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A Message from the Director



Henry Gray
Director

Economic Development Depends On Four-Lane Highways

The future economic development of our State depends on a system of four-lane highways to connect the major centers of commerce and industry.

The Arkansas State Highway Commission's proposed Economic Development Highway Corridor Program has been developed with this in mind. The program has identified the major highway corridors in the State and proposes to widen those routes to four lanes. The 1,630 miles envisioned under this program will allow all areas of the State to compete effectively for new industry without transportation being an impediment. Additionally, commerce, tourism and recreational travel will be enhanced by the safer, more efficient highways.

The members of the Commission have been meeting with industrial and community leaders throughout the State to present the proposal and hear their comments regarding it. Support for the program has been tremendous.

Under the program, every city of 10,000 population or more will be connected with a four-lane highway. Most cities with a population of 5,000 will also be served. Those cities of 5,000 population located beyond the system will be connected by improving 190 miles of two-lane facilities with passing lanes, wide shoulders and improved horizontal and vertical curvature. An additional 620 miles will be improved to enhance the commodity flow and tourism which will connect with the four-lane system. These roads will allow safe, enjoyable travel for automobiles and recreational vehicles and improve the efficiency of commerce.

The proposed improvements will also connect with similar highways in surrounding states to provide more efficient interstate travel routes and attract additional tourists and commerce to all areas of Arkansas.

A recent study by the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission indicates that 291 communities in Arkansas have at least one manufacturing plant. Only 20 percent (59) of these are served by a four-lane highway, however, they have 41 percent (85,542) of the total manufacturing employment.

These 59 communities also average 17.8 plants each, while the communities not on four-lane highways have an average of only 6.5 plants each.

The proposed four-lane system will directly serve 95.5 percent of the State's population, 72 percent of all State travel, and 89 percent of all truck travel.

Many of the neighboring states have undertaken similar programs in recent months. They all recognize the importance of providing improved access for industrial growth and development. If Arkansas is to continue its economic development, we must be able to provide our communities with the type of highway access they need for industrial expansion. This program addresses that need.

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Henry Gray in black ink.

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Commissioners Rodney Slater and Bill Clark with Public Affairs Officer Bill Stanton

An Interview With Highway Commissioners Bill Clark and Rodney Slater

Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton made two appointments to the Highway Commission this year. On January 21, 56-year old L. W. "Bill" Clark, of Hot Springs, was appointed to fill the expired term of Patsy Thomasson. On March 23, Rodney Slater, 32, of Jonesboro was appointed to replace Dalton Farmer who resigned.

The following comments were made July 15 in an interview with Public Affairs Officer Bill Stanton.

- BILL STANTON:** *What were your feelings when the Governor asked you to service on the Highway Commission?*
- BILL CLARK:** I was honored that he had enough confidence in me to ask. I realize that it is a great responsibility which I accept, and I look forward to working with the other commissioners, legislators, community leaders, and all citizens of Arkansas to continue to improve our Highway System.
- RODNEY SLATER:** I would agree with Commissioner Clark that it was definitely an honor to be asked because of the responsibility the Highway Commission and the Highway Department have in responding to the highway and transportation needs of the citizens of our state. I might add that I was a bit surprised simply because, at the time, I was a member of the Governor's staff, and I viewed it as my responsibility to help him in the process of identifying those individuals who would serve on various boards and commissions. So in that regard I was somewhat surprised when we started to discuss the matter and the conversation started to

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focus on his desire to appoint me to the position. I felt very honored to have an opportunity to work with the individuals I had come to know of integrity and commitment and dedication who were already serving on the Highway Commission.

BILL STANTON:

What is there about the job of being a Highway Commissioner that makes it appealing?

BILL CLARK:

It is an important part of the development of Arkansas to have good roads and highways. As a businessman who has been involved in manufacturing, I know firsthand the necessity of having your plant located on a good highway which will enable you to transport the raw materials into that plant and your finished products to the ultimate consumer. My experience as a member of a school board brought to my attention how important good roads are to the safety of children and to reduce maintenance costs of buses. Arkansas has been good to me over the years, and I want to be part of the continuing progress and the development of our highway system not only in the urban but also in the rural areas.

RODNEY SLATER:

I have not had the first hand experience of running a business and meeting a payroll as Commissioner Clark has had. But, I do know that there are individuals like him and others who do that on a weekly basis, monthly basis, yearly basis and for them, having good roads is just very, very important. It is important for the economic development of our entire state and there has to be that sensitivity by the Commissioners for road development in rural Arkansas as well as urban Arkansas. I think it's interesting to note that half of the cities in Arkansas have populations of 2500 or less. So the Arkansas Rural Road Program and all that the Commission and Highway Department have been involved in the last couple of years are very important, not only for business but to citizens who drive to and from their home to their businesses or to their work place or to school or whatever. It's going to be very important as the State takes off and starts to grow and it's economy starts to diversify.

BILL STANTON:

Mr. Slater, there was much attention focused on your appointment because you were the first black and there was a lot of speculation about a black being appointed to the Commission. Do you believe that attention is going to have an impact on your ability to carry out your duties as a Commissioner?

RODNEY SLATER:

I don't think so. In the final analysis I had to deal with the hard responsibility of knowing that I was required to do a good job, as Commissioner Clark did when he was appointed, and just as the other Commissioners had to wrestle with that whole issue of responsibility when they were appointed. I do think that because I am black and because the Governor made the decision to appoint me, it says something very positive about Arkansas and where it has come over the years as far as realizing that all of our citizens have ability and have talents and that the only way for us to really start jumping ahead as a State is to tap the ability and talents we all possess, whether male or female, black or white. So in that regard I think my appointment makes a statement not so much about my ability, but about the ability of other individuals throughout our State, who have something to contribute and who want to work with those who have been putting their shoulders to the grind over the years to move our State forward as far as serving on significant commissions such as the Highway Commission. Ultimately the responsibility of the commissioner is to serve all of the citizens of the state of Arkansas. That is what this Commission's committed to do, both Rodney Slater and the other Commissioners.

BILL CLARK:

I would like to comment on that. I've known Rodney since 1983, and he is one of the outstanding young men of Arkansas, black or white. He will serve all of the people of Arkansas well. As the citizens of Arkansas get to know him, they will recognize his talents, his sincerity, and the many qualifications which make him an outstanding appointment to the Highway Commission by Governor Bill Clinton.

BILL STANTON:

Both of you have been involved with the political process in Arkansas for quite a number of years. Mr. Clark, how will you use this experience to aid you with the Highway Commission duties?

