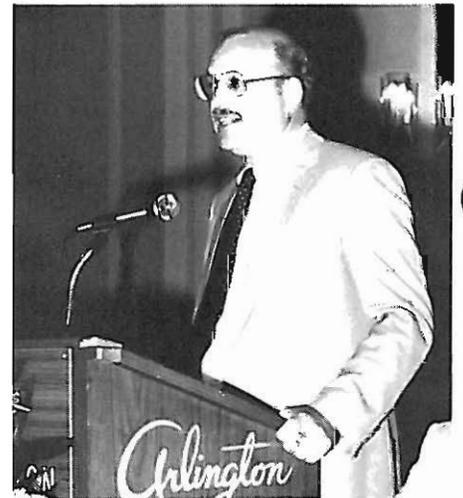
"You have been trained in the techniques of communications," he said. "You have been trained in the concepts of research... of digging into the facts, then putting those facts in logical order. And you have been trained in the skills of transmitting those facts to the sector of the population who needs to know them," he added.

Other speakers at the three-day workshop included: AASHTO Executive Director Francis Francois; BRTC Chairman Jack Fish; and Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman James A. Branyan.

The workshop concluded July 30, with a luau, complete with dancers, Hawaiian attire and roast pig.



Francis Francois



Jack Fish



Workshop delegates line up to fill their plates at the Hawaiian luau (top photo), while other more adventurous participants try their hands and hips in learning the Hula.



# Service Awards

## JUNE 1981

35 Years  
Eugene A. Ashcraft . . . . . Computer Services

30 Years  
Talmadge O. Snow . . . . . District 3  
Ellis Stewart . . . . . District 9

25 Years  
Finis D. Brewer . . . . . District 10  
Harry T. Castleberry . . . . . District 7  
Charles E. Jackson . . . . . District 1  
Fidelis J. Koelzer . . . . . District 3  
Harlon B. Oliver . . . . . District 4  
James M. Plum . . . . . District 7  
Henry T. Purvis . . . . . District 6  
Erlene A. Rowland . . . . . District 3  
Lewis M. Wade . . . . . Equipment  
Kermit S. Wendell . . . . . District 7  
Thomas L. White . . . . . District 2  
Tommy L. Williams . . . . . District 6

20 Years  
James L. Briley . . . . . District 9

## JULY 1981

35 Years  
Raymond W. Jones . . . . . Office Engineer

30 Years  
Irene A. Hawkins . . . . . Fiscal Services  
Hershel Russell . . . . . Planning Div.

25 Years  
Robert J. Holder . . . . . District 3  
Arthur C. Ledbetter . . . . . Right of Way  
Wylie F. Lindsey . . . . . District 1  
Billy R. McAlister . . . . . District 8  
Donald F. Turner . . . . . District 4

20 Years  
Rommie M. Belt . . . . . District 7  
Scarler R. Lyons . . . . . District 2  
Bobby Joe Parker . . . . . Construction  
Isabelle Psalmonds . . . . . District 10  
Mary D. Wilson . . . . . Public Trans.

## AUGUST 1981

35 Years  
Guy B. Williams . . . . . District 10

30 Years  
Thomas C. Faubus . . . . . District 9  
Earl E. Hillis . . . . . Traffic  
Billy E. Meachum . . . . . District 1  
Charles N. Roach . . . . . Materials

25 Years  
Clnneth O. Adams . . . . . District 3  
Bobby L. Ingle . . . . . District 6  
Thomas F. Kinslow . . . . . District 8  
Gerald T. Kirksey . . . . . Surveys  
Don H. Martin . . . . . Right of Way  
Charles L. Perry . . . . . District 1  
James M. Renfro . . . . . District 7  
Francis J. Smith . . . . . District 9

Don J. LeMay . . . . . District 10  
Ruben C. McConnell . . . . . District 8  
Dan S. Morgan . . . . . Prog. & Sched.

### 15 Years

Benny J. Bagley . . . . . District 6  
Thelma I. Blalock . . . . . District 8  
Boyd S. Bonds . . . . . District 8  
Jack L. Dickey . . . . . District 9  
Freddy W. Everhart . . . . . District 1  
Dale R. Gossien . . . . . Materials  
Floyd F. Harrell, Jr. . . . . District 1  
Billy C. Karber . . . . . District 7  
John W. Sandifer . . . . . District 7  
Lewis F. Shafer . . . . . District 1  
Douglas M. Sipe . . . . . District 5  
J.B. Stuart . . . . . District 4  
William E. Tyler . . . . . District 3  
Dickey L. Williamson . . . . . District 8

### 10 Years

Steve J. Anselmi . . . . . District 5

### 15 Years

Herman F. Brown . . . . . District 10  
William H. Duncan . . . . . Roadway Design  
Fred M. Freeman . . . . . District 9  
Bobbie E. Fulton . . . . . Maintenance  
Ann May . . . . . Director's Office  
Loyal D. Moore . . . . . District 10  
Gary L. Roberts . . . . . District 3  
Albert Smith . . . . . Highway Police  
Kenneth Turner . . . . . District 2  
John H. Woodard, Jr. . . . . District 1

### 10 Years

Willie H. Anderson . . . . . District 1  
M.A. Bates . . . . . District 4  
Isaac J. Carter . . . . . District 9  
Dallas E. Corley . . . . . District 4  
Thomas W. Crawford . . . . . District 1  
Ronald D. Ellis . . . . . Construction  
Carl E. Erwin . . . . . District 6  
Larry D. Foreman . . . . . Reproduction  
Ruby V. Herren . . . . . District 10

### 20 Years

A.F. Beavers . . . . . District 8  
Mary Nell Carlson . . . . . District 7  
E.D. Carson . . . . . Construction  
S.L. Evans . . . . . District 8  
Charlie E. Fox . . . . . District 7  
Keith G. Richardson . . . . . District 5  
Gary C. Sipes . . . . . Roadway Design  
Jerry P. Wright . . . . . District 10

### 15 Years

G.W. Davenport . . . . . District 10  
James I. Fletcher, Jr. . . . . District 2  
W.E. Hughes . . . . . District 5  
C.H. Minor . . . . . District 3  
Billie D. Morgan . . . . . District 1  
Jessie D. Reeves . . . . . District 10  
H.F. Ward . . . . . Construction  
D.L. Wilkinson . . . . . District 8

Jackson H. Barton . . . . . District 5  
Bobby F. Bearden . . . . . District 4  
Raymond G. Covey . . . . . District 7  
John P. Hart . . . . . District 3  
Bob M. Massingill . . . . . Highway Police  
Max McHaney . . . . . Right of Way  
Kurt F. Moritz . . . . . District 3  
Loy G. Phillips . . . . . District 4  
Ed M. Thompson . . . . . District 2

### 5 Years

Robert Allen, Jr. . . . . District 2  
Ernest L. Bates . . . . . District 9  
Danny K. Briggs . . . . . Heavy Br. Maint.  
Michael L. Bryant . . . . . District 7  
Robert J. Clotfelter . . . . . District 4  
Wendell Clowers . . . . . District 6  
Stanley Coleman . . . . . District 1  
Greg R. Criner . . . . . District 9  
Andrew J. Duchanoy . . . . . District 5  
Delbert T. Eaton . . . . . District 1  
Elmer F. Inman . . . . . District 6  
Harry G. Jobe . . . . . District 6  
William D. Kerr . . . . . Roadway Design  
Henry Long, Jr. . . . . District 6  
Anthony G. Malone . . . . . District 10  
Paul E. Simms . . . . . Planning Div.  
Clifford G. Taylor . . . . . District 6  
George E. Williams . . . . . District 1

### 5 Years

Alvin Newton . . . . . District 7  
Danny G. Reed . . . . . District 1  
Thomas T. Rotton . . . . . District 2  
James G. Teal . . . . . District 8  
John N. Ardwin . . . . . District 3  
Lindel C. Carmack . . . . . District 3  
Joe Nathan Dewitt . . . . . District 1  
Billy N. Duty . . . . . District 9  
George G. Duvall . . . . . District 8  
Ricky A. Easton . . . . . District 10  
Darrell B. Gaskin . . . . . Maintenance  
John C. Gray . . . . . District 3  
Brenda J. Haley . . . . . Computer Services  
William R. Jackson . . . . . District 5  
Ima J. Kittler . . . . . Permits  
Kenneth D. Martin . . . . . District 10  
Tammy S. McCorkle . . . . . Right of Way  
Maurice Milon . . . . . District 5  
Ralph S. Southern . . . . . District 6  
Roy F. Wilson . . . . . District 3

George B. Williams . . . . . District 4  
Vickie G. Winchell . . . . . Right of Way

### 10 Years

William J. Braggs . . . . . District 5  
Jerry F. Burnett . . . . . District 3  
James W. Bush . . . . . District 7  
V.G. Capshaw . . . . . District 1  
Kenneth E. Cowart . . . . . District 3  
James D. Crockett . . . . . Surveys  
Ronald W. Fitchue . . . . . District 9  
James F. Hogard . . . . . District 5  
Herbert E. Ogden . . . . . District 3  
Jay I. Sasser . . . . . District 9  
Robert B. Skinner . . . . . District 1  
Arthur M. Tedder . . . . . District 10  
Doyle C. Watson . . . . . Planning Div.

