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DALTON FARMER APPOINTED TO HIGHWAY COMMISSION



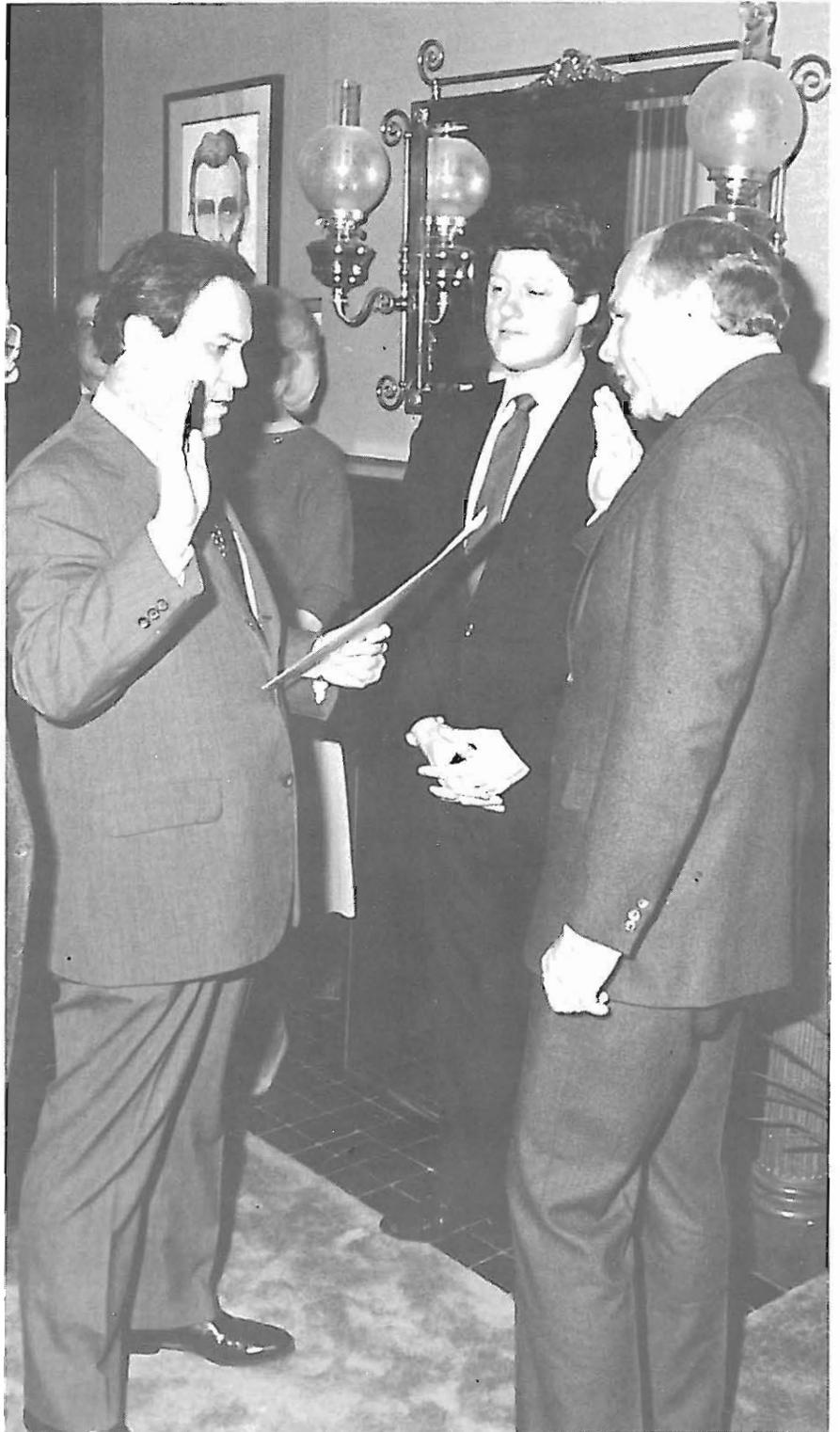
Dalton Farmer

Dalton Farmer, 49, of Jonesboro, was appointed to the State Highway Commission by Governor Bill Clinton, January 29. He replaced David Solomon, of Helena, whose term expired.

The Jonesboro businessman serves on the streets and highways committee of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council. He has also served on the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission in Craighead County.

Farmer is a native of Childres in Craighead County and graduated from Jonesboro High School. He attended Arkansas State University where he studied agriculture. He has several farming operations in Craighead County in addition to his own investment firm.

He and his wife, Nora Dean, have one son, Alec, age 21.



Highway Commissioner Dalton Farmer, right, receives his Oath of Office from Secretary of State Bill McCuen, as Governor Bill Clinton looks on.

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

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Vice Chairman

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Member

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Member

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Member

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Highways and Transportation

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Chief Engineer

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FRONT COVER PHOTO: State Highway 7 in Garland County.
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BACK COVER PHOTO: Dogwood tree in full bloom. Photograph
by David Hunter.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZES MAJOR FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY SYSTEM



As a result of an outstanding effort on the part of our Commissioners and many of our staff members, the vast majority of the State Legislators recognized the need for additional highway funds and voted to override the Governor's veto of a bill they had approved earlier to increase funding for the improvement of the State's rural roads.

Over \$34 million will be made available for overlays, widening, and reconstruction of over 4,850 miles of our most critically deteriorated and substandard roads. Additionally, the money will permit us to pave the remaining gravel roads on our system.

Most of you are familiar with our highways and can appreciate just how badly we need these improvements. But you are also aware of the challenge that this expanded program, along with our ongoing maintenance and Federal-aid work, presents to all of us.

The need for additional surveys, plans, contracts, and supervision will become immediately apparent and will place increased demands on all areas of our operations. I am confident that you will meet this challenge.

I am also happy to report that, along with the additional responsibility, we have also been given added benefits. An immediate and well-deserved pay increase was authorized as well as legislation that will permit retirement after 30 years of service.

As you can see, this has been one of the more important legislative sessions in many years. We now have the means to strengthen our roads and construct those badly needed improvements to make our highways safer and more efficient. Additionally, an Act was passed that eliminates the gasohol exemption. This exemption, if not checked, would have eroded an estimated \$5 million a year from our current revenues. Let your Legislator know how important these measures are and express your appreciation for the benefits we have received.

We have promised the people, and the members of the House and Senate a rural road program and an improved highway system. We're going to keep that promise.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Gray'.

Henry Gray
Director of Highways & Transportation

SOLOMON'S TERM EXPIRES

CHAIRMAN COMPLIMENTS DEPARTMENT



DAVID SOLOMON

On January 10, David Solomon attended his last meeting as Chairman and Member of the State Highway Commission. The Helena attorney was appointed by former Governor David Pryor in January 1975.

In an interview with Assistant Public Affairs Officer Bill Stanton, Solomon reflected on the progress and accomplishments achieved by the Department during his tenure on the Commission.

BILL STANTON: What do you consider to be some of the major accomplishment over the past ten years?

DAVID SOLOMON: I recognize that the first three, maybe four years, that I was on the Commission were sort of the golden years as far as getting the funds and the ability to do things, because inflation had not run rampant. We were in a better financial condition than any other time. It was obvious to me that it was going to stop. As a result, especially in the two districts that I am primarily concerned with, I passed that on to the Districts Engineers and told them to bust their britches to try to get anything they could because the good times were gonna' fade away -- which they did.

That showed up, I guess, primarily in the secondary roads or rural roads throughout the eastern part of Arkansas. We were able to accomplish alot before the money situation worsened. However, the overall projects, of course are the main arteries, the Wilbur Mills Freeway (I-630), getting it off center and going, I thought was real important. The East Belt Freeway (I-440) was a real milestone, the St. Charles Bridge on the White River, Highway 67 improvements toward Newport, Highway 65 between Little Rock and Pine Bluff, and then in Jonesboro, the additional work on the Highway 63 Bypass. Of course, in Northwest Arkansas, the Fayetteville Loop. Those are some of the big projects.

SOLOMON'S TERM EXPIRES

BILL STANTON: What do you wish could have been done that wasn't because of a lack of financing? Do you think we fell short anywhere?

DAVID SOLOMON: That's a little hard. The ten-year plan that we had, that was redone during my time. . . There were a lot of things in there we weren't able to do. I think the staff had the ability to accomplish all of this if the funding had been available. The main thing, as far as the future is concerned, is the fact that so much of what we've built is falling apart because of the inability to maintain it. Maintenance is the big push for the future. Along with that comes the tremendous task of redoing the bridges that are obsolete.

BILL STANTON: What about the funding now. Practically, the whole time you've been on the Highway Commission, it's been a constant struggle. What do you think needs to happen?

DAVID SOLOMON: Well, the thing that I like to compare the funding situation or the money situation for the Highway Department to is the people who retired in say the 1950's or 60's. The retirement income was more than adequate at that time, and then, we got up to the 1970's where they're almost on relief because of the inflation. That same thing has been true in the Highway Department, because our income has been fixed and the level of revenues has stayed the same where the cost of doing business has continued to go up. It seems to me in Arkansas, we always have to have a crisis before we come up with a solution. I think that if the weight/distance tax funds hadn't come into being we would have been greatly hampered.

There's got to be a realization that if you are to maintain and if you keep a system up to a good standing, that the money is going to have to be made available at the State level because its not coming from the Federal Government – that's obvious and perhaps it shouldn't. There's got to be a realistic approach to adequate funding. I don't have all the answers about where it's coming from, I think the proposals that we've made, that we've talked about and thrown into the hamper at the Legislature, are steps in the right direction. There's a graph I've always used as Exhibit A on these talks that we've made - that run the comparison as the highway revenues being almost on a straight line at the bottom and the general revenues of the State going up - which is, to me, the most graphic illustration of the funding. And it's been remarkable to me that with the funding that we have had, that we have made the progress that we have, but it's coming to a halt.

BILL STANTON: Do you think there's ever going to be such a thing as enough money for highways?

DAVID SOLOMON: One time when I was on the School Board, I asked the Assistant Superintendent – this was in the 50's – who was fiscal officer so to speak, just how much money would it take to have a good school system. He said, "I'll answer that in two weeks." So he came back to me the next time we met and he said, "There isn't that much money in the world." We don't have, the State of Arkansas doesn't have unlimited resources to do it.

The people have got to realize what an adequate road system means to them. I think most do and rather than cry wolf all the time, just educate them or make them realize that there's no free lunch. It's (the money) got to come from someplace.

BILL STANTON: When you were appointed to the Highway Commission – did you have any pre-conceived notion of what the Commission was about – or the department - how they operate?

DAVID SOLOMON:

I had no knowledge whatsoever. My only contact with the Highway Department was opposing them in lawsuits. That's the truth. It was a complete surprise and shock to me that I was even considered for it. It's quite a long story - but I was at a Bar Association meeting in Little Rock and I got a phone call from an aide to the Governor. He said the Governor wanted to see me. When I got out to the Mansion, Governor Pryor looked up, and came right out of the blue and said, "I'm not offering the job or saying I will appoint you but I'm contemplating appointing you to the Highway Commission." And I went, "Oh, good God, I'd be the bastard at the family reunion because all I've ever done is oppose them." And he said, "That's good". That was on Friday night, I believe, and Sunday night I got a phone call. He said, "Well, I've got to do this Monday morning and I'd like you to take the job."

I had been over here in Chamber of Commerce work with Ward Goodman in the old building, and I had participated in the Constitutional Convention in '69 and '70. I supported leaving the Mack-Blackwell Amendment in the proposed new Constitution. That was the extent of my contact with the Department.

BILL STANTON:

There have been several attempts to change the Mack-Blackwell Amendment. What are your feelings on that now that you've served on the Commission?