BILL CLARK:

My political experience will aid me in three ways: First, I have served as a legislative liaison for Governor Clinton in every session since 1983, therefore, I know all of the Arkansas Senators and Representatives personally. This will enable me to better communicate with them and the people in their districts. Secondly

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I am familiar with the cities and communities of Arkansas especially those in southeast Arkansas. I know most of the politicians and a large number of people in my area which will enable me to relate to and communicate with them much better than could a commissioner who is unfamiliar to them, and third, I also served on the Governor's staff and one of my duties was liaison to the Highway Department. From this experience, I gained knowledge of the workings of the Department and its personnel which will be very beneficial to me in fulfilling my responsibilities as a Commissioner.

BILL STANTON:

Mr. Slater, you've had jobs with the Attorney General's office and with the Governor's office, how is this going to help you?

RODNEY SLATER:

I think Commissioners play a very political function in many ways. They're the ones who are there talking to people, serving as a liaison between the community, whether it's civic groups or whether it's a citizen, and the Department. Because I have had a similar opportunity, as has Commissioner Clark, to work with those individuals over the years, I come to the Commission with those relationships. I had the opportunity to develop some of those relationships while a member of the Attorney General's staff but more so as a member of the Governor's staff, serving as special assistant for community and minority affairs and then secondly as executive assistant for economic and community programs. So there was that face to face contact on a regular basis with citizens throughout our State who are very concerned about highways and the transportation system of our state.

BILL STANTON:

Mr. Clark, do you have any specific goal or accomplishment that you would like to see the Department meeting during your term on the Commission?

BILL CLARK:

Yes. I want to see the Rural Road Program brought to completion, and the development of a four-lane system for the entire state of Arkansas. To be specific, in my two districts I would like to see included in that four-lane system Highway 70 to Hot Springs, Highway 270 from Hot Springs to the junction of Highway 71, the completion of Highway 79 from Junction City to Pine Bluff, Highway 82 from Texarkana to Greenville, Highway 65 from Pine Bluff to Greenville, Highway 81 from Pine Bluff to

the Louisiana line north of Bastrop, Louisiana, Highway 7 from Hot Springs to Interstate 40, Highway 79 from Pine Bluff to Stuttgart, and Highway 11 from Stuttgart to Interstate 40. I would like to see the completion of the bypasses and overpasses at Pine Bluff and the bypass around Hot Springs and bridges on Highway 7 to Hot Springs. I look forward to the completion of all the projects that were programmed prior to my appointment under Chairman Patsy Thomasson.



**New Highway
Commissioners
Rodney Slater
and
Bill Clark**

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BILL STANTON:

Mr. Slater?

RODNEY SLATER:

The districts I represent, and I use the term loosely because we really have an interest in the highway system of the entire state, but those two districts that I'm from are District One and District 10. They are located in northeastern and eastern Arkansas. Those are really the areas that are suffering economically more so than some of the other parts of the state just because they are so dependent on agriculture. Because highways play such an important role as far as spurring economic activity, I would hope to see more diversification in the economic system in eastern Arkansas which includes northeastern as well as the delta areas, and highways can promote that. Four-lane corridors can assist in particular, as Commissioner Clark noted. A number of states are already starting to move on that kind of project and they call them "growth corridors". They know that businesses are going to go to areas where they have easy access to four-lane highways. The delta area is fortunate in that it does have Interstate 40 and Interstate 55 running through many of the counties. It is also fortunate because it has the Mississippi River running along the eastern border of Arkansas and highways play a very important role in connecting northeast Arkansas and some of the eastern Arkansas counties to I-40 or to I-55. Also, highways connect thriving areas in northeastern Arkansas like Jonesboro with port facilities in Helena, as well as with the interstate system running along St. Francis, Monroe and Crittenden Counties. I would like to see a lot more emphasis on how important and essential a good highway system is to economic development.

BILL STANTON:

Both of you have mentioned economic development, and four-lane highway corridors. The Rural Road Program that was approved two years ago has really been a tremendous thing to happen in Arkansas, how do you see that program working in conjunction with a four-lane highway program?

BILL CLARK:

The Rural Road Program is between 27 or 28% complete and we are running probably two years ahead of schedule. This program will serve as a link to the four-lane corridor system and will supply access to markets, schools, shopping areas, doctors, hospitals, etc. The four-lane corridor system will be developed strictly as a tool for economic development, and it will enable communities in more rural areas to compete for industry. This is especially needed in Northeast and Southeast Arkansas which are areas presently depressed due to the poor farm economy. These areas must have the opportunity to diversify by securing new industries.

RODNEY SLATER:

Because Arkansas has been so successful with its Rural Road Program, the stage is set for the kind of road program we've talked about. Many times you go into a community and everybody wants a four-lane highway. Well that's impossible. What we have to do is work with those communities and help them understand that as long as they have good access to such a corridor their community will benefit. The Rural Road Program has taken the highway system closer to the people, they know what a program means, they've been able to see the impact of such a program over a short period of time and that's good. Many times when we travel the highways we're just concerned about getting from one destination to another and seldom do we stop to think how important that strip of highway is. But because of all the emphasis on, or the attention and activity created around the Rural Road Program, citizens in our state in every corner were able to see clearly just how important a good road system is for the state of Arkansas and how important it is as far as economic development. One particular point I'd like to make with regards to northeastern Arkansas is the extensive work on Highway 63. A lot of times smaller communities in the area are inclined to think that that's really just a four-lane for Jonesboro and the objective is to get Jonesboro businesses and citizens to Memphis or to St. Louis or to I-55. Really that four-lane will help Trumann and Marked Tree because it runs through those communities. It also will help surrounding communities because they can use the two-lane rural highways to get to that four-lane. They're off and running when they try to attract business because they can also say they are within twenty miles, or fifteen miles of a four-lane corridor and hopefully we can see that kind of development throughout the state as Commissioner Clark has noted.

