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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

## **MORE CONTROL NEEDED OVER TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

The public's growing concern over the transportation of hazardous materials has not gone unnoticed by the Highway Commission or the Legislative branch of state government.

The recent series of highly publicized incidents has caused the public to begin to demand more strict control over the movement of hazardous loads on our highways. A recent study by the Federal Energy Management Agency found that four out of ten city and community emergencies likely to occur involve the transportation of hazardous materials. The latest figures available show that in 1982, 1.5 billion tons of hazardous materials were transported nationwide. Over half of this amount was transported over the highways by trucks.

In 1985, over 6.3 million trucks were checked by the Highway Police Division during the routine performance of their duties. A spot-check survey taking last year revealed that approximately 5.3% of all trucks traveling through Arkansas were hauling hazardous materials.

Several state agencies, including the Highway and Transportation Department, all have a limited amount of jurisdiction over the transportation or handling of hazardous materials. The problem is that no single agency has the authority to adequately handle all aspects of this dilemma.

The Highway Commission and the Department staff has been reviewing existing legislation pertaining to hazardous materials and looking into changes or modifications to better address the problem.

The Department already has the basic mechanism in place to control the movement of these hazardous loads through our Permit Section. We also have the equipment on hand for traffic control and cleanup, as well as a state-wide radio communications system. Over 100 of the Department's maintenance personnel and over 200 Highway Police officers have received training in the identification and handling of hazardous materials. These employees are in a position to route traffic and are all potential first responders to a hazardous materials incident.

One possible solution to preventing these accidents would be legislation to authorize the Department to require all transporters of hazardous materials to obtain a permit from the Department before they can move such a load through the State. By doing this, the Department would then know what type of material is being moved, where it is coming from, where it is going, what highways it will travel, and what time of day it will be moving.

Although the exact proposal has not been drafted, the first step in meeting this problem was recently taken by the Legislative Joint Interim Committee on Public Transportation. A subcommittee was appointed consisting of three state senators and six state representatives to develop a plan and legislation for the next regular session of the Legislature for the handling of hazardous material.

The members of this committee should be commended for taking this very necessary action. Traffic volumes are continuing to grow annually, and truck traffic, in particular, is increasing at a rapid rate. Hazardous loads are now being transported in Arkansas without any state agency being aware of what or where they are. We must be in a position in the future to prevent serious accidents. The Legislative committee is working toward that goal, and the members of the Highway Commission have pledged their support in the development of a program to solve this problem.



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# Tourist Info Centers Celebrate Sesquicentennial and Anniversary With Statewide Open Houses

Ceremonies were held at the state's nine Tourist Information Centers July 29, to salute the Arkansas Sesquicentennial and commemorate the 19th anniversary of the opening of the first Tourist Center and Rest Area at Bella Vista on July 29, 1967.

Elected State and local officials as well as members of the State Highway Commission and the Parks and Tourism Commission, participated in the program at each center.

The Tourist Information Centers were established by Act 515 of 1965. They are constructed and maintained by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and staffed by the Arkansas Parks and Tourism Department. Literature from a variety of public and private sector tourism attractions is distributed at the centers, along with detailed routing information provided by trained travel counselors. Restrooms and picnic areas are also provided at each center for the convenience of the travelers.

These two agencies have had a 20-year history of fine cooperation throughout the period of tremendous growth for the tourist industry that has resulted in unbelievable economic benefits for Arkansas.

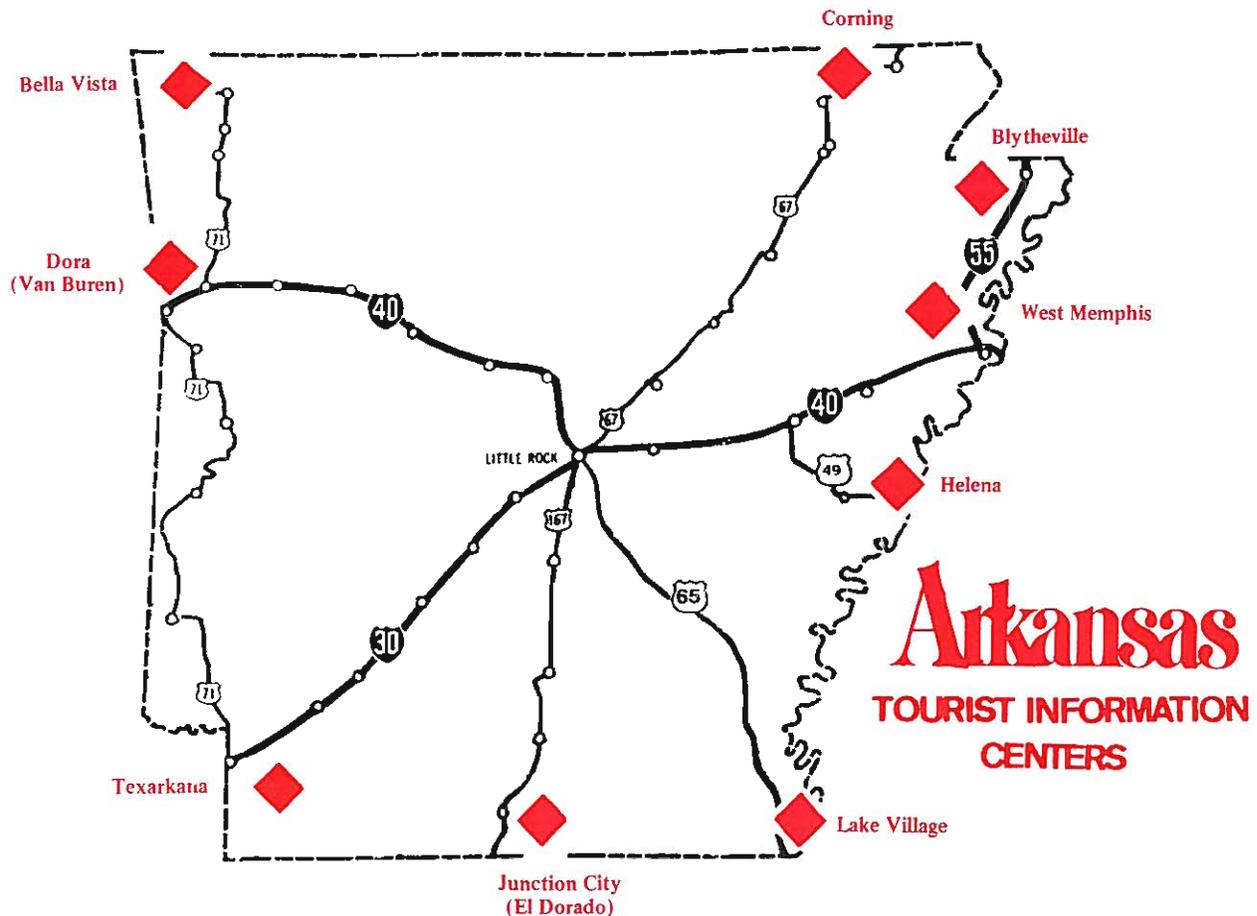
The nine centers are located at: Bella Vista, U.S. 71 South; Blytheville, I-55; Corning, U.S. 67; Dora, I-40; El Dorado, U.S. 167; Helena/West Helena, U.S. 49 Bypass; Lake Village, U.S. 65/82; Texarkana, I-30; and West Memphis, I-40.



TOP: Texarkana Tourist Information Center on Interstate 30.

RIGHT: AHTD Public Affairs Officer Bill Looney explains the economic importance of the Tourist Information Center program at the Texarkana celebration.





In addition, the Highway Department has 25 other primary rest areas and approximately 100 small roadside parks that are maintained year-round for the convenience of the traveling public on its 16,100-mile highway system.

The original U.S. 71 Tourist Information Center at Bella Vista opened 19 years ago. It was financed with 100% Federal funds under Lady Bird Johnson's program to beautify

our travelways. Last year the old center had to be closed and a new one was built on new location to better handle the increase in traffic. The new center was built by the Highway and Transportation Department with 100% State funds at a cost of \$279,600.

At the Texarkana center, a \$248,000 remodeling contract was awarded in April 1984 to double the size of the center. The West

Memphis center also underwent remodeling in 1984 at a cost of \$181,700.

The Lake Village center is the most unique one built in the country. This \$419,633 center was planned and financed with special federal revenue as part of the Great River Road program which supplied 75% of the money. The Highway Department also received a grant of \$85,000 in federal money to install solar heating equipment as a solar demonstration project. The Federal Highway Administration approved the grant based on the center's location at the hub of a three-state region which will provide a broad exposure of the solar project to a large number of people.

Sheet cakes, decorated with the outline of the State and centered by the official Arkansas Sesqui-centennial logo, were served at each center. Local entertainers provided a variety of music for the occasion, and door prizes were awarded.

The crowd gathers around to enjoy the bluegrass music performed at the Texarkana celebration.



# HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION A GROWING CONCERN

It was 7:15 a.m., Wednesday, July 9, 1986. The morning rush hour traffic on Interstate 40 in North Little Rock was bumper-to-bumper through the construction zone between the Highway 67/167 Interchange and the Lakewood Interchange.

If there was ever a bad time and place for an accident to happen, this was it.

A west-bound flatbed truck carrying three large electric transformers that contained the dangerous chemical polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCB's, collided with a passenger vehicle as it changed lanes to avoid striking another vehicle. The collision caused the chains holding one of the transformers to break and it fell onto the highway, spilling about 400 gallons of the PCB contaminated oil it contained.

Approximately 300 cars drove through the spill before traffic could be halted. The cleanup effort was underway within thirty minutes of the accident and a section of interstate highway was closed for four days, forcing traffic to take a detour route that was many miles out of the way.

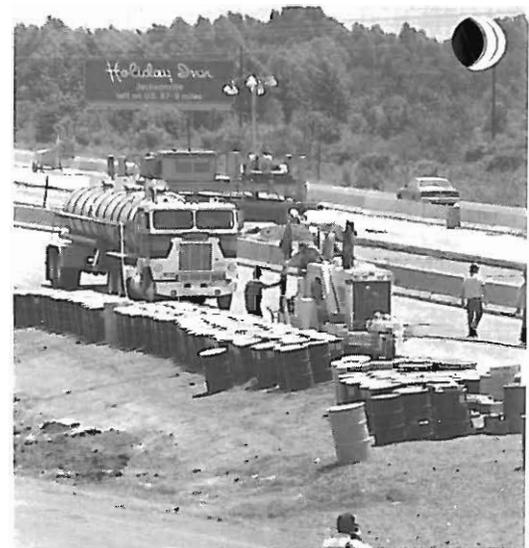
Highway and Transportation Department maintenance crews were on the scene spreading sand on the pavement to absorb the oil. The Pollution Control & Ecology Department, State Health Department and State Office of Emergency Control sent emergency response teams to the scene, and later, a hazardous materials team from National Electric, Inc., of Lakeville, Minnesota, arrived to handle the cleanup. The truck hauling the transformers was owned by National Electric and the load was being shipped to a toxic

waste disposal site in Kansas at the time of the accident.

Fortunately, no one was seriously injured. The driver of the passenger vehicle which was struck was treated and released from a local hospital. The truck driver was not injured. Several motorists who drove through the spill later complained of headaches and nausea, but there were no further reports of serious injuries or sickness.

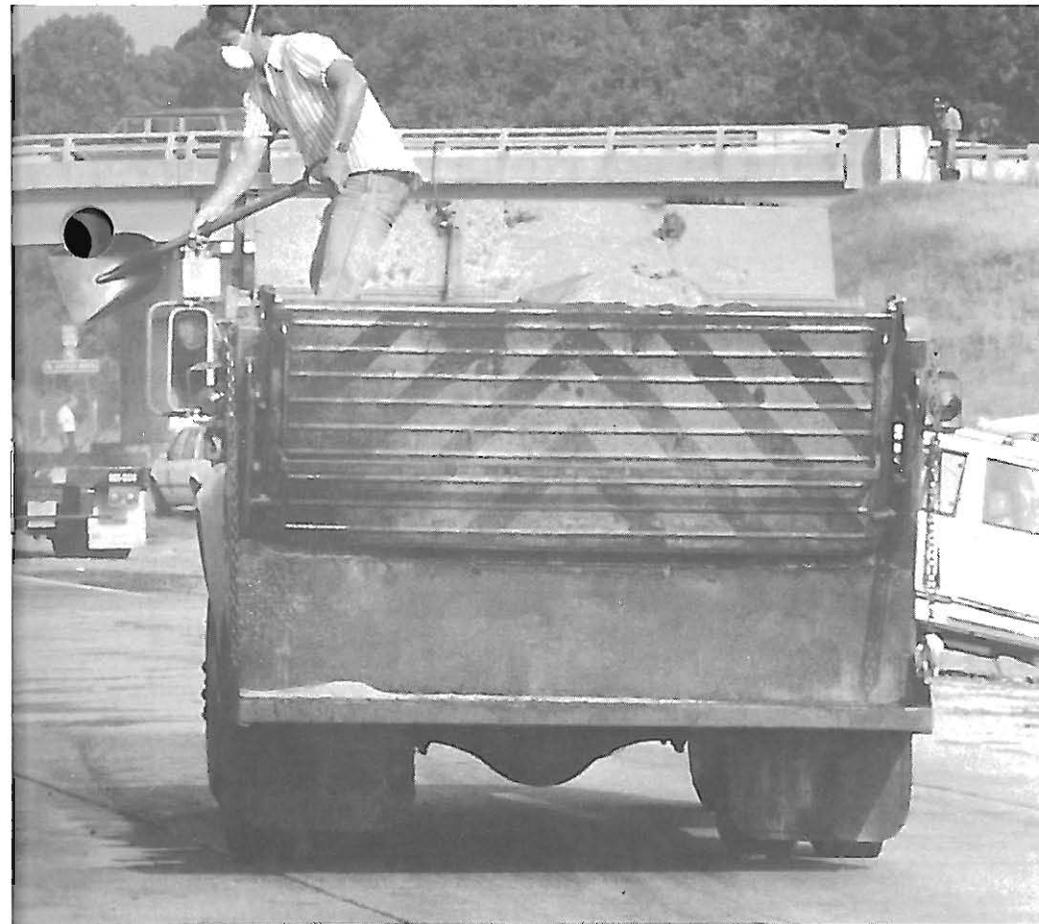
Two Highway and Transportation Department dump trucks had to be decontaminated. Three AHTD employees were later given blood tests but no health problems were discovered.

After the material was cleaned up from the roadway and nearby shoulder, it was stored in barrels which were later taken to a toxic waste disposal site. Some of the PCB contaminated oil was absorbed into the highway surface through cracks and joints. A short section of the surface was removed by a milling machine to determine the depth of absorption. Officials decided to overlay a 1,000-foot sec-



tion of the highway with asphalt to seal in any residue absorbed. The highway was reopened at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 12.