DAVID SOLOMON:

Well, if you were structuring State Government from the beginning - I think it wouldn't occur to come up with this type of arrangement. But, then the thing of it is, there was a peculiar need of the State of Arkansas back in the late 40's that brought this change about. It's been a good solution and it's still a good solution. I think there are enough checks and balances in it, and the Commission is not completely independent.



David Solomon, center, Director Henry Gray, left, and Commissioner Patsy Thomasson display the Commissioner Emeritus Certificate, Photo Display, and Plaque that were presented to Solomon at his last Commission Meeting.

SOLOMON'S TERM EXPIRES

BILL STANTON: Being a Commissioner is a pretty time consuming job. How have you been able to do it?

DAVID SOLOMON: Well, I have always been involved in things at the community level - and still am - and this other than through the Bar Association - this has been the first State activity. I have had the ability to have good people working for me and with me and as a result of that I've been able to do it. I just seem to be able to put things together and stay busy. It has its peaks and valleys for which many are time consuming - and it would be possible to work full time if you had the ability. I've maintained the Commission is more like a Board of Directors of a corporation. It is a policy making board and we should see that our policies are administered rather than worry about the day to day operations. I don't know anything about building roads. I didn't before I started and I don't know now. There's no need for that. The need is to have a director and staff that can do it.

Let me say this - I told you I came in without knowing anything. I have been - perhaps came off - a little bit of a disbeliever, being an outsider with almost no connections to the Department - but I have either been brain washed or I found out that this is a wonderful organization. It's got nothing but highly competent people in it and its being run well.

COMMISSION SELECTS OFFICERS

THOMASSON & HOPPER TO SERVE

Patsy Thomasson was elected Chairman of the State Highway Commission February 7. Ms. Thomasson was appointed to the Commission by former Governor David Pryor in January 1977. Bobby Hopper, of Springdale, was elected Vice Chairman.

Ms. Thomasson is a graduate of Rison High School, earned a B.S. Degree at Henderson State University and an M.S. Degree in Consumer Economics at the University of Missouri in 1972.

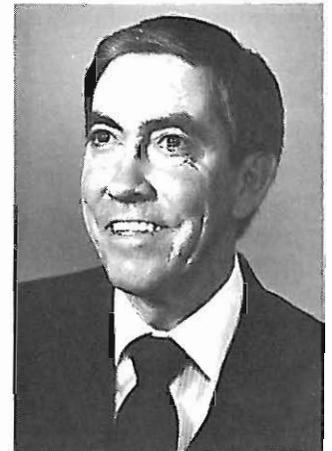
She has worked as a staff assistant for former Congressman Wilbur D. Mills; Associate Administrator of Doctor's Hospital; President of Southern Management Association, and is currently President of L.F.I. Corporation. Although her business is located in Little Rock, she maintains legal and voting residence in Rison.

Ms. Thomasson is on the Board of Directors of the Arkla Exploration Company, and is Chairman of the Special Select Committee Conference of Commissioners and Boards, for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Hopper was appointed to the Commission in January 1983 by Governor Bill Clinton to fill the unexpired term of F.H. Martin of Fayetteville, who resigned. He is a native of Gassville, in Baxter County, and after graduation from Cotter High School, was drafted into the Army and served in the Korean War. Upon his return, he managed a Ford dealership in



Patsy Thomasson



Bobby Hopper

Albuquerque, New Mexico and after 14 years he returned to Arkansas where he operated a Ford dealership in Springdale until January 1980. He continues to be involved in other business interests in Springdale.

Hopper is a member of the Board of the Springdale Rotary Club; a member of the Civil Service Commission; and a member of the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, where he has served on the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SUPPORT FOR HOT SPRINGS HIGHWAY HEARD



Hot Springs residents examine the display prior to the beginning of the hearing.



Bob Mize, Design Squad Leader, points out features on the proposed arterial.

Residents of Hot Springs and surrounding Garland County turned out in a strong show of support at a public hearing January 29 on the proposed East-West Arterial at Hot Springs.

The Hot Springs Sentinel Record reported the crowd size in excess of 700, which is one of the largest crowds to attend a highway public hearing in recent years. When Mayor Jim Randall asked the audience for a show of hands in favor of the project, just about everyone there complied and then applauded.

The proposed nine-mile, four-lane divided highway would begin at U.S. 270 East near the Lakeside School and proceed west to just past the airport, then turn north to cross U.S. 70 West and re-join U.S. 270 west of town near the Highway 88 intersection. Estimated cost of the project is about \$40 million.

According to AHTD Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters, the department hopes to begin right-of-way acquisition late this year. He told the audience the first phase of construction would extend from U.S. 270 west to Central Avenue.

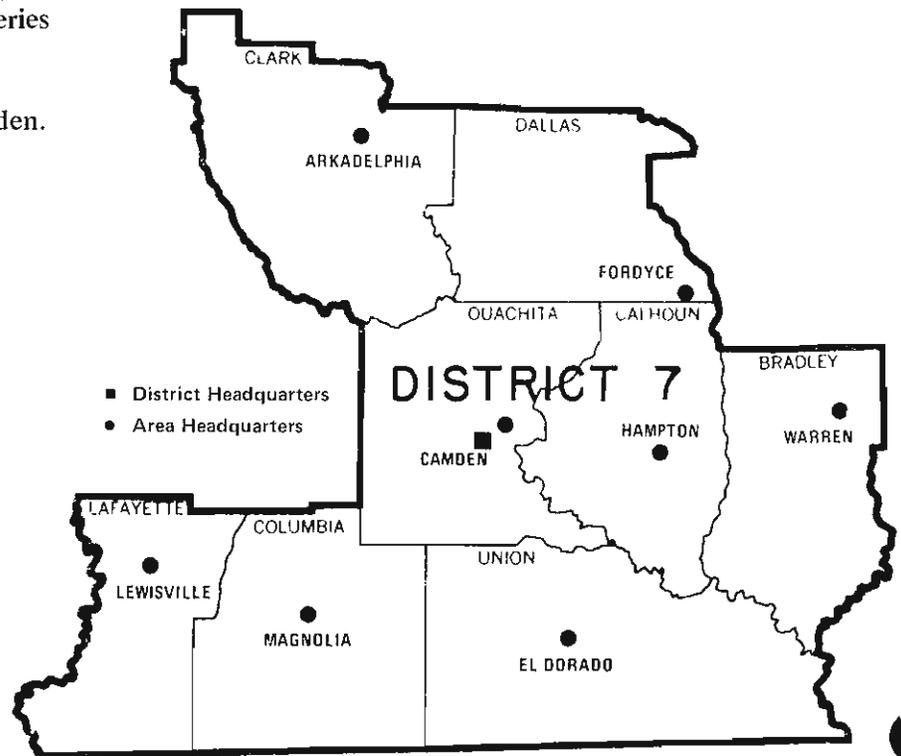
In addition to the support expressed at the hearing, petitions bearing more than 2,000 signatures were turned in. More than 30 people, ranging from elected state and local officials, to bankers, industrial leaders, and private citizens spoke in favor of the project.

While the proposal was strongly favored, many speakers also requested that the department investigate the possibility of extending the highway another two miles or so northward from U.S. 270 East to connect with U.S. 70 East.

Walters said the department would look into that possibility and discuss it with the Federal Highway Administration, which must approve the department's plans since Federal Aid Primary funds will be used along with State matching money to construct the highway.

DISTRICT SEVEN PHOTO FEATURE

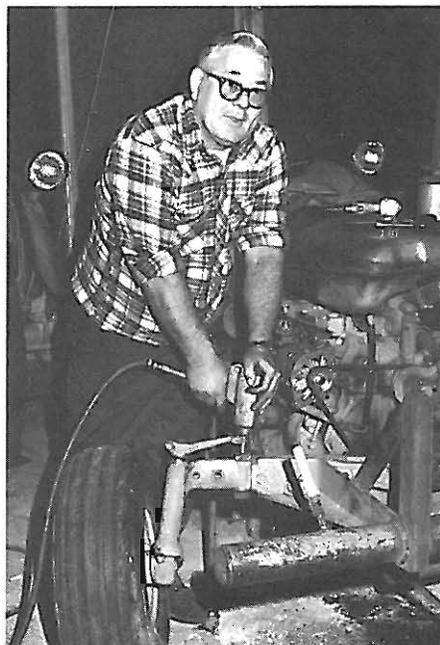
In this issue of "Arkansas Highways" we are featuring the seventh of a series highlighting District personnel. This is District Seven with headquarters located in Camden. Photos by John Jackson.



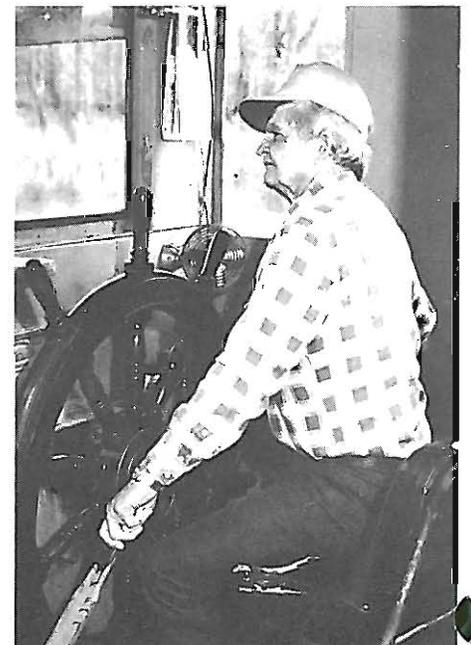
Marva Davis, truck driver, flags traffic.



C.D. Tutt, Signman II with 28 years service, hands sign to Vance Honeycutt, Signman II, with 7 years service.



J.W. Vincent, mechanic, works at the District Shop in Camden.



J.C. Reynolds, pilot, with 8 years service, works at the Moro Bay Ferry.

DISTRICT SEVEN PHOTO FEATURE



James Ellis, left, Crew Leader in Dallas County, directs shoulder repair operations.



Jody Phillips, Service Station Attendant at El Dorado, with 2 years of service.



Mike Nelson, Welder, with 6 years of service to the Department.



Marilyn Barrett, left, Single Axle Truck Driver, and Janet Darlene Mays, Single Axle Truck Driver, patch potholes in Dallas County.



Claude Parton, left, Assistant D.E. with 23 years service, and D.E. Coy Campbell with 26 years of service, review plans.



Carolyn Milner, District Bookkeeper, with 26 years of service.



Sammy Reap, Deckhand with 2 years service, lowers the ramp on the Moro Bay Ferry.



Danny Launius, Storeroom Supervisor, has 10 years of service with the Department.

NORFORK BRIDGES

DESIGNERS RECOGNIZED FOR INNOVATION



U.S. 62 Bridge, foreground, and State Highway 101 Bridge

Photo: Harrison Daily Times

A pair of complementary medium span, low clearance bridges spanning Norfolk Lake in Baxter County, on Highways 62 and 101, have been named winners in the American Institute of Steel Construction's 1984 Prize Bridge Competition.

Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff, of Kansas City, Missouri, received a Prize Bridge Award for design of the bridge at AISC's Fourth Annual Awards Banquet in Chicago, Illinois December 4.

Since 1928, the Prize Bridge Competition has honored the creative, functional and aesthetic excellence of modern steel bridges. In selecting the Norfolk Lake Highway Bridges, jurors especially noted the overall effect: "The proportion of span to height, treatment of the piers, depth of the girders, even the railing, were well done. The gentle grade adds to the bridges' drama. Unpainted steel contributes to the total effect. The bridge contrasts nicely with the surrounding countryside," the jurors concluded.