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- BILL STANTON:** *Funding for a highway program has always been a problem. Do you foresee any problems with the state being able to meet the needs or to fund such a program as you're envisioning here?*
- BILL CLARK:** Raising money is always a problem. Our neighboring states have recognized the need for four-lane systems within their states. Tennessee is engaging in a 3.9 billion dollar program. Mississippi is in a 2 billion dollar program. Several other southern states are doing the equivalent or more. I think it is essential that Arkansas establish a very aggressive four-lane corridor program in order to compete with our neighboring states. In my opinion, we can sell our program and we must compete for industry. When the citizens of our state realize how important the highway system is for the future development of Arkansas, I think they will insist that the legislature do whatever is necessary for us to have proper funding.
- RODNEY SLATER:** Very good point and the point made that was most critical was selling the need for such a program. That will be our responsibility, as well as the various other individuals and leaders who that will see the need. The first thing is to sell the public on the general need, and to let them know that the object is not just to build highways. Highways will just be a means to the ultimate goal of spurring economic development.
- BILL CLARK:** Regarding this I would like to make another statement. From the safety standpoint we can benefit from the four-lane system due to the number of lives that could be saved and the tremendous reduction in property damage.
- BILL STANTON:** *The state's transportation system as a whole has made tremendous progress over the last two or three decades and one of the main reasons that's been cited for that has been the fact that the Department operates the way it does under the Mack Blackwell Amendment.*
- BILL CLARK:** I don't think there is any question that the Mack Blackwell Amendment serves a very useful purpose. The admendment removes politics from the Highway Department, and its continuity is maintained regardless of changes in Governors and/or Commissioners.
- RODNEY SLATER:** I agree. Regardless who the commissioners are and regardless who the governor is. One other important aspect of it is that your commissioners are independent, once they're appointed they're independent of the political influence and that's important when you start talking about the importance of roads going where they need to go and the importance of there being a coordinated effort in that assignment rather than responding to what may be political pressure. I think the amendment was appropriate when first adopted and it's also quite appropriate today.
- BILL STANTON:** *As you both have already found out, the job of Highway Commissioner can be very time-consuming. There are many demands made on a Commissioner, both their personal lives and their professional lives as well.*
- BILL CLARK:** Fortunately, I have a young partner, office manager, and staff in my business who are very capable and this enables me to devote the necessary time to Commission business.
- RODNEY SLATER:** Putting in a number of night hours and weekend hours has allowed me to balance the responsibility with both obligations. Additionally, an understanding on the part of Arkansas State University as it relates to my responsibilities as a Highway Commissioner has made it possible for me to do both jobs. Arkansas State University serves the entire state of Arkansas. It has students from 73 of the 75 counties and from a number of states beyond Arkansas, 37 of the 50 states as a matter of fact. Thus, it, as well as other institutions of higher education in our state, benefit from a quality highway and transportation system. Were it not for that understanding, I would not be able to carry out both responsibilities.

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BILL STANTON:

Have either one of you had an opportunity to get out and meet with many Department employees yet, and what are your impressions of the Department's employees.

BILL CLARK:

I have met several, and I am looking forward to meeting many more. Those that I have met are outstanding individuals who are doing extremely good jobs. I had the opportunity to attend a national meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi and was in contact with a lot of Highway Directors from all over the United States. Without exception, these directors rated Arkansas' Highway Department right at the top nationwide. Anytime you receive national recognition you must have good people. I think the leadership and staff of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department are outstanding.

RODNEY SLATER:

I would agree. One thing that the Commission has done over the months that I've been here is to make a concerted effort to communicate that to the employees of the Highway Department. There have been a number of district meetings held where we've had the opportunity to meet with the Highway Police and the leadership of the various district offices around the state. And those have gone very well, exceptionally well. And that has given us another opportunity to come in a face to face environment for communicating with employees of the Department. We found them very warm, very committed to their work and very dedicated and with a real sense of the importance of that work to the citizens of the State of Arkansas.

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Rodney Slater*



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Bill Clark*

WORK ZONE SAFETY

A GROWING CONCERN



Traffic is often shifted to temporary roadway lanes and separated by concrete barriers and plastic barrels. In addition, temporary signing and striping is used extensively.

As travel on our highways continues to increase, so does the number of accidents and deaths in highway construction/maintenance work zones. According to the Wall Street Journal, travel is up 6 percent nationwide and work zone fatalities have risen from 487 in 1982 to nearly 700 last year.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is engaged in an increased effort to monitor and evaluate traffic safety measures. A comparison of the past two years reveals that fatal accidents on Interstate highway projects has dropped from 6 in 1985 to 2 in 1986. Fatal accidents on non-Interstate projects increased from 8 to 12. The total number of

accidents increased from 800 to 839. Using total construction costs to develop an accident rate, it was found that the rate for 1985 was 2.2 accidents per million dollars of construction work while the 1986 rate was 1.9 accidents per million dollars.

The decrease in the rate of accidents versus dollar volume of construction is an indicator that the Department's safety efforts have been relatively effective.

In a report to the Federal Highway Administration earlier this year, the Department pointed out that several steps are being taken to improve safety in work zones. More extensive use of detailed signing plans, concrete barriers, temporary

striping, raised pavement markers, temporary impact attenuation barriers, and better delineation of detours are being incorporated in the design plans for projects. Once the job is underway constant job-site monitoring is conducted. The Maintenance Division is also beginning to install items that are normally used in construction work zones. The implementation of the STOP Program (Speeding Truck Offender Program) by the Arkansas Highway Police has also aided greatly in reducing accidents.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) recently surveyed the States to determine the nature and scope of the work

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One accident problem on the Interstate and Federal-aid Primary systems. Of the three major types of work zones, i.e., construction, maintenance and utility, 73 percent of all fatalities occurred in construction zones.

The most common type of accident involves vehicles striking other vehicles. They account for more than 60 percent of all work zone accidents. The second most common type of accident was vehicles striking fixed objects.

According to a recent AASHTO article on this subject by Marshall Jacks, Jr., Associate Administrator for Safety and Operations, Federal Highway Administration, motorists can expect to encounter more work zones in their travels over the years to come. "Most of the long-distance highway travel in the United States today is on the Interstate and Federal-aid primary systems. The physical condition of these systems is such that major rehabilitation and reconstruction is necessary on many sections of such roads," Jacks said.

As Jacks pointed out, highway work zones are often dynamic in nature. As work progresses through various construction stages or during various periods of time, traffic may be diverted over different portions of the roadway or over different roadways. In many cases, the normal capacity of the roadway is reduced by one or more lanes. Additionally, the close proximity of the traveled way to work activity tends to reduce the rate of vehicular flow. The ultimate result is increased delay and added frustration for the motorists.

There have been major advances in work zone traffic control technology. Many of these techniques are being employed by the Department. These include such items as portable concrete barriers for protection of both motorists and the workers, and new type arrow boards and variable message signs for better motorists guidance.