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5 Years  
 Phillip T. Benson . . . . . District 7  
 Charles G. Blevins . . . . . District 9  
 June A. Booher . . . . . Roadway Design  
 Jimmy L. Coleman . . . . . District 10  
 Michael L. Giles . . . . . District 3  
 Oliver P. Gossett . . . . . Surveys  
 Calvin J. Hill, Jr. . . . . District 6

Mary Beth Holly . . . . . District 8  
 O.Z. Mcgee, Jr. . . . . District 2  
 Richard A. Moix . . . . . Maint.-Radio  
 Rex A. Newton . . . . . District 7  
 Norman O. Post . . . . . Equip. & Proc.  
 Joanne F. Potts . . . . . Fiscal Services  
 L.L. Retherford . . . . . District 10  
 Gary W. Roberts . . . . . District 9

Donnie R. Schmidt . . . . . District 5  
 Jimmie R. Smith . . . . . District 5  
 Harold S. Spraggins . . . . . Highway Police  
 Ronald G. Staggs . . . . . District 9  
 William E. Stanton . . . . . Public Affairs  
 Donald J. Vaughn . . . . . District 2  
 Charles E. Winkler . . . . . Equip. & Proc.  
 Carlos C. Womack . . . . . District 3



# Letters

June 12, 1981

Dear AHTD Staff:

Thank you so very much for the plant you sent while I was in the hospital. It was beautiful and sure added to my room.

I also appreciated the concern so many of you have shown me with calls, cards and visits. You just don't know what it has meant to me.

My recovery period is passing very, very slowly, but I should see you in a few weeks.

Brooks Nichols  
 Asst. Chief Engineer - Design

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June 10, 1981

District 4 Headquarters  
 Fort Smith, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

On Tuesday, June 2, AM, I called the Arkansas Highway Department on East 68, to ask what could be done about the weeds that obstructed the view where the county road No. 70, (Blue Springs Recreation area road), intersected with Highway 68 East. The gentleman I talked to was very pleasant and told me he would let the West Fork people know about the problem, which saved me a long distance call.

I want to thank whomever was responsible for the fast, quick service, as we notice on Wednesday morning the weeds were gone and the view was real clear.

Thanking you again.

Mrs. E.H. Yates

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July 10, 1981

AHTD Area Headquarters  
 Lincoln, Arkansas

Mr. Gene Holloway:

I want to commend you and your people for the fine job you did a few weeks ago on cutting down the weeping willow tree which was dead on on the Highway 16 right of way.

It was right also right in front of my house and in the ditch where I mow. Your men did an excellent job of clean-up after they cut the tree down and I want you to know that I appreciate it very much.

Thanks again,  
 Mr. Richard Maddan  
 Fayetteville, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

We had the pleasure of traveling in your lovely state from May 15-26, 1981. We want to compliment you on the well-kept and lovely rest stops. They provided us with a place to get out and stretch our legs and to sit and enjoy your lovely green state.

We just want to let you know that we have fond memories of our visit in your state.

Bill and Joyce Bonds  
 Valley Center, California

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July 6, 1981

District 8 Headquarters  
 Russellville, Arkansas

Mr. Fletcher and Employees:

The honesty of people and your employees is something rare these days. I want to thank everyone concerned for their efforts and honesty.

Howard Schultz  
 Schultz's Place and Fish Farm  
 Troy, Missouri

Editor's Note: Mr. Schultz lost his wallet at the Pope County Rest Area. The wallet, containing \$750.00 and various checks and personal papers, was turned in to the Rest Area Attendant by a traveler from Oklahoma. District 8 employees contacted Mr. Schultz and made arrangements for returning his lost wallet.

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June 16, 1981

District 10 Headquarters  
 Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

I want to highly commend an employee of yours, Mr. Ron Blankenship, who last Sunday evening gave me aid when I had a flat tire near Shiloh and Weaver's Grocery on Highway 25 West. Even my spare tire was flat and he willingly took it to a service station to be aired and mounted same on rear axle. He is a special person and I appreciated his kindness and help. And thanks too for your good repair on our area highways.

Yours truly,  
 Landis Smith  
 Knobel, Arkansas

Editor's Note: Ron Blankenship is a Construction Party Chief in the Osceola Residency.

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# Around the Department

## ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Officers of the Arkansas Highway Police enjoy fishing as well as weighing trucks as proven by Sgt. Nelson Farmer. While stationed at West Memphis, he caught these catfish weighing 40 pounds. Sgt. Farmer transferred to Batesville, where he is now looking forward to fishing the White, Spring and Strawberry Rivers.



Sgt. Nelson Farmer

## BRIDGE DESIGN

Congratulations are in order for two new high school graduates. Veral Pinkerton's daughter, Christi, graduated from Little Rock Central High School. She was a member of the band, Beta Club, and the National Honor Society. Christi will be attending UALR this fall.

Frank Harrison's daughter, Laura, is a new graduate of Little Rock Parkview High School. She was managing editor of the school paper and a member of the National Honor Society. Laura received an academic scholarship and will be attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville studying journalism.

Also congratulations to Harry Dinsmore's son, Harry Lynn, on his graduation from UALR. Harry's degree is in business management. He has a position with Johnson Control of Dallas. The firm's primary business is design, installation, and maintenance of electronic and pneumatic control systems for manufacturing. Harry and his wife, Kathy, are really missed in the Dinsmore household since their move to Dallas.

We want to welcome two new engineers to the AHTD. Glenn Cheatham is a native of Nashville and received his degree from Memphis State. He and his wife, Lydia, live in Pecan Lake. They recently did something really nice

on their anniversary - they had a delayed honeymoon at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs.

Jeff Buchward comes to us from Memphis State. He and his wife, Sherry, have an adorable one year old daughter named Erin. Jeff is a member of Tau Beta Pi and ASCE. They live in Indian Hills in North Little Rock and are members of Parkhill Baptist Church. Jeff is on the church softball team and will soon be going to Oklahoma City for the finals. Good luck!

David Ball is a new dad. He and Brenda have a six month old baby girl, Bethany Leigh. She is so cute and sweet. David should be ashamed telling those stories about not getting to sleep at night.

We are happy to report that Phil Brand's wife, Teri, is doing great after a recent illness. In fact, she made a variety of delicious pies and brought them to the office so we could all munch down. Teri's big effort was really appreciated. We all like to brag about what a good cook she is.

Mike White and his wife, Debbie, are new parents. They have blessed dad, Ed White of the Planning Division, with his fourth granddaughter. Amelia Suzanne was born June 3 and weighed 8 pounds and 11¼ ounces. She is now six weeks old and weighs a hefty 10 pounds.

The Southwest Toastmasters Club has gotten a surge in membership from Bridge Design. Jerrold Brantley is a new member and has already won three ribbons. He has been with the AHTD just over a year and because of his friendly disposition, makes friends with everyone he meets. Jerrold is a native of Pine Bluff and graduated from Lincoln University in Missouri. He is single and an associate minister at Newtown Baptist Church in Pine Bluff.

Garland Land and Leslie McSwain recently joined Toastmasters and are really enjoying it. The rest of us get a recap of the speeches every Friday afternoon - makes us all wish we had been there.

Mike Coogan, former owner of a fleet of six motorcycles, was put out of business three weeks ago. It all started when he glanced longingly out his window toward the storage building nearby that held his prize possessions. The trickle of smoke coming from the roof sent him dashing nearly a block away to rescue the perishing. Too late, everything was melting down. Mike consoled himself by borrowing a friend's bike until he could buy another shiny new one.

## CONSTRUCTION

Construction, Materials & Research, District and Resident Engineers honored John Tallant with a Retirement Party on May 19. Pictured are Highway Commission Chairman James Branyan, Commissioner Raymond Pritchett, John Tallant, Mrs. Tallant and B.K. Cooper. Mr. Tallant's daughter, Mrs. Kay Fish, and hundreds of friends from across the state were on hand to help celebrate. Dan L. Flowers, Construction Engineer presented a Certificate of Merit from Governor White and also many



James Branyan, Raymond Pritchett, John Tallant, Mrs. Tallant and B.K. Cooper.

gifts. Goodbye and good luck Mr. T. and we all hope you catch a whale.

Vershall Roy, Construction Section Head, and Mrs. Roy along with daughter, Margaret, made a trip to Alabama to visit relatives. We understand they had a great time.

After a skiing accident, Patti Robinson was forced to be on crutches for a while and could hardly wait to get back on skis again.

## FINAL ESTIMATES

Gary Joe Lewis has been promoted to Section Head of Final Estimates. He is very deserving of this honor as he has provided excellent service to this section for the past 17 years. Congratulations, Gary Joe!



Ron Cofer

Congratulations are also in order in more ways than one to Squad Leader Ron Cofer. He was recently presented his 10 year service award from Vershall A. Roy and a delicious cake was served to celebrate the event. The best news, as he will agree, is that he and his wife, Elaine, have become the proud adoptive parents of an adorable little girl, Kimberly Ann, age five. We are all very happy for Ronnie, Elaine, and Kim.