Arkansas Highway 101 and U.S. Highway 62 traffic had been carried over Norfolk Lake by ferry boats since this reservoir was inundated in 1944. Increasing traffic and expense of ferry boat operations justified the convenience of the bridges. Design requirements for horizontal and vertical clear-

ance were minimal. The challenge was deep water (up to 150 feet), thin overburden, and dolomitic limestone bedrock riddled with fractures, cavities and caverns.

The lightweight steel girder superstructure fixed to the pier tops by prestressed anchorages allowed the use of framed bent-type piers which could be constructed by working above the surface of the water. Also, the superstructure was constructed by working above the surface of the water. Also, the superstructure was constructed without falsework or elaborate erection equipment. Of the several other structural types studied, none were cost-competitive, nor were their appearance as appropriate for the location. The end results are bridges that are functional, with clean, simple lines -- attractive, but unobstructive, evidence of man's presence.

Also recognized for their contribution to construction of the medium span, low clearance bridges were: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, owner; Massman Construction Company, Kansas City, Missouri, General Contractor; Kansas City Structural Steel Co., Kansas City, Kansas, Steel Fabricator; Vogt and Conent Southwest Corp., Little Rock, Arkansas, Steel Erector; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, Original Owner.

SNOW AND ICE

NEW SERVICE OFFERED ON ROAD CONDITIONS

The Highway and Transportation Department spent about \$4.3 million for the removal of snow and ice during January and February. This compares to \$4.7 million in 1984. Last year, winter damage to the state's highways was in excess of \$25 million. Although a complete investigation of the roadway conditions won't be finished until late this spring, officials expect the damage figure to be at least as great as last year's.

To better serve the public during periods of adverse weather, the AHTD implemented an automatic telephone answering system. This system provides up-to-date road information to the public by calling 569-2400. When information requests exceed the capacity of this number, the public may call 569-2461 for road condition information.

The Department's telecommunications operators are in constant communication by radio with Highway and Transportation maintenance personnel statewide and obtain up to the minute information on ice or snow accumulations and road conditions throughout the state. The recordings are closely monitored and updates made as conditions change.

During one recent 36-hour period of extremely cold weather and snow, the Department received nearly 2,500 calls from the public requesting road condition information.



Operator Harold Harrison checks the tape on one of the automatic telephone answering machines.



Snow and ice is cleared off of I-40 in Lonoke County following a winter storm that dumped more than six inches of snow in an area from Lonoke to West Memphis.



This section of U.S. 71, between Fayetteville and Springdale, had to be cleared of snow just one day after it was officially opened to traffic following nearly three years of construction.



A common scene at most maintenance yards throughout the state this winter was the restocking of chemicals for snow and ice removal.



In addition to snow removal and road damage costs, the Department will also be spending money this spring replacing hundreds of roadside signs that were damaged.

NEWS BRIEFS

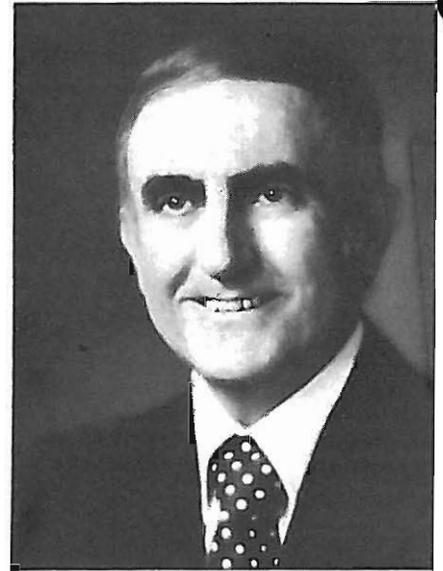
COOPER NAMED TO BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER SYSTEM'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Billy K. Cooper, Chief Engineer, is one of four Arkansans recently named to the Baptist Medical Center System's Board of Trustees.

Trustees serve without pay and meet quarterly to discuss and determine the needs of the system's four hospitals - Arkansas Rehabilitation Institute, a 140-bed facility in Little Rock; the Baptist Medical Center, a 739-bed care center in Little Rock; Memorial Hospital, a 260-bed hospital in North Little Rock; and Twin Rivers Medical Center, a 57-bed facility in Arkadelphia.

Cooper has been with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for 30 years, serving in a variety of engineering positions before being named Chief Engineer in 1970.

He has an associate degree in engineering from Arkansas Tech, a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and a master's degree in Civil Engineer from Purdue University.



Billy K. Cooper

NICHOLS TO SERVE ON AASHTO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Brooks Nichols, Assistant Chief Engineer for Design, has been appointed to serve as Vice Chairman of the AASHTO Task Force on the Strategic Highway Research Program's (SHRP) Advisory Committee on Pavement Performance. The committee will play an important role in the development of the detailed design of the research plan in the subject area. His appointment will run through calendar year 1986.

Nichols has also been serving on the Transportation Research Board's standing committee appointed to determine the most appropriate minimum geometric design stan-

dards for resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of non-freeway highways and the Federal aid system.

Nichols has been with the Department 28 years. During that time he has served as Design Section Head, Assistant Roadway Engineer, and Chief of the Roadway Design Division. He was promoted to his present position in 1979. As Assistant Chief Engineer of Design, he oversees the functions of the Roadway Design, Bridge Design, State Aid, and Right-of-Way Divisions.



Brooks O. Nichols

LAMBERT NAMED STAFF BRIDGE MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

David A. Lambert, formerly Resident Engineer in District Six, was transferred to the Maintenance Division January 31 to assume the duties of Staff Bridge Maintenance Engineer. David received his BSCE from the University of Arkansas and is a Registered Professional Engineer. He has twelve years experience with the Department in

Construction and Bridge Design.

The staffing of this position will help meet the need for more frequent inspection and timely maintenance of major bridge structures. The Staff Bridge Maintenance Engineer will assist in the preparing plans for repairs to major structures. He will also assist in training for bridge inspection and bridge maintenance.



David Lambert

AHTD RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION

MEETS WITH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By M.L. Beckett, President

Representatives of our Retirees Association met with three members of the AHTD Retirement Board on January 15, 1985 at which time the following resolutions were presented to the Board and discussion followed.

- RESOLUTION NO. 1 That in order for the System to properly accomplish its goals there are two paramount principles which are basic:
- a) First and foremost, the System must at all times be kept actuarially sound; and
 - b) Of like importance is a reliable assurance to the beneficiaries at the time of their retirement of a continuing economic support equivalent to the level afforded them at the time of their retirement. That is to say, the retiree shall not be victimized by any erosion in the purchasing power of the dollar and the purchasing power of a beneficiary's retirement income shall never drop below its economic value at the time of the beneficiary's retirement.
- RESOLUTION NO. 2 That endorsement be given by the board for adding an AHTD Retiree to the membership of the AHTD Retirement Board of Trustees with full rights to all matters of the Board but voting rights.
- RESOLUTION NO. 3 That the Board would cause an election to be held among all AHTD Retirees to elect a retiree to serve as their representative as a non voting member of the Board.
- RESOLUTION NO. 4 That the Board send out to all AHTD Retirees all information that is being sent to active employees in regard to the Retirement System.

Our Resolution No. 1(b) in essence was rejected by the Board as reaching for the moon since an annual increase in benefits using a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) formula is not within the financial structure of the present retirement system. Resolution No. 4 would be taken care of sometime around mid-year when the financial statement is distributed to active employees. Because of the time spent on Resolution No. 1, Resolutions 2 and 3 will be taken up at the next regular scheduled meeting of the full Board. We will keep you posted on the Board's disposition of these two resolutions.

To handle future matters concerning our retirement for our Retiree's Association, I have named the following members to serve on our State Retirement Committee: Mr. Jim Lowder, a former member of the AHTD Retirement Board of Trustees, to serve as Chairman; Mr. Ralph Jones, our former chairman of continue as a member, and Mr. L.C. Carlson, former Head of Bridge Design, to serve as a new member.

TO ALL A.H.T.D. RETIREES

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

The time has come for all of us to renew our loyalty and dedication to our organization by sending in our dues of \$10.00 for the year of 1985 to Sibyl Maddox, 202 Santa Fe Trail, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205. Remember, this is a non-profit organization and all the dues collected goes toward our actual expenses only. \$2.00 of this \$10.00 is returned to your District Chapter to defray their expenses for mailing, phone calls, etc. for their District. Ten dollars for your Membership provides you with every copy of our Newsletter to be mailed to you. As you know, our Newsletter gives you articles of interest to every member in every District; news of each meeting and announcement of all meetings to come. It also gives you current news about all activities in which our organization is involved. We urge all of you to send in your annual dues at your earliest convenience.

Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number () _____

Spouse Name _____ Year/Month of Retirement _____

We would appreciate your comments about our organization.

Your District No. _____ Signed _____

1986 HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST

The State Highway Map Photo Contest is an open invitation to all Highway and Transportation Department employees and family members. The winning entries will appear on the 1986 State Highway Map. Your photograph could become a visible symbol of the pride we have in our State and the Highway and Transportation Department.

THE CONTEST RULES ARE:

1. All entries must be either 35mm color slide or color glossy print. (You may submit any number of entries)
2. Each entry must be labeled with the entrant's name, address, and picture location.
3. Submission of entry constitutes agreement that it may be published on the Highway Map. Proper credit will be given to the winner.
4. All entries must be submitted no later than November 1, 1985.
5. Entries will be prejudged on the basis of concept, originality, and artistic merit by a selection committee. The final selection will be made by the Director of Highways and Transportation.
6. All entries must be taken in Arkansas and in 1985.
7. Vertical format entries are preferred.
8. Entries should be highway oriented; highways, roads, bridges, etc. and/or:
9. Scenic photos of Arkansas' natural beauty; mountains, lakes, rivers, etc.
10. All entries remain the property of the sender and will be returned.
11. All entries must be accompanied by an official entry form or facsimile.

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

The entrant submitting the winning photograph for the 1986 Map Cover will receive an 11x14 custom framed print and a certificate awarded by the AHTD Director. Other winners submitting photographs selected for use on the map will receive an 11x14 print.

1986 STATE HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please accept my photograph(s) for consideration in the 1986 AHTD Map Photo Contest. I have enclosed ___ slides and ___ glossy prints. I have read and understand the rules of the contest and agree to allow the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to reproduce and print my photograph on the State Highway Map in the event my entry is selected as a winner.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Mail completed form and entries to:

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

AHTD LETTERS

October 16, 1984

Mr. Joe Barnett
District 10 Engineer
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Barnett:

The citizens of College City and Northeast Arkansas greatly appreciate the turning lanes which your department constructed on Highway 67 at the College City exit. Also, we appreciate the turning lanes on Skil Road.

These new lanes have relieved some traffic on Highway 67 which I believe will make safer. The building crew was courteous, efficient, and industrious. This speaks well for you and for our Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

If I can ever assist you in any way, please advise.

Sincerely,
Jerry D. Gibbens, Mayor
City of College City

October 29, 1984

Arkansas Highway & Transportation Department
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I took our vacation the first part of October. We stopped at your rest area between Rt. 65 and Rt. 165, between towns of Dermott and McGhee, Arkansas. It was a very nice rest area and we enjoyed talking to the attendant, C.G. Davis. I hope other people will take the time to write and tell you how much they appreciate the nice and clean rest area.

Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Shaw
Wellington, Ohio

October 31, 1984

Dear Sirs:

While traveling from Minnesota to Florida yesterday, I had the occasion to stop at the rest area at Highways 65 and 165 (between McGehee and Dermott).

The facilities were very clean and also had a nice picnic area. A very welcome relief from the unexpected 84 degrees!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jean Moder
Crosslake, Minnesota

November 6, 1984

Dear People of Arkansas:

It was a Monday morning (October 22) and we were going along your Highway 40 when our two wheel trailer took off by itself as the trailer ball snapped off. In its course the

trailer box came off the floor of the trailer dumping its contents in the median. Of course your town police aided, also your State Police, and some men who work for the Highway Department. We want to say a hearty "thank-you" to them and would you please tell them all we made the rest of our trip without any difficulties.