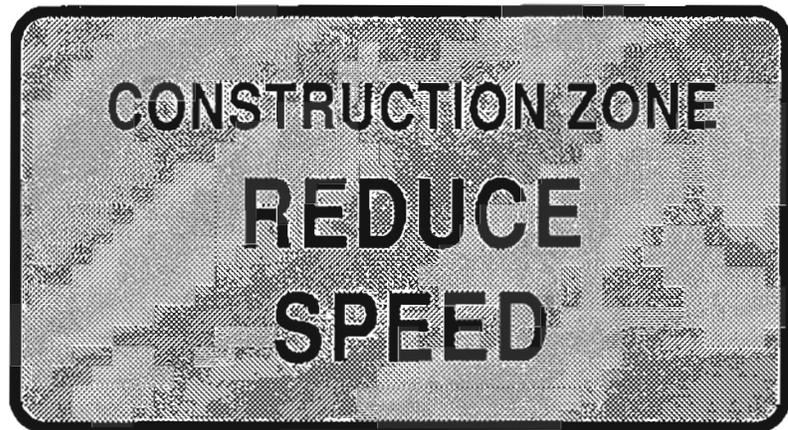
The speed of traffic through work zones can have a major impact on safety. One of the most effective methods the Department has used to keep speeds within the limit is the presence of a uniformed Highway Police officer. Construction and maintenance personnel are instructed to notify the Highway Police of potential

problem sites and request their presence if necessary. Other states have also recognized this and developed special arrangements with enforcement agencies to provide extra enforcement personnel at work zones.

Of course, the key to improving safety in work zones is an appreciation by the public of the potential hazards. It is imperative that motorists obey all traffic

control devices, speed regulations and manual direction provided in work zones. The motorists must realize that these work zones are abnormal sections of highways and therefore require extreme alertness and caution.

The Department is committed to work zone safety and priority is being given to improvement of work zone safety in all future project development.



Temporary concrete barriers separate the work zone from the traffic.

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HIGHWAY 71 OPENS TO ROGERS/BENTONVILLE AREA



Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt, center, is assisted by Highway Commission Chairman Bobby Hopper as they cut the ribbon opening Highway 71. Others pictured are: (left to right) Kaye Cotton, Rogers Chamber of Commerce, AHTD Chief Engineer B.K. Cooper, State Representative Richard Barclay (on podium), and Highway Commissioners Rodney Slater and Ron Harrod.

The latest stretch of Highway 71 in Northwest Arkansas was officially opened to traffic following a dedication ceremony at the Rogers/Bentonville city limits, July 1. The new 6.16-mile, four-lane, divided highway was constructed at a cost of \$14.3 million.

Speaking at the dedication ceremony, U.S. Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt, pointed out that \$36 million in additional funding has been approved by Congress for the completion of the Highway 71 project. Hammerschmidt predicted that the widening of the highway is going to have "an enormous positive impact on the economy of this area. It will be of great benefit to local industries, the large retail distribution facility of Wal-Mart, and a growing transportation industry in this area." He characterized the industries and Highway 71 as "independent segments of the local and regional economy."

Language in a Congressional report of the 1973 Federal Highway Act is what got the project started, Hammerschmidt said. "Since then, the improvement of Highway 71 has been an ongoing success story, thanks to the enthusiastic support of communities along the route," he added.

"That support is well placed. Surface transportation is the life blood of our national economy, and it is only as efficient as the quality of the highways we build. Even more important, is this new four-lane highway's improvement in safety," he pointed out.

The federal government is providing 95 percent of the funds for the highway construction. "As highway users, we are paying for the Highway 71 project with our gasoline and diesel fuel taxes," he said. "And with this project, we are getting our money's worth." Hammerschmidt commended the Highway Commission and the Highway and Transportation Department

for their support and efforts leading to the success story.

Others speaking at the ceremony were Highway Commission Chairman Bobby Hopper, Rogers Mayor John Sampier and Bentonville Mayor Steve Bertschy.

During his address, Hammerschmidt observed that contracts have already been let for work on the 43-mile relocation of Highway 71 from I-40 at Alma to Fayetteville. The Highway Commission awarded a \$8.8 million contract in January of this year for construction of the interchange with I-40. The estimated cost of the entire project is \$200 million.

In addition to the work south of Fayetteville, the Commission has awarded two contracts totaling \$5.8 million for work from Rogers to Little Flock. Additional contracts, estimated to cost nearly \$16 million, will be awarded in the next few years to complete the highway to Bella Vista.

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A portion of the new 6.16-mile, four-lane, divided Highway 71.

HOPPER COMMENDED FOR SERVICE

Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman Bobby Hopper, of Springdale, was honored by the Chambers of Commerce of Rogers and Bentonville/Bella Vista, July 1, at a luncheon held prior to the dedication ceremony for the new section of Highway 71.

Bob Crafton, Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Rogers Chamber recalled that in 1975, 600 people from Northwest Arkansas appeared at a meeting of the Highway Commission in Little Rock to request improvements to Highway 71. "In the past 12 years we have seen many improvements to the highways in this area of the State," Crafton said. Many people have worked hard over the years to get this highway built "but in the last four years, no one has done more to promote Highway 71 than our own commissioner, Bobby Hopper," he said.

Hopper expressed his gratitude to the people of Northwest Arkansas for their continued support of the Highway 71 project. "I remember many years ago when no one would even speak in favor of the new highway at the public hearings, now everyone, it seems, supports this new highway," he said.

Hopper said in just a few short years, Northwest Arkansas residents will be seeing a four-lane, divided highway stretching all the way to Interstate 40 near Alma.



Highway Commission Chairman Bobby Hopper receives "Key to the City" from Bentonville Mayor Steve Bertchy.

"I'm glad I could be chairman of the commission at this time," he told the group of about 150 people. "This is truly a great day for the cities of Rogers and Bentonville. This highway will open up new opportunities for industrial growth and expansion. It will mean more jobs and a better way of life for our citizens," he added.

Hopper was presented with appre-

ciation gifts from various local companies, including a toy tractor-trailer rig from the Wal-Mark Company at Bentonville. Hopper told the audience that he would personally push the toy truck down the new highway once it is opened.

The Mayors of Rogers and Bentonville also presented Hopper with the "keys" to their cities.

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Commissioner Bill Clark



A Central Arkansas Transit bus served as a back-drop for the dedication.

COMMUTER PARKING LOT OPENS IN WEST LITTLE ROCK

Commuters in west Little Rock now have the option of parking their cars at a new parking lot constructed by the Department and riding the bus downtown.

Department officials joined with the Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce July 15 to officially dedicate the new I-430/I-630 Park and Ride Lot located on Shackleford Road in the interchange of the two Interstate highways. This was the second such facility to be built along I-630.