We would like to welcome two new employees who recently joined our ranks. Peggy Martin transferred from Leonard Hall's Resident Engineer's Office. Peggy is single and very



Kimberly Ann Cofer

versatile in that she enjoys gardening, raising Spitz and shooting pool.

Reta Fleming comes to us from Jack Coleman's Residency in Van Buren. Reta and her husband, Bill, have two daughters, Michele, age 12 and Jennifer, age 8. Reta enjoys ceramics and she has taken up another hobby - moving!



Cathy Diane Stanton

Annette Stanton had one last sibling to graduate from high school this year. Cathy Diane Stanton graduated from Bryant High School with honors and plans to attend UALR on a scholarship this fall majoring in Business



Lucehia and Ann Harrell

Management. Kids grow up fast, but next March Annette's other daughter, Gayla, will give birth to Annette's first grandchild. She is more excited than Gayla so congratulations, "Granny Annette".

Our little single cutie, Ann Harrell, has been spending the summer horse-showing and getting a nice suntan at one lake or another. She recently bought another horse bringing the total to 4. One is a pony for her daughter, Lucehia, age 3, who placed 3rd in her first horse show at the Saline County Fairgrounds.

### INTERNAL AUDIT

By Shirley Wesson

Vicki Lowry spent a week's vacation in May cruising aboard the "Song of Norway". She was able to do a lot of sight-seeing when they went to port and she also showed us the beautiful sapphire ring that she purchased while shopping. From looking through all the pictures she took, it seems a lovely and exciting time was had by her.



Shirley Wesson and Bill McDorman

This reporter (Shirley Wesson) was presented her ten year certificate of service and pendant on May 5, 1981, the exact same date of her service anniversary date by William H. McDorman. She liked her pin so much that she immediately went out and purchased a gold chain for it.

Hugh P. Murray transferred from this office to Personnel on May 28 to become the Personnel Officer. We congratulate him on his promotion.



Doyle Hughes

Doyle Hughes transferred from Programming and Scheduling as a Statistician to become an Internal Auditor in our office, replacing Hugh Murray. Doyle is married and has two daughters. He is a native of Malvern, but has been living in the Little Rock Meadowcliff area for about 7 years. He and his family are members of St. Andrew Church where he is a member of the session. Doyle is a member of the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club. He has a Masters of Business Degree from UALR and is working towards a Public Information Degree. We welcome Doyle to the Internal Audit Section.

### MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Not too many things went on in the Maintenance Division this time around but what did go on was of utmost importance.

Charles Carrouth, one of our Heavy Bridge Maintenance foremen, tied the knot on Saturday, June 6 in Ola. He married Mary Carroll, and we wish them both the best of luck in their new life together.



Keith Briggs and Don Brown

Also, Keith Briggs, one of our carpenters in Heavy Bridge Maintenance, received his five year pin from Don Brown. Congratulations, Keith, we hope you stick around a lot longer.

### PERMITS

By Angie Blackwell

Congratulations to Jeanie Kittler, who recently completed five years of service with the Department. Jeanie was presented a Certificate of Service Award by V.W. "Buddy" Dumas, Permit Supervisor.

Terry and Caron Nanney's 4-year old daughter, Christy, was in a dance recital, which was held June 12 at the Robinson Auditorium.

Our section is undergoing some modifications. The walls of our storage room have been removed to make more room for desk space for the existing personnel.

### PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Our secretary, Sue Walls, had the honor of being the "Office Person of the Day" on KEZQ radio recently. She received a beautiful floral arrangement and a luncheon for two at the International Bazaar Restaurant.



Sue Walls

Booger Holler. And wouldn't you know, Bob came back with a coffee cup that says "Grandpa" on it. The reason being a little blue-eyed girl named April.

Doobie Kestl spent a week on Moon Lake in Cohoma County, Mississippi, soaking up some sun, doing a little fishing and a lot of skiing and swimming.

Richard Finkle, his wife, Roseann, and son, Ricky, spent a few days camping on Lake Ouachita. Unfortunately, the weekend they picked was one in which we had some high winds and hard rain. They are novices in tent camping, so they had quite an experience trying to keep everything dry and to keep it from blowing away.

Margaret and her family spent a week at Mountain Harbor on Lake Ouachita. She said they had a great time and spent most of the time fishing. Over the 4th of July they took some time to visit Magic Springs and the Mid-

America Museum. Her 16 year old son, David, is a member of the Benton High School Back Pack Club. In June, they back-packed down in the Grand Canyon and toured parts Colorado and Utah. She said he really enjoyed it and came back with lots of pictures and a few blisters, but ready to go again.

Farrell Adams, his wife, Tina, Farrell's brother and his wife, made a trip to Blanchard Springs and other points of interest in northern Arkansas. They came back with some beautiful scenic pictures taken in the area.

## PLANNING DIVISION

Bryan Davis, our Division Head, chose a good time to escape to cooler weather and is vacationing with his family in North Carolina.

In case you are wondering why Becky Galyean, of the Administration Office, is walking on cloud nine, she has become officially engaged. The wedding is planned for October 3, but Becky has already made almost all of the arrangements. Rumor has it she wants to get everything done before the lucky guy has time to change his mind. And to think that we thought she would just be another old maid! Congratulations to a great couple.

Alton Beck of Technical Services is becoming an old hand at retiring. First he retired from the Air Force as a weather forecaster and on July 7, he retired from the Planning Division where part of his job dealt with forecasting traffic. Alton was honored with a reception in Technical Services. Good luck and happy retirement.

Ursula Schlesier recently visited Hattiesburg, Mississippi with her daughter, Barbara, who will be attending the University of Southern Mississippi graduate school of psychology and will be working toward her doctorate in psychology.

Technical Services would like to welcome Carolyn Deakins to our group. She recently transferred from District 6 where she drove AHTD trucks. Making the transition from truck driving to desk sitting has gone well for Carolyn.



Photogrammetry picnic at Maumelle Park

Margaret Hudson is also a winner. She recently won two free passes to Magic Springs on Magic 105, a Conway radio station. Congratulations Margaret and Sue!

Our annual picnic was held on May 31 at Maumelle Park. We had "Kentucky Fried Chicken" and all the trimmings. After lunch, a game of baseball was played in which there was only one casualty - Betty Radcliff got a charlie horse in her leg. All in all, everyone had a good time. Maumelle Park is a very nice place to have a picnic.

Bob Barnett has recently purchased a 1951 Buick Special. He plans on spending about 1½ years restoring it. This will give Bob something to play with for a while and he will have something to be very proud of when it is finished.

Randy Boyd can be very proud of his wife, Alena. She graduated cum laude in May from UALR. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Interpreting for the Deaf. Congratulations, Alena.

Vacationing in Arkansas home territory seems to be pretty popular around Photogrammetry this year. Bob Barnett, his wife, Lea, and some friends made a short trip to Dogpatch and



John Hume, Al Johnson and Betsy Morrison

A reception was held for Betsy Morrison and John Hume, V, of the Finance and Economics Section on June 30. Mr. Al Johnson, Chief Engineer for Planning and Development, presented them with their service plaques and gifts from the Division. Betsy retired with 33 years of service, and Mr. Hume retired with 27 years. We will miss both of these employees very much and we wish them the best of luck on their retirements.

We would like to wish Gloria Hood all the best of luck in the world as she and her three sons, David, Dorcus and Eric make a move to California. Everyone has enjoyed working with Gloria and she has promised to send us some picture post cards.

Congratulations are in order for John and June Haynie on the arrival of their daughter, Melanie JeanAnn. She was born May 3 weighing 5 pounds and 9 ounces. Lucky for John, they have worked out a sleeping schedule so that he doesn't have to sleep at his desk anymore. If you want to see what a proud father looks like, just stop by Finance and Economics anytime. When you see JeanAnn, you will know just why they are such a happy family.



Melanie JeanAnn Haynie

We would like to welcome Minnie Beth Delavan as our new Economist in the Finance and Economics Section. She received her BS Degree in Math and her Masters Degree in Business Administration from Henderson State University. Well guys, you will be happy to know that Minnie Beth is single and very attractive. We must give you warning though that there is a boyfriend in the picture. We are happy to have Minnie Beth and wish her the best of luck in her new job.

Paul Simms of Statewide Planning, and his wife, Janet, spent the last two weeks in May in Hawaii - compliments of KARN radio! Everyone should know that seven college basketball teams have gone through an entire season undefeated. Remember that the next time Jim Elder asks the sports trivia question. As a welcome home gift, Paul received his 5 year service pin on June 1.

## PROGRAMMING & SCHEDULING

Being the food lovers that we are, our office rarely misses an occasion that involves eating. June and July afforded us two such opportunities. In June, Dan Morgan received his 20 year service award. Not only did we serve cake for this celebration, but we served cake twice.

Thanks to clever planning we managed to have the first cake on a day Dan was out of the office. So... we got to have cake again when he got back. Cake twice in a row! Now didn't we say it was clever planning? Never let it be said that we can't eat two cakes in two days. The first cake was really just a practice run for us.