The reconstruction work on I-40 calls for that section to be resurfaced, and officials will recheck the pavement at that time to determine how much, if any, should be removed before the resurfacing begins.



**TOP LEFT:** AHTD employee shovels sand on contaminated oil. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Barrels containing PCB contaminated material were stored along I-40 awaiting transportation to a disposal site. **TOP RIGHT:** Barrels containing the hazardous waste were clearly marked. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Workers from National Electric sweep up contaminated material and place it in barrels.



National Electric is paying for the costs of the cleanup and the temporary resurfacing, which has totaled about \$200,000. Department officials have estimated that additional costs to motorists due to inconvenience and the longer detour route will amount to another \$200,000.

About two weeks before the

North Little Rock incident, an 8-mile section of Interstate 30 near Malvern was closed for 14 hours and 100 people were asked to leave their homes after a tanker truck filled with a highly corrosive chemical overturned.

On July 24 a truck carrying a pesticide was stopped on Highway 67/167 north of I-40 after a sheriff's deputy noticed a leak in the trailer. The road was closed about three hours while the leak was cleaned up and the truck moved to another location.

So far this year, there have been 12 incidents in the State of Arkansas involving chemical accidents and spills. The problem has caused concern among state officials about what to do to prevent future incidents.

The State Highway Commission has discussed the possibility of drafting legislation to broaden the

department's authority over the transportation of hazardous materials through the state. One possible avenue being explored is the issuance of permits to carriers of hazardous materials. This would enable the department to route trucks on highways during certain times of the day to avoid congested areas during peak traffic hours. This method would also give the department information on the types of materials being transported, where it is coming from, and where it is going.

Most of the department's maintenance workers and Highway Police officers have been trained in identifying and dealing with hazardous materials when an accident occurs. However, the prevention of such accidents in the future is what the Highway Commission hopes to address by controlling the route and time of day such loads can be moved.

# Truck Impact On Roadway Safety

By Paul Simms  
AHTD Commercial Vehicle Section

With the current trend of larger and heavier trucks and smaller and lighter passenger cars, it is no wonder the public is becoming concerned about truck safety. This sensitivity is heightened by references to drivers impaired by fatigue or drugs, poor or overloaded equipment, and shipments of hazardous cargoes.

Because of Arkansas' location, our highways are commonly used by interstate motor carriers with no origin or destination in this state. This additional burden on the highway system is substantial and trucks now comprise almost one-half of the total traffic volume on many of the major highways.

Fortunately, the involvement rate of trucks in road accidents is generally lower than that of passenger cars. One of the reasons for this lower involvement rate is that truck drivers travel a higher proportion of their mileage in rural areas. Also, most truck drivers are more skilled in driving than are drivers of passenger cars. Finally, the maintenance of trucks (especially in large companies) is usually more strict than that of cars.

Although trucks are involved in fewer accidents, the public is correct in believing that truck accidents are generally more severe in terms of both economic damage and physical injuries. The relatively high severity of accidents involving trucks is a result of many factors. In addition to the increasing size differentials, the greater strength of the truck frame causes the smaller passenger car to suffer more damage on impact. Another important consideration is the height of the truck structure relative to a passenger car. In an accident, this misalignment in the two structures results in damage to the upper and weaker parts of passenger cars.

Many studies have been conducted in the U.S. and in other countries to determine the effect of truck weight on accident severity. The weight of a truck involved in a road accident was determined to be a significant factor in the severity of the accident. Generally, the heavier the truck, the greater the risk that when the truck is involved in an accident, it will be a fatal one. The increasing risk of a fatal accident with vehicle weight increase is illustrated in Figure 1. This figure shows the percentage of fatal accidents of the total number of accidents in which passenger cars and trucks of different weight groups were involved. In accidents involving trucks weighing more than 26 tons, there is almost a 10% chance that a person will be killed in the accident.

Another way of viewing the increasing risk of a fatal accident with vehicle weight increases is in terms of the fatal accident rate by distance travelled. Figure 2 shows the fatal accident rate per 100 million kilometers travelled for trucks of different weight categories. This figure shows a trend of increasing fatal accident involvement as truck weights increase. The only deviation from this trend is that trucks in the 16 to 26-ton category have a higher fatal accident rate than trucks which weigh more than 26-tons. A likely explanation is that trucks in the heaviest weight category record more mileage on major rural highways and are more tightly regulated.

FIGURE 1

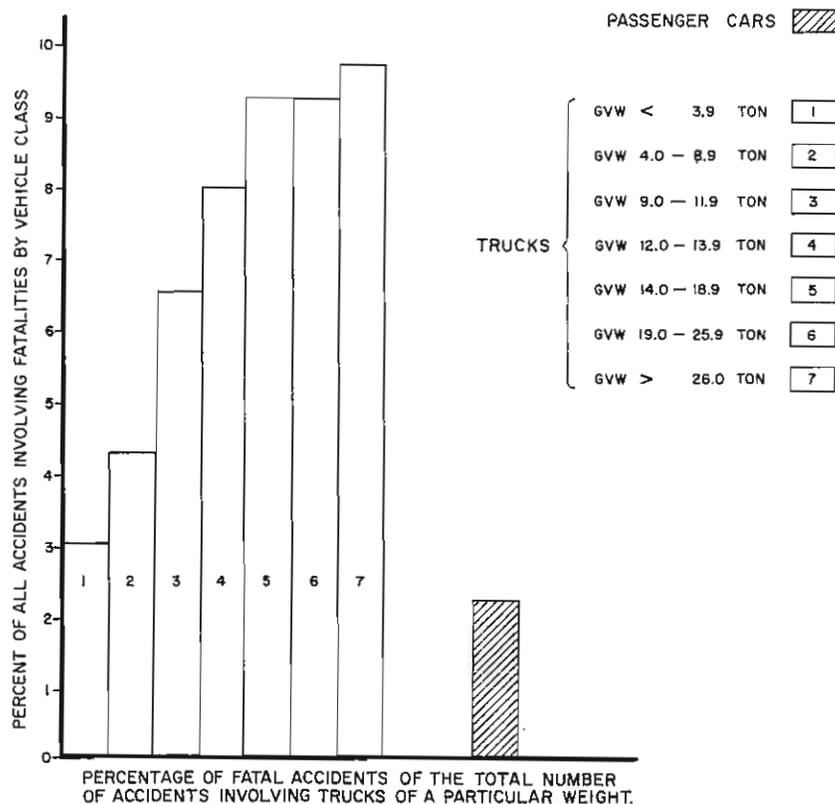
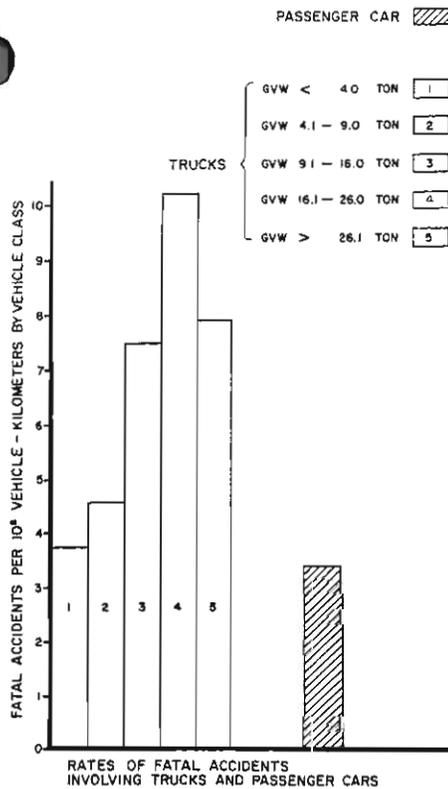


FIGURE 2



Accidents involving trucks are usually more severe in terms of economic damage and physical injuries.



The Highway Police Division often conducts special operations to monitor truck traffic.

Another finding of these studies is that the injuries and fatalities associated with truck accidents are usually suffered by the passengers and drivers of the other vehicles or pedestrians. Because of the protection provided by the truck for its occupants, the heavier the weight of the truck, the less likely that the driver or a passenger in the truck will be injured. However, heavier trucks have a greater chance of injuring, and injuring more severely, other road users.

In the evaluation of the types of truck-involved accidents, it was determined that rear-end accidents at intersections and on grades were more common. At intersections and on downgrades, the problem stems from the longer stopping distances of trucks. On upgrades, trucks were prone to being rear-ended by overtaking vehicles. Heavy vehicles were also found to be involved in more single vehicle accidents than passenger cars.

In Arkansas, studies of accidents involving the large combination vehicles indicate that the number of

fatalities increased dramatically between 1984 and 1985. In 1984, there were 70 fatalities and 1,472 persons injured in the 2,917 accidents involving these combination vehicles. In 1985, the number of fatalities increased to 108 in the 3,050 accidents involving combination vehicles. The number of injured persons declined slightly to 1,432.

Beginning early in 1986, the Department began to investigate the principal cause of all accidents involving combination vehicles. A review of these accidents indicates that driver error, rather than equipment failure, is more commonly cited as the cause of these accidents. Speeding and the driver's failure to maintain the proper control of the vehicle are cited as the principal cause of 19 of the 23 factual accidents studied to date. Truck equipment failure was not found to be

the principal cause of any of these fatal accidents.

The Highway and Transportation Department is dedicated to making highway travel in Arkansas as safe as possible for all motorists. The Department will address truck safety by issuing a Truckers' Map that will contain all provisions and requirements for legal and safe truck operation in Arkansas. Steep grades throughout the State that have resulted in truck control problems will receive additional signing. Areas identified as high truck accident locations will be diagnosed to determine if possible corrective action can be taken to improve travel. Further, we are supporting legislation to require special licensing for all operators of heavy trucks to assure that they are qualified to safely operate these rigs on Arkansas highways.

# RR Overpass Dedicated at Paragould

More than 250 persons turned out August 7 at Paragould for ceremonies to formally dedicate the new Highway 412 Railroad Overpass in the downtown area.

Although the structure was still a few weeks away from being finished and opened to traffic, that didn't lessen the enthusiasm of the residents of this Northeast Arkansas city.

The overpass had been constructed at a cost of \$1.7 million. An additional \$780,000 was spent on right-of-way acquisition and about \$73,000 was spent on improvement of adjacent city streets which served as a detour route while the construction was underway.

At a public hearing in December 1983, area residents expressed support for the overpass, citing safety as a major concern. Students from Greene County Tech circulated petitions urging support for the construction after a fellow student was seriously injured in an automobile accident. On the way to the hospital, the ambulance was delayed by a train and the police department had to be called in to assist in order to clear the crossing so the ambulance could proceed.

Arkansas State Representative Mack Thompson of Paragould, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, noted that the students should be commended for their efforts and he called them the driving force behind attempts to get the crossing built.

Thompson, who served as Master of Ceremonies, also thanked the Highway Commission and the Department for all that had been done in the Paragould area. "It has been a pleasure working with you over the past 14 years that I have served in the Legislature. We had two tax increases during that time and I voted for both of them," he said. He noted that he would not be returning to the Legislature next year; however, "I'd vote for one again if



AHC Chairman Patsy Thomasson is assisted by Representative Mack Thompson at the ribbon cutting. Others are from left to right: Director Henry Gray, Commissioner Ron Harrod, State Treasurer Jimmie Lou Fisher, Thompson, Thomasson, Commissioner Dalton Farmer, Mayor Charles Partlow, and former Commissioner David Solomon.



Emergency vehicles were the first to cross the new bridge.

we were going to get projects like this built in the State," he said.

Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson said it takes many years of hard work to bring such projects around to the construction stage. "The people of Paragould have stuck with it throughout the years and we are here today to witness the result of that effort," she said.

"Mack and the entire Northeast Arkansas delegation, have been very supportive of the Department. They know the importance of good highways for the continued economic growth of the state," she added.

Thomasson presented Thompson with a framed photograph of him-

self looking over the plans for the overpass at the 1983 public hearing.



Thompson and Thomasson

At a luncheon following the dedication Thompson praised former Commissioner David Solomon of Helena. "During his term on the Highway Commission, David Solomon worked diligently to see that this area was not left out in terms of highway improvements," he said.

Highway Commissioner Dalton Farmer of Jonesboro, who replaced

Solomon on the Commission, said several other projects on Highway 412 were planned. He pointed out that the highway will be widened to four lanes from the west end of the overpass to the western city limits.

Mayor Charles Partlow noted that Paragould is the home of the District Ten Headquarters for the

Highway and Transportation Department. "This is a major employer in our town," he said. "They have over 100 employees here in Paragould and annual expenditures amount to about \$8 million. They are a part of our community just as any other industry, and we are proud to have you here," he added.

## New Highway 82 Ouachita River Bridge Dedicated at Crossett August 22

The opening of the Highway 82 Ouachita River Bridge near Crossett on August 22 was heralded by U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers as "the beginning of good things to come to Crossett and South Arkansas."

"This new bridge and approaches, along with the navigational channel, port and recreational facilities yet to come are all what it takes to develop a well-rounded economy," Bumpers said.

Speaking at the ceremonies to formally dedicate the structure, Bumpers reminded the audience that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will soon open bids to develop recreation facilities on the Ouachita River near Crossett. He said that three years from now when people gather to dedicate those facilities, they will look back on August 22, 1986 as the day good things began for the development of the area.

The 2,895-foot bridge replaces the obsolete and narrow thru-truss steel bridge that was opened in 1931. The old structure, which is adjacent to the new bridge, will be dismantled later.

The bridge and approaches were built under two separate contracts. Jensen Construction Company of Des Moines, Iowa, was awarded a \$6.4 million contract in April 1984 for the bridge structure. R.J. 'Bob' Jones Construction Company of Little Rock was awarded a \$1.1



The 2,895-foot Ouachita River Bridge and Approaches on U.S. Highway 82 will replace the obsolete and narrow thru-truss steel bridge that has been in service since 1931, and will be dismantled later.



Officials formally cut the ribbon opening the new Ouachita River Bridge.

million contract in July 1985 for the roadway approach work.

U.S. Senator David Pryor commended the Highway Commission

for "doing a splendid job with the limited amount of funds available."

State Senator Jim Scott of Warren reminded the audience that the



U.S. Senator David Pryor, right, introduces U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers at the bridge dedication.

Rural Road Program approved last year by the General Assembly will make funds available for future improvements to Highway 82. "Over 60 percent of the total length of Highway 82 in Arkansas is covered by the Rural Road Program," he said. He also praised the Highway Commission, under the leadership of Chairman Patsy Thomasson, for the efforts made in getting the legislation passed.

In response, Thomasson said no individual should take credit for the passage of the program. "It will go down in history as a milestone in transportation in Arkansas because so many people and groups worked together to get the legislation approved," she said.