The concept of the facility was devised in 1973 because of the concern over the fuel shortages that were developing. The Pulaski Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee approved and endorsed the transit proposal as an essential element of the I-630 project and as a vital express service link in the Central Arkansas Transit System.

"By constructing these lots we are actively promoting greater energy conservation, a higher level of bus express service, greater safety and convenience," Highway Commissioner Bill Clark said. "These factors also contribute to reducing traffic congestion and relieving critical parking conditions in the central business district," he added.

Central Arkansas Transit began its express service on July 20 from the new lot and will be surveying its riders to determine how to better serve their needs, according to John Haynie, general manager of CAT.

"The long range plans call for shuttle buses running up and down Interstate 630. We have not lost sight of that and hope to someday implement this service to allow people to move from the western part of the city into the downtown area just as fast, if not faster, than they can in private automobiles," Haynie said.

Chamber of Commerce President Paul Harvel had words of praise for the Department having the foresight to provide the parking facilities in the metropolitan area. "We in Arkansas can be extremely proud of how our Highway Department is run. Over the last 25 years we have advanced so much as far as the highways and streets in the State of Arkansas are concerned. We have much to be thankful for," he added.

The Highway Commission awarded a \$473,797 contract to Joyner-Cranford-Burke Construction Company to construct the new lot. The lot was constructed within the existing right of way for the interchange in order to save on land costs. Modifications were made to Shackleford Road to provide access to the lot and extensive drainage work was also done.

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SPRING CREEK BRIDGE DEDICATED

Residents of the Bethesda community west of Batesville braved the afternoon heat by standing under umbrellas or the shade of a nearby oak to join in the official dedication ceremony opening the Highway 106 bridge over Spring Creek and the Union Pacific Railroad Spur, July 29.

A few miles east of the bridge site at the Highway 106/Highway 69B intersection in Batesville a bank thermometer was boldly displaying the 102 degrees temperature. Noting the heat, State Representative John Miller of Melbourne told the crowd he appreciated their presence at the ceremony. "This bridge is here because of the willingness and desire of the people of Arkansas to have their taxes raised to improve our roads," Miller said, referring to the Rural Road Program. "People were demanding more highway projects, and the Legislature knew more funding would be needed to meet the demand," he said. "The people supported the increase in fuel taxes during the 1985 Legislative Session because they were assured by the Highway Department and the Legislature that the money would be spent for projects like this one," Miller added.

Miller was one of the co-sponsors of the bill creating the Rural Road Program. He said his interest in good highways goes back to his early years in the legislature. "People would tell me they needed good highways and they were willing to pay increased taxes if they were assured that the money would go for the highways," he said. "The people of this State are fortunate to have the kind of Highway Department they have. I don't believe there is a group of people or agency that does a better job than the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department," Miller said.

Highway Commission Vice Chairman Raymond Pritchett told the audience that Representative Miller had made the replacement of the old bridge a top priority of his. Pritchett said he and Miller met with a group of citizens at McClure's Store in Bethesda about three years ago to discuss the need to replace the bridge. "At that time, I don't think any of us had the slightest idea how we could get the money to build this bridge," Pritchett said. "The fact that we are here today, dedicating this bridge, is a tremendous testimony to representative government and how good it can be when you have people like John Miller and Senator Jim Wood that really care that the views and the requests of the people be heard at the right places," he said.

The bridge at Spring Creek replaced an old narrow structure that was built in 1932. The new bridge also crosses the Union Pacific Railroad Spur that passed over the old highway. The vertical clearance on the railroad underpass was only 10.5 feet, preventing passage of legal height loads. The new structure and approximately one-half mile of new roadway approaches cost \$1.3 million.



(L-R) Senator Jim Wood, Commissioner Ron Harrod, Director Henry Gray, Mayor Jim Shirrell, Miss Independence County Stephanie Henthorne, Miss Batesville Lori Davis, Mark Lamberth, Commission Chairman Bobby Hopper, Ron Russell, and Commissioners Raymond Pritchett and Rodney Slater



Representative John Miller



Highway 106 Bridge over Spring Creek.

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HIGHWAY 7 FOUR-LANE OPENED



James Branyan (center with scissors) cuts the ribbon to open Highway 7.



James Branyan



Ron Harrod

A 9.8 mile section of the new relocated Highway 7 between Camden and Smackover was officially dedicated and opened to traffic August 5.

Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod of Prescott told the more than 200 people in the audience at the dedication that the highway will help enhance the safety of travel in the area and speed up the economic growth of south central Arkansas.

"At the same time that we celebrate the fact that we have received an additional ten miles of four-lane highway, we need to think of the need for all of Arkansas to have about 1200 miles such as this that will bring tourism and industry," Harrod said. "That's what we need to be thinking about for the future," he added.

Harrod stressed the importance of all of the people of the State working together for the betterment of the Highway System. "One of the reasons that the Highway Commission has been so successful in the past is the fact that no one cares who gets the credit," he said. "What we do today will mean a brighter future for our children, so it is important that we all work toward that goal," he added.

Harrod was referring to the Commission's proposal that a four-lane highway corridor program be developed that will connect the major cities to provide improved access for industrial and economic growth. At a luncheon following the dedication, he said such a program would enable Arkansas to compete with the other states in the region for that industrial expansion.

"It will be expensive. . . but we have the ability now. "We can't afford to wait another ten years before we begin," he said. Harrod said the Highway Commission has been a good steward of the funds provided for highways. "The Commission will come forward in the next few months with a program and a map showing where we propose to build those 1200 miles of four-lane highways. We will be asking for your support and the support of the members of the Arkansas Legislature to fund this program," he said.

Former Highway Commissioner James Branyan of Camden, who served as Master of Ceremonies, said he was proud of the commitment the Highway Commission has made to the improvement of the State's highways. He pointed out that, although the first contracts for the work on Highway 7 were awarded when he was on the Commission, it took a total commitment from the other members, and those who followed, to make the project a reality.

Branyan was honored at the luncheon for his years of service on the Commission and was credited for beginning the work on a four-lane highway from the Louisiana line to Pine Bluff.

The first contract on the section of Highway 7 from Camden to Smackover was awarded in 1981. Since that time, five separate contracts, totaling \$12.4 million, have been awarded. Right of way and utility adjustments brought the final cost of the project to \$13.3 million.

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HIGHWAY 25 BRIDGE DEDICATED

It's been over one hundred years since the first bridge across East Cadron Creek north of Conway was built. However, that didn't lessen the importance to celebrate the completion of the fourth structure at that location.