Not one to be out-done in the chow line, Doyle Hughes came up with a good reason for us to have another cake. The last of July he transferred to the Internal Audit Section and we had refreshments in his honor. We were sorry to see Doyle go and wish him much success, but feel sure he's going to find things sparse in the eating department. Doyle was presented with a filled candy jar to take with him to his new job.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Bill Stanton, Assistant Public Affairs Officer, took six weeks off in May and June to attend the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at Knoxville, Tennessee. Upon completion of his training, Bill was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant.



Bill Stanton

Prior to attending AMS, Bill was a Public Affairs Specialist for the 189th Air Refueling Group at Little Rock Air Force Base. His new assignment is Intelligence Officer for the 189th.

Bill is shown receiving his "gold bars" from Lt. Col. Robert Byrd, Deputy Commander of Operations for the 189th AREFG.



Bill Paschall

The Public Affairs Office has been very fortunate to have Bill Paschall working with us for the summer. But all good things must come to an end as Bill will be going back to school in August at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and then on to the University of Texas in Austin for his Masters Degree in Public Affairs.



Ronnie Bowden

Congratulations to Carolyn Graham's son, Ronnie Bowden, who graduated kindergarten from Ding Dong Kampus in May. Ronnie is 6 years old and will be in the 1st grade at Watson Elementary School this fall.

## RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

Tis the season of vacations and summer camps in our section. We have Jerry Heffington, Larry Foreman and Robert Cagle at National Guard summer camp at the present time.

Debra Allen and family just returned from a vacation to Six Flags in Dallas, North and South Padre Island, Galveston and Port Aransas, Texas and Mategora, Mexico. They all had a great time except for sunburn.

Recent visitors in the home of Ava Harding were daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Ron



T. J. Williams

Spielman from Sheridan, Wyoming and daughter, Donna Williams, and grandson, T.J., from Norman, Oklahoma. It was a hectic but very enjoyable short visit.

Dick Godfrey and family are vacationing in Texas and Al Dunn and family are vacationing in Florida. We are anxious to hear all about their trips when they return.

Two of our employees are driving new cars. Frank Knowles has a 1981 Mercury Lynx and John Jackson has a 1981 Datsun B210. Must be nice to be young and rich.

Frank Knowles daughter, Andrea, recently celebrated her 5th birthday with a party.

Carolyn Bryant's son, John David, recently celebrated his 12th birthday. He is sure proud of the .22 rifle he received.

We are happy to have Janet Kirkpatrick working with us again this summer in our Microfilm section. She will be a junior this fall at the University of Arkansas studying law.

## RIGHT OF WAY

By Shirley Childress

### Administrative Section:

This section has a brand new grandfather. Butch Wilson's daughter, Cindy and husband Roger Havniear, presented Butch and Ruth with a grandson May 21. His name is Erik Anthony and he weighed 7 pounds and 1/2 ounce.



Erik Anthony Havniear

At this writing, Don Martin, his wife, Ernestine and daughter Alice, are preparing to leave on a vacation to North Carolina. I know he was looking forward to this trip and I'm sure he won't be disappointed.

Glendol Jackson and most of his family, which included his wife Geraldine, son Jerry, daughter Karen and her two children, Clay and Holly, vacationed at Destin, Florida. They had such a good time I'm sure their ready to go back again.

A.C. Ledbetter and wife, Frances, traveled to an Arkansas State Samboree at Bentonville in June. After leaving Bentonville they went to Beaver Lake and then on to Bull Shoals for a few days. It turned off real cold while they were there but they had a good time anyway.

Jimmy Giles and his wife, Karen, traveled to Shepherdville, Kentucky to attend a church convention.

This section enjoyed the cooking of Herman Schmidt at a fish fry at Willow Beach Park on June 27. Glendol, Rick, Herman and A.C. all participated in some exciting lawn dart contests. Several children were present and they enjoyed fishing while the adults enjoyed the eating.

### Engineering Section:

Fred Williams, his wife, Nina, and daughter, Karen, are at this writing visiting their oldest son Steve. Steve recently graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and is now an electrical engineer with IBM in Virginia. They are planning on visiting Washington, D.C. while they are there and then come back home by way of North Carolina to visit Fred's brother and his family.

Ron Johnston and family, which is his wife, Linda, daughter Lisa and son Alan, all went on their annual camping trip at Heber Springs. They usually camp in a tent but this year bought a pop-up camper to stay in and Ron said he would never camp in a tent again. They all four like to fish and reported that they caught a total of 82 trout.

### Acquisition Section:

This section enjoyed a potluck dinner on July 13 at which time Max McHaney was awarded his 10 year pin and service certificate by Section Head J.C. Merritt. Congratulations to Max and we hope he has many more productive years with AHTD.

Max's daughter, Terri, graduated from Marmaduke High School as valedictorian with a 4.0 grade point. She will be attending Arkansas State University at Jonesboro this fall.

Several of this Section's employees have been vacationing this summer. J.C. Merritt recently returned from a two-week vacation in Florida and Key West. Nathan Garrett spent two weeks touring the Rockies and Grand Tetons of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and other states.

### Utilities Section:

Several employees of this section organized the Highway Department 4-Ball Golf Tournament which was held at Hindman Municipal Golf Course on April 25-26. There were 22 participants and everyone had a good time. Gift certificates were awarded to the first and second place teams of each flight. The results are as follows:

#### Championship Flight

1st Place . . . . . Don Matthews & Willard Holt  
2nd Place . . . . . Harold Banks & Joe Qualls

#### First Flight

1st Place . . . . . Butch Garner & Ralph Williams  
2nd Place . . . . . Lee Gibbons & Jim Barnett

#### Second Flight

1st Place . . . . . Don Martin & Jim Moody  
2nd Place . . . . . Danny Moore & Ted Mitchell

The tournament was a big success and another one is planned for late this summer.

Jim Bartlett spent a week in July on his farm. Jim and Wyonna grow a lot of nice vegetables and fill their freezer every summer. Jim got so tired of picking beans that he finally took the mower and mowed them down.

Congratulations to Joseph L. Qualls! On June 13, Joseph married Carolyn Austin with a large host of friends attending. Joseph expresses his appreciation to friends in the Department for helping make this a memorable day.

Among the vacationers from this section this summer were Mary Gibson and family,

who spent a week in Dallas, Texas visiting with her sister. Willard Holt took a nice trip to the East Coast. While in route to North Carolina, Willard went by way of Nashville, Tennessee and took in Opry Land. He had a nice time in North Carolina visiting with his sister. They spent a few days in a condominium on the Atlantic Coast.

Arthur Watt and wife, Betty, went to Nashville, Tennessee to pick up Chris, their son, who is attending Vanderbilt University. They also spent a few days in Dallas, Texas with Arthur's mother.

Ralph Williams and his family took a mini-vacation to Mississippi and had an enjoyable time.

Buddy Cazer and his family do not plan a vacation this year. Buddy's daughter, Vickie, has moved back to Little Rock from New Orleans and he has enjoyed having her closer to home.

Butch Garner, while awaiting deer season, has been busy getting his new swimming pool installed.

Debbie doesn't plan a vacation until mid-November, at which time she will be busy taking care of a new baby. Congratulations to Debbie and Gary on their approaching parenthood.

### Relocation:

Pictured below is prom night for Tina Escarre and Dicky Dry. Tina is Pete Escarre's daughter and Dicky is Mary Dry's son. Dicky recently graduated from Bryant High School and was selected for Who's Who in American High Schools two years in a row.



### Appraisal Section:

The old saying "time flies" is so true. Why, only yesterday, our children were born and now here we are at graduation ceremonies. Ron and Jeannie Barret's son, Ronnie, graduated from Little Rock Central High and Mary and Jack Sanders son, Randy, graduated from Benton

High School. Needless to say, both sets of parents are filled with pride.

J.R. Binns and his wife, Jana, recently took a Caribbean cruise. They sailed on the U.S.S. Norway for 7 days. The ship was like a small town. It has 17 floors, accommodations for 2500 passengers and a crew of over 800. Ahh, luxury at its finest.

We're very pleased to have Vaneesa Latson with us again this summer. She is a delightful addition to our office.

Jeannie Barrett and family recently celebrated a very special birthday - her grandmother's 94th. It was a grand occasion. Streamers were hung from the ceilings and a special cake was prepared with all the trimmings. Family members from far and wide joined in the celebrated event. Happy Birthday to you, "Daw Daw".

Mary and Jack Sanders son, Randy, joined the Marine Corp after graduation from high school. He left May 22 for San Diego and will complete basic training August 7. His proud parents are anxiously awaiting his 10 day pass to come home following basic training. Congratulations, Randy (future "General").



Casey Wayne Lewis

Randy and Linda Lewis are the proud parents of a baby boy named Casey Wayne Lewis. Casey was born May 21, 1981 at the Baptist Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce and was 21½ inches long. Randy works in Right of Way Appraisal and Linda is taking leave from the Right of Way Engineering Section. Congratulations to Randy and Linda.

## STATE AID DIVISION

By Barbara Crowell

James and Anita McLeod are the proud parents of Ann Elizabeth who was born on February 4 and weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces. James is a State Aid Designer in this Division and his wife, Anita, is a CPA and Auditor with the State Legislative Audit. Both James and Anita are enjoying their new family addition. James is always keeping us informed on the new and different things that Ann Elizabeth has been doing. Congratulations!