Sincerely,
Ray and Joy McDonald

EDITOR'S NOTE: The AHTD employees were L.R. Baker and David Lovell from the Districtwide crew and Tim Weems and T.J. Adams from Lonoke.

November 7, 1984

AHTD
Little Rock, Arkansas

We wish to take this means to express our thanks and appreciation for a service rendered by two ladies and one gentleman who are employees of the AHTD.

On November 2nd, my wife and I entered a rest area exit of Interstate 40, six miles east of Hazen, Arkansas. There is no telephone service at this rest area and our car, which is only 1 year old, would not move due to a transmission failure. The above employees used their AHTD radio to call for a tow vehicle. They assured us the vehicle was on the way and they departed to continue their assigned duties before we ascertained their names.

The tow vehicle arrived promptly and we were so pleased with his service that we had him tow us home to Springdale.

We retired in Arkansas nine years ago and it is people like your employees that make us happy to have selected Arkansas for our home.

Yours truly,
R.G. Condon
Springdale, Arkansas

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above AHTD employees were Floyd Inman, Sue Berry, and Dorothy Orton of District 6.

December 24, 1984

Arkansas State Highway Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the residents of Hermitage and South Bradley County, the City Council wishes to convey to you our appreciation for the signal lights installed on Highway 15 in the city. They are a safety feature that will correct a very hazardous situation in the city.

Sincerely,
J.O. Harrod, Mayor
City of Hermitage

AHTD LETTERS

November 27, 1984

Arkansas Highway Department
Murfreesboro, Arkansas

Dear Area Supervisor:

I wanted to take the time to comment on the excellent condition in which I always find the rest stop located on Highway 70 just east of Glenwood. In my job, I occasionally drive between DeQueen and Hot Springs. If I stop at this rest area it is always immaculate!

Yesterday, I stopped and spoke with a man who said that he is the vacation replacement for Mr. Clifford Brewer. He was busy keeping up to Mr. Brewer's high standards.

Certainly our tourist trade will benefit from the efforts of this individual. My thanks and congratulations go to Mr. Brewer for a job well done!

Sincerely,
R.W. Gregory
Nashville, Arkansas

January 9, 1985

Arkansas Highway Department
Marked Tree, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Greitens:

On Saturday, 1-5-85, my husband and I were returning to Mountain Home after visiting a doctor in Memphis, Tenn. About 3 miles before we reached Marked Tree, we had a flat tire. My husband, who is partially handicapped, and I were attempting to change the tire when two men in a highway truck that were sanding and salting the road pulled in behind us and most courteously took over and within a very short time had the tire changed and we were able to continue our trip home. I'm sorry I didn't get their names but do want you to know how appreciative we are for their help. It is very heart warming to know there are still people in this world who take time to show respect and kindness to the aged and handicapped.

Thanks so much to you and your splendid crew.

Sincerely,
Sara B. Kirby
Mountain Home, Arkansas

EDITOR'S NOTE: These AHTD employees were E. Johnson and J.R. Smith from the Poinsett County Maintenance Crew.

January 20, 1985

State Highway Department
Marshall, Arkansas

Dear Friends:

Again, I want to express my gratitude for the service you gave me during my snow storm crisis.

I believe it was Dan Carter who said, "A man is at his tallest when he stoops to help another". You guys really stand tall in my book. You not only do your job well, but your desire to help others makes you do it beautifully, and again, I thank you.

Sincerely,
Kate Ruff
Harrison, Arkansas

EDITOR'S NOTE: Willard Crow, Glen Griffin, and Johnny Horton, of the Searcy County Maintenance Crew, helped Mrs. Ruff return to Marshall after she had gotten stuck in the snow storm.

January 5, 1985

Dear Sirs:

Just a note to let you know how very much I appreciate the way your road crews worked last Thursday and Friday. I was working in south Arkansas both days and could not have made my complete run without the time and effort put in by your crews. I was able to work all the way down to Crossett on Thursday and then made it back home Friday and with very little trouble. Thanks again -- it was a job well done.

Your friend,
Charlie Mathews
Smith Paper Company of
Pine Bluff

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above letter was received commending road crews for their job performed during inclement weather.

January 21, 1985

Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

I just wanted to say how much we appreciated the job the road crews do in our area each winter. We are on Highway 59 and the crews are out a lot of times all night keeping the road open and they start early - they don't wait until the snow or ice has piled up before they start to work.

It just came to me the other day that we don't ever say thank you to the government employees that do a good job. So I just wanted to let you know that the road crew working the west side of Benton County is doing a good job and we appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Dolores J. Adams
Adams Truss, Inc.
Gentry, Arkansas

January 29, 1985

Arkansas Highway Department
To Whom It May Concern:

Sometime ago we traveled quite a distance in our R.V. We had the pleasure of going through Arkansas. We have only the greatest of praise for the lovely rest stops along your freeway. They certainly added to our pleasurable trip. The facilities and the convenient locations were indeed a plus.

We want to thank, whomever should be thanked for making these rest stops available for all weary travelers. I only have words of encouragement to all users of these places, "Please lets work together and help keep these rest areas clean and use them with care and respect."

Sincerely,
Robert & Hilda Dimmick
Athena, Oregon

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter appeared in the Times Progress in Melbourne, Arkansas with a copy sent to Jim Chaney, District Engineer at Batesville.

February 5, 1985

Editor
Times Progress
Melbourne, Arkansas

Izard County must have the best road crews in North Central Arkansas! Every day that it snows, the State Highway Department personnel are removing the snow and ice from every main highway using their blades, salt, and chat. Most of the curves and hills are scraped and salted.

The County Road Crew is also attacking most of the county roads with their graders. Many of our county roads have the snow bladed to the sides before the main highways in our neighboring counties are ever bladed.

Thanks to the time and effort put forth by the road crews in Izard County we have been able to go to work every day and take our family members to the doctor or hospital.

Thanks again for all of your efforts -- we can certainly tell when we are traveling in Izard County because the roads are properly maintained.

Sincerely,
Letter signed by 16 residents
of Izard County.

February 6, 1985

District Supervisor
Arkansas Highway Department
Harrison, Arkansas

This is to express strong appreciation for the fine job done by the Highway Department employees in keeping the roads in the Harrison area clear and passable during the recent extended period of bad weather.

As one who drives 20 miles to work everyday on three

sections of highway (125, 62 and 65) I never fail to appreciate the work done by the Highway Department people that enables us to move freely on the roads to and from work even after substantial snowfall.

Thanks to all of you for the excellent work.

Very truly yours,
Philip E. Meadows
Meadows and Davis
Attorneys at Law
Harrison, Arkansas

February 6, 1985

Dear Sirs:

Last Friday, February 1, we traveled from Little Rock to Blytheville on Interstates 40 and 55. The highway department had done an excellent job clearing the roads of snow and making them travelable. We saw five different crews at work that day. We appreciate the work the Arkansas Highway Department does.

Sincerely,
Judy Bratcher, Principal
Sandy Hughey, Asst. Principal
Gosnell Elementary School K-6
Gosnell, Arkansas

February 7, 1985

Mr. R.J. Woodruff
District I Engineer
Wynne, Arkansas

Dear Ray:

I want to take this opportunity to commend your workers on the excellent job they have done clearing the highways through Forrest City during the recent winter storms. I certainly appreciate the around-the-clock efforts of the AHTD crews, and everyone here in Forrest City thinks the AHTD has done a great job.

Sincerely,
Danny Ferguson, Mayor
City of Forrest City

Jim Chaney
Arkansas Highway Department
Batesville, Arkansas

Thanks to the Highway Department on behalf of the senior citizens center and all other agencies. I would like to express our appreciation for the help you have given us.

Thank you,
Josephine Rogers
United Way of
Independence County

January 28, 1985

Mr. Jim Chaney
Arkansas Highway Department
District Five
Batesville, Arkansas

Dear Jim:

I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the good work that Chester King and his crews did during the recent snow storm. I understand that they spent many long hours keeping our roads in shape so we could travel on them. This is typical of Chester and his crews during such emergencies. We at Arkansas Power & Light Co. want to say thanks to Chester King and his crews.

Yours very truly,
Jerry Lance
Business Manager, AP&L
Mountain View, Arkansas

February 7, 1985

Arkansas Highway Department
Director of Highways & Transportation
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

I would just like to say Thanks for the exceptional job your crews did in keeping the roads clear, during the recent snow and ice.

I appreciate the dedication, long hours and hard, cold work that was performed by each of those crews.

The past week has been horrifying for motorists and costly for the state; but without the road crews and their persistence in keeping the main thoroughfares passable; it would have been much, much worse.

They've certainly gained by vote for "Workers of the Year".

Again, my sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Cheek
Arkansas Resident

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

DECEMBER 1984

- 35 Years
 - William N. Bice District 4
- 25 Years
 - Alfred J. Crumley District 1
 - Billy D. Mulhollen Construction
 - Lonnie J. Parsons Programs & Contracts
 - Charles W. Walther Planning
- 20 Years
 - Samuel C. Davis District 5
 - Leslie C. Freeman District 2
 - William H. Phillips District 9
 - Charles E. Wells District 10
- 15 Years
 - Millard L. Carver District 2
 - William J. Gumm District 4
 - Elmer L. Harris District 9
 - David E. Jones District 10
 - Garland V. Land, Jr. Bridge Design
 - Kimmy J. McDowell District 4
 - Orin S. Rose District 9
 - Joe B. Wallace District 9
- 10 Years
 - Kenneth W. Buchanan District 8
 - Marvin D. Carlton District 9
 - Loris K. Horton District 9
 - Kerry K. Nichols Public Trans.
 - Charles M. Nutt District 6
 - Dorthy B. Smith Planning
 - Elaine Sullivan Environmental
 - Marion C. Tinsley A.H.P.