Over 150 Faulkner County residents were on hand August 6 to take part in the dedication ceremonies officially opening the new Highway 25 Bridge. The bridge was being dedicated by the residents in memory of Dennis E. Wilcox. Wilcox, who died in 1983, had been manager of the Farm Bureau Insurance Company in Conway for 26 years. He had been very active in the affairs of Faulkner County and was credited by many as the leading force behind the replacement of the old three span truss bridge that was once located on Highway 25.

"When I was appointed to the Highway Commission, many people in this crowd today gave me much input on the need for good roads in Faulkner County. Dennis Wilcox was among them," Commissioner Raymond Pritchett, said. "In my judgement, he always was looking out for the public's interest," he added.

Pritchett said it was also a day to celebrate the deep commitment the Highway Commission has to Faulkner County and the rural roads of Arkansas. "Your legislative delegation helped tremendously in making the progress that has taken place possible," he said.

"You should take pride in having the type of members in the General Assembly that you have because of their support and dedication to seeing that we have the funds necessary for the improvement of our rural roads," Pritchett said.

State Senator Stanley Russ of Conway also mentioned the progress that had been made in Faulkner County and credited Dennis Wilcox for his dedication to getting the job done. "If Dennis Wilcox was anything, he was a practical man," Russ said. "He would want this bridge dedicated to the people of Faulkner County and those who pass over it in the years to come," he added.

Wilcox's widow, Louise, and their four children and grandchildren were on hand for the dedication and took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The new bridge and approximately 2.3 miles of associated roadway improvements, were constructed at a cost of \$2.2 million.



Commissioner Raymond Pritchett, center, is assisted by Louise Wilcox, as they cut the ribbon opening the Highway 25 bridge.

Ouachita River Bridge "Disappears" In A Cloud of Smoke



The main span of the old Ouachita River Bridge on Highway 82 near Crossett was destroyed by a series of small explosions in less than three seconds. (See photographs at right).

It took about two years to build the Ouachita River Bridge on Highway 82 in 1934, but less than ten seconds to destroy it on July 21, 1987.

In 1984 the Highway Commission awarded a \$6.4 million contract to construct a new bridge across the Ouachita River. The new structure was completed last year. Earlier this year the Commission awarded a \$420,000 contract to remove the old bridge.

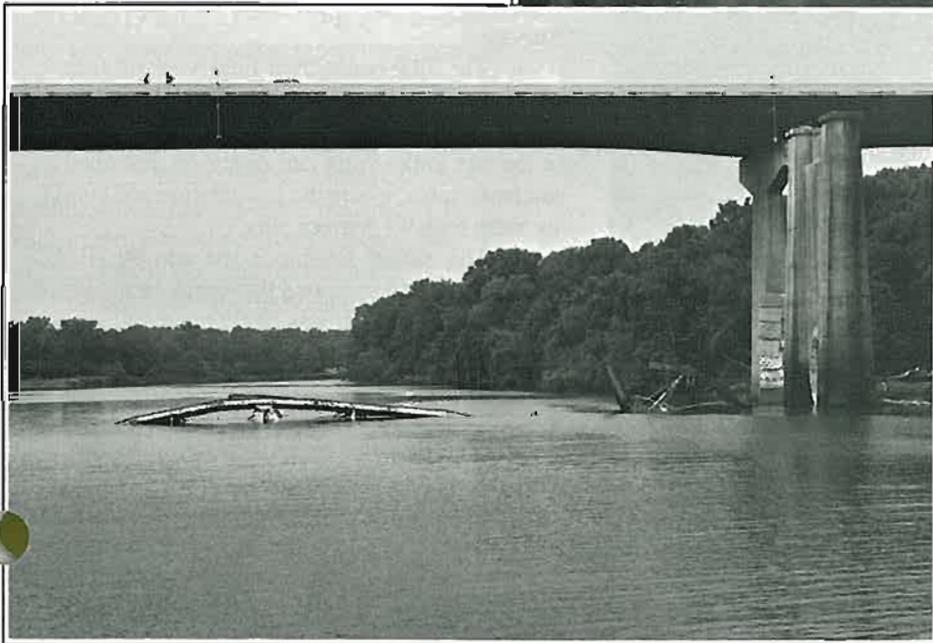
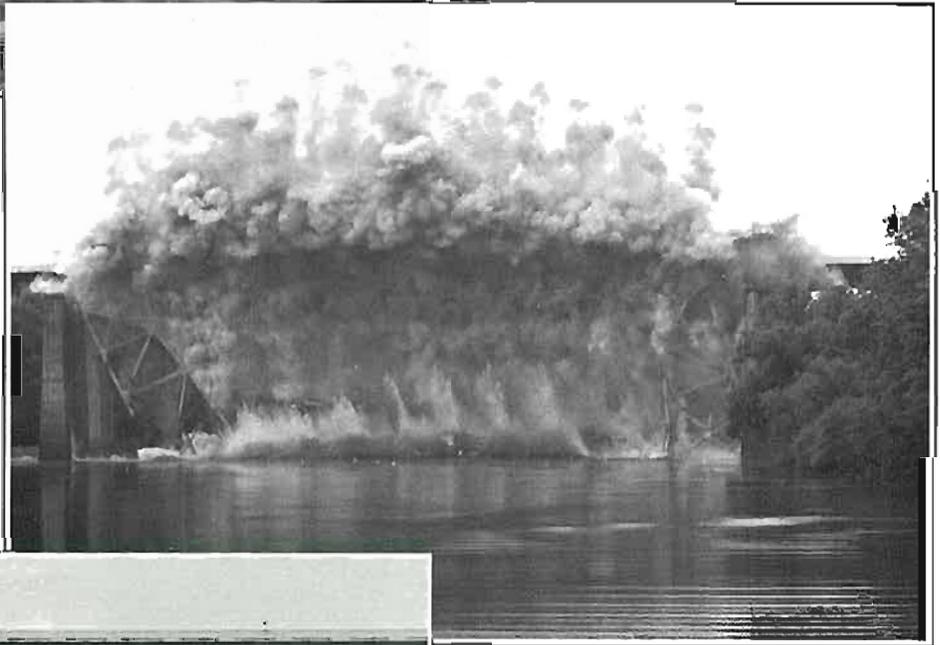
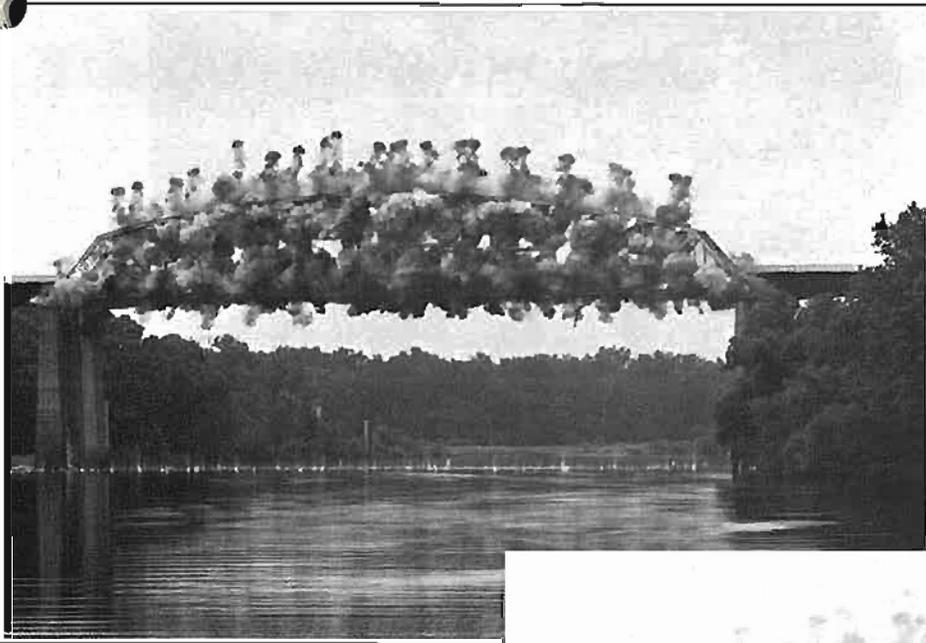
Anderson Excavating and Wrecking