Ronald Brown who has been with the Department for 20 years recently retired due to



Ann Elizabeth McLeod

ill health. He comes to see us occasionally and a fish fry was given in his honor. Best wishes to Brownie and his family. Come to see us anytime.

A note to Max Hall who retired several years ago. Max, . . . come out to see us. . . We miss the visits and also the candy and goodies. We have a fresh pot of coffee ready anytime. Have a good year!



John Kizer and Bill Hayes

Bill Hayes recently received his 10 year certificate of service. Bill was first employed with the Department in 1965 at Forest City in the Resident Engineer's office as a construction helper and then resigned in 1970 to attend college at the U of A in Fayetteville where he received his Civil Engineering Degree in 1975 at which time he returned to the Department. We are all proud of Bill. He has worked in the Construction Division, Roadway Design and is now Section Head in our Division. He is married and has two boys, Greg, age 16, and Daren, age 13. His hobbies include hunting and golf.

## TRAFFIC

Marlene Hogan gained a daughter on July 24. Marsha Brown married Marlene's oldest son,

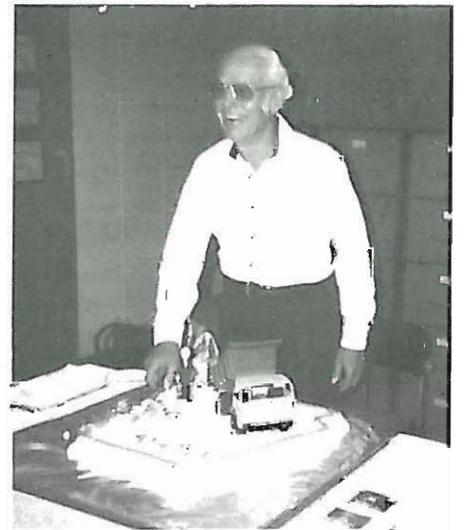
Terry. After a trip to Heber Springs the couple will reside in Van Buren. Best wishes to Marsha and Terry.

For a year Janet Lewis has been trying to get Richard Penn to say "yes". Well he finally did and they were married on August 14 at Southwest Missionary Baptist Church. The couple will make their home in Fayetteville where both will be attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Congratulations to Janet and Richard.



Our youngest graduate is Niki Flonnoy. She is the daughter of Renita Hamilton from Traffic Safety. Niki graduated from St. Peters Rock Day Care Center and was voted most popular and most likely to succeed by her class. Congratulations Niki and Renita.

## DISTRICT ONE



The cake was the State of Arkansas, the colors white and orange, and the truck topping the cake was dumping a load of asphalt that was as real as the inspector checking it - the white headed, goateed gentleman in whose honor the cake was made, the loin smoked, and the gathering gathered. This was all at Virgial Shassere's office in West Memphis on Bill Cheek's last day of work, the last day

after 19 years of construction work for the AHTD. Bill's co-workers were responsible for a delicious supper, including the fanciful cake (delicious, too) baked by Rick Owen's wife, Pam. After dinner, the cake was served with coffee and lots of good fellowship was enjoyed. Bill was presented with several items of fishing gear as a going-away present, enough that we think he might forget for a while his plans of expanding his furniture refinishing business. Bill's wife, Mary Frances, attended the supper with him and heard all the nice things Virgil Shassere, his boss, had to say about him. We wish him good luck and much happiness in his retirement.

## DISTRICT TWO

By Bettye Carter

It seems this issue will be full of "good-byes". All of District Two regrets the transfer of Joe Barnett to the State Construction office. Joe has been the Assistant District Engineer for two years. He was known as a friend to all and got to know everyone in the District. Joe is shown in the picture after receiving a cake and gifts at a "get together" held in his honor. We wish Joe, his wife Jackie, and their children, the best of luck in their move to Little Rock. They will be missed by all.



Joe Barnett



Sam Smith and James Henderson

Retiring after 28 years of service was our "parts runner" James Henderson. James and his wife, Emma, have 7 daughters and 16

grandchildren. The employees presented James with hunting equipment to use in his spare time. He also works in his church, Indiana St. Missionary Baptist each day. Now he will have enough time to deer hunt all he wants. We all will miss his smile and friendly personality around the District. Easy going and always in a good mood was his nature. The best of luck in the future James!



W. W. Fairchild and G. D. White

Also retiring from the Ashley County crew was W.W. Fairchild, after 15 years of service. His fellow employees gave him a cake and gifts. We all wish him an enjoyable retirement.



Tommy White and Sam Smith

Thomas L. White was presented a pin for 25 years of service from District Engineer M.S. Smith. Tommy is a finish motor patrol operator on the District Maintenance Crew.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cater on the birth of their daughter Doris Lynn on May 21. She weighed 7 pounds and 12½ ounces. They also have a fine son, Tommy that graduated from Drew Central Kindergarten in May. Billy works in the Sealing Crew from Drew County.

Our receptionist, Sharon Wilkes and her husband announce the birth of their first daughter Candice Jenai on May 5. She weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces.

Sandra Lynn Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Johnson, graduated from McGehee High School. Roy is a senior inspector in Max Bagwell's residency.



Doris Lynn Cater



Candice Jenai Wilkes



Tommy Cater

Connie Carter, daughter of this reporter, Bettye Carter, graduated from Pine Bluff High School this spring. Connie was a Zebra Girl, COE student and a member of the Spanish Club. She works in the office at Trotter Ford while studying business education.



Shown in this picture is Cheryl LeAnn Kniss, born April 16. She weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces. The parents are Pete and Susan Kniss of Lake Village. The proud grandfather, Herman Reginelli, works out of Lake Village with the Highway Police Unit 183 in District Two.

### DISTRICT THREE

By Vinie Holt

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: L.C. Carmack, R.F. Wilson, J.C. Gray and J.N. Ardwin, 5 years; K.F. Moritz, J.P. Hart and Connie Jones, 10 years; W.E. Tyler, G.L. Roberts and S.L. Bumgarner, 15 years; G.O. Monroe, 20 years; R.J. Holder, 25 years; and T.O. Snow, 30 years.

J.P. Hart, crew leader in the District Wide Bridge Crew, recently retired with 10 years service. The Bridge Crew had a fish fry to honor J.P. and show their appreciation to him. We wish J.P. the best and hope he has an enjoyable retirement.



T. O. Snow

T.O. Snow, area foreman in Montgomery County, recently retired with 30 years service. The Montgomery County Crew had a retirement party for "Tad" with a cake decorated in the Highway Department's colors of omaha orange and white and several freezers of ice cream. They presented him with a metal detector as a gift to show their appreciation for the friendship and leadership he had given them over the years. The latest news from Tad's wife is that her yard looks like a bunch of armadillo dug it up but Tad has found several old coins and is enjoying his gift immensely. Special guests at the party were Charles Mitchell, District Engineer; William Tyler, Assistant District Engineer; Jerry Whitehurst, Maintenance Superintendent; John William Barham, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent and County Judge Ted Abernathy who used to work at the Pencil Bluff Headquarters. Good luck Tad, on your treasure hunting.

Michael Carl Lazenby and Elizabeth Michelle Mitchell were married at Old Washington Methodist Church on Saturday, June 20. Michelle is the daughter of District 3 Engineer and Mrs. Charles Mitchell.

Jeff Glanton and Cynthia Campbell were married at the Springhill Methodist Church on Friday, June 26. Jeff is the son of Kenny and Helen Kidd. Kenny is Job Superintendent of the District Wide Construction Crew and Helen is District Bookkeeper.

John David Barham, son of Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, John W. Barham, graduated from Laneburg Central High School on May 18. His accomplishments included Citizenship Award, Science Award, Mathematics Award, Social Studies Award, Sportsmanship Award, I Dare You Award and he was a 3 year letterman on the Laneburg Hornets basketball team. He plans to attend Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia this fall.

Janett Hodges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Hodges, graduated from Hope High School May 26. A.A. Hodges is a District wide dozer operator.

Gerry William Holt, son of District Secretary, Vinie Holt, graduated from Hope High School May 26. Gerry is a summer employee in the Hempstead County Area Crew.

We want to welcome Syndee Sinyard to the District Office this summer. Sydnee will be in her last year at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway this fall. She will be receiving an Associate of Arts Degree in Administrative Services. Sydnee's hobbies include water skiing and horseback riding. She is 20 years old and single but she is not looking, she is engaged.

### DISTRICT FOUR

Don Turner, District Maintenance Superintendent, was presented his 25 year award by A.L. Holmes at a party on July 16. Also sharing in the honor of the day was Wayne Goodson, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent. It was Wayne's birthday so we had a double excuse for a party! Both Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Goodson came by to help make the party complete.

Gary Holland, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ferrari (Bob is a mechanic at the District Shop) was named overall state winner at the State DECA competition held in Hot Springs. DECA



Wayne Goodson, A. L. Holmes and Don Turner

is an organization of students enrolled in Distributive Education classes and the students receive school credit for on-the-job training provided by the business community. Gary is employed by Safeway in Fort Smith. For his efforts, Gary will be rewarded with a trip to Anaheim, California and the chance to represent the state in national competition.