5 Years

- Edward L. Arms District 10
- Booker T. Barnes District 6
- Sylvia E. Doster Computer Services
- Judy C. Fort Programs & Contracts
- Allen L. Hale District 8
- Janice L. Jackson District 6
- Linda D. Keene Hwy. User Tax Unit
- Raymond H. Nine Traffic
- Patricia K. Payne Roadway Design
- Robert V. Reddell District 9
- Richard W. Spain, Jr. District 1
- Russell P. Sparks District 4

JANUARY 1985

- 35 Years
 - Troy F. Lambert District 1
- 25 Years
 - Maxie D. Bagwell District 2
 - Charles V. Freeman Programs & Contracts
 - Jimmy L. Rainwater District 8
 - Raymond W. Reynolds District 5
- 20 Years
 - Hara D. Dillard District 6
 - Charles W. Frazier Planning
 - Donald R. Newberry District 5
- 15 Years
 - James C. House District 9
 - Tomas J. Huie District 5
 - Marie Kling Right of Way

10 Years

- John L. Bloomfield District 7
- Judy K. Drake Computer Services
- J.B. Evans District 10
- Charles L. Raines District 2
- Jimmie D. Sigler District 8
- Mary E. Toler Right of Way
- John R. Watkins District 10
- Louise F. Watts Traffic

5 Years

- Robert A. Braasch District 6
- Travis W. Bratton District 6
- Janice T. Bryant Materials
- Mary S. Bryant District 4
- Robert M. Burns District 8
- John W. Clark Right of Way
- Paul M. Claunch A.H.P.
- William O. Craig District 4
- Larry Duncan District 6
- Veronica L. Fuller District 1
- Curtis Hart District 6
- Tony E. Humphrey District 6
- Claude T. Klinck Roadway Design
- Jimmie F. Lee A.H.P.
- John F. Magie District 8
- LeRoy Martin District 7
- Danny C. Mathis Materials
- Tony C. McArthur Planning
- Donald C. Mitchell Right of Way
- Billy J. Morris District 6
- Terry A. Pearson Public Trans.
- Alan D. Quimby District 7
- Hulon C. Rice District 5

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

Larry J. Smith District 1
 Van Sutton District 6
 Luther J. Upshaw Traffic

FEBRUARY 1985 35 Years

James M. Kochler Chief Engineer
 William P. Looney Public Affairs

30 Years

Leslie B. Gregory District 9
 V.O. (Jim) Selby District 9

20 Years

Billy T. Black District 2

Zenna H. Higgs, Jr. District 8
 Rayma S. King District 9
 David R. McFadden District 1

15 Years

Hugh P. Murray Internal Audit

10 Years

Robert D. Conklin District 6
 James R. Mitchell District 1
 George White District 6

5 Years

Bonnie L. Beckwith District 8
 Sharon K. Boley District 4
 Steven M. Clay Surveys

Cornelius G. Davis District 2
 Duell L. Fendley District 7
 William P. Howell District 7
 Joe W. Lunsford District 2
 Charlotte M. Nutt District 7
 Ansel E. Reasons District 9
 Jimmy D. Rhodes District 3
 Norman Rochelle District 2
 Marla G. Sams Fiscal Services
 Jerry L. Vest District 1
 Clemon C. White District 7
 Jimmie M. Williams District 10

RETIREMENTS

NOVEMBER 1984

Fred E. Wade Highway Police
 Charles McGrew Safety
 Oliver R. Akins District 1
 Wilbert Montgomery District 2

Alvin Newton District 7
 Calvin R. Castleberry District 6
 Thomas V. Woods District 1
 Shelby Hudson, Jr. District 1

DECEMBER 1984

Johnny L. Vaughn District 8

JANUARY 1985

Glen D. Bolden District 10
 Gayle Gunn District 6

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

CONSTRUCTION

The Construction Division employees and their families had a Christmas party at the Cloverdale Club House on December 8. After a delicious dinner, Norman Pumphrey played Santa and handed out gifts to the children. His beautiful Santa Claus suit was made by his wife, Kitty. Our guests were Vershall and Peg Roy who have been traveling since his May retirement. Everyone had such a good time we decided to make it an annual affair.

Ron Price was recently honored with a party celebrating his 10 years of service with the Department and his birthday.

In December Bill Mulhollen celebrated 25 years with AHTD and his birthday. After being presented a pin and certificate of service we had cake and coffee. Bill also became a proud grandfather again when Andrea Renee was born on December 31. Her parents are Randy and Dorthea Mulhollen who live in Marion. They also have a son, Justin, age 4.

Ralph Hall and Peggy Martin celebrated birthdays in December.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ron Price on the death of his brother-in-law, Mark Sullivan.

Linda Chivers and family took the AmTrac

to Green Bay, Wisconsin to visit Charles' family and to attend the wedding of his niece. Since the weather was nice they were able to do a lot of sight seeing.



Andrea Renee Mulhollen

EEO SECTION

Ruth Edmondson, Section Secretary, found out that equal opportunities exist in areas other than the office. On the second day of the November deer season, she killed her first deer, a 4-point buck. The absence of a picture should not cast doubt on the success of the hunt. Ruth does have pictures but they were too dark for use in the magazine. I'm sure she'll be happy to share them. Hat's off to our happy hunter!

LEGAL

The Legal Division would like to welcome a new employee, Jo Lanham, who came aboard in November as a Legal Secretary, replacing Karen Horton who transferred to the Assistant Chief Engineer's Office. Jo has one son, Charlie, who is married to the former Anita Gortney. Charlie is a minister in New Castle, Indiana. They have one daughter, Lyndsay.

We were sorry to lose Evelyn Allison who resigned from the Legal Division to accept a position with a private law firm. The attorneys gave Evelyn a popcorn popper as a going away gift.

The Legal Division employees and spouses

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were honored to have had a beautiful Christmas dinner in the Keys' home. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Keys for a truly beautiful evening.

We had a potluck during the Christmas holidays celebrating Christmas and to honor Betty Schmidt who received her 10 year service award and to Charles Johnson who received his 5 year award. Congratulations to the two of you and we hope that each of you receive many more of these awards.



Lyndsay



Reginia Laidler, Evelyn Allison and Tom Keys



Betty Schmidt and Tom Keys



Charles Johnson and Tom Keys

MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Division had their annual Christmas luncheon. There were approximately 40 people in attendance and everyone's contribution was delicious. As always, we were all pleasantly stuffed and enjoyed every morsel.

Calvin Peevy, State Maintenance Engineer, received his 25 year service certificate from the Commission in December. The office had a celebration in his honor earlier in the year but we congratulate Calvin again for his many years of service and more to come.

Calvin went pheasant hunting in Kansas and although the hunting wasn't all that good this year, he did have a good, cold time.

Jim Tucker finally killed a deer and I guess the waiting was worthwhile because he killed a 9-point buck. You can imagine he is very proud. He grew his beard one year on a bet that he'd keep it until he got a deer. Well, he has become so attached to it that he's just going to keep it anyway. I think it looks good on him anyway, don't ya'll.

Pat Sullivan is planning another ski trip to Colorado. When Pat goes on his trips, we get the full show and tell, so when he returns, I'm sure we'll have plenty to tell for the next issue.

From our Heavy Bridge Maintenance Section, David Mayberry, Richard Young, and R.L. Farrish all received their 5 year pins and certificates. Congratulations to the three of you.



Don Brown and R.O. Young



Don Brown and R.L. Farrish

Heavy Bridge had their annual Christmas fish fry. A few of us in the office were lucky enough to be invited and as usual, everything was delicious.



Don Brown
Heavy Bridge Fish Fry



Don Brown and David Mayberry



AND NOW – Here is a picture of Cullen James Meyer. Cute, huh! He's up to 16 pounds now and is almost 25" long. That's almost as tall as his mother is now. Hopefully, he'll take after his 6'4" dad.



Cullen James Meyer

We were all saddened to hear of the passing away of Tom Cecil's father in December and his mother a few months earlier and also of the death of Herman Belk's mother. Condolences to both of you.

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

A belated welcome is due to a new employee. Lonnie Walker began working on our Drill Crew in November. He replaced Charles Lomerson who transferred to Highway Police.

The color of the season is orange, not just any old orange, but hunter orange. The reason is because we have once again completed the long and anxiously awaited deer season. This seems to be one of the more popular of the choices in game hunting. Those who are listed in our Hunter Hall of Fame are as follow: Steve Harris and Bob Shelton who each killed 8-pointers. Pictured is Pauline McCollum with the deer she got. Congratulations to these three. Better luck next time to those who weren't fortunate enough to bring home their own deer.



Pauline McCollum

The flu bug seems to have bitten our division rather deeply this season. Quite a few of our employees have had to miss work because of it. But all are back on the road to recovery now. Here's hoping you will all be 100% soon!

Bob Shelton missed the flu bug but had a few other difficulties that required a stay in the hospital. He is now back on his feet and once again with us. We are certainly glad to have you back Bob!

Our sympathy to the family of E.L. "Noody" Wales. Mr. Wales was a retired former Materials Engineer who passed away in April 1984 in Florida.

PERMITS

Congratulations to Lovis Johnson who was presented her 5 year Certificate of Service by Section Head V.W. Dumas.



Lovis Johnson and V.W. Dumas

V.W. Dumas and Terry Nanney were presented an honorary plaque and brass belt buckle by the 308th Strategic Missile Wing Commander at the Little Rock Air Force Base. They were also treated to lunch. This was in appreciation for their many contributions in the form of administrating assistance in the movement of missiles, fuels, and heavy equipment.

PERSONNEL

One of the primary functions of this office is to expedite all personnel actions; however, it is with great reluctance when our own Debbie Caster is being transferred. Debbie's perky and refreshing personality has brightened this office for two years and she will certainly be missed. Congratulations Debbie on your new job in the Director's office.

Jane Craft had her annual "Christmas wedding" on December 29. This year was daughter Polly's turn. She married Len Benfell from Salt Lake City, Utah. Polly is a former employee of Technical Services in the Planning Division. After a wedding trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, the couple will return to Salt Lake City to reside.

In October, the Personnel staff pulled off a surprise potluck in recognition of Emma Galycan's 15 years service and Jean Scarlett's 5 years service with the Department.

Hopefully, the next issue will have a photo of Emma's new grandson, "Jag". Grandma knows that timing is so important in capturing the perfect expression for publication.

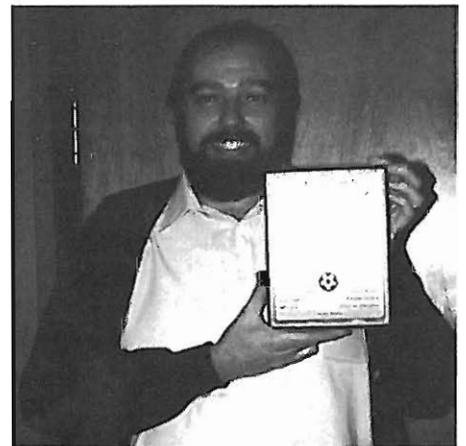
PHOTOGRAMMETRY

In November Larry Fenton became the proud owner of a new Dodge Ram Charger. The only trouble is his wife, Marilyn, won't let him drive it very often.

Larry also became a new grandfather in November. His son, Roger and his wife, became the proud parents of Justin Fenton on November 26. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents.

Bob Barnett received his 10 year service award in November. Congratulations Bob and we hope you make it another 10 years.

Richard Finkle has been coaching his son, Ricky's, soccer team. In December the team gave Richard an award. Richard has put lots of time and hard work into coaching this team and really deserves to get some recognition. Congratulations Richard.



Richard Finkle and soccer award

Our Christmas luncheon, consisting of barbecue, baked beans, potato salad and cole slaw from Stubby's Barbecue, was held on December 21. Warren Finch baked a cranberry torte for dessert which added just the right touch to a delicious meal. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the gift exchange afterward. Our 12-days of Christmas Tree was given to Richard Finkle this year. He should have fun finding something to rhyme with 10 lords a-leaping.

By the way, Warren Finch is our new stereoplotter operator. Welcome to Photogrammetry Warren!



Terry Gaither, Cindy Gaither, Randy Boyd and Ferrel Magby at Christmas Luncheon.

PLANNING

Congratulations to Charles Frazier, Section Head of Mapping and Graphics, who recently completed 20 years of service with AHTD. A service certificate and pin were presented by

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Bryan Davis, Chief of the Planning Division. The section served refreshments and coffee for the occasion.

Congratulations also to Charles Walther for 25 years of service with the Department. The occasion was celebrated by serving cake and punch and presentation of his 25-year pin.



Charles Frazier and Bryan Davis



Charles Walther

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

After two office moves and all the holidays the Public Transportation Unit has settled in and all is back to normal.

Several of our employees have received service certificates. John Haynie, Sheila Baugh, and Terry Pearson received 5 year awards and Kerry Nichols received her 10 year award.

On December 26 our secretary traveled to Winter Park, Colorado for six days of skiing. After the second day, Mimi and the ski lift had a small misunderstanding and she ended up with crutches instead of ski poles. After surgery to repair the damaged ligaments in her knee, she plans to try again in February.

Speaking of surgery, Betty Wiggins had eye surgery on January 8. We all hope Betty is on her way to a complete recovery.

Several days before Christmas, Jim Head's son, Douglas, was involved in an automobile accident. Douglas was fine but the truck did not recover.