Company of Omaha, Nebraska removed the concrete deck from the structure and then went about the task of preparing explosive charges to drop the old span in the river. According to Scott Gustafson, project engineer, two days were spent in preparing 204 charges of 30 pounds of RDX military explosives.

By pre-cutting the structure, the bridge broke apart into 28 separate pieces. The scrape metal was towed to Monroe, Louisiana, and sold.

The series of photographs on the opposite page were taken by AHTD photographer David Hunter using a Nikon F3 camera with an 86mm lens. Hunter was on a barge approximately one-fourth mile upstream from the bridge. The elapsed time from the first explosion until the bridge hit the water was less than three seconds. The smoke cleared in about ten seconds, revealing only the two main piers adjacent to the new bridge.

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AHTD Sponsors Archeological Work in Clark County

Article Written By
Burney McClurkan, Staff Archeologist



Burial 18 contained three headless adults, possibly an indication of "head hunting" among the Caddo. Pottery vessels had been placed in the grave where the skulls should be, as well as at the hips and feet of the skeletons.

The Hardman site is one of a number of archeological sites around the confluence of Saline Bayou and the Ouachita River just east of Arkadelphia. This site was discovered by Environmental Division archeologists during the field survey of the approaches for the proposed new bridge over Saline Bayou on State Highway 51. Considering all the site in this area it was apparent there wasn't any way to replace this bridge without inflicting some damage on at least one site. Some of these sites were already known to be significant, and one, the Bayou Sel site, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Hardman site was tested by AHTD archeologists and was determined to be significant, too. All things considered, it was decided that the simplest solution to the problem was to excavate that portion of the site which would be damaged by the bridge replacement project.

A number of proposals to do this work were submitted by archeological firms, and after reviewing and evaluating these proposals it was decided to award the contract for the work to the Sponsored Research Program of the Arkansas Archeological Survey.

The SRP began their field work on June 4, 1987. The field crew was directed by David Waddell. This group spent approximately 40 work days at the site under what can easily be described as uncomfortable, where the temperature and humidity were both 90 degrees plus.

The earlier testing at the site by AHTD archeologist had indicated that burials and burned areas were present. It was likely other archeological features would also show up in the subsoil. As soon as the first burials were found the word spread quickly, and some of the local "pot hunters" let it be known that they had some reasonably serious intentions about sneaking onto the site at night and stealing any grave furniture that might be present. This was not taken as an idle threat, and it was necessary to hire a security service to guard the site at night and over the periods when the SRP crew

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Excavation of a typical burial containing pottery and shells.

was away from the site. This was the first time we had been involved with this kind of situation.

Since the site was on the road and highly visible, it proved to be a popular attraction. Over the period of field work the site was visited by 150 to 200 registered guests, and it is estimated that probably as many as 400 people came to see the work.

The final tally on archeological features was 19 burials containing 18 skeletons, two grave pits were empty, while one burial contained three skeletons. Ten hearth areas were found, some of which were quite large and probably were related to salt processing. One circular structure could be distinguished, and probably portions of at least four or five other circular houses, plus approximately 800 other post molds.

The burials produced about 50 pottery vessels. These vessels are all attributable to the Caddo Indians, with the exception of two pots which were types usually found in Quapaw sites, and probably represent trade between these two groups. The triple burial mentioned earlier was of note because the three bodies all had had the heads removed. Pottery vessels had been placed where the heads would have been.



AHTD machinery was used to strip off the top soil.

The occupation thus far identified at the Hardman site appears to be virtually all Caddoan, and covers a time span from about A.D. 1200 to A.D. 1700.

One of the major attractions to this general location is the relatively high salinity of the water. Indians rendered salt here for hundreds of years, and early Anglo-American settlers continued the practice up to the latter years of the 19th century. The current excavations, hopefully, will shed

more light on the salt manufacturing processes used by the Indians. It is likely that the large burned areas are connected with salt rendering. Samples of burned clay were taken for archeo-magnetic dating.

The operation was highly successful in spite of difficult physical conditions, and the possibly of problems with vandalism. The information gained from this site will make a significant contribution to our knowledge of Arkansas' prehistory.

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AHTD PERSONNEL CHANGES

Due to the early retirement incentives passed by the Legislature this year, a number of long-term employees chose to retire. As a result of those retirement a number of positions within the Department have now been filled with new people. We offer our congratulations to these promotions.



Bob Walters

BOB WALTERS has been promoted to Assistant Chief Engineer-Design. He replaces Brooks Nichols, who retired August 12 with over 31 years of service. Walters had been Roadway Design Engineer since 1979. He began his career with the Department in January 1972, following graduation from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He was selected the Outstanding Civil Engineer Graduate. Prior to his graduation, he had worked for the U.S. Forest Service and the University of Arkansas as a Graduate Assistant. During his service with the Department he has worked as a designer and head of the Freeway Design Section of Roadway Design. He is a registered professional engineer.