Gary Holland

Alan Dirk Greenwood, II, was born June 18. His proud parents are Becky and Dirk Greenwood. Dirk is station attendant at the District Headquarters and the proud grandparents are Sis and Bill Bice. Bill is Assistant Resident Engineer for Jack Coleman's Residency.

Benjamin Andrew Gilbert was born June 1, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Gilbert of Benton, Arkansas. His proud grandparents are Cliff and Ruby Gilbert. Cliff is a mechanic at the District Shop at Fort Smith.

Earlier this year at the "Apple Festival Benefit" at Lincoln, Connie Meyer, station attendant at the Lincoln Area Headquarters, was dressed up for the occasion. Nice looking lady???

We were saddened by the deaths of two former employees: C.A. "Shorty" Brewer, retired District Wide Equipment Operator and Marge Parnell, retired Fuel Clerk. We want to convey our sympathy to these families.



Alan Dirk Greenwood, II



Benjamin Andrew Gilbert



Connie Meyer

District Four's "over-the-hill", ill-sorted, and unprepared softball team split a double-header with District Eight's youthful all-star team on May 30 at New Blaine, Arkansas. District Eight won the first game, with a last inning surge, 10 to 6. District Four came back in the nightcap to win by a score of 9 to 7, primarily on the strength of good hitting and running.

A third, tie-breaker game was set to be played, but District Eight declined, with Manager Chip Young stating they couldn't be ready for a third game before June 20. District Four agreed to that date.

On June 20, both teams met again. District Eight barely edged out a win in the first game by a score of 11 to 8. The second game was abruptly ended after 2½ innings of play, when William Craig, of District Four, broke his ankle sliding into third base. Mr. Craig was taken to a hospital in Russellville and later transferred to Fort Smith. The outpouring concern by employees from District 4 and 8 was highly commendable and greatly appreciated. We hope William will be back to work very soon.

**SPRINGDALE RESIDENCY:**

We have had a very busy summer and have had lots of help. We are glad to have Sam Kizer, on loan from the Clarksville Residency; the "Nifty Nine" from the Bentonville Residency; plus our summer employees, Charles Ashcraft, Deborah Gross, Dean Nichols, Gary Powers, John Stephens, Sam Turner and Roger Young.

Ken Benson, who has been with the Department for 10 years, received his BSCE from the University of Arkansas on May 16, and is now a CE III in this office. He was selected for membership in Chi Epsilon, the Civil Engineering Honor Society, and Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering Honor Society. Ken also has a degree in Math and an Associate Degree in Data Processing.

Ken and his wife, Joan, celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on July 20. Their son, Dennis, graduated from Springdale High School on May 27 and entered the U.S. Air Force on June 8.

Congratulations to our newlyweds! Steve Clark and Vicki Vinson were married May 16, in a garden wedding in Fayetteville. Steve is an inspector in this office and Vicki works for the Arkansas Social Services office in Bentonville.

Gary Powers and Tanya Graves were married on May 29 at the Johnson Church of Christ. Gary is one of our summer employees. Both he and Tanya are students at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

**MENA RESIDENCY:**

Jimmy Barker received his 15 year service certificate and Mack Rose received his 20 year service certificate. Good Job - Men!



J. N. Barker and D. C. Spencer

We regret the loss of Betty Hines, field clerk in this office, who has resigned to look after



G. M. "Mack" Rose and D. C. Spencer

other obligations at home in Waldron. Betty has been field clerk since 1973.

D.C. Spencer, our Resident Engineer, won the Summer Sports Festival Bass Tournament on Lake DeQueen in June.



Debbie Deramus

We would like to welcome a pretty face here for the summer, Debbie Deramus is working here in the office assisting D.C. in the office chores.

**VAN BUREN RESIDENCY:**



A party was held on June 25 at the Van Buren office in Reta Fleming's honor, coffee and cake were served. Reta is transferring from this residency to Final Estimates Section in

the Little Rock office. Reta will be missed in District Four but we want to wish her the best of luck in her new job.

## DISTRICT FIVE

By Marilyn Coffman

Congratulations to the following employees on their service to the Department: Robert M. Hickey, 20 years; Alvin Justice, Billy R. McCollum, John E. Pendergrass, Gary K. Smith and Douglas M. Sipe, 15 years; Rodney E. Sutherland, Andrew J. Duchanoy and W.R. Jackson, 5 years.

Congratulations to Kay and V.L. Taylor, who became the parents of a bouncing baby boy, Matthew Collie, who arrived July 3, weighing 8 pounds and 2 ounces. Kay is our District Bookkeeper. Who hope to have a picture for the next issue.



Troy and Jane Cook

Troy Cook, Equipment Operator with the District Shop, recently retired with 30 years service with the Department. Cook was presented with a gift certificate from Reno's Sporting Goods. We hope he can find time to use something from their store. We wish you the best of luck, come to see us often.



Our thanks to Bula Martin for the cute and unusual cake provided for Cook's retirement party and also for the cake provided for the ladies of the office on "Mother's Day". Bula is known for her delicious cakes.

## DISTRICT SIX



Congratulations to Debbie Wallace, daughter of A.F. "Sonny" and Linda Wallace of Vilonia and granddaughter of District 6 Engineer and Mrs. Hurley Perkins.

Debbie is a 16 year old senior at Vilonia High School and was recently chosen 2nd runner-up in the Queen's Contest at the Arkansas High School Rodeo. She also won the Queen's Horsemanship Award, a very colorful honor at the 4th of July High School Rodeo held in Conway. At the State 4-H Rodeo, held in Pine Bluff, Debbie won 1st place in Team Judging and was first runner-up in individual high points and won a trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the Southern Regional 4-H Rodeo.

## DISTRICT SEVEN

By Althea Campbell

We have been fortunate to have Rhonda Branyan, a senior student in Marketing at Harding University, as Receptionist during the summer months. Rhonda is very capable and a joy to have in the office. She will be greatly missed this fall.

Marilyn and Colin Bridges, our District Permit Clerk, had a "fun and relaxing" trip to Panama City, Florida with friends.

Vicky Yocom, assistant storeroom supervisor, is leaving this week to be with her husband, Tommy, who is working for International Paper Company in Caushatta, Louisiana. Vicky has been with us over 5 years and will truly be missed. Perhaps she will stop by and visit us since her father, Ben Loe, senior mechanic, is enjoyed here. Please do, Vicky.

Claude Parton, Assistant District Engineer, and wife, Helen, with children, Kelly and Clint, enjoyed a trip to Opry Land in Nashville and Gatlinburg.

Tommy and Jerri Waddell, field clerk for A.W. Hardy in Camden, along with friends flew to the Bahamas for an exciting vacation.

I am enjoying my son, Bill Campbell, who is working as staff writer for the Camden News this summer. He will return to Arkansas Tech at Russellville in the fall. He was sports editor for the Ark-Tech school paper last year and this is giving him additional experience.

It is nice to have the following summer employees with us this year: Rhonda Branyan, District Office; Calvin Nutt and Mark Campbell, Construction; Tim Kirkpatrick, Steve Bostic, Clifford Lester, Leslie Green, Kim Bock, James Whitley, David Nadasky, Carl Ramsey, Gary Turner, Cindy Warren, Robert James, Stephen Collins, James Feimster, and Terrence Williams, Maintenance.

Mrs. Mary Russ, mother-in-law of payroll clerk Mildred Russ, was presented an Appreciation Award for outstanding service to Senior Citizens, by the Mayor of the City of Camden. Mildred, and husband John, are planning lots of entertainment when her cousins, Terry and Brenda Bosarge and children, Jason and Turrell, visit from Bayou LaBatre, Louisiana. Trips are planned to Magic Springs, Murfreesboro Diamond Mine and other points of interest.



Kim Myers

Kim Myers, daughter of Resident Engineer and Mrs. Bob Myers of Camden, was selected to participate in the "Miss Teen of Arkansas" pageant which was held recently in the Little Rock Convention Center. She was a contestant in the evening gown and talent divisions. As her talent, Kim sang and danced to the song "Honey Bun" from the musical "South Pacific".

We would like to congratulate all our high school graduates from District Seven. Johnny R. Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Herring, motor patrol operator-finish for the Union County Crew, was Valedictorian at Strong High School. He was vice-president of the school Beta Club, Band Captain, a member of the social studies and F.F.A. clubs, and was listed in Who's Who Among American High School students for the past two years. He has enlisted into the United States Marine Corps

Reserve and is taking his training for 72 days. At the end of this time he will major in Mechanical Engineering at Louisiana Tech.

Kelly Cantrell, son of Mavis and Jim Cantrell, inspector in A.W. Hardy's residency, graduated from Camden High School. He was a member of the Arts Club and the Drama Club, and plans to attend Vo-Tech School this fall.

Denita Karen Wynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wynn, senior inspector in A.W. Hardy's residency, graduated from Magnolia High School. She was a member of the Magnolia High School Band, the Flag Corps, Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. She plans to attend South Arkansas University at Magnolia this fall and major in Computer Science. She is a member of College View Baptist Church and Go-Tel Singers.