Earlier in the day, at a breakfast

sponsored by the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce, Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod said the State Legislature "took a bold step in 1985 to approve the tax increase for rural roads."



Ron Harrod at El Dorado breakfast meeting.

"We completed 15 percent of the rural road projects in 1985 and we should complete approximately that figure this year," Harrod said. The program identified 4850 miles of rural highways in the state that will be improved over the next ten years.

Harrod also commended the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce for taking the lead, along with the Ruston, Louisiana Chamber of Commerce in the push for a four-lane highway between El Dorado and Ruston. "Because of your efforts, the states of Arkansas and Louisiana are now working on the development of planning studies for the construction of this badly needed highway which will link South Arkansas with I-20 at Ruston," he said.

The El Dorado Chamber has set the completion of such a link as a major goal for the area, along with the construction of a four-lane highway to link the area with I-30 at Little Rock. Harrod pointed out that all but 18 miles of highway between El Dorado and Fordyce has been four-laned and additional projects will be going to contract soon to fill in the gap. He also said improvements on Highway 79 from Fordyce to Pine Bluff are programmed that will tie in with Highway 65 that is already four lanes to Little Rock.

## New Section of Highway 71 Opened

Another 6.3 miles of the new Highway 71 freeway through Northwest Arkansas was opened to traffic July 9.

Highway Commission Vice Chairman Bobby Hopper of Springdale and District Engineer Allan Holmes of Fort Smith did the honors by removing barricades near the entry ramps at the Highway 68 west interchange in Springdale.

The new four-lane, divided highway begins at Highway 68 and extends north to Highway 264. With

the opening of this section, the Highway 71 relocation is complete from Fayetteville to just north of Springdale at Highway 264.

McClinton-Anchor of Fayetteville, R.R. Tway, Inc. of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Sajan Construction Corp. of Sikeston, Missouri, were the contractors on the \$15.3 million project. Right-of-way and utility adjustments on the project cost approximately \$2.9 million, bringing the total cost to \$18.2 million.

An additional 9.1 miles of work is currently under construction from Highway 264 to Little Flock Road just north of Rogers at a cost of \$18.8 million. Another 7.5 miles to Bella Vista is programmed at an estimated cost of \$19.1 million.

The Highway 71 improvement is part of the long-sought freeway between I-40 at Alma and the Northwest Arkansas region. Part of the work is complete from Fayetteville to Highway 264 and from near Bella Vista to the Missouri State

Line. A contract for the first phase of work on the southern end at Alma will be awarded by the Highway Commission early next year. That contract will mark the beginning of work on the 42-mile stretch from I-40 to Fayetteville.



AHC Vice Chairman Bobby Hopper of Springdale, right, and District 4 Engineer Allan Holmes, had the honor of removing the barricades from Highway 71

## Annie Mae Bankhead Drive

College Station residents joined other community leaders July 2 to dedicate the recently completed Annie Mae Bankhead Drive.

The half-mile urban drive connects I-440 with Frazier Pike near the Little Rock Regional Airport. The street was named in honor of Annie Mae Bankhead, a long-time College Station civic leader.

Pulaski County authorities requested the assistance of the State Aid Division of the Department to obtain Federal Urban Highway funds for the street. The initial plan was to widen Jones Street. However, the homes fronting Jones Street were very close to the centerline of the street and many of the residents would have to be relocated. Route studies were made of several alternatives and the best location with the least adverse effect on the community was selected.

The project consists of a 45-foot wide, curb and gutter section which is designed to operate as a two-lane



Wilma Walker, President of the Progressive League of College Station; Annie Mae Bankhead, Pulaski County Judge Don Venhaus, AHC Chairman Patsy Thomasson and State Representative Bill Townsend.

street with parking lanes. In the future, as traffic demands warrant, the street can be operated as a four-lane section without parking. Sidewalks and underground storm drains were also provided.

Arkansas Escavating Company, Inc., of Little Rock, was awarded a \$395,000 contract for the construction of the project. Bankhead Drive is expected to carry 2,000 vehicles per day.

# WATESS Holds Annual Conference



The 19th annual meeting of the Western Association of Transportation Employee Safety Supervisors (WATESS), held in Little Rock July 21-24, was called "one of the best" by many delegates who attended.

WATESS is made up of highway department safety supervisors west of the Mississippi River, but in recent years eastern states have been represented as well. This year an invitation was extended to all states due to Arkansas' central location.

Thirty-five delegates representing 27 states and two Canadian provinces were in attendance. Since there is no comparable organization east of the Mississippi River, WATESS delegates were asked to consider expanding the organization and by a unanimous vote elected to do so.

In his welcome address, AHTD Director Henry Gray said, "Good safety programs save more than

they cost." He stressed that... "The real praise goes to you people for what does not happen. In your business, you are dedicated people or you would not be here and I commend you for that service you perform to your respective departments."

Delegates made presentations to the group on a variety of topics in-



AHTD Director Henry Gray

cluding Equipment Management, Shop Safety, Hazardous Chemicals and Waste Disposal, Right to Know, Signing in Maintenance and Construction Zones, Back Injury Prevention, Job Related Hearing Loss and Workers' Compensation Claim Control.

Guest speakers Doug Nielson of the AHTD Equipment and Procurement Division, gave an informative presentation on Equipment Management and its relationship to Safety. John Kizer, AHTD State Aid Division Head, gave an entertaining and informative talk on "Safety Is A Six-Letter Word." Dr. John Dickins, Neurotologist of the Ear & Nose - Throat Clinic in Little Rock, spoke on Job Related Hearing Loss.

Many compliments regarding the meeting were received from our guests. The Safety Section expresses appreciation to those people in the Department who assisted in the Conference.



AHTD District 3 Engineer William Tyler presents awards to (left) George Derrick and (right) Alfrida Bristow

## Lifesaving Efforts Commended

Two Highway and Transportation Department employees and one Parks and Tourism employee were recently commended by the Department for their lifesaving efforts.

George Derrick, Miller County Area Foreman, and Alfrida Bristow, Manager of the Texarkana Tourist Information Center, were cited for saving the life of Annie Bell Sumpter on January 30.

Ms. Sumpter, an AHTD employee, is the Rest Area Attendant at the Texarkana Tourist Information Center. She was working out-

side at the Center when she suffered a heart attack and collapsed. Ms. Bristow saw her fall and ran outside to check on her when Derrick drove up. Both Ms. Bristow and Derrick, who have received CPR and First Aid training, immediately began to administer CPR and revived Ms. Sumpter.

In addition to being commended by the Department, both also received certificates of commendation from the State Department of Labor.

Bob Faulkner, Assistant District Engineer at Paragould, was com-

mended for his efforts in attempting to revive a 77-year old Rivervale man May 28.

Faulkner saw the man lying in his yard and noticed that he was not breathing and had no pulse. The man's wife had already called for an ambulance and Faulkner began CPR until the ambulance arrived. Despite his efforts and the efforts of the ambulance service, the gentleman could not be revived. However, Faulkner's attempt to save the man's life warranted a commendation from the Department.

## Department's External EEO Program Commended

The Department's External EEO Program has been recognized by the Federal Highway Administration as "one of the best".

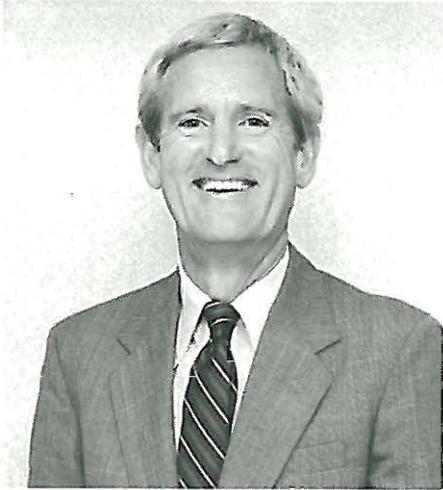
Henry Droughter, External EEO Specialist, received a Special Commendation from Wesley S. Mendenhall, Jr., FHWA Regional Administrator from Fort Worth, "in recognition of outstanding leadership and initiative which resulted in the development of effective external civil rights programs."

Droughter was responsible for developing a program to monitor compliance of EEO guidelines by contractors. He also is responsible for the Title VI Program which monitors compliance during the project development stage.

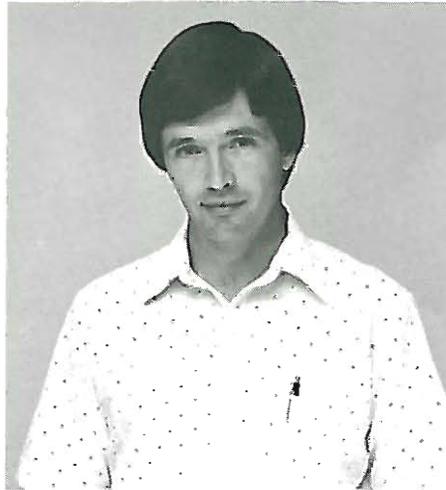


Mendenhall and Droughter

# Department Personnel Changes



Jim Briley



Gerald Teague



Leonard Hall

**Jim Briley** is the new District Engineer at District 2 in Pine Bluff. Briley assumed his new duties June 19 following the retirement of Sam Smith.

Briley was the Assistant District Engineer at District 9 in Harrison. He began his career with the Department in 1961 in the engineering training program where he was assigned to the Construction Division. He later transferred to the Materials and Research Division and worked in various functions, including Assistant Division Head. He was transferred to Harrison in February 1980.

He is a native of Fort Smith and graduated from North Little Rock High School. He entered the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville where he received his BSCE Degree. He is a registered professional engineer.

**Gerald Teague** has been promoted to Assistant District Engineer at District 9 in Harrison, replacing Jim Briley. Teague was Resident Engineer in North Little Rock.

He is a native of Fayetteville and a civil engineering graduate from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He began his career with the Department in 1976 in the Construction Division and later served as Assistant Resident Engineer in North Little Rock. He is a registered professional engineer.

**Leonard Hall** has been transferred to District 6 in Little Rock as District Maintenance Engineer, replacing George Ingle, who retired. He previously had been Staff Maintenance Engineer in the State Maintenance Division.

Hall began his career with the Department following graduation from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a degree in civil engineering in 1972. He has served as Assistant Resident Engineer in Monticello and Resident Engineer in Little Rock. He is a registered professional engineer.

## New Positions Created for Highway Police

Five veteran Highway Police officers were recently promoted to Assistant District Commanders, a new position created to provide better internal control and fill the gap which existed because of a lack of mid-level management, according to Highway Police Chief John Bailey.

The five are: Lieutenants Clarence Harper, North Little Rock, District 1; Ronnie Anderson, Diaz, District 2; Charles Barnard, Paris, District 3; Thurman Wright, Hope, District 4; and Charles Breeding, West Memphis, District 5. These officers have a combined total of 99 years of service with the Highway Police Division.



Left to right: Lts. Wright, Breeding, Anderson, Barnard and Harper.

The new position was created as part of an overall reorganization and realignment of duties and responsibilities within the Division, according to Bailey. The Assistant Commanders will also serve as liaisons between the Highway Police and the District Engineers and assume the duties of the District Commanders in their absence.

Other promotions announced were Sergeants Joe



Sergeants Joe Davis and Todd Wetzel

Davis and Todd Wetzel to Assistant Station Supervisors. Davis is stationed at the Marion Weigh Station and Wetzel is at Springdale.

Being promoted from Patrolman to Patrolman First Class were: Frank Young, Fordyce; Ray Davis, North Little Rock; Thomas Meador, Ashdown; and Jerry Johnson, Bentonville.



Left to right: PFCs Meador, Davis, Young and Johnson.

## Public Hearing Conducted at Trumann

At a public hearing July 8, Trumann area residents expressed support for a new four-lane, divided highway in their area, but asked the Department to consider altering the proposal to include more grade separations and additional interchanges.

The 10.3-mile section of Highway 63 begins near Tulot and extends to Bay, providing a western bypass of Trumann. The project is the third and final portion that will eventually connect Jonesboro to a four-lane roadway just south of Payneway in Poinsett County and provide four-lane traffic from Jonesboro to Memphis.

Persons speaking at the hearing requested that the Department consider providing grade separations at several county roads that were proposed to be closed at the points where they intersect the new highway. Several officials also requested that interchanges be added at two other locations along the route.

State Representative Jim Roberts and County Judge Steve Ryan presented a drawing showing the proposed interchanges and grade separations. Roberts said farmers would be handicapped without access and improved access was also needed for the city's industrial area.

Bob Walters, Roadway Design Engineer, said studies show that limited access highways are safer and ope-

rate at a higher capacity than those with unlimited access. He also said that traffic studies show traffic at the south end of the highway, if it was completed today, would total around 8,000 vehicles per day and is expected to increase to about 12,000 over the next 20 years.



Poinsett County Judge Steve Ryan, left, and Rep. Jim Roberts of Trumann, requested additional grade separations along the highway.

# Health Fair Draws A Large Crowd

On July 9, the Department's Exercise/Physical Fitness Committee, in cooperation with the University of Arkansas School of Medical Sciences and the American Diabetes Association, conducted a Health Fair in the lobby of the Central Office complex.

Services and tests offered were: Height and weight analyses, anemia, diabetes, blood pressure, glaucoma, dental and hearing. Two physicians were available for consultation and review of the results of the analyses. Colon cancer kits were available for home testing, and a potpourri table was set up with brochures from the Cancer Society, Diabetes Association, Heart Association and the Leukemia Society.

The Committee is happy to report that out of approximately 450 employees that participated in the Health Fair, only a few were diagnosed as possibly having high blood pressure, glaucoma, diabetes, or being anemic. These people were advised to seek further examinations from the Medical School or their family physician. The majority of participants' test results were within the 'normal' range. A few were reluctant to have fingers 'pricked' for blood for the diabetes and ane-

mia screen, however, the pain was not too great. It was also noted that several employees were 'quiet' about the results of their weight and height ratio.

The Highway and Transportation Department was awarded a National Fitness Campaign grant sponsored by the Baptist Medical Center and Wells Fargo Bank to promote physical fitness. As a result of the grant, the Department constructed

a 1-mile fitness trail with game-field stations on the grounds of the Central Office complex.