Now to a brighter side, our office Christmas party was December 20, at Michael's. The party was also to honor Chester Willis, who is retired from this office. The party was enjoyed by all.

In December, just in time for the holidays, Terry Pearson and his family moved into Heritage House Apartments. All are looking forward to being "pool side" this summer.

Kerry Nichols received her Christmas present a little earlier than normal. In October, she purchased a new Cutlass Calais.

John Bodiak and family had a very pleasant Christmas. Sons, Michael and John Paul, are still enjoying their He-Man figures, Transformers and pet parakeet "Oliver". Meanwhile John and Tina are still recuperating from all the festivities; but do not have long, the "Easter Bunny" will be here before we know it!



Kerry Nichols and Jim Head



Sheila Baugh and John Haynie



Terry Pearson and Jim Head

RIGHT OF WAY

The brighteyed young man pictured here is Bradley Conrad Arendt. The proud father is Danny Arendt, Chief of the Relocation Section, and the mother is Connie Arendt. Brad was born on November 24 and weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces. He has a big brother and sister, Bryan and Kim, who are very proud of him too.



Bradley Conrad Arendt

The following employees received their service awards several months ago but their pictures were never published in the magazine. We would again like to congratulate each of them. They are: Tim Robertson and Joel Clark, 5 years; London Sabb, Mary Gibson, and Mike Hiley, 10 years; and Arthur Watt, Don Galloway, and Charles Smothers, 15 years.



Arthur Watt and Glendol Jackson



Don Galloway and Glendol Jackson



Charles Smothers and Glendol Jackson



London Sabb, Mary Gibson and Mile Hiley



Tom Robertson and Joef Clark

The Federal Highway Administration, along with the assistance of the AHTD presented an "Effective Right of Way Acquisition and Property Management Course" the week of November 26-30. Mr. Ron Hill and Mr. William Byrum from the Washington office of FHWA were the class instructors.

The purpose and intent of the course was to stress efficient and effective practices in the Right of Way program area and introduce concepts to reduce project costs and accelerate Right of Way projects development while maintaining the existing level of services to program beneficiaries. The course participants did case studies and role playing to more effectively understand the problems and solutions to negotiating and property management.

The course was held at the Holiday Inn Airport. Mr. Glendol Jackson, Chief of the Right of Way Division presented each participant with a certificate. FHWA and State course participants were represented from Texas and Pennsylvania as well as local public officials from Rogers, Fayetteville, and Little Rock.

REPRODUCTION

We welcome two new employees to our Map Sales Section. They are Doris Horn and Evelyn Buffington. Doris transferred to us from Right of Way. She previously worked with us in 1982. She is happily married to Jerrell Horn, who is stationed at the Little Rock Air Force Base. Doris' hobbies include bowling, dancing and all sports. Evelyn is single and lives in Benton. Her hobbies are fishing, cooking, and dancing.

We also have one employee who changed her status in Reproduction from temporary to permanent employee. We are glad to have Desha McEntire with us.



Doris Horn



Desha McEntire

A delicious potluck was held on November 20 in honor of Vonda Shell and Marty Oliver who transferred to other sections. We wish them both good luck in their new jobs.

Congratulations to Pat and Bud Latson on the arrival of their darling granddaughter, Natasha Cheri', born October 14, weighing 8 pounds and 6 ounces. She is the daughter of Vaneesa and Rick Pumphrey.



Natasha Cheri' Pumphrey

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Robert Cagle and his family on the death of his grandmother.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dick Godfrey who recently underwent heart surgery. We wish him the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

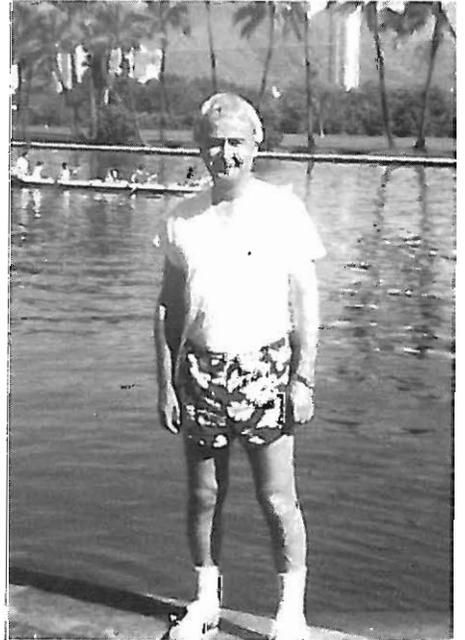
TRAFFIC

A warm welcome to Vincent Lowe and Cheryl Holdman, our new employees. Cheryl was formerly employed in Fiscal Services.

Henry Pruitt and Billy Strickland received their 5 years service awards in December, and Jack Upshaw received his 5 year award in January. Congratulations also to Louise Watts who received her 10 year service award in January.

Billy and Jan Strickland are the proud parents of an 8 pound, 15 ounce baby boy, Steven Derrick, born November 19.

Lee Gibbons has become a member of the "Jet Set" and an "International Traveler". At Christmas, when we were trying to keep warm, Lee was vacationing in sunny Hawaii!



Lee Gibbons

DISTRICT ONE

A combination Service Award Party and Christmas Open House was held the afternoon of December 17 at the District Headquarters. Employees recognized at the party were: Henry Armstrong, Eugene Horton, and Lois McCormick, 15 years service. Twenty-year awards were presented to Claude Dunne and Walter Mays. Paul Clem and James W. Davis received 25 year awards and 30 year awards were presented to Lewis Carter, J.C. Owens, Louis Quinn and Nolen Williams.

Retirees recognized at the party were Buddy Hudson, former Lee County Area Foreman, Thomas Martin, who was a Motor Patrol Operator with the District-Wide Construction Crew, and Verser Woods, former carpenter with the District-Wide Bridge Crew. Each was presented

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a gift by their former supervisor from their crew and fellow employees.

All of our retirees were invited to the party and several showed up in spite of the gloomy weather. We are always glad to see our old friends and former co-workers. A special thanks goes to everyone who had a hand in getting things ready for this party.



DISTRICT ONE SERVICE AWARDS: L. Quinn, J.L. Carter, E.L. Horton, P. Clem, C.G. Dunne, Jr., Lois McCormick, W. Mays, D.K. Davis, N.E. Williams, and H. Armstrong.



DISTRICT ONE RETIREES: Buddy Hudson, Thomas Martin and Verser Woods.



Equipment Supervisor Jimmy Smith and some old friends D. Ethridge, M. Stacy, J. McEldulf, and J. Vickers.

We have had several promotions in District One recently. Jimmy Smith was promoted to Equipment Supervisor, Jerry Vest to Shop Foreman, Jimmy Bryant to Lee County Area Foreman, and Joe Dewitt to Assistant Area Foreman in St. Francis County. We wish the very best to these employees on their new jobs.

Congratulations are in order to the AHTD bowling team who won first place in their league during the first half of the season. Members of the team are M.J. Jordan, Calvin George, John Watkins, Ray Weaver, and Jasper Riley.

How many districts can tell of having a wedding on their parking lot with three of the participants being AHTD employees? Well, we

can. On October 19, 1984, Roger Chaney, Crew leader with the District-Wide Sealing Crew, and his fiancée, Shirley Branham, of Greenwood, were married on the District Headquarters parking lot. Performing the ceremony was John Smith, District Service Station Supervisor, and serving as best man was Kevin White, Senior Mechanic. I don't think John or Kevin thought Roger was serious when he asked them to be in his wedding as they were leaving to go home, but he was, and they did. The bride and groom are now living happily in Wynne. Congratulations to Roger and Shirley.



Roger and Shirley Cheney

Brian Hudson, age 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Hudson of Helena, was invited to attend President Reagan's inauguration January 21, after winning an essay contest "Write to

Vote" sponsored by the Hospital Corporation of America. Brian's father, Rickey, is a Senior Construction Aide with the West Helena Resident Engineer's office. Brian and his parents received an all-expense paid, four-day trip to Washington that included passes for the swearing in ceremony, box seats for the inaugural parade, tickets for the inaugural ball, and several tours of the city. I'm sure the Hudsons are very proud of Brian, and at the next writing we hopefully will have a followup on their trip.

The little darling pictured is Megan McCormick, first grandchild (with emphasis on the grand) of bookkeeper, Lois McCormick. Megan was born in Baptist Memorial Hospital on October 18, 1984 to Bill and Dana McCormick. She may not be the first baby ever born, but you will never convince Lois of that. There seems to be some sort of special magic that grandchildren weave over their grandparents which make them act the way they do, taking pictures all the time, buying presents, talking about them everyday, and sporting bumper stickers which say "No. 1 Grandma".



Megan McCormick

DISTRICT TWO

The Christmas season was very good to everyone and the New Year has gotten off to a snowy start. Everyone enjoyed the "Holiday Open House" and reception for the retirees and long term service award recipients. Those honored were retirees Van Bratton, Joe Hayes and "Bo" Earnest; Joe G. Watkins for 25 years of service and Johnnie L. Fox for 35 years of service. It's always good to get together with old friends.

Congratulations to Scarler Lyons and his crew in Arkansas County at Stuttgart for doing such a fine job during the last twelve months and winning the "Top Crew of the Year" award for 1984. This year had a lot of tough competition and it's an honor to come out on top.

The winner for October Crew of the Month was a tie between Ashley and Cleveland Counties. November Crew of the Month was Arkansas County at Stuttgart, and Cleveland County

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Rison came in first to win the December Crew of the Month. These are truly fine maintenance crews that put out a lot of effort and we appreciate each of them. It's the extra effort that puts them on top.



1984 CREW OF THE YEAR
Arkansas County
M.S. Smith and Scarler Lyons



OCTOBER CREWS OF THE MONTH
Ashley and Cleveland Counties
Jimmy Jackson, M.S. Smith, Ricky Neal



NOVEMBER CREW OF THE MONTH
Arkansas County
M.S. Smith and Scarler Lyons



DECEMBER CREW OF THE MONTH
Cleveland County
M.S. Smith and Ricky Neal

We're always proud of our "crack shot" hunters in District Two and especially proud of our women. Debbie Pruitt is showing one of her fine kills here in this picture. Debbie is the station attendant at Jefferson County Headquarters in Pine Bluff. She shot her deer the day after Thanksgiving at the County Line Deer Club in Cleveland County.



Debbie Pruitt

Shown in the picture is an expert deer hunter, Tommy White. Tommy hunts in his native Cleveland County. He is employed in the District Maintenance Crew.



Tommy L. White

Two of the junior hunters, Joey Akin and Jimmy Allbritton, are shown here with their trophies. Joey is the son of Joe Akin, Sealing Job Superintendent, and Jimmy is the son of Jim Allbritton, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent. They all hunt in Drew County.



Joey Akin and Jimmy Allbritton

Born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Rabeneck is a new son, Kenneth, on December 31, 1984. A much needed surprise was the \$1000 prize in the Safeway Bingo contest Mrs. Rabeneck won the same month. Congratulations on both. Ronney is a Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator at Stuttgart.



Kenneth Rabeneck

We finally got a picture from "Dink" Lybrand of Sally Alish, born in October. It was worth waiting on as she is really a "doll".



Sally Alish Lybrand

I don't have a picture yet, but I will later, of my first grandchild. Born to my daughter and son-in-law, Candace and "Bubba" Hogue. Clayton Lee was born on January 19 in New Iberia, Louisiana. Candace is the daughter of Bettye Carter, District Two Permit Officer.

We are proud of our Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course in District Two. So far, we have 80 employees certified, with several more classes scheduled. There are three instructors, Earl Raines, Bettye Carter and Kelly Slater, and one instructor/trainer, Jim Allbritton.

We were saddened by the loss of H.H. Burks in November. Mr. Burks suffered a heart attack while deer hunting. He was a retiree from Drew County.