Tim Kirkpatrick, son of Charlotte Kirkpatrick, District Receptionist, graduated from Fairview High School at Camden. Tim is employed with the Sign Crew at the District Office and plans to study Pre-Pharmacy at S.A.U. Tech in Camden.

Steve Bostic, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bostic, graduated from Fairview High School in Camden. Steve was All-District Outstanding Defensive Lineman and All-District Weight Lifter during his high school years. He is employed in the Camden Shop for the summer and plans to study welding at Red River Vo-Tech in Hope.

We would like to introduce two more of our supervisor's wives to you. They are Jan Launius and Noleka Hopper.



Jan Launius

Jan is the wife of Dannie Launius, our Storeroom Supervisor. They have a 3 year old daughter, Janda (a clever combination of Jan and Dannie). The Launius' live on the same highway as the District Office, which makes it convenient for Jan and Janda to stop by with lunch and a short visit with Dannie at noon on special days. Jan is a busy homemaker who has a lovely garden and cans as well as freezes, sometimes even has enough to supply neighbors with fruits of her garden. She also finds time to sell Tupperware and this winter she got up a petition among her neighbors to have natural



Janda Launius

gas piped into the area. This took extensive visiting, setting up the bank account, and lots of encouragement - but will be well worth it since they began laying pipeline the first of August. Jan and Dannie are active members of Fairview United Methodist Church. Incidentally, Jan has a twin brother, Jackie Turner of Camden, and Dannie has a twin sister, Annie Purifoy who is married to Donald Purifoy, who is the Ouachita County Area Headquarters Attendant.



Noleka Hopper

Noleka Hopper is the wife of L.D. Hopper, our District Equipment Supervisor. Noleka's hobby is bowling - notice in the picture the many trophies. She is a member of the Hampton Ligniters, a bowling team from Hampton that placed second in the State Bowling Tournament held recently in Jonesboro. The team received \$500 in prize money, and an additional amount for bowling the third place high team game. Noleka is a "Grey Lady" and does volunteer work at the Camden Hospital. The Hopper's have two sons, four grandsons, and one granddaughter - they usually have one or more grandchildren visiting during the summer months. She really enjoys cooking, and from talking with L.D. she does an excellent job. She also loves to fish and, with her husband, they spend many hours in their boat. They are active members of the Church of Christ in Camden.

George Griffis, Job Superintendent in District 7, enjoyed a fishing trip to Lake Chicot



George Griffis

with Larry Hollis, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, and Jessie Millican, Union County Area Foreman. George is taking his turn at watching "chicken" cook in the smoker. Wonder what happened to "fish fry" on fishing trips.

#### A.W. HARDY RESIDENCY:

Johnny Sprayberry and his family have been spending a lot of time on the lake this summer. Also, Johnny says everyone should float the Buffalo at least once.

George, Sherry, and Chad Montgomery just returned from a trip to Nashville and Opry Land.

Allen Cheatham has given up the comfort of office work to return to the field. We miss him around the office.

Jerri Waddell, with children Bret and Shannon, enjoyed a weekend with her Mother, her sister and children in Dallas visiting Six Flags Over Texas, Safari Land and other places of interest.

#### DISTRICT EIGHT



District 8 Service Award Recipients

Congratulations to all District 8 Service Award recipients. They are: February - Kenneth Ellis, 25 years; April - Loyd "Butch" Cochran; May - John Gruben and Silas T. Powers, 20 years; Kenneth Crow, 10 years and James T. Bridges, 5 years; June - T.I. "Jean" Blalock, Boyd S. Bonds and Dicky L. Williamson, 15 years and Ruben McConnell, 20 years.

Bon Voyage to Elzie Owens, who retired June 10. Elzie worked with the District Wide Maintenance Crew and retired with 34 years of service.



R. C. McConnell and Lawrence Fletcher

Good luck and best wishes also go to Hob Langford. He retired from the District Wide Construction Crew August 4 with 28 years of service. We miss seeing all of our retirees and hope they come back often to visit.



O. S. "Hob" Langford



Natalie Annette Pellham

Delbert Pellham brought us this picture of his pride and joy, Natalie Annette Pellham. She is the daughter of Deb's son, Gary. They are living in Clear Lake, Iowa (hopefully temporarily). Deb is recovering from recent eye surgery. We hope everything is going well.



Glyn Rackley, a senior mechanic in the District Shop, shares his special interests with us. He killed this 18½ pound turkey near Allread in Van Buren County. Also, he brought us this picture of one of his beehives. Glyn has 6 hives and is expecting to get 200 pounds of honey this year. Evidently there is a little rivalry going on, because Glyn said, "Eat your heart out John Gruben". Now, John, how about your picture and story for the next magazine?

Brenda Boyd, daughter of Storeroom Supervisor, C.L. Boyd, graduated from Dover High School. C.L. is especially proud to announce that she was Salutatorian.

Kevin Baskin, son of Area Foreman, R.C. "Bo" Baskin, graduated from Clarksville High School this year. Congratulations Kevin!

Kerry Dean Powers, son of Silas Powers, graduated from Dover High School this year. Kerry recently enlisted in the Army under the delayed entry program. He will receive training as a motor transport operator, and his first assignment will be in Europe. Kerry was also pitcher on the Dover High School baseball team.

#### CONWAY ENGINEER'S OFFICE:

Brad Thomas, Senior Inspector, retired on April 27 after 35 years of service with the Department. Brad was honored with a retirement party by his fellow employees on May 16 at the Conway Engineer's office. He was presented with a watch and a pocket knife as re-

irement gifts. We wish Brad a long and happy retirement.

Also attending the retirement party was former employee Charlie Tamburo, who retired in November, 1979. It was nice to see Charlie again.

Retired Resident Engineer Elmer Smith was in the hospital recently. We sure wish Elmer a speedy recovery.

Brad Thomas, who recently retired, had surgery in May and is reported doing quite well. We wish Brad a speedy recovery.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Lloyd "Shorty" Greene, who passed away on June 12. Shorty was a retired employee from this office.

Patsy King and her family spent their vacation in Florida. They went swimming in the gulf at Pensacola, toured Disney World at Orlando and walked along the boardwalk on the Atlantic Ocean at Fort Pierce. She reports that they had a great time and she is ready to go back for a longer stay. Patsy is our field clerk.

## DISTRICT NINE

By Shirley Morton

Donna Fowler, Fuel Clerk, resigned in May and with her husband and daughters, moved to Mountain Home to be near Charles' business, Radio Shack. Donna began work at Baxter General Hospital in June.

We are sorry to lose Wayne Foresee, Jim McLaughlin and Arl Allen who retired due to disabilities. We will miss them and extend our best wishes to each.

Fred Freeman, truck driver in the Searcy County Crew, retired in July with 15 years service. We wish Fred a long and happy retirement.

Congratulations to our new Area Foreman for Searcy County, Willard Crow.

Danny McMullen completed eight weeks Infantry Training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and is assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve Unit at Harrison. Dan will be a senior at Valley Springs High School this fall and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMullen.

District Engineer Jim Selby and Mrs. Selby welcomed their sixth grandchild on Sunday, July 12 at Washington Regional Hospital at Fayetteville. Their daughter, Janet, gave birth to her third child, a boy, whose name is Nicholas Owen. Our congratulations to Janet, her husband and two daughters.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bill Wallace who recently became grandparents when their daughter announced the arrival of an addition to their family in South Dakota.

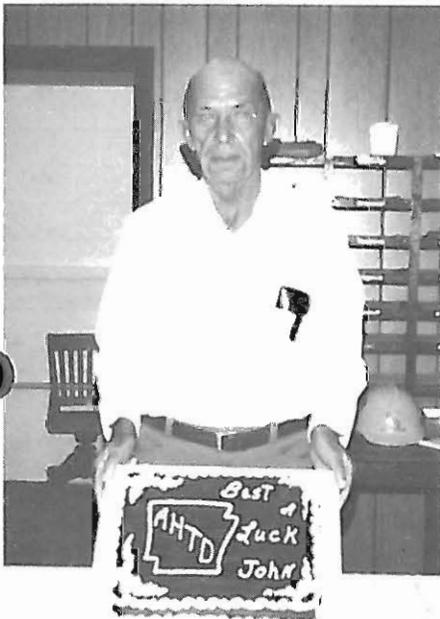
Equipment Supervisor Bill McMullen and wife, Jackie, are grandparents again. Daughter, Debbie and Steve Henderson of Tulsa announced the arrival of a son, Luke, in May. The Henderson's also have a 2 year old daughter, Sarah. Congratulations to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Emerson proudly share the picture of their darling baby daughter, Tiffani, who is four months old.

John Parker, Job Superintendent, retired in April and was honored by his crew at a party on his last day of work. Cake and coffee were served and they presented John a beautiful watch and their wishes for a happy, healthy retirement.



Tiffani Emerson



John Parker

Congratulations and much happiness to newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brasel. Mike is employed in the Boone County Crew.

Retiree Howard Campbell and Mrs. Campbell announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherri, to David Holt. The wedding ceremony will be in August at Lead Hill.

Marvin Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holt, participated in the High School Rodeo in July at Conway. Marcia and Joe were there for all of the excitement and to give their support to Marvin.