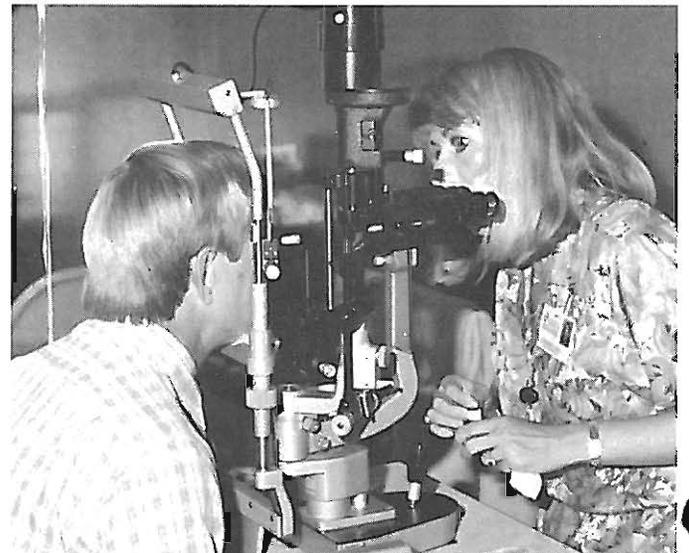
Employees are recognizing the value of "Wellness through Fitness" and that daily exercise and good nutrition are necessary to enhance the quality of life and one's longevity. People who are involved in an active fitness program are more alert mentally and tend to feel better and be happier.



Millie Houston, right, of Programs & Contracts, prepares to give a blood sample for an anemia screen.



Although he appears to be asleep, Doug Nielson of Equipment & Procurement is really undergoing a hearing test.



Larry Johnson, head of the Highway User Tax Unit, prepares for a glaucoma test.



Kay Hoggard of Fiscal Services, explains group insurance and credit union benefits

## New Employee Orientation Program

An Orientation Program for new employees has been implemented by the Personnel Section. The purpose of the program is to welcome new employees and to briefly explain the policies and benefits of employment with the Highway Department.

The first monthly scheduled program was conducted in the Central Office Auditorium on July 11. Jean Scarlett, Training Coordinator and Moderator of the program, introduced the new employees to staff members from various divisions and sections in the Department. The new employees participating in this program were: Donnalee Griswald, Fiscal Services; Credonna Nalley, Records & Reproduction; Ronald W. Ward, Buildings & Grounds; Ronald Strickland, Radio Section and David Lumbert, Materials & Research Division.

Brooks Nichols, Assistant Chief Engineer - Design, extended an "Administrator's Welcome" and recalled his earlier years with the Department. Mr. Nichols also commented on the responsibility of being a state employee and how challenging

and rewarding a career can be with the Highway Department.

Jane Wilson, Personnel Officer, discussed various personnel actions and policies regarding the use of sick and vacation leave, training and advancement opportunities, use of WATS lines and other 'ground rules'. Melba Shepard, Internal EEO Coordinator, presented an EEO briefing to the group and Pat Koonce and Kay Hoggard, from Fiscal Services, explained the retirement benefits, credit union deductions and the Department's group insurance plan. Included in the format

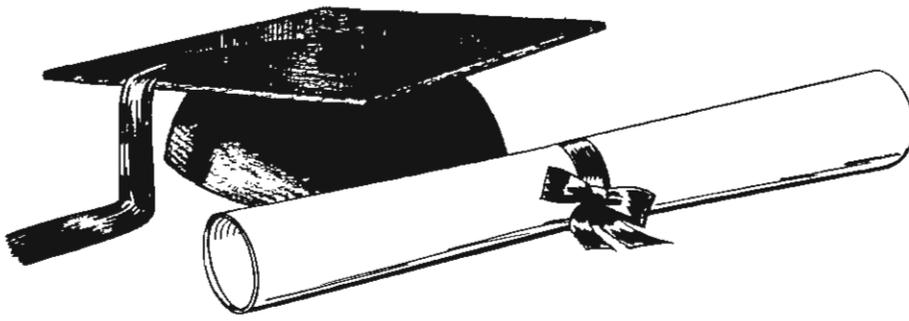
is a film showing the Department's organizational levels and a summary of the functions of each Division and Section.

A new Employee Orientation Book, containing a Welcome Letter from the Director, history of the Department, names and telephone numbers to contact for assistance, and other pertinent information, was given to each new employee.

The Personnel Office is confident the orientation program will make the transition period easier for new employees.



New employees attending the orientation were: Ward, Strickland, Lumbert, Griswald and Nalley



# 1986 High College



Mark Carrington  
Star City HS  
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Carrington  
District Two



Jeff Carson  
Sylvan Hills HS  
Doyle Carson  
Construction Division



Cynthia Suzanne Cockrill  
Arkansas State University  
Haden & Emily Cockrill  
Materials & Research Div.



Anthony Coffel  
Greene County Tech HS  
F.E. Coffel  
District 10



Roosevelt Dwayne Dobbins  
University of Arkansas  
Rev. & Mrs. Frank Dobbins  
Traffic Division - Sign Shop



Ellen Lyn Hammond  
Central HS - Little Rock  
Mike Hammond  
District Six



Douglas Head  
Sheridan HS  
Jim & Lou Ann Head  
Public Transportation



Lisa Herrington  
Rison HS  
John & Ann Herrington  
District Two



Craig Johnson  
Yellville HS  
Mr. & Mrs. C.G. Johnson  
District Nine - Peel Ferry



Sherri Jones  
U of A - Fayetteville  
Bobby & Kay Cornish  
District Two & Personnel



Stanley Eugene Pierce  
Cross County HS  
Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Pierce  
District One



Kelley Prince  
Benton HS  
Sharon Sullivan  
Safety



Kary Rose  
Yellville HS  
Mr. & Mrs. Orin Rose  
District Nine - Peel Ferry



Mike Satterwhite  
Batesville HS  
Randy Satterwhite  
District Five



Kim Scott  
NLR Ole Main HS  
Pat Scott  
District Eight

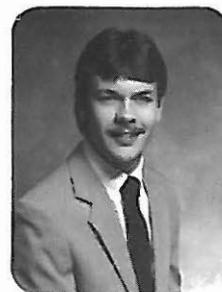
# School and Graduates



Tracy Diane Able  
Central HS - Helena  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Abel  
District One



Keisha Nanette Anderson  
Cross County HS  
Mr. & Mrs. Willie Anderson  
District One



Kevin Baskin  
College of the Ozarks  
R.C. "Bo" Baskin  
District Eight



Ruthie Arlene Dunn  
Oak Grove HS - Paragould  
W.E. Dunn  
District 10



Dawn Renee Fenton  
McClellan HS  
Larry Fenton  
Surveys - Photogrammetry



Michele Fleming  
Cabot HS  
Bill & Reta Fleming  
Construction Division



Yelonda R. Flenory  
Hope HS  
Ala Mae Flenory  
District Three



Patricia Fulton  
Central HS - Little Rock  
Bob & Francis Fulton  
Roadside Development



Angela Marie Kirkpatrick  
Fairview HS - Camden  
Charlotte Nutt  
District Seven



Edward Gene McMahan  
Fairview HS - Camden  
Gene & Louise McMahan  
District Seven



Missa Minick  
McClellan HS  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Magness  
Construction Division



Carrie Susan Morgan  
Star City HS  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Morgan  
District Two



Michael Nation  
NLR Ole Main HS  
Mimi Nation  
Public Transportation



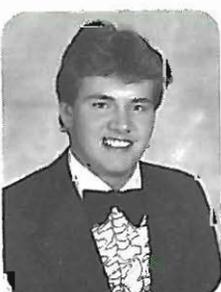
Jon Lynn Smart  
McClellan HS  
Elaine Smart  
Construction Division



Jimmy Wilbur Smith  
Cross County HS  
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Smith  
District One



Donnie Wallace  
Yellville HS  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bill Wallace  
District Nine - Peel Ferry



Wayne Welch  
Mills HS  
Bobby W. Welch  
Roadway Design



Kelth Williams  
Pine Bluff HS  
Gary & Brenda Williams  
District Two

# AHTD LETTERS

April 11, 1986

Henry Gray  
Director, AHTD  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gray:

People are always so eager to tell you everything that is wrong or bad with the Arkansas Highway Department. I wanted you to know how much we appreciate our District 10, Joe Barnett and all who are connected with the operation of the Tourist Information Center in Blytheville. Everyone is so helpful and cooperative in everything that has needed to be done in the upkeep of the building and grounds.

I have been very fortunate with two different districts while being employed with the Department of Parks and Tourism and the operations of the Tourist Information Centers in Highway District 7 and 10.

My thanks go to these men for making our working relationship much smoother. I wanted you to know that it is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Klara Gayle Elliott-Manager  
Blytheville TIC

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In April 1986, Elizabeth McDowell was left at the Social Hill Rest Area in District 6 by her companion. Her car was broke down and she couldn't get it repaired. Elizabeth Joyner and Earl Brooks, Rest Area Attendants, called the Sheriff's Dept. to get her some help. She was left with no money. They called her brother in Texas to come and pick her up. She is a diabetic so they had to get ice to keep her insulin cool for her until her brother could get there.

On May 13, 1986 the Rest Area received a letter from Mrs. McDowell thanking Elizabeth and Earl for all their help and kindness. It is worth all the time and effort when you know you've helped someone in need.

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This letter received in the Office of the Governor and forwarded on to the Director of Highways & Transportation.

June 30, 1986

To Whom It May Concern:

In this day and time, we often take time to gripe, but seldom do we take time to compliment someone for a job well done.

My husband and I were returning from vacation traveling I-40. We stopped at the rest stop that has Crowley Ridge reading the bronze marker. The park was beautiful and immaculate. A young man was just finishing cleaning the rest rooms and passed by as I was looking at the Arkansas map, trying to locate a route. He smiled and spoke very politely and asked

"Ma'am may I be of some assistance to you?" I told him I wished to go to Hot Springs, he told me the easiest, most understandable directions I have ever heard -- usually people just completely confuse others with attempts to direct. His appearance was very clean, well groomed and professional. Wanted your State Governor to know you have a person in your employment, who is "one in a million." I am sorry I failed to get his name but this occurred at 12 noon on Sunday, June 29, 1986. He was about 24 to 28 years old. Thanks for providing such excellent help.

Albert & Wynell McKenzie  
Lawton, Oklahoma

Editor's Note: This employee was Terry Hudson, Rest Area Attendant at the park located on I-40 near Forrest City.

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Dear Sirs:

I must write to you this letter to tell you what a wonderful person you have in Mr. Jimmy Graham.

Recently, while traveling through Arkansas between Fort Smith and Texarkana, we developed car trouble. As we entered Trumann Baker Park we were greeted by Mr. Graham. He immediately offered his help, seen what the trouble was, and fixed it. Within 30 minutes we were again on our way. Mr. Graham refused to take any money which was offered, proving his Christian character. With so much bad spirit in the world today, it is wonderful to encounter people with Godly manners.

We want to publicly thank Mr. Jimmy Graham, and congratulate you for having such a wonderful employee.

Cordially,  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Sisson  
Richmond, Missouri

Editor's Note: Jimmy Graham is a Rest Area Attendant at the park on Highway 71 at Waldron in District 4.

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Mr. Roger Almond  
District 6 Engineer  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

This letter is to thank one of your employees Henry Dupree. On June 24, 1986 I arrived at an accident on Landers Road in our city. Mr. Dupree was at the location flagging traffic. Due to his actions no other accidents occurred and our Officers were able to clear the lane without having to spend time with the traffic. Mr. Dupree left as soon as the lane was cleared without giving me time to thank him. Many times in the past your employees have stopped and helped at traffic accidents and this tells me that you have some of the best employees in

the State. These employees are a credit to you and the Great State of Arkansas.

Sgt. Galey A. Gates  
 Sherwood Police Department  
 Sherwood, Arkansas

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July 10, 1986

Mr. Allan Holmes  
 District 4 Engineer  
 Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Holmes:

Several weeks ago I had the occasion to be traveling on Highway 71 between Drake Field and the 471 Intersection south of Fayetteville. We had had a recent thundershower which had washed gravel on to the roadway at the top of the hill near the EZ Mart. A large truck threw a chunk of gravel into a car's windshield in front of me. Fortunately, there was no mishap and I assume the insurance took care of the damage.

The reason I mention all this is that I later talked to Bobby Hopper (Highway Commissioner) and happened to mention the incident. The very next day, as I returned from Little Rock the familiar orange trucks were at that location cleaning up the gravel.

As thousands of our citizens travel this particular stretch of highway, it is gratifying to me that the Department responded in such a manner. Their visibility and responsiveness was noticed by the public and I will take every opportunity

to insure that you and your personnel get credit for an exceptional "job well done."

Please keep up the good work. If there is ever anything I can do - please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,  
 Bob Fairchild  
 State Representative  
 Fayetteville, Arkansas

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July 1, 1986

Mr. Jim Albritton  
 Asst. Maint. Supt. - District 2  
 Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Albritton:

On behalf of Lake Chicot State Park, I would like to 'thank you' and your fine staff for the new asphalt and road work that you did near our office. The men that did the work were very nice and did a great job.

Again, 'thank you' for your help, concern and dedication for making Southeast Arkansas a better place to live.

Sincerely,  
 Charles M. Baker  
 Superintendent

## AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

### MAY 1986 30 Years

Gene A. Burns . . . . . District 1

### 25 Years

Donald Armstrong . . . . . District 1  
 Norman Breedlove . . . . . District 9  
 Newell D. Combs . . . . . Equip. & Proc.  
 Robert M. Hickey . . . . . District 5  
 Malcolm Markham . . . . . District 1  
 Joseph Parker . . . . . District 9  
 Douglas Snow . . . . . District 6

### 20 Years

Bill Ray McCollum . . . . . District 5  
 Kenneth Riggs . . . . . Surveys  
 Gary Smith . . . . . District 5  
 Jerry L. Smith . . . . . Traffic  
 Norwood Smith . . . . . District 1

### 15 Years

Billy Joe Barnett . . . . . District 10  
 Tommy D. Briggs . . . . . AHP  
 Kenneth Crow . . . . . District 8  
 Jerome Forst . . . . . District 4  
 Thomas Heyward . . . . . District 7  
 Buford Nelson . . . . . District 10  
 Doyle Patterson . . . . . District 7  
 Arthur Pumphrey . . . . . District 7  
 Patrick Raspberry . . . . . District 10  
 Irwin Richmond . . . . . District 4  
 Arvil C. Smith . . . . . District 4  
 Buster Snellgroves . . . . . District 4

James Watson . . . . . District 7  
 Shirley Wesson . . . . . Internal Audit

### 10 Years

James Bridges . . . . . District 8  
 Dennis Burke . . . . . District 7  
 Tony Harrington . . . . . District 7  
 Marilyn Heath . . . . . AHP  
 Marlin Jarrett . . . . . District 1  
 Ralph Maze . . . . . District 4  
 Ferrill McNeil . . . . . District 6  
 Nancy Jo Nash . . . . . Prog. & Conts.  
 Larietha Patterson . . . . . District 6  
 Jerald Priddy . . . . . District 7  
 Gaylon B. Russell . . . . . AHP  
 Jerry Smith . . . . . District 9  
 Jerry Stovall . . . . . District 6  
 Rodney Sutherland . . . . . District 5  
 Mary Sutton . . . . . District 9  
 Donald Upshaw . . . . . District 10  
 Alfreda Wilson . . . . . District 10