Scott and Amber Mullis took a skiing trip to Mt. Cooper, Colorado this winter. After only a few hours of lessons, Scott says that they were ready to hit the slopes. Apparently they did well, as they returned with no broken arms or legs. At any rate, they enjoyed the scenery and had lots of fun. Scott is employed at the Resident Engineer's office in Monticello.

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Leon Crouch is shown here receiving his 20 year service award. He is employed as station attendant at Ashley County Headquarters in Hamburg.



Leon Crouch

Pictured is Seth Wilson, son of Rick and Cam Wilson of Monticello. Rick is an inspector at the Monticello Resident Engineer's office where Seth stops by to "help out" every now and then.



Seth Wilson

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service with the Department. They are: Annie B. Sumpter and Coy G. Clayborn for 5 years; Danny C. Cummings for 10 years and Donald W. Westbrook and James L. Wilson for 15 years.

Vinie Holt, District Secretary, was recently presented a 15 year service certificate by District Engineer William Tyler. Coffee and donuts were served to mark the occasion.



William Tyler and Vinie Holt

On December 19 the District Three Supervisors and office staff had a Christmas Luncheon and Awards Presentation. Special guests for the occasion were Mr. Norman Pumphrey, Construction Engineer and Mr. Calvin Peevy, Maintenance Engineer and the recipients of the service awards. Frankie Dull from the Nashville Residency received his 25 year Service Certificate. Those receiving retirement certificates were Albert Hodges, Robert Skinner, Sam Huckabee and W.C. Beck. Since this date also happened to be the birthday of our District Receptionist, Ala Mae Flenory, she was presented with a surprise birthday cake.



District 3 Christmas Luncheon



William Tyler and Frankie Dull



William Tyler and Albert "AB" Hodges



Robert Skinner, Sam Huckabee and W.C. Beck

Jim Karnowski was honored with a luncheon at the Texarkana Resident Engineer's Office upon his retirement on December 28 after 21 years of service with the Department. Jim was presented with a bench grinder from his fellow employees to add to his wood working shop. He plans to finish up his wood working projects he has begun in the past and also plans to do some traveling this summer.

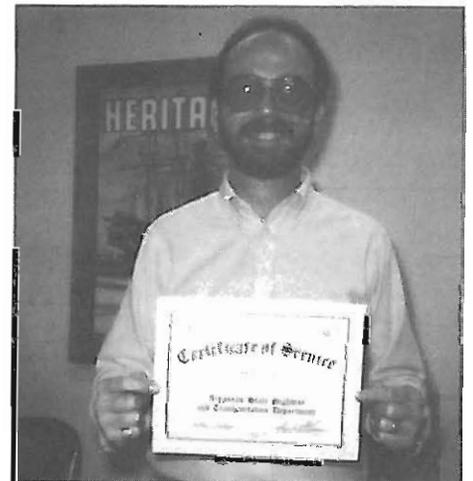
Congratulations to Annette Garner, wife of Texarkana Resident Engineer Ronnie Garner, upon her graduation from East Texas State University in December 1984. She is now working for a local accounting firm as an accountant. Their daughter, Ranette, who is attending Southern State University in Magnolia, was listed on the Dean's List for her first semester.

Gary Duncan, son of Bryan Duncan, made the President's List. He attends DeVry Technical Institute in Irving, Texas and is studying Computer Science and Business.

Congratulations to Mike and Karen Giles on the birth of their daughter, Amanda Lynn, born January 13. "Manda" weighed 5 pounds and 15 ounces and has red hair like her Dad. Mom, Dad, and daughter are all doing fine. At this writing Manda hasn't had her first photo session yet, picture will follow next issue.

DISTRICT FOUR

Congratulations to two great guys on receiving their certificates of service. Kit Core, District Permit Officer, 10 years in September and Gerald Stockton, Resident Engineer Technician, 10 years in October. Gerald is shown receiving his certificate from Leon Brewer. Springdale RE.



Kit Core



Brewer and Stockton

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Danny Lister, Sign Truck Foreman, and wife Jean, want to show off their latest grandchild. Kenny "Dofer" Lister is the 3 month old son of Kenny and Lola Lister. I asked Danny about the name 'Dofer', he said, they were always "doing for" that kid. Now that sounds like the typical scenario of grandparents spoiling a grandchild.



Kenny Lister

Deer season was successful for some, and with proof positive of this success are Mark Williams, Sebastian I Area Foreman, 6-point buck; Ed Slaughterbeck, Assistant RE in Waldron, 8-point buck; and Mack Rose, Senior Inspector at Waldron, a beautiful 13-point buck. Our congratulations to these guys on their skill and success.



Mack Rose



Mark Williams



Ed Slaughterbeck

The Polk County crew would like to welcome Janis Foster to the crew. She transferred from the Mena RE office. She is married and has 3 lovely children. She loves to water ski and sew.

Rita Curry got a "rock" when she got married October the 19th to . . . David Stone. W.L. Martin of the Waldron RE Office performed the ceremony. We wish them much happiness.

Lester Patterson, mower operator, will be retiring in February and we will have more on that next issue.

Melvin Heath, Multi-axle truck driver, was named Optimist of the Month in December. We're proud of you Melvin, congratulations!

Two hunters in the Mena Headquarters' crew had some "luck" this deer season; J.D. Priddy, frontend loader operator, 10-point buck, and Joe Downs, distributor operator, a nice spike.

The annual Christmas dinner held December 15 at the Holland House was enjoyed by all despite the fact they all ate far more than they should have.

News from the Springdale RE office shows Jeffery Maze, 3, proudly pictured with his new brother, Daniel Allen Maze, who was born October 1 weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces. Their mother, Teresa, works for the RE office and their father, Ralph, works in the maintenance crew.



Daniel and Jeffery Maze

We extend a welcome to our newest construction helper, P.J. Smith. Also welcome back Robin Linn. Robin, a senior construction aide, transferred back home from District 5. Also, welcome back Don Creech, Assistant Resident Engineer. We are glad you are hale and hearty again.

The District Office would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest co-op student, Becky Libby. An extra pair of hands sure helps.

DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service with the Department: Raymond W. Reynolds, 25 years; Frank W. Oliver, Samuel C. Davis, Donald R. Newberry, 20 years; Thomas J. Huie, 15 years; and Hulon C. Rice, 5 years.

On December 6 the Service Awards Presentations were held at the District Headquarters. Commissioner Pritchett made the presentations to the following honorees: Hubert C. Martin, retiree with 35 years service; Carvel L. Bradberry, retiree, 30 years; Fred Medlock, retiree, 25 years; Mary Lee McCown, 35 years; Robby Hughes, 30 years; Daniel O. Garwood, Epps Price, and Roy T. Richmond, 25 years. Congratulations to all employees and our thanks to Commissioner Pritchett for his attendance in making the interesting presentations.

Retiring after 35 years of service is our good friend and boss Assistant District Engineer 'Clif' Martin. The Martin family moved to 13 different cities during his first 25 years with the Department. Their 14th move brought them to Batesville in 1974. Since that time the district office has been graced with his wild flowers and green thumb expertise. The rights of way throughout the district graced with large rocks or boulders are reminders that sometime in the past he has been there. On October 19, a party was held in his honor by the district employees. We wish him many happy years of retirement.



Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Martin and family

All the employees in District Five would like to welcome our new Assistant District Engineer Lyndal Waits and his family to our District. We would like to wish you much success in your new position.

Congratulations to these service award recipients. John Roy Haney, 20 years; and Gary D. West, Eugene Steward and Hershel R. Smith, 15 years.

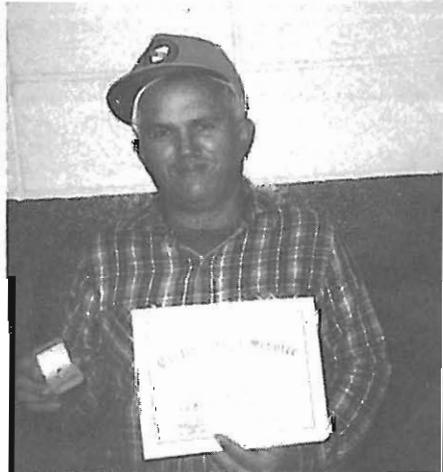
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District 5 Service Awards: (left to right) Epps Price, Bobby Hughes, Clif Martin, Mary Lee McCown, Roy T. Richmond, and Daniel O. Garwood.



C.L. Bradberry and Commissioner Pritchett



Samuel C. Davis



J.R. Chaney and Raymond Reynolds



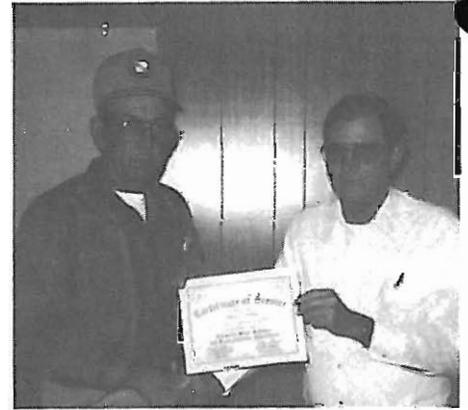
Gary West and Floyd Lancaster



John Roy Haney and Floyd Lancaster



Hershel Smith and Floyd Lancaster



Eugene Steward and Floyd Lancaster

DISTRICT SIX

We want to congratulate and wish Charlie Hesselbein good luck with his new position as Maintenance Superintendent at District 10. We know Charlie loves being back home. He was given a farewell reception and presented with a watch from his co-workers at District 6. He will be missed by all.

Congratulations to George Ingle, who was promoted from Assistant Maintenance Superintendent to Maintenance Superintendent to replace Charlie.

We were deeply saddened by the death of our friend and co-worker, Ivory Lee Jackson, Jr., who died December 30. Ivory, whose father works for Saline County Area Headquarters, had been a member for the past three years of the Pulaski County crew. He was a faithful employee and greeted everyone with a smile. We all loved him and will miss him very much.



Ivory Lee Jackson, Jr.

Ray Castleberry retired from the Prairie County Crew with 15 years and 7 months of service. He was the Lead Person of the asphalt crew. Ray was given a reception and presented with a yellow retiree windbreaker. He will be missed by all.

Here's a picture of John Robbins and Ron Nordman as they work on the District Bridge Crew.



Ray Castleberry



John Robbins and Ron Nordman



DISTRICT 6 SERVICE AWARDS: 1st row, left to right: F.R. Hall, W.J. Phillips, Karen Turner, Bill Pate, Arvin Shuffield, and District Engineer Ralph Fulton. 2nd row, left to right: C.D. Thompson, F. Evans, B.J. Parker, O. Gunter, Rueben Carter, Homer Blair, K.B. Cook, and Denver Hardman.



Fred Doles, Pufaski South Area Foreman, center, and some of his crew members are shown at Brown's County Restaurant at their annual Christmas Dinner. Left to right are Oscar Lester, Ralph Burge, Doles, Jimmy Leath, and Harold Grumsley.

DISTRICT SEVEN

Wilma Hamaker, wife of Bradley County Area Foreman Robert L. Hamaker, was named "Homemaker of the Year" at the Extension Homemaker's Christmas Party in Hermitage. A tea will be given in her honor on March 7 at the First State Bank in Warren.

Wilma was also honored to attend the Inaugural activities in Little Rock for Honorable Bill Clinton. Mrs. Hamaker baked 130 dozen (that is 1560) of the cookies that were served in the rotunda of the Capitol for the Governor's Reception. Congratulations Wilma!