Under the coaching expertise of Dennis Jarrett, the M.U.M.S. Girls Slo-Pitch Softball Team had a 17-3 season, won several trophies and qualified for the State Tournament at Magnolia in August. One of the team members is AHTD employee Sandra Eidson, who played first base and whose athletic abilities, pep and energies, will surely place them at the top at the State Tournament. Good luck M.U.M.S.

A softball game between the Harrison Fighting All-Stars and the Yellville-Marshall Turkeycats was played June 27 at the Marshall City Park Field. Under the direction and

superb pitching of Dennis Jarrett, the Fighting All-Stars fought a three game series with the TC's which finally ended in being protested by the All Stars, due to several infractions of the rules by the Turkeycats to include: discrimination, sexual harrassment, illegal time outs, and faking an injury. As the All-Stars paraded back to Harrison, the Turkeycats went home to roost and to nurse the injuries of Kenneth Oxford, Jim Martin, Ronnie Garner, Darvin Barrett, Steve Jones and others. A grudge game will be rescheduled for a later date.

Dennis Jarrett drove to New Hampshire in July for two weeks of sight-seeing and relaxing at the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Richardson and family motored to Pennsylvania for a vacation and visit with Claudia's parents.



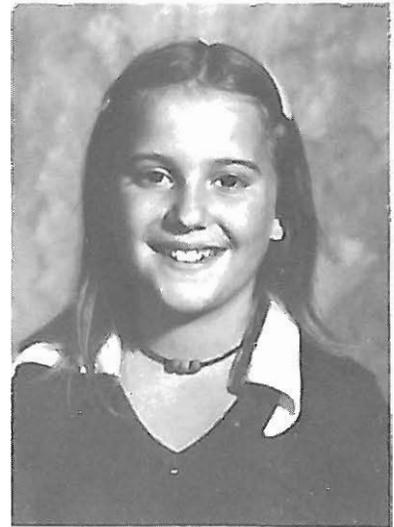
Joshua Alan Wise

Bobbie Wise, field clerk at the Bentonville Residency, returned to work in June from leave. Her handsome baby son, Joshua Alan, is five months old and the 'spittin image' of his Dad, Al.



Jeannette Jarrett

Graduated from 6th Grade, Bergman School, active in sports, daughter of Dennis Jarrett.



Balinda Snell

Graduated from 6th Grade, Bergman School, Member 4-H, daughter of Debbie Carlson.

J.T. Richardson, Boone County Foreman, was the featured "Cook of the Week" in the Harrison Daily Times in recognition of Father's Day, June 21. J.T. was pictured with five of his six children and there was a variety of his favorite recipes printed for all to copy and enjoy. J.T. is an excellent cook (a good husband and father, too) and he is always happy to share a good recipe with a friend. His summer sausage recipe is delicious and the "Peach Fizz" is highly recommended, try them, you'll like both.

## DISTRICT TEN

By Isabelle Psalmonds



Congratulations are in order for Frank and Linda Russenberger. Frank is Resident Engineer at Paragould. On May 21, their first son, Paul Alan, made his appearance. He weighed in at 6 pounds and 15 ounces. He is a cutie, but he doesn't seem to be particularly impressed with the whole situation. He is pictured here with his two sisters, Susan, age 6 and Lara, age 2. This is a beautiful family - just ask Georgia Russenberger, District 6 Secretary - she is the proud grandmother.



Richard Swindle and Lyndal Waits



Dewayne Combs and Norman Pumphrey

Richard L. Swindle received his 25 year pin in April. He is Parts Runner. The shop and storeroom folks presented him with this small truck with the AHTD decal on it, so he would always be able to go after parts. Lyndal Waits, District Maintenance Superintendent, presented Leroy with his pin. Congratulations, Leroy!

Dewayne Combs, District Office Manager, received his 20 year pin and certificate in May. Norman Pumphrey, District Engineer, made the presentation. Congratulation, Dewayne.



Ralph Blackwell and Don LeMay

With summer engulfing everyone in the office lately, it seems that most of the talk around here has been about Don LeMay's new swimming pool. Everyone is anxiously awaiting the first big "splash" to celebrate Don's new acquisition.

Don was also presented his 20 year Service Certificate last month, and Leonard Norton was presented his 10 year Service Certificate. Ralph Blackwell, Resident Engineer, made the presentations here in the office. Congratulations Don and Leonard! (This accomplishment for Don and Leonard also helped the Jonesboro R.E. Office reach 152 years of employee experience. With fourteen employees, we think this is a great milestone to have passed.)

Bennie Hayes, Senior Engineering Helper, and his wife, Susan, will have a cheerful summer indeed. They have a lovely four year old daughter, Jennifer, and a new bouncing bundle of joy, Travis Ray, to fill their summer hours. Travis was born on April 13, and weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. Congratulations Bennie and Susan!

We would like to take this chance to wish our best to Rex Pierce, Keith Smith and Dub Hedder. Recently Rex was transferred to the Lawrence County Maintenance Crew, and Keith and Dub were transferred to the Craighead County Maintenance Crew. We miss seeing them around the office and hope they'll stop by to see us if the opportunity arises.

Also, we were sorry to say goodbye to Bryant Terrell and Keith Wood. Both resigned to take employment with other companies. We hope they are enjoying their new fields of work and look forward to visits from both.



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July 22, 1981

Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Dept.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

On July 10, 1981, my mother and I were on the way to my sister's graduation from nursing school in Little Rock.

We were also at the Cantrell Road exit when we had a blowout. We were two bewildered women.

Your Mr. John Hall, I think he is a Bridge Maintenance Engineer, stopped and truly came to our rescue. My mother had never had a flat and didn't even have a tire tool.

This gentleman got out in the 90 degree heat and had to put on gloves to get this smoking tire off my mother's car. It was red hot.

We offered him some money for helping but he refused. I just had to drop you a note so you would be aware of what a fine, courteous and helpful person Mr. Hall is. He didn't have to stop but he did.

We could certainly use some Mr. Hall's in the State of Tennessee.

Yours very truly,  
Barbara T. Williams  
Welsh Forest Products, Inc.  
Memphis, Tennessee

To The Arkansas State Highway and  
Transportation Department  
District 2  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

This is to compliment the cleanliness of a rest area at which we stopped on the morning of June 9, 1981. I understand the caretaker's name is P. G. Davis.

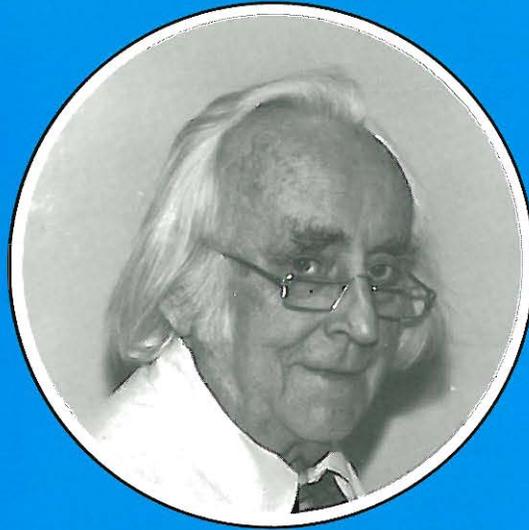
The location of the rest stop was on U.S. 65 just south of the intersection with 165. We wanted you to know how much we appreciated the work Mr. Davis is doing, since our experience at so many rest stops across the Nation was very negative.

Nebraska is the state with more and cleaner rest stops than anywhere we traveled (and we covered 8,200 miles) from Florida to California and north, then to Illinois and back home through Tennessee.

But the rest stop on U.S. 65 would rival any we came across anywhere and we just wanted you to know it was such a welcome relief to find a man of Mr. Davis' character and interest. We talked to him and he was most helpful and courteous.

Yours very truly,  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Williams  
Sebring, Florida

# Thank You,



## Mr. HUME

Anyone who has read Arkansas Highways with any regularity over the past two decades, has also read many articles written by John R. Hume, V.

Mr. Hume retired in June, after 23 years of service with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

During that time, he dedicated himself to documenting the historical development of the State Highway System and how it related to the overall growth and modernization of Arkansas.

The Doniphan, Missouri native received a law degree from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee. His college majors include: economics, history, psychology, literature and law.

Working in the Planning Division, Mr. Hume became a self-made expert in Harrelson and Martineau Road Laws, and the old highway and bridge improvement districts of the 1920's, the financial responsibility of which the highway department assumed. He also became an expert in highway finance, particularly in the area of bond financing.

He possesses a rare ability of recalling historical facts and details that are so vital in making administrative decisions and in developing highway legislation for the future.

Mr. Hume used this ability to write a series of articles for Arkansas Highways tracing the history of the automobile age in Arkansas. These articles were well received by readers, not only in Arkansas, but throughout the country.

With his knowledge of highways and highway finance, combined with his legal education, Hume's contributions are assets to the department in developing opinions regarding the impact of state and federal legislation on the department and the administration of the State Highway System.

Mr. Hume's talents as a financial analyst, historian, legal advisor and writer, will be sorely missed. All of his friends wish him well in his retirement.



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