### 5 Years

Randal Cooper . . . . . District 10  
 Douglas Honey . . . . . AHP  
 Thomas Jones . . . . . District 6

### JUNE 1986

### 35 Years

Ellis Stewart . . . . . District 9

### 30 Years

Finis Brewer . . . . . District 10

Charles Jackson . . . . . District 1  
 Robert Koelzer . . . . . District 3  
 Harlon Oliver . . . . . District 4  
 Alvis Pense . . . . . District 4  
 James Plum . . . . . District 7  
 Lewis Wade . . . . . Equipment  
 Thomas White . . . . . District 2  
 Tommy Williams . . . . . District 6

### 25 Years

James Briley . . . . . District 9  
 Don Jon LeMay . . . . . District 10  
 Ruben McConnell . . . . . District 8  
 Dan Morgan . . . . . Planning

### 20 Years

Benny J. Bagley . . . . . District 6  
 Thelma Blalock . . . . . District 8  
 Boyd Bonds . . . . . District 8  
 Jack Dickey . . . . . District 9  
 Freddy Everhart . . . . . District 1  
 Dale Gossien . . . . . M&R  
 Floyd Harrell . . . . . District 1  
 Billy Karber . . . . . District 7  
 Lewis Shafer . . . . . District 1  
 Douglas Sipe . . . . . District 5  
 William Tyler . . . . . District 3  
 Dickey Williamson . . . . . District 8

### 15 Years

Steve Anselmi . . . . . District 5  
 Bobby Bearden . . . . . District 4  
 Raymond Covey . . . . . District 5

Bob Massingill . . . . . AHP  
 Max McHaney . . . . . Right of Way  
 Kurt Moritz . . . . . District 3  
 Loy Phillips . . . . . District 4  
 Ed Thompson . . . . . District 2

10 Years

Robert Allen, Jr. . . . . District 2  
 Ernest Bates . . . . . District 9  
 Danny Briggs . . . . . Heavy Bridge  
 Michael Bryant . . . . . District 7  
 Wendell Clowers . . . . . District 6  
 Greg Criner . . . . . District 9  
 Andrew Duchanoy . . . . . District 5  
 Floyd Inman . . . . . District 6  
 Harry Jobe . . . . . District 6  
 William Kerr . . . . . District 10  
 Ray Melton . . . . . District 8  
 Dale Miller . . . . . District 4  
 Paul Simms . . . . . Planning  
 Melvin Yates . . . . . District 5

5 Years

Jonathan Annable . . . . . M&R  
 Debbie Caster . . . . . District 3  
 Benny Denton . . . . . Traffic  
 V.P. Gorman . . . . . District 7  
 Samuel Johnson, Jr. . . . . Roadway Design  
 Kevin Stanfield . . . . . District 7  
 Jane S. Wilson . . . . . Personnel

JULY 1986

35 Years

Irene Hawkins . . . . . Fiscal Services

30 Years

Robert Holder . . . . . District 3  
 Arthur Ledbetter . . . . . Right of Way  
 Wylie Lindsey . . . . . District 1  
 Billy McAlister . . . . . District 8  
 Donald Turner . . . . . District 4

25 Years

Rommie Belt . . . . . District 7  
 Scarler Lyons . . . . . District 2  
 Bobby J. Parker . . . . . Construction  
 Mary D. Wilson . . . . . Public Transportation

20 Years

Herman Brown . . . . . District 10  
 William Duncan . . . . . Roadway Design  
 Bobbie Fulton . . . . . Maintenance  
 Ann May . . . . . Director's Office  
 Loyal Moore . . . . . District 10  
 Gary Roberts . . . . . District 3  
 Albert Smith . . . . . AHP  
 Kenneth Turner . . . . . District 2  
 John Woodard, Jr. . . . . District 1

15 Years

Willie Anderson . . . . . District 1  
 Mearl Bates . . . . . District 4

Isaac J. Carter . . . . . District 9  
 Dallas Corley . . . . . District 4  
 Ronald Ellis . . . . . District 1  
 Carl Erwin . . . . . District 6  
 Larry Foreman . . . . . Reproduction  
 Danny Glenn Reed . . . . . District 1  
 Thomas Rotton . . . . . District 2

10 Years

John Ardwin . . . . . District 3  
 Lindel Carmack . . . . . District 3  
 Joe Nathan Dewitt . . . . . District 1  
 Billy Duty . . . . . District 9  
 George Duball . . . . . District 8  
 Darrell Gaskin . . . . . District 1  
 John C. Gray . . . . . District 3  
 Brenda Haley . . . . . Computer Services  
 Jean Kittler . . . . . Permits  
 Kenneth Martin . . . . . District 10  
 Steve Morrow . . . . . District 3  
 Tammy Sue Willis . . . . . Planning  
 Roy Wilson . . . . . District 3

5 Years

Robert Adams . . . . . AHP  
 Norman E. Clifton, Jr. . . . . AHP  
 Danny Daniels . . . . . District 8  
 Randall Harrison . . . . . AHP  
 Charles Holland . . . . . Construction  
 Jimmy L. Hood . . . . . AHP  
 Arliss Pearson . . . . . District 10  
 Mildred Riley . . . . . AHP  
 John W. Santoro . . . . . Traffic  
 Willie Sharp . . . . . District 6  
 Ronnie Del Small . . . . . M&R  
 Derral Sutton . . . . . District 6  
 Clyde Tabler . . . . . District 4  
 Todd Wetzel . . . . . AHP  
 Minnie White . . . . . Planning

AUGUST 1986

35 Years

Billy Earle Meachum . . . . . District 1  
 Charles Neil Roach . . . . . M&R

30 Years

Clinneth Odell Adams . . . . . District 3  
 Bobby Lynn Ingle . . . . . District 6  
 Thomas Kinslow . . . . . District 8  
 Gearld Kirksey . . . . . Surveys  
 Charles Perry . . . . . District 1  
 F.J. (Dean) Smith . . . . . District 9

25 Years

A. Fletcher Beavers . . . . . District 8  
 Mary Nell Carlson . . . . . District 7  
 Edward Doyle Carson . . . . . Construction  
 Charlie Fox . . . . . District 7  
 Keith Glen Richardson . . . . . District 5  
 Gary Sipes . . . . . Roadway Design  
 Jerry Wright . . . . . District 10

20 Years

Gene Davenport . . . . . District 10  
 James Fletcher, Jr. . . . . District 2  
 W.E. Hughes . . . . . District 5  
 Billie Don Morgan . . . . . District  
 Jessie Reeves . . . . . District 10  
 Henry F. Ward . . . . . District 6  
 Donald Wilkinson . . . . . District 8  
 Vic G. Winchell . . . . . Right of Way

15 Years

Jerry Burnett . . . . . District 3  
 James Bush . . . . . District 7  
 Victor Capshaw . . . . . District 1  
 Kenneth Coward . . . . . District 3  
 James Crockett . . . . . Surveys  
 James Hoggard . . . . . District 5  
 Herbert Ogden . . . . . District 3  
 Jay Sasser . . . . . District 9  
 Robert Skinner . . . . . District 1  
 Arthur Mack Tedder . . . . . District 10  
 Doyle C. Watson . . . . . Planning

10 Years

Phillip Benson . . . . . District 7  
 Charles Blevins . . . . . District 9  
 June Booher . . . . . Roadway Design  
 Thomas Caudel, Jr. . . . . District 5  
 Michael Giles . . . . . District 3  
 Oliver Gossett . . . . . Surveys  
 Harld Hampton . . . . . District 5  
 Calbin Hill, Jr. . . . . District 6  
 O.Z. McGee, Jr. . . . . District 2  
 Rex Allen Newton . . . . . District 7  
 Norman O. Post . . . . . E&P  
 Joanne Potts . . . . . Fiscal Services  
 L.L. Retherford . . . . . District 10  
 Gary Roberts . . . . . District 9  
 Donnie Schmidt . . . . . District 5  
 Jimmie Ray Smith . . . . . District  
 Harold Spraggins . . . . . AHP  
 Ronald Staggs . . . . . District 9  
 William E. Stanton . . . . . Public Affairs  
 Donald Vaughn . . . . . District 2  
 Charles Winkler . . . . . E&P  
 Carlos Womack . . . . . District 3

5 Years

Paul Auld . . . . . District 3  
 Tommie Boyd . . . . . District 2  
 Phyllis Calhoun . . . . . Internal Audit  
 Elwin Carrell . . . . . District 3  
 Ronald Cole . . . . . AHP  
 Gary Golden . . . . . District 6  
 William Grozis . . . . . District 9  
 Stephen Harlow . . . . . AHP  
 Curtis Hicks . . . . . District 2  
 Willie Hicks . . . . . District 6  
 Jeffrey Loomis . . . . . District 7  
 Henrietta McMahan . . . . . District 7  
 Mark Watkins . . . . . District 4

# AHTD RETIREMENTS

MAY 1986

James Sorg . . . . . District 10  
 Milton Nicks . . . . . District 1  
 Charles Conine . . . . . District 7  
 Ray Melton . . . . . District 8  
 Billy F. Prince . . . . . Surveys  
 James E. Thomas . . . . . District 6  
 Aubrey Murphy . . . . . District 2  
 Noah Moody . . . . . District 8

George F. Ingle . . . . . District 6

JUNE 1986

John Baggett, Jr. . . . . District 6  
 Odell Lewis, Jr. . . . . Planning  
 Coy C. Ellison . . . . . District 4  
 L. Dick Godfrey . . . . . Reproduction  
 Lorenzy C. McClinic . . . . . District 1  
 Epps Price . . . . . District 5

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Allen W. Calyton . . . . . District 2  
 Richard E. Waller . . . . . District 2  
 Shannie Crain . . . . . District 2  
 Harold Harrison . . . . . Radio

Bonnie Hill. . . . . Fiscal Services  
 James Holman. . . . . District 4  
 Charles Jackson. . . . . District 2  
 Clara W. Jones. . . . . District 5

Thomas Murphy. . . . . AHP  
 Tommy Williams. . . . . District 6  
 M.S. Smith, III. . . . . District 2

Harold Oliver. . . . . District 4  
 James C. Gipson. . . . . District 8  
 James G. Pay, Jr. . . . . Equipment

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

## CENTRAL SHOPS

We have several new employees to welcome to the department. Rick Cranford transferred from District 6 to our welding shop in January. He is a real asset to our shop.

Peggy Gaines is our new Clerk Typist, she also began in January, taking over Emily Boston who received a promotion to the Parts Department as Area Maintenance Attendant. Congratulations Em on your promotion.

Johnny Harris joined our staff as Mechanic Trainee on January 30. Also new as Senior Mechanic in the North Shop is Keith Caddy. He has been here since March and is a great employee.



Natalie and Rusty Cranford

Pictured are Natalie, age 4, and Rusty Cranford, who was born January 13. Doesn't Natalie look proud of her baby brother. Rick and Sharon Cranford are very proud of both of them.

Also pictured is the very lovely little daughter of John and Nancy Turley. Rebecca was born January 18 and is their first child.



Congratulations to Richard Pierce who received his 10 year service award. Mr. M.D. Head made the presentation and we had a cake and ice cream celebration. Richard is one of our security guards and is a very dedicated employee.

On May 30 we had a retirement party for James Pay who had been a very dedicated employee of the department for 23 years. He began work at the Jacksonville Shop in 1967 and we will all miss him. He is pictured with Larry Watson, Equipment Supervisor. We wish him a very happy retirement and "good fishing."



Larry Watson and James Pay

## COMPUTER SERVICES

Congratulations to Brenda Haley on her completion of 10 years with the Department in July. In honor of the occasion, cookies were served and a 10 year pin and service certificate was presented to Brenda by Carolyn Stringer.



Brenda Haley and Carolyn Stringer

A baby shower was held on May 8 for Tony Ellis and his wife, Suzi. They received a lot of nice presents and best wishes from all of us. Their baby girl, Robyn Nicole, was born May 21. Both Suzi and Robyn are doing fine.

On June 4 another baby shower was held. This time for Tonya Musial. Her baby boy was born July 8 and was named Scott Ryan and

they are both doing fine.

Congratulations to Shirley Barnes, whose grandson, Jacob Daniel Williams, was born March 5, 1986.



Robyn Nicole Ellis



Tonya Musial and Scott Ryan



Jacob Daniel Williams

## CONSTRUCTION

Bobby Joe Parker and Doyle Carson celebrated 25 years with the Department and M.C. Peevy, State Construction Engineer, presented their pins of service. In their honor the Division had a potluck luncheon and among the many guests were Mrs. Judy Parker, Mrs. Phyllis Carson, Jeffery Carson and Danny Carson.

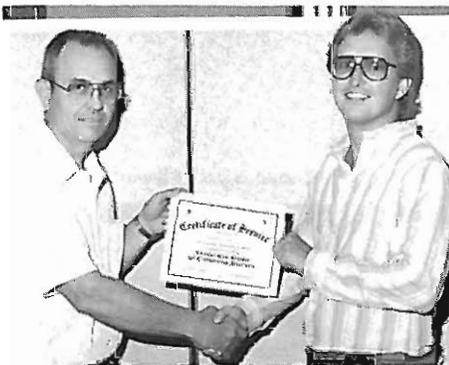


Parker



Carson

A morning coffee was held for Chuck Holland who completed 5 years with AHTD. His pin was presented by Gary Joe Lewis, Final Estimates Section Head.



Gary Joe Lewis and Chuck Holland

We extend a warm welcome to Ken Benson who joined the Division as Staff Administrative Assistant. He and his wife Joan make their home in Little Rock. They have 7 children, 3 foster children and 18 grandchildren.

Congratulations to our seniors. Reta Fleming's daughter, Michele, received a scholarship to attend ASU in Beebe after her Cabot High School graduation.

Jeffery Carson, Doyle's son, graduated from Sylvan Hills and will attend UALR this fall. Northeast College in Monroe, La. is the choice of Jon Smart, Elaine's son, after graduation from McClellan High School. Also graduating from McClellan was Joe Magness' daughter, Mrs. Missa Minick. Annette Stanton's daughter, Mrs. Dianne Smithson, graduated from UALR with a degree in Business Management. Our best wishes to all of you!

Stan Garver became a proud grandfather again when Dustin Wilson Garver was born May 8 weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces. His happy parents are John and Tammy Garver who live in Benton.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

John Baber departed on a month-long tour of Europe the end of May and returned with interesting stories of his travels. He visited Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium, England, Scotland and Wales. The office was not the same without him and we were glad when he came home.

Marsha Gaither was again selected for the Summer Laureate Program at UALR where she studies creative design. This program for the gifted and talented provides enrichment studies to supplement regular school courses. Marsha is the daughter of Jim Gaither.