Wilma Hamaker

On January 17 we had coffee and cake in honor of those receiving service awards and retirement certificates. We had two retirees receiving certificates: Otis Brown retired March

28, 1984 with 31 years and 6 months of service. He was a Finish Motor Patrol Operator in the Lafayette County Crew at the time of his retirement. Elbert D. "Preacher" Benson retired July 5, 1984 with 25 years service as Crew Leader in the Calhoun County Crew. He also received his 25 year service award.



Retirees Otis Brown and E.D. Benson

Receiving 30 year service awards were John R. Bradley, Senior Construction Party Chief, and Lowell E. Hardway, Senior Inspector. Both men work in A.W. Hardy's crew.



30 Years: John Bradley and Lowell Hardway

Twenty-five year service awards were presented to Coy Campbell, District Engineer; John K. Bussell, Bridge Job Superintendent; Thomas L. Lindsey, Maintenance Job Superintendent; Carolyn J. Milner, District Bookkeeper; and Percy D. Morton, Finish Motor Patrol Operator (Lafayette County Crew). Congratulations to all!



District Seven 25-year service awards: John K. Bussell, Thomas L. Lindsey, P.D. Morton, Coy Campbell, and E.D. Benson.

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Carolyn J. Milner

These two cuties are the grandchildren of Larry Hollis, Assistant District Maintenance Superintendent. Jonathan Scott Benson was born on August 31, 1984. Big sister, Stephanie Nicole "Nikki" welcomed his arrival. Scott is 2½-months old and Nikki is 4 years and 2½-months old in the photo. Proud parents are Steve and Danita Benson.



Nikki and Jonathan Benson

R.E. Meyers, Resident Engineer, had four employees in his crew receiving 15 year service awards. They were: John Beasley, Resident Office Technician; Percy Walker, Inspector; George Lindsey, Senior Construction Aide; and Charles Binns, Senior Inspector. Congratulations men!



Beasley, Walker, Lindsey and Binns

On January 17, we had a cake and coffee "farewell" in honor of Hurley Loe, Body Repairer and Painter. Hurley is retiring after 16 years of service. He was presented with a gift certificate from his fellow co-workers. Best wishes and congratulations Hurley!



Hurley Loe

The fishing is great in Lafayette County. William Sanders, who works in the Lafayette County Area Crew, and his brother "Bo" caught these beauties in Lake June at Stamps. William has kept the Lafayette County Crew well supplied with these nice catfish.



William Sanders

DISTRICT EIGHT

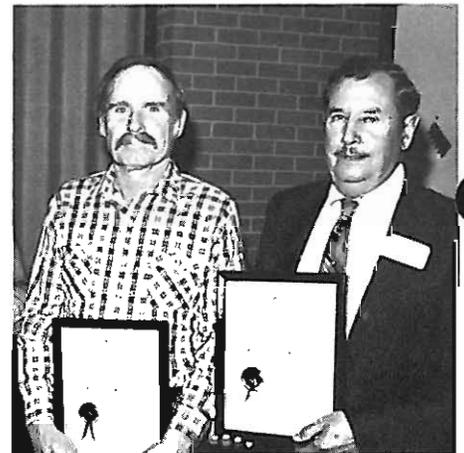
Congratulations to all our service award recipients, they were: Havis L. Rackley, Charles May, William E. Shipp, Barney G. Berry, Edwin L. Parker, and John Sketoe, 10 years; Leland Halcomb, Robert L. Evans, Glen Chavers, Jimmy H. Hill and Alfred Harms, 15 years.

A special awards ceremony was held December 6 at our Annual Christmas Open House. Highway Commissioner Raymond Pritchett presented 25 year service awards to Calvin Gipson

and C.L. Boyd. Mr. Pritchett also presented certificates to Kenneth Ellis, who retired this past year with 27 years of service, and to Leonard Keeling, who retired in 1984 with 33 years of service with the Highway Department.



Calvin Gipson and C.L. Boyd



Retirees Kenneth Ellis and Leonard Keeling



District 8 Christmas Open House



Doughty, Langford, Palmer, Hamilton and Simmons.

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Noah Moody enjoying District 8 Christmas

Congratulations to Randy Freeman of our Pope County Crew. He and his wife, Sandy, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Tiffany Dawn, born November 26 weighing 6 pounds and 9 ounces.



Tiffany Dawn Freeman

James Chronister, Mower Operator in the Pope County Crew, did his part this year during the deer seasons. He killed a 6-point buck on November 17 and during the December season, killed a 5-pointer. We understand that Jerry Branch, of the District-Wide Crew was his guide during the December season. Also, James' wife killed a 5-pointer during the Thanksgiving hunt.



James Chronister and 6-point buck



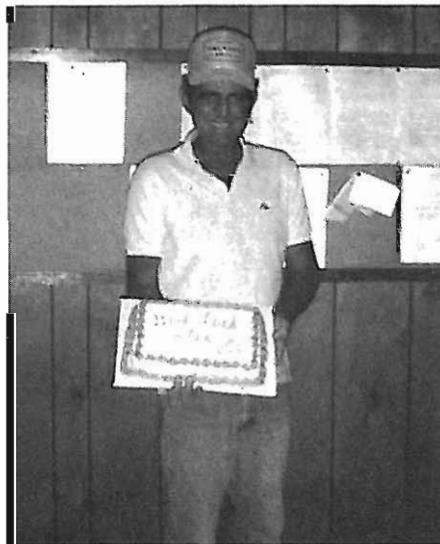
James Chronister and Jerry Branch with 5-point

Joe Stevens, our Pope County Area Foreman, killed a 10-point buck November 12. Congratulations to all of our deer hunters.



Joe Stevens and 10-point buck

Otis Ray Millard retired July 26. Otis worked in our Yell County Crew. His fellow crew members gave him a going away party with cake and coffee and presented him with a knife and binoculars.



Otis Ray Millard

Joe Mott retired October 24 with 19 years of service. Joe also worked in our Yell County Crew and was given a going away party and presented with a watch and pocket knife.



Joe Mott

DISTRICT NINE

District Nine is proud to have Diane Owen as our new Receptionist. Diane came to us from the Harrison Resident Engineer's Office where she was a Construction Helper. She has been with the Department since May 1978.

Congratulations to Rick Widner, our Payroll Clerk, and his new bride, Anita. They were married November 14, 1984.

Our Office Manager, Edris Braswell, finally gained that son she has always wanted. Her daughter, Carolyn, was married on January 5 to Richard Smith. We wish both newlywed couples the very best!

Our annual District Nine Christmas Party was held the afternoon of Friday, December 21. Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper presented service and retirement certificates to many of our recipients. A 35 year service award was presented to J.L. Owens; 30 year service awards went to Edris Braswell and Harold Culdice; 25 year service awards were presented to Buster Parker, J.T. Richardson and J.W. Smith. Retirement certificates were presented to Dale Edens and Bud Wilson. Two of our other retirees, Shirley Morton, and Ezra Horton, could not attend. Congratulations to all!

The girls here in the District Office got a special treat this Christmas. The bosses surprised us with punch and goodies and Mr. Selby even played "Santa". We really appreciated their thoughtfulness and love to be spoiled!

Erin Briley, daughter of our Assistant District Engineer Jim Briley, is a member of the Harrison High School Marching Band, who was to play in the Presidential Inaugural Parade to be held in Washington D.C. on January 21. Due to the severe cold weather condition, the parade was cancelled, but it was an exciting experience for the group. We're very proud of Erin and other members of the Harrison High School Band for being selected to attend this important event.

Mark and Jeanne Widner are the proud parents of an 8 pound, 1 ounce baby girl, Elizabeth Ann, who was born December 28. Mark is a mechanic in the District Shop. Luckily Beth Ann has a big brother, Luke, who will be four years old in March to take care of her.

For the fourth year, employees of the

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Gentry Area Headquarters have given time and money to sponsor needy families from the Gentry area at Christmas. This year was the best yet! With donations from several businesses in the Gentry, Decatur, and Siloam Springs areas, added to \$60 worth of food from employees, each of the two families sponsored received \$120 worth of food and toys. Much time and effort was spent by these employees in contacting civic organizations, churches and businesses, but the most difficult task was making the big decision of which families were most deserving. The big award comes when you see the faces of the families and they tell you that without these gifts of food and toys, there would have been little to celebrate on Christmas. Won't you sponsor a family next year?



"Santa Claus" alias District 9 Engineer J. Selby



James Tritch and Dan Flowers



Charles Franks and Dan Flowers



B.J. Barnett and Earnest Faulkenberry



Front Row, (left to right): J.W. Smith, Edris Braswell, Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper, Bud Wilson, and Dale Edens. Second Row, (left to right): J.L. Owens, Harold Culdice, Buster Parker, and J.T. Richardson.

DISTRICT TEN

The revolving door at District Ten has been turning again! Since the last magazine article Lyndal Waits was promoted to Assistant District Engineer in District Five at Batesville after having served as the District Ten Maintenance



Shirley, Susan and Lyndal Waits

Engineer for about four years. We were all sorry to see Lyndal leave but wish him the very best.

Charlie Hesselbein was transferred from District Six in Little Rock to District Ten to fill the vacancy resulting from Lyndal's promotion. Charlie is a familiar face around District Ten and we all welcome him and his family back to northeast Arkansas.

December 18 was the date of the District Ten Christmas Party. We were honored to have Mr. Dan Flowers, Assistant Chief Engineer/Operations, as a guest at our party. Members of the district crews, office staff, and retirees enjoyed munching on tempting tidbits while visiting. Mr. Flowers presented two service awards during the party to James Trintch, of the District Sealing Crew, with his 30 year service certificate and Charles Franks, Mechanic, who received his 25 year service certificate. Mr. Flowers expressed the thought of many of those present in wishing these two men many years of continued association with the Department for both are a pleasure to work with.

Earnest Faulkenberry, Finish Motor Patrol Operator in Mississippi County, was presented his 25 year service certificate by B.J. Barnett, District Engineer. Congratulations Earnest and we hope to have you around for another 25 years.

It seems that Cupid has found a permanent home in District 10 these days because people in and around the District have certainly kept him busy lately. In the last magazine article we reported on the marriage of Mack McArthur of the Osceola Maintenance Crew. We hope the joy captured in this photograph will be with Mack and Melita through many blissful years.



Melita and Mack McArthur

Also, Jerry Wright, Osceola RE Office, has felt the pangs of Cupid's bow. He and Sandra Marie Childers were married on December 21 and are now making their home in Blytheville. We wish you both our very best for many years of happiness.

This is the picture that Wayne Wood, Senior Inspector, Jonesboro RE Office, promised us from the last magazine issue. Wayne and his wife, Portia, are so proud of their new granddaughter, Cassidy Nichole Baker, and they wanted to share with us the latest picture of her. Isn't she darling?



Cassidy Nichole Baker

**CENTRAL OFFICE
SERVICE AWARDS & RETIREMENTS**



Haydon Cockrill
35 Years



Patsy Downing
30 Years



Receiving service awards at the Annual Awards Presentation on December 14, 1984 were: First Row (Left to Right) Jim Giles, Fred Williams, Pat Koonce, Lonnie Parsons, Jim Garrett and Charles Venable, 25 years. Second Row: Patsy Downing, 30 years; Joe Lovell, Calvin Peevy, Tom Keys, Huston Alford, Paul Elcan, and John Taunton, 25 years. Third Row: W.H. Williams, Coy Campbell, Bob Kessinger, Dale Loe, Paul DeBusk, and Charles Walther, 25 years.



Receiving retirement certificates were: First Row (Left to Right) Bob Mattox, Surveys; Katherine Jones, Surveys; Earl Hillis, Traffic; and Raymond Jones, Programs & Contracts. Back Row (Left to Right) Jim Matthews, Bridge Design; Lucille Dishongh, Construction, A.W. "Dub" Looney, Programs & Contracts; and Samuel Pack, Arkansas Highway Police.





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