Jennifer Harris, age 6, is following in her Daddy's footsteps, as the picture clearly shows. Mike Harris reports that Jennifer did an outstanding job on the Arch Street Fire Department Team. The team finished third in their league, third in the pre-season tournament and second in the post-season tournament. Their overall record was 16 wins and 10 losses.



Jennifer Harris

## EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

We again had an opportunity to celebrate services rendered by employees in our office. Lewis M. (Gummy) Wade has served the Department for 30 years as a Buyer and though we have tried, we can not get him to retire! Those 30 years, when added to the 24 years his father, Brooke Wade, served in the Traffic shop, total 54 years his family has served.

Dewayne Combs, also a Buyer in this office, has served the department for 25 years. Quite a bit of it was in the District office at Paragould, and just recently in this office.

Both gentlemen are assets to this office and it is a pleasure to work with them.



DeWayne Combs and Lewis Wade

We also helped Ann White, Secretary to Doug Nielsen, 'retire' to be "just a homemaker". She will be missed by all of us.

Margaret Besancon has joined the Division replacing Ann. She and her husband, Eugene, live in Bryant with their 8 year old daughter, Amber. Margaret has a few hobbies, but one of her favorites is vacationing in the Natchez, Mississippi area, and particularly the lovely old southern plantation homes found there.

## MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Division would like to say 'Welcome' to James House, who recently came to us as Staff Maintenance Engineer replacing Leonard Hall. James was the Resident Engineer at Harrison. Glad to have you with us James!

Pictured is Keith Briggs, Crew Leader for one of our Heavy Bridge Maintenance Crews. Mr. Briggs received his 10 year service pin and certificate from Bridge Maintenance Engineer David Lambert. Thanks Keith for ten years of loyal and dedicated service.



Keith Briggs and David Lambert

As you may have read in the last issue, Gene and Karen Hall are proud parents again. Well, this time you can SEE the bundle of joy that the 'Easter Bunny' sent. Shawn was the best Easter present we ever received. His big brother, Jeffery, was quite excited about his baby brother being born. Jeffery is 3 years old and loves being a BIG brother. He's quite a helper too.



Jeffery Ryan and Shawn Robert Hall

Recently, Leonard Hall, David Lambert, Garland Land and Pat Sullivan went on a scuba diving expedition at Lake Ouachita. Leonard and Garland did some spear fishing and actually speared a few fish. David was learning to scuba dive, which required all new equipment that included a brand new pair of fins. Poor David,

his fins probably didn't do him a whole lot of good after they melted in the hot sun on top of Pat's boat. Better luck next time David. I'm sure they all had a great time. With Pat along they had to have a few laughs.

Melany Gee visited for 30 days this summer as an exchange student in Germany. Traveling to Berlin, Hildesberg, Munich and France helped homesickness give way to good times with her new friends. Illa Vescoch, from Pforzheim, Germany, is Jim and Betty's 'exchange daughter'. Everyone is learning and enjoying and having fun.

John Hall and his wife, Flo, went to Hawaii this summer. He came back with a nice tan to show off. I have heard that John even did the 'Hula Dance' but I've not seen any pictures to back up his story - he does have a damaged knee though!

Madge Livingston and her husband, Carl, went through the Smokey Mountains to Gatlinburg, Tenn. They had a very relaxing time.

## MATERIALS & RESEARCH

We extend a warm welcome to three new employees, Alan Riley and Albert Shannahan, drill crew members, and David Lambert, Geologist.

Terri Claiborne, Pennye Derryberry, Vanna Patterson, Randy Reynolds, Nancy Troillett, and Steven Warren make up the list of seasonal employees we had working for us this summer. Their help was greatly appreciated and they will be missed when they return to school.

Congratulations to Mike Limbird who was promoted to Staff Materials Engineer in July.

One of our drill crew members, Roger Magan, was transferred to District 8 in June. We would like to take this time to say goodbye and good luck in your new position.

Two M&R employees recently received their service pins. They are Dale Gossien with 20 years of service and Ron Small with 5 years.

Many of our employees have been taking time off this summer to go on vacation. A few have shared their adventures with us like Ralph Hall who went to Florida and Mike Sebren who visited the West coast.

George Green went to Orlando, Florida the week of July 28. Some points of interest he visited were Disneyworld, Sea World, Cypress Gardens, and Cape Kennedy.

George also went to the Buffalo River in June. If anyone needs some expert advice on floating be sure to ask George. Two of the more important items he will tell you to pack will be a crash helmet and lots of waterproof cigars.

JoAnn Niehaus and her husband went to San Antonio to see their son, Robby, who has joined the Air Force, graduate from Boot Camp on July 22. They also visited Austin, Waco and Dallas, Texas.

JoAnn is also quite a pool shark. She is in the Busch Pool League, and her team came in first for the whole league.

Dale Gossien's dog training activities are going well. His dog, Sam, completed the American Kennel Club's Companion Dog degree requirements during April at the Tri-State Kennel Club's dog show and obedience trials held in Joplin, Missouri. They are now working on the Open Class level of obedience training.

## PERMITS

Congratulations to Preston "Purk" Purkiss who retired in May. We bade Purk farewell by

honoring him with a retirement party. We also had an office potluck where everyone ate to their heart's content. Buddy Dumas, retired Permit Section Head, and his wife, Catherine, came for this occasion and we enjoyed visiting with them. We wish Purk much happiness.



Retirement Party for Preston Purkiss

Jeannie Kittler was presented a 10 year Certificate of Service by Permit Section Head T.A. Nanney. Congratulations Jeanie!



Terry Nanney and Jeanie Kittler

Angela Vick vacationed in San Francisco during July. Her brother, Ben, lives there and they had a wonderful time. Some of the highlights of her trip were having a limousine waiting for her at the airport and also going by limo to see the play 'CATS'. Her brother video taped her visit, so she has a permanent reminder of all the fun she had.

## PERSONNEL

The Personnel Office is pleased to welcome two new employees to the staff. They are Lynn Ross and Jan Moore. Lynn transferred from the Director's Office and Jan came to us from District 2 Headquarters in Pine Bluff. Both are proving to be more than capable in handling the duties of a Personnel Clerk.

On June 25, a reception was held commemorating Jackie Wallace's 40 years and Jane Wilson's 5 years of service with the Department.

Jackie began her career in February 1946, as an Assistant Blue Print Operator in the 'Plans' Division. In 1949, after working a short time in accounting, transferred to the Personnel Office.

Gip Robertson, Assistant Director - Administration, presented Jackie with a 40 year pin and certificate. Tammy Teltow, artist in the Mapping and Graphics Section sketched a caricature of Jackie depicting her enjoyment of the cruise she took to Nassau in early June. This 'surprise' was presented by Jane Wilson, Personnel Officer and the Personnel Staff.

Mr. Robertson remembers that Jackie was

(and still is) "quite a looker." This natural beauty enabled her to have a part time modeling career. Jackie's photos were used in advertisement promotions and brochures for AP&L and the Majestic Hotel in Hot Springs. She also modeled fashions for Kempners of Arkansas. Jackie said the modeling career helped tremendously with living expenses during that time.

Jackie has the distinction of working for the Highway Department longer than any other female employed.

The dictionary defines "lady" as a "woman of refinement and gentle manner." It is perfectly obvious that Webster is defining Jackie Wallace - a lady recently commemorated for 40 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Highway Department.



Jackie Wallace and Gip Robertson



Jackie and Jane Wilson

Jane Wilson, Personnel Officer, not only was commemorated for her five years of service, but was commended highly by Mr. Robertson for her outstanding leadership and management abilities. Mr. Robertson stated these traits have enabled her to transform the Personnel Section into a viably strong and expansive office.



Gip and Jane

Several staff members started their summer travels early this year. Jane Craft and husband, Bill, went to New Orleans, ate tons of seafood and brought some home in ice chests. Kay and Bobby Cornish took their "brood" to Silver Dollar City for a few days. Jackie Wallace and Jean Scarlett took a 4-day cruise to Nassau and Salt Cay Island (Gilligan's Island). Both agreed that 4 days is the right amount of time to go on a cruise - anything over 4 days and nights will literally kill you. Of course, being 'over 30', attending every midnight buffet and seeing each sunrise at 5:30 a.m. contributed a large part to the exhaustion. But, it was worth the bloodshot eyes and every pound gained.

The "little darlin'" pictured is Emma's granddaughter, Stephanie. Her mom is Becky Gathright, a former employee of Planning Division. "Steph" lives in Fort Smith, but gets to come to Gramma's house for spoiling now and then.



Emma's Granddaughter - Stephanie

Sherri Jones, daughter of Bobby and Kay Cornish, graduated from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville in May with a BS in Natural Science. While attending the U of A, Sherri was a member of the Razorback Belles, Phi Mu Sorority, Golden Key Honor Society, and Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-med Honor Society). She will enter the University of Houston College of Optometry in the fall. She plans to specialize in Pediatric Optometry.

## PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Congratulations to Larry Fenton's daughter, Dawn. She graduated from McClellan High School in May. Dawn plans to attend beauty school in the fall. We wish her success in her chosen profession.

Ricky, Richard Finkle's son, won a Red Cross swimming award this summer. To raise money for the Red Cross, the children attending Lake Nixon Day Camp were to get sponsors to donate money and they were to swim as many laps as they could. Ricky completed 25 laps and collected \$150. Because he collected the largest amount of money, he won a Sony Walkman radio (presented to him by Craig O'Neal, a KKYK radio station disc jockey); a t-shirt with Red Cross Swim-a-thon on it; a free pizza dinner for himself and his group; and a free dinner at Murray's Dinner Playhouse for his counselor. Congratulations Ricky!

Our employees have had some interesting vacations this year. Terry Gaither and his wife, Cindy, went to Arizona. While there, they visited the Painted Desert, the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley and Oak Creek Canyon. Terry said he saw some beautiful scenery and enjoyed his trip very much.

Denver, Colorado was the vacation spot for Bob Barnett and his wife, Lea. When Bob was in the Air Force, he was stationed for a time in Denver, and he wanted to go back and visit some of his old friends and see how everything had changed since he had been gone. They visited the Museum of Natural History while there. Bob said he was in the museum for five hours and still did not get to see everything there was to see. Bob said they were on the go the whole time he was there. I guess he had to come back home to rest from his vacation.

Farrell and Tina Adams and their sons, Michael and Travis, spent their vacation in Florida. Farrell said that they spent two days in Disneyworld and one day at Epcot Center and did not even see half of the exhibits. They also visited Cape Canaveral, the Naval Air Museum, and Daytona Beach. He said they had an enjoyable time, but he had to stand in line everywhere they went. I bet he was glad to get home to his easy chair and rest his tired feet.

Sue Walls and her husband, Buddy, recently purchased a used motor home. They wanted to try it out so they took a weekend trip to Branson, Missouri. Sue said they had a ball and really enjoyed staying in the motor home. She said Branson was really enjoyable but hot!

Larry Fenton is a grandfather again. His son, Ronnie, and daughter-in-law, Kim, are now the proud parents of a son, Cody Allen, born July 27. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents.

Arkansas hosted the Arkansas Traveler National Pro Rally on July 26. Richard Finkle and his son, Ricky, spent 14 hours watching and driving to different locations to watch the rally. Richard was very excited that Arkansas was chosen to host this rally. When he finally arrived home about midnight, he and Ricky were tired by happy!

## PLANNING DIVISION

An open house and reception was held in Technical Services honoring Dan Morgan on July 3. The occasion was the completion of 25 years of service with the department. Dan was presented with a service pin and certificate by Bryan Davis. A host of friends came by for cake and punch and to acknowledge Dan on this important event. Congratulations Dan!

Marilyn Boyles of Technical Services and friend, Johnie, enjoyed a trip to Nashville, Tennessee in June and visited Opryland, Grand Ole Opry and all the sites of Nashville. We enjoyed looking at her pictures. Looked like a good time was had.



Marilyn and Johnie at Opryland

Technical Services had a pizza lunch on July 23, honoring Trish Parsons, Legiena Keller and Paul Elcan. Those three were the "birthday people" in July in that section.

Polly Cloud of Technical Services became a grandmother for the fourth time when Kasey Lee Smart was born June 24. He weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces. Parents are Stacey and Troyce Smart. This was a real experience for Polly! Ask her about it!



Kasey Lee Smart

Ron Smith and family made a trip to Gulf Shores, Alabama in July. They spent July 4 with daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter.

Minnie Beth Delavan and Danny White were married April 5 at Primrose Methodist Church. Congratulations to this couple, we wish them much happiness.

Jackie Greer and husband, Grant, enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada and also California in June. We understand Jackie was not too lucky!

Minnie Beth Delavan White was presented 5 year service pin and certificate in July. Congratulations and may there be many more.

Dan Morgan, and his wife Deann, made a trip to Florida in July in their new Oldsmobile.

Technical Services has two new faces, Joye Trimble and Cindy Inlow. These two girls are both single. Joye is from Little Rock and Cindy came to us from Hope. They both are an asset to our office.

Millie Galt's granddaughter, Tiffany Page Dunaway, was elected 1st Lt. of the Rockettes of Mount St. Mary's. Tiffany will be a senior this fall. Congratulations.



Tiffany Page Dunaway

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Congratulations to Bill Stanton, Assistant Public Affairs Officer, who was married on June 14 to Mary Jo Watson of England. Bill's

10 year old daughter, Abbe, and Mary Jo's 12 year old daughter, Jenny, served as attendants at the wedding, which was held at the North Little Rock Junior League House. After 5 day trip to Nassau they returned to their new home in Sherwood, which Bill says is already too small for all of the stuff they each had at their former homes. Another big, big adjustment for Bill is having three women and a female cat around after 5 years of bachelorhood.



Bill and Mary Jo Stanton

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Mary Wilson was honored by the PTU staff with a luncheon at Michael's Restaurant to celebrate her 25th anniversary with AHTD on July 3.



Jim Head and Mary Wilson

This little ballerina featured here is JeanAnn Haynie in her Alice and Wonderland dance recital. John won't tell us if she learned to pirouette from her dance instructor or her Dad.



JeanAnne Haynie

John Bodiak's 7 year old son, John (Picasso) Paul; was chosen first place winner in an art contest sponsored by a North Little Rock bank. The theme of the contest was "What Freedom Means To Me" and John Paul won the competition with his drawing of the Statue of Liberty. For a nominal fee he has decided to give his dear old Dad art lessons.

Congratulations to Douglas Head and Michael Nation on their graduation from high school. Also congratulations to Mimi and Jim for enduring that endurance contest for the past 12 years.

## RADIO

Harold Harrison was our Senior Telecommunications Operator until his retirement in May after 17 years of service.

A party was given in his honor. Cake, cookies and punch were served. Many "well-wishers" had a fun gift or a word of fond memories to talk about. Fellow employees gave Harold a Dachshund puppy which stole the show, especially with the ladies - it is a cutie!

Harold calls us often to tell us what is going on in his life with the dog. Bernice, Harold's wife, likes Windy and Harold tells us the dog likes Bernice best!

Good luck Harold, best wishes always for health and happiness in your retirement. We'll all miss you very much.



Harold Harrison and Windy

## REPRODUCTION

Al Dunn bought his wife, Bettie, a beautiful new little red Nissan Pulsar NX car. Don't know who will drive it more, Al or Bettie!

Debra Allen and family spent an enjoyable vacation in Gatlinburg, Tenn. They rented a chalet with a beautiful view of mountains covered with blooming mountain laurel, wild rhododendron and wild azaleas. They were there just at the right time of the year to enjoy these beautiful flowers.

Three of our men attended summer camp this year. Tommy Daniel at Ft. Riley, Kansas; and Larry Foreman and Robert Cagle went to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

We enjoyed two summer employees this year. Holly Sneed worked with us last year. She will be a senior this fall at Ouachita Baptist and is majoring in Special Education. Her hobby is art work. Ruth Debro will be a sophomore at the University of Arkansas. She is majoring in Industrial Engineering. Her hobbies are sitting, eating and relaxing. Sounds like my kind of hobbies!

Larry Foreman recently completed 15 years service with AHTD. His service certificate and pin were presented by Al Dunn, Section Head. The whole section enjoyed a delicious potluck in honor of Larry.



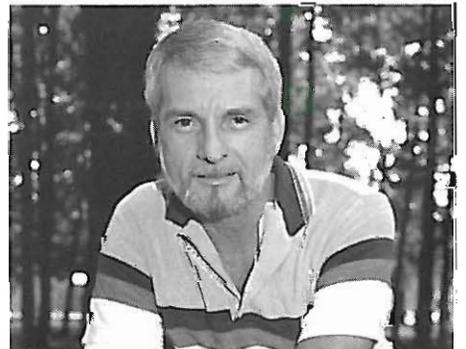
Larry Foreman and Al Dunn

We welcome two new employees. Credonna Nalley is working in Map Sales. She lives in Benton and has a 3 year old son, Nathan. Her hobbies are reading, cross stitch and water skiing.

Al "Yankee" Hubert transferred to us from Buildings & Grounds. He is working as a Diazo Printer Operator. He and his wife, Nita, have 3 children, Denise, Scott and Shawn, and an 8 year old grandson, Chad. His hobbies are scuba diving, fishing and sailing. We are happy to have these two with us.



Credonna Nalley



Al Hubert

## RIGHT OF WAY

We were all saddened by the death of Jerry Jackson, son of Glendol Jackson, Chief of the Right of Way Division. Jerry was killed in an automobile accident in Benton on July 28. He is survived by his parents, Glendol and Geraldine Jackson; a sister, Karen Brietweiser, her husband Carl and their two children, Clay and Holly; his brother, John Jackson and his wife Pam.

Jerry was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, having started out as a Cub Scout and working his way all the way up to earning an Eagle Badge, the highest honor a boy scout can achieve. He was a member of Troop 35 at Benton. For the past two summers Jerry has spent part of his summer vacation working with younger scouts at Camp Tula.

The Eagle Badge was awarded to Jerry only a few weeks before his untimely death at the age of 16 years 11 months. When an Eagle Scout is awarded, the recipient chooses someone who has already received one to escort him. Jerry chose his brother, John, who is a photographer for the Highway Department.

We have all read or heard the statement that "quality of life is forever more important than quantity," and Jerry's family and friends know that his life was filled with quality time.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Glendol and Geraldine Jackson and their family in the loss of their son, brother and uncle, Jerry Jackson.

## SAFETY SECTION

We have had the pleasure of working with Lisa Goforth this summer. Lisa is from Benton and will be attending the University of Arkansas this fall. Good luck at Fayetteville Lisa.



Lisa Goforth

James and Wanda Mansfield, returned all tanned and rested from their Florida vacation. Destin has to restock on their seafood after James and Wanda left.

A special thanks to everyone who helped to make our Safety (WATESS) Conference a success.

## TRAFFIC

The Traffic Division would like to welcome Vicki Jondro, who transferred to our office from District 6. We would also like to wish Good Luck to Mike Jester and Mike Smith who transferred to District 6.

Congratulations to Bert Porterfield and Melanie Sossaman who were married on June 14 at Salem United Methodist Church in Salem. Bert is a sign layout specialist at the Sign Shop. Bert and his new bride will be residing in Alexander.



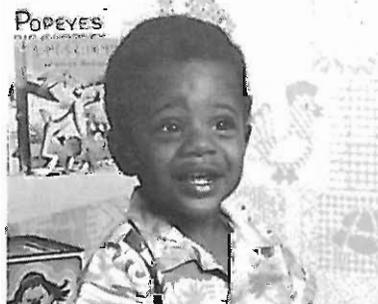
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Porterfield

Sandy Williams, of the Sign Shop, has become the proud PaPa of Justin Cody Andrews born May 5 weighing 8 pounds and 4 ounces. Sandy already has one grandson, Brandon, 16 months old.



Justin Cody Andrews

All of us at the Sign Shop want to congratulate JaDarian Keith. He was born 3 months early, but is doing fine now at 21 months. JaDarian's mother, Phillis Keith, is helping out this summer in the Sign Shop.



JaDarian Keith

How about those legs? This is Mike (the world traveler) Selig. He and his family went on a well deserved two week vacation. They traveled through eight states and saw many sights. Mike is standing in front of the world's largest Meteor Crater in Arizona. They also saw the Grand Canyon, Disneyland, Sequoia National Forest, and tried many different restaurants including the Fisherman's Warf in San Francisco.



Mike Selig

Featured here are two of our Pavement Marking Crews. These men have been really busy the past few months, striping over 15,890 miles of Arkansas highways. During the summer months the striping crews are also responsible for putting down reflective buttons on our highways.



PAVEMENT MARKING CREW  
(From Top) Calvin Lassiter, Rex Tate, Tommy Pierson and Eddie Herndon.



PAVEMENT MARKING CREW  
(Left to right) Scott Lawrence, M.R. McEuen, Keith Lawrence and Edward Marlin.

Congratulations to John Santoro who received his 5 year service award in July and also to Jerry Smith for his dedicated 20 years of service to the department.

## DISTRICT TWO

We would like to welcome Jim Briley as our new District Engineer. Jim was Assistant District Engineer in District 9 before coming to Pine Bluff.

We were sorry to lose our District Receptionist Jan Wilson. She transferred to Personnel in the Central Office. Jan was liked by everyone and was an asset to the office. Good luck on your new job.

Taking Jan's place as receptionist is Susan Calvert. Like Jan, Susan is from California, but currently resides in Rison.

We have had several summer employees at the District Headquarters this year. Kim Smith is with us again on her second summer of employment. She is a sophomore at UALR. She has a double major of Accounting and Marketing.

Brian Stevens is also with us this summer. He is a 1986 graduate of Pine Bluff High School and plans to attend the U of A in Pine Bluff.

With us in the District Maintenance Crew are Adam Ferguson, Clay McGeorge and Ray Spears. All are 1986 Pine Bluff High School graduates. Adam will be attending North Carolina State University this fall on an academic scholarship. Clay will be attending Louisiana Tech.

Chip Bailey is also spending his second summer in the District Resident Engineer's office. He has attended Louisiana Tech for the past 2 years, and plans to attend UALR this fall.

Gary Williams, Assistant Resident Engineer at Pine Bluff, recently had lung surgery. Gary is reported to be doing fine and we hope he will be able to return to work soon. We miss him!!

Mr. & Mrs. Wing C. Tichenor of Pine Bluff are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Gary Duane Page, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gary L. Page of Pine Bluff. She is a senior at Pine Bluff High School. The couple was married June 1 at the home of the bridegroom's parents.



Mrs. Duane Page

Philip Robertson, son of Shop Foreman Burl Robertson, received a superior rating in the Talent Survey of Arkansas Missionary Baptist Youth Assembly.

District 2 CPR instructors participating in a Channel 7-TV's presentation recently. Those demonstrating were Bettye Carter, Jim Allbritton, Kelly Slater and Earl Raines.



CPR Instructor Bettye Carter

Congratulations to R.L. Brantley as the new owner of not one, but two 4-wheelers. That sounds like fun. R.L. is the area foreman in Drew County.

We are proud to announce the marriage of Sandy Mitchell, Construction Helper at the Monticello Engineer's office, to Mike McManus on June 21. Congratulations to you both on your new life together.

Congratulations to Thomas L. White, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, who recently received his 30 year service certificate.



Tommy White and Jim Briley

Michael Thompson, Resident Engineer at Monticello, received his 15 year service pin and certificate.



Mike Thompson and DE Jim Briley

Ten year service awards were presented to Robert Allen, Crew Leader in the Sign Crew; and Mary L. Sutton, Resident Office Technician at McGee.



Robert Allen and Jim Briley

Retiring recently were Shannie Crain with 20 years of service as Station Attendant Supervisor; Allen Clayton with 19 years of service as Single Axle Truck Driver and Motor Operator; F.A. Fowler with 14 years service as Guard at the District Headquarters and Charlie Jackson with 16 years of service as a Senior Mechanic.



Shannie Crain



Charlie Jackson

Area Foreman of Desha County Richard Waller retired recently after 30 years of loyal and dedicated service to the department. He was presented some nice parting gifts from his crew and the District Supervisors. Richard was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by all his fellow employees.



Larry Alexander and Richard Waller



Desha County Crew

The Tourist Information Center at Lake Village celebrated the Sesquicentennial with an Open House on July 29. These facilities are very important this year since the American public is traveling more in this country. It was a nice occasion to be included in the celebration.



District Engineer Jim Briley at Lake Village



L.J. Bishop and Mark Wray



April Crew of the Month  
Sam Smith and Richard Morgan



May Crew of the Month  
Asst. DE Bob Cornish and Ricky Neal



June Crew of the Month  
Clinton Bohannon and Jim Briley

### DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the department: Debbie Caster, 5 years; Kurt Moritz, 15 years; William Tyler, 20 years and Phil Koelzer, 30 years.

The District Office Staff and Supervisors had a surprise party to honor District Engineer William Tyler on his completion of 20 years of service. Special guests were William's wife, Darlene and son, Matt. Also attending was State Construction Engineer Calvin Peevy and State Maintenance Engineer John Hall. William was presented his service certificate and pin by Dan Flowers, Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations.



William Tyler and Dan Flowers

R.E. 'Buddy' Calhoun, Sealing Job Superintendent, recently retired from the department. To honor Buddy, a fish fry was held. Special guests were Charles Mitchell, Surveys Engineer; and James Mansfield and Jim Dancy from the Safety Section. We hope you enjoy your retirement Buddy!



R.E. 'Buddy' Calhoun

Pictured is Jim Barton, Assistant Resident Engineer at Hope. Jim has been a "fitness bug" for several years. He has been a regular contender in many foot races, but says he is not ready for the Boston Marathon. He uses his fitness at the department every day: project running, from one phase of construction work to another; hurdling fences encountered in survey work - instead of climbing over them; charging time, day by day charges made in the diaries; and then racing the clock for the work day to end, so he can be off to run again.



Jim Barton

Pictured is Todd Allen Cross, age 15, son of Frank Allen Cross, Senior Inspector of the Hope Residency. Smiling proudly, (the boy not the bird) for his kill of a 19 pound turkey having a 9 1/2" beard and a lot of tail feathers, most of them missing during the struggle until the bird gave up.



Todd Allen Cross

James A. Holt, a graduating senior at Hope High School, is the son of Vinie Holt, District Secretary. James is attending DeVry Institute of Technology at Dallas, Texas where he is studying toward a degree in Computer Information Systems.

Yelonda R. Flenory, daughter of District 3 Payroll Clerk, Ala Mae Flenory, graduated from Hope High School this spring. She will attend Henderson State University in Arkadelphia this fall, where she will be studying Pediatric Nursing. Congratulation to both of these fine young adults.

## DISTRICT FOUR

The District Wide Bridge Crews lost both Crew Leaders to retirement. Coy Ellison, from Ozark, after 23 years of service was presented with some nice hunting gear. Harlan Oliver, from Waldron, after 30 years of service, was presented with some fishing gear and a nice pocket watch. Harlan's wife, Ada, came by for the cake and presentation. Our very best to each and also our thanks for their many years of service to the department.



Coy Ellison



Ada and Harlan Oliver

Joe Newell, Equipment Maintenance Supv., presented Loy Phillips, Senior Mechanic at Springdale, with his 15 year certificate of service.



Phillips and Newell

A.C. (Bud) Smith, Finish Carpenter in the District Wide Bridge Crew, received his 15 year certificate of service. Our congratulations to these guys on their dedicated service.



A.C. 'Bud' Smith

Steve McAllister, Stock Clerk, and wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their first child, Kyle Stephen, born May 29 weighing 7 pounds and 3 ounces. Our best to Steve and Lisa.



Kyle McAllister

David Williams, son of District Receptionist Nan Williams, participated in Mansfield's Sesquicentennial activities. David was in a re-inactment of the Battle of Devil's Backbone in which the south won. Nan's other son, Darin, was chosen to play on the South Sebastian County All-Star Pee Wee Team. Darin played first base and pitched for the Mansfield Tigers.



David Williams



Darin Williams

Chris Howard, 5½ year old son of LeAnn Patterson, COE student in the Storeroom, and husband, Ray, plays second base for First Luthern in the Pee Wee Church League. This is Chris' first year to play ball and they already call him 'slugger'. Chris also plans to play football this fall for the Boy's Club.



Chris Howard

Don Jennings, retiree from Springdale, and grandson, Garrin, caught some monster fish in April on Beaver Lake. The large stripper was 40 pounds and the two smaller ones are 20-pounds. Don is going to be eating fish until next spring.



Garrin and Don Jennings

The Polk County Maintenance Crew had their annual fishing tournament April 24 at Gilham Lake. No fish stories here, Melvin Heath won everything. The crew did not say what size fish won, but the weather was rough and the lake high, so I suspect Melvin probably was the

only one who caught a keeper.

Peggy Scott's daughter, Bobbie Jo, won the title of "Miss Vandervoort" at the 4th of July Celebration in Vandervoort. What a sweetie she is.



**Bobbie Jo Scott**

Lynn Priddy, son of Junior Priddy, completed the track season with some impressive finishes. At the Conference Track Meet he was 5th in the 120-yard hurdles, long jump, and the 330-yard intermediate hurdles; 6th in the discus; 4th in the 440-yard dash; and 1st in the mile run and 2-mile run. At the District Track Meet he finished 2nd in the mile and 1st in the 2-mile run. At the State Track Meet he was 3rd in the mile run and 1st in the 2-mile run. At the Overall State Track Meet he finished 7th, out of the top 8 runners, in the 2-mile run. Our hearty cheers to Lynn 'Swiftwind' Priddy.

Jim Barker, Inspector in the Waldron RE office, gave his daughter, Doris, away June 28. The wedding was held in Waldron and the photos were taken by Sidney Hunt of the same office. Our very best wishes to Mrs. Hawthorne.



**Doris Barker Hawthorne**

Hip, Hip, Hooray! Sam Turner, Inspector at the Springdale RE Office, is a father. Sarah Beth was born July 11 weighing 6 pounds and 8 ounces. Big congratulations to Sam and Pat.



**Sam and Sarah Beth Turner**

## DISTRICT FIVE

In June we said farewell to one of our favorite employees. Winona Jones has been District Receptionist and our friend for the past 22 years. She will certainly be missed by the office staff as well as the many others who talked with her throughout the department. She was honored with cake and coffee and presented a gold chain upon her departure.



**J.R. Chaney and Winona Jones**

Eva Luster transferred to us as a replacement for Winona. Eva comes to us from the Hulan Rice residency in Batesville. She's been around long enough for us to decide she's going to be an asset to the office staff. Welcome Eva!

Congratulations to District Materials Supervisor Bob Hickey, on his 25 years of service to the department. Gary K. Smith, Bill McCollum and Doug Sipe received 20 year service pins and certificates. Steve Anselmi and Raymond Covey received 15 year awards; and Andrew Duchanoy, Melvin Yates and Rodney Sutherland re-

ceived pins and certificates for 10 years.



**D.M. Sipe and Lyndal Waits**



**B.R. McCollum and Lyndal Waits**

Sandra Coffman and Paul Gori were united in marriage June 21 in a beautiful ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Batesville. The couple live in Cleburne, Texas, where Paul is an engineer with Texas Lime and the bride will be on the staff at Alvarado Public School System. Sandra is the daughter of our Office Manager, Marilyn Coffman.

We also welcome a new Field Clerk, Linda Berry, to the Hulan Rice residency. Linda and her husband, Joe, have three children.



**Linda Berry**

Mike Satterwhite's success story in golf is most impressive. He finished 3rd in the Southwest Region Tourney held at DeGray State Park. won the Arkansas Junior Stroke Championship Match held at the Conway Country Club; tied for first place in the Bruce Jenkins Memorial Tourney held at Rebsamen Park but was beaten in sudden death play-off. He qualified 1st for Arkansas Junior Match Play Championship and was eliminated in the second round at Stuttgart Country Club. He has signed a letter of intent to play for the ASU Indians.

He graduated from Batesville High School, also having a very impressive scholastic record, with a 3.3 grade average.

Mike is the son of Assistant District Maintenance Superintendent Randy and Yvonne Satterwhite.

Danny and Shan Fleetwood are the proud parents of a baby boy, Zachary Thomas, born May 2 weighing 7 pounds and 2 ounces. As you can see, he is a cutie.



Zachary Thomas Fleetwood

Marnie Satterwhite, daughter of Ronald and Dianna Satterwhite and granddaughter of R.W. 'Buck' Reynolds, retired area foreman, spent a month this summer in France. She was hosted by the Jack Bonnaure family of Calais-Cabries, France, through a cultural exchange program sponsored by the NACEL organization. The Satterwhite family was host to Anne Bonnaure last summer.



Marnie Satterwhite

Larry Wood, Rough Carpenter for the District Bridge Crew, proudly shares this picture of his channel cat catch at Lake Norfolk. We think Seston, Satterwhite, and Lancaster should find out what kind of bait he uses or try to pick up some kind of pointers from Larry.



Larry Woods and cousins

### DISTRICT SIX

Congratulations to Jimmy Finley who killed these two fine turkeys in Dallas County during a recent turkey hunt. One weighed 16 pounds with a 4 inch beard, but his big kill weighed 21 pounds and had a 10 inch beard. Jimmy works in Malvern at the Social Hill Rest Area. It looks like Jimmy is all set for the upcoming holiday season.



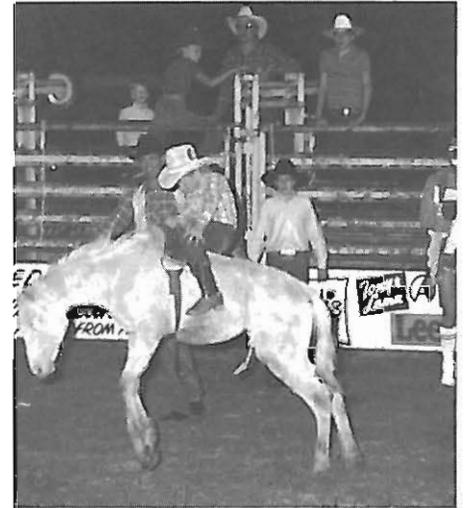
Jimmy Finley



Chet Woodall is the 9 year old son of David and Ann Woodall. David works at the Saline County Headquarters. Chet is in the 3rd grade

and attends Caldwell Elementary in Benton.

Chet began riding horses when he was one year old. He has an avid interest in horses and rodeos. Chet entered his first rodeo at the age of 8. This picture was taken at the Saline County Teenage Rodeo held in April at Benton. He entered the pony ride and lack completing his ride by only a few seconds.



Chet Woodall

### DISTRICT SEVEN

Congratulations to all of the graduates from District Seven. Joey Carlson, grandson of Field Clerk Mary Carlson, and son of Ritchie and Debbie Carlson, graduated from Victory Christian School Kindergarten. During his school year, he learned a lot (including some Spanish), and according to Grandma Mary, he is smart as a whip.



Joey Carlson

Angela Marie Kirkpatrick, daughter of Field Clerk Charlotte Nutt graduated with honors from Fairview High School. She plans to attend the U of A in Fayetteville.

Edward Gene McMahan, son of Gene and Louise McMahan, graduated with honors from Fairview High School.

We have enjoyed having Sheila Ann Lemons helping us in the District Office this summer. She is a 1986 graduate of Prescott High School. In addition to being a very good assistant to us in the office, she enjoys riding four-wheelers, embroidery and cooking. She plans to attend Southern Arkansas University Tech Branch and focus on Business Education.



Sheila Ann Lemons

Larry Hollis, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, and his wife, Bobbie, are very proud grandparents. Their granddaughter, Nikki Benson of Hampton, was first runner-up in the America's Cover Miss Pageant. Nikki is 5 years old and the daughter of Steve and Danita Benson. Congratulations Nikki!



Nikki Benson

Nikki's grandpa is also one of our accomplished turkey hunters. He exhibited his skill during the spring hunting season with two kills. His first conquest was on April 26, weighing 16 pounds with a 10 inch beard. Larry made his second kill on May 4, this one weighing 24 pounds and sporting a 14 inch beard. Happy eating, Larry!



Larry Hollis

### DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to all Service Award Recipients: Bill McAlister, 30 years; Ruben McConnel, 25 years; Jean Blalock, Smitty Bonds, and Dickey Williamson, 20 years; John Roy, 15 years; Ray Melton, George Duvall, and Danny Duvall, 10 years; and Danny Daniels, 5 years.

On June 28, Anita Stevens, daughter of Pope County Area Foreman Joe Stevens, became the bride of Allen Huffine. Anita was a very pretty bride. Remember, Joe, you haven't lost a daughter, you have gained a son.



Mr. and Mrs. Allen Huffine

Shortly after the wedding, Joe left on his motorcycle for a tour of the Rocky Mountains and Yellowstone National Park. Joe traveled 4,400 safe miles on this trip.

Pope County crew members Randy Freeman and Allen Hale have just returned from trips to the west coast.

We welcome Pat Scott to our Pope County Crew. Pat joined us in June as a Single Axle Truck Driver. Her daughter, Kim, graduated this year from North Little Rock Ole Main.

Fuel Clerk Brenda Traylor left us in June to move to Texas. The girls in the office treated Brenda to lunch at Cagle's Mill. They also presented her with mementos which included Arkansas political stickers and a T-shirt saying "It's Hard To Be Humble When You're From Arkansas."

We welcome our new Receptionist Connie Wilcox. She is no stranger to the Department, she was Field Clerk in the Morrilton Residency from 1961 - 1972.



Brenda Traylor

We were all saddened by the death of two of our retirees. Odell Hallum died June 14 and Elmer Smith died July 3.

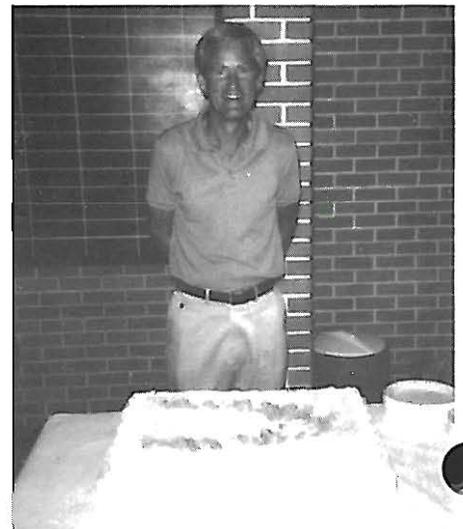
Former Van Buren County Area Foreman Noah Moody is enjoying his retirement. Noah caught 30 pounds of catfish and bass in two hours. The largest was a catfish weighing 8 pounds.



Noah Moody

### DISTRICT NINE

District Nine has had several changes in personnel the past few months. Jim Briley, Assistant DE, was promoted to District Engineer at Pine Bluff. He was honored with a "going away" party on June 12. He was presented an engraved pen desk set and gift certificate. Cake and punch was served to several of Jim's friends, co-workers and family. We miss you Jim, but wish you the best in your new position as District Engineer.



Jim Briley

We would like to welcome Gerald Teague to the District assuming the responsibilities of Assistant District Engineer. He was the Resident Engineer at North Little Rock before his promotion.

Also James House, Resident Engineer at Harrison, transferred to the Maintenance Office at Little Rock. An afternoon get-together was given on June 18 and lots of fellow AHTD employees wished him well in his new endeavor. Good luck James!



James House

Due to the vacancy at the Harrison Residency, E.C. 'Butch' Martin was transferred from the Yellville RE Office to Harrison. Welcome back Butch! Jim Barton, Assistant RE at Hope as been promoted to Yellville Resident Engineer. Congratulations Jim on your promotion.

We would also like to welcome Melvin House as our new District Materials Supervisor. Melvin came to us from District 3. Good to have you with us.

Diane Tomlinson, District Receptionist, has every reason to be proud of her new 8 pound baby boy, Donnie Joe, who was born June 6. Also, Donald Spencer, Senior Construction Aide at Harrison, is the proud daddy of an 8 pound, 6 ounce baby girl, Jessica, born June 10. Congratulations to Diane and David and to Donald and Patricia.

Leslie Wright, 6 year old daughter of Jim and Kay Wright, recently competed in the Little Miss Arkansas Pageant in Hot Springs. Leslie was in the petite age group (6-8 years) and won "First Alternate" in beauty and "Most Photogenic". She also won "Overall Talent" of all ages - 3 to 16 years. Her awards included crowns, banners, roses, trophies and a \$100



Leslie Wright

savings bond. Leslie's grandparents are Mrs. Cecil Wright and Mr. & Mrs. Jay Sasser of Harrison. Jay is Inspector at the Harrison RE office.

Becky Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Smith, was runner-up in a beauty pageant at Western Grove High School. She is 17 years old and a beautiful young lady. Jerry works as a Dozer Operator in our District Wide Construction Crew. We know he must be a very proud papa!



Becky Smith

Congratulations are extended to our 1986 graduates from Peel Ferry. Donnie Wallace, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bill Wallace; Kary Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Rose, and Craig Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. 'Curly' Johnson.

In May, we had a couple of law enforcement officers show up on our doorsteps. Larry Hodnett, District Maintenance Superintendent, and Tommy Jackson, our Shop Foreman, were arrested and take to the Cancer Society Jail. They were held there one hour until they could raise bond for their release. This money was donated to our local Cancer Society and we had lots of fun for a good cause.



Larry Hodnett



Tommy Jackson

## DISTRICT TEN

Can you smell it?? I can't, but folks here in District Ten say that the smell of fall and the hunting season is in the air! Leave schedules have already been worked out but to me the 100-degree temp is still a good indication that summer intends to hang on a while longer. I guess everyone has to have a dream.

Speaking of dreams, the future is full of bright dreams for Mark McArthur and his new bride, Manda Tucker. The couple exchanged vows May 23 at the home of Mark's mother, Corky Wilson, Office Technician at the Osceola RE Office. Mark and Manda plan to reside in Dyess and Mark will continue his career with Great Dane Trucking Company of Memphis. Congratulations to both and we wish you a life filled with happiness.



Manda and Mark McArthur

When a dream is fulfilled, a great deal of pride often remains. This is the case with Ms. Diana Kelley. Diana is an honor graduate from Lynn who was recently honored for her academic achievement at a reception at the Governor's Mansion. Now, can you imagine the pride that Bobby Kelley and his wife felt when their daughter received such an honor? Bobby is the Area Headquarters Attendant in Lawrence County. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have accomplished a lifetime dream of many parents. They have raised a beautiful daughter who is prepared to face tomorrow. Diana plans to pursue a business career and we know from her past performance, she will obtain her dreams. Congratula-

tions Diana for such an outstanding accomplishment and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kelley on having a wonderful daughter.



Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Clinton, Diana and Governor Clinton.

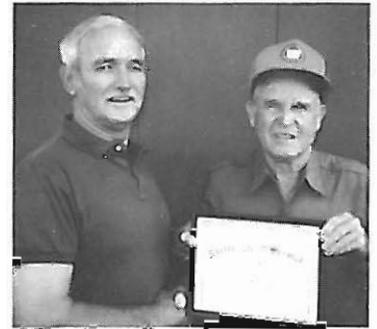
“Over the hump -- but not the hill!” Not many folks can make this claim, but as of May, our District Engineer, Joe Barnett, can. Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations, Dan Flowers joined us in honoring Mr. Barnett on his 15 years of service to the Department. (Joe is still under 40!) Congratulations Mr. Barnett.



Dan Flowers and Joe Barnett



Charles Hesselbein and Loyal Moore



Charles Hesselbein and Herman Brown

Several service awards have been presented since the last magazine, and since there are so many, it would be impossible to put all the pictures in this article. However, anyone who has worked for 20 years such as Loyle Moore, Clay County Maintenance, and Herman Brown, Craighead County Maintenance, should definitely be included. Congratulations to both fine gentlemen on their 20 years of service.

Receiving awards for 15 years were Buford Nelson and Pat Raspberry; 10 years were Jimmy Adams, D.G. Upshaw and K.D. Martin; and receiving 5 year awards were Arlis Pearson, Ben Denton and Randy Cooper. Congratulations to all!

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## 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, 1986.
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 1986.
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 1987 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.

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Please accept my photograph(s) for consideration in the 1987 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.

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