PAUL DEBUSK has been promoted from Assistant Division Head of Roadway Design to Engineer of Roadway Design, replacing Bob Walters. DeBusk has been Assistant Division Head since February 1982. Prior to that he was State Design Engineer, charged primarily with urban design projects. He has been a design engineer since 1967. He previously has worked as Assistant Resident Engineer in the Forrest City area. He began his career with the Department in 1960. DeBusk at-

tended Little Rock Junior College and graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a degree in Civil Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer.



Paul DeBusk

PAUL BROYLES was promoted to Right of Way Division Head May 26. He replaces Glendol Jackson, who retired with over 30 years of service. Broyles had been chief of the Acquisition Section in Right of Way. He began his career with the Department in 1961. He left in 1964 and returned

in 1966. Since that time he has held the positions of draftsman, Title and Abstract Researcher and Negotiator. He attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and is a retired Colonel in the Army Reserve.

PERRY JOHNSTON was promoted to Chief of Acquisition to replace Broyles. Johnston had been an Appraiser with the Department since 1985. He first worked for the Department in 1979 and left in 1980 to work for Frank McGehee and Associates as an employee benefits consultant. He has extensive experience in the real estate business and has worked as an agent for a contractor in Fayetteville and Fort Smith. Johnston is a member of the International Right of Way Association.

VIC WINCHELL became head of the Administrative Section of the Right of Way Division in June following the retirement of A.C. Ledbetter. Winchell began his career with the Department in 1966 following four years in the Air Force. He has worked as a draftsman and engineering technician in the Right of Way Engineering



Perry Johnston, Paul Broyles, and Vic Winchell

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Section and as a Closing Agent. He has an associate degree in engineering technology.



Bill Stanton

BILL STANTON was promoted to Public Affairs Officer in July to replace Bill Looney who retired after 37 years of service. Stanton began worked as Public Hearing Specialist in 1976 and was promoted to Assistant Public Affairs Officer in 1981. He has a journalism degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and

has worked as a reporter for Little Rock television station KATV and the Arkansas Radio Network. He is a Captain in the 189th Tactical Airlift Group of the Air National Guard.



Larry Dickerson

LARRY DICKERSON joined the Department in July as Assistant Division Head of the Fiscal Services Division. He had been a field supervisor for Legislative Audit, where he was employed 13 years. Dickerson graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a degree in accounting in 1974.

ROY WALDEN has been promoted to Section Head of Records and Reproduction, replacing AJ Dunn who retired in June. Walden joined the Department as an Engineering Aide in the Surveys Division in 1973. He was promoted to Photogrammetrist in the Photogrammetry Section in 1980. He attended the University of Central Arkansas and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He is a Major in the 123rd Reconnaissance Technical Squadron of the Air National Guard.



Roy Walden

CHANEY INDUCTED INTO ACADEMY

James R. Chaney, District Engineer, District 5 at Batesville, was recently inducted into the Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineering at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

In the induction ceremonies Chaney was admitted with eight other Arkansas civil engineering graduates. He was cited and recognized by the existing academy members as an outstanding Civil Engineer, a Registered Professional Engineer, and a graduate of the University of Arkansas.

Chaney was first employed by the Department as an Engineering Technician and worked in District 6, Bridge Design and the Construction Division from 1960 to 1963. He left the Department to work for the Corps of Engineers from 1963 to 1965. He returned to the Department in 1965 as

a Resident Engineer in the District 6 area, was promoted to Assistant Division Head of the Construction in 1967, and since August 1, 1969 has been in his present position with the Department at Batesville. The District 5 area includes Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Sharp, Stone and White Counties.

Chaney is a member of the Arkansas Highway Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees, Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department Research Committee, Arkansas Good Roads Transportation Council, White River Kiwanis, and American Legion.

He is married to the former Shirley Shald. They are parents of three children, Karen and Kathryn, both students at the University of Central Arkansas, and a son,

Steven, a senior at Southside High School in Batesville.

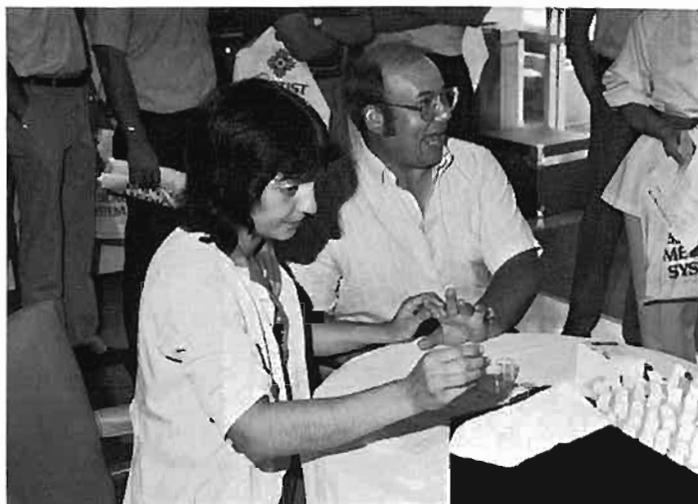


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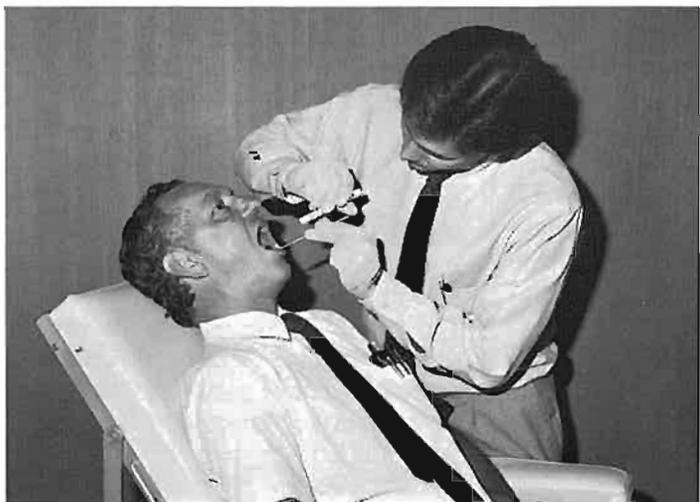
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The Med Flight helicopter was a big attraction at the Health Fair.



Charles Clements of Roadway Design seems to have second thoughts about giving a blood sample for an anemia test.



Bob Mize of Roadway Design undergoes a dental check.



Jim Garrett of State Aid has his blood pressure checked.

Second Annual Health Fair Held at Central Office

Over 300 Central Office employees took advantage of the services offered by the Baptist Medical System at the Second Annual Fair to check out their "well being," June 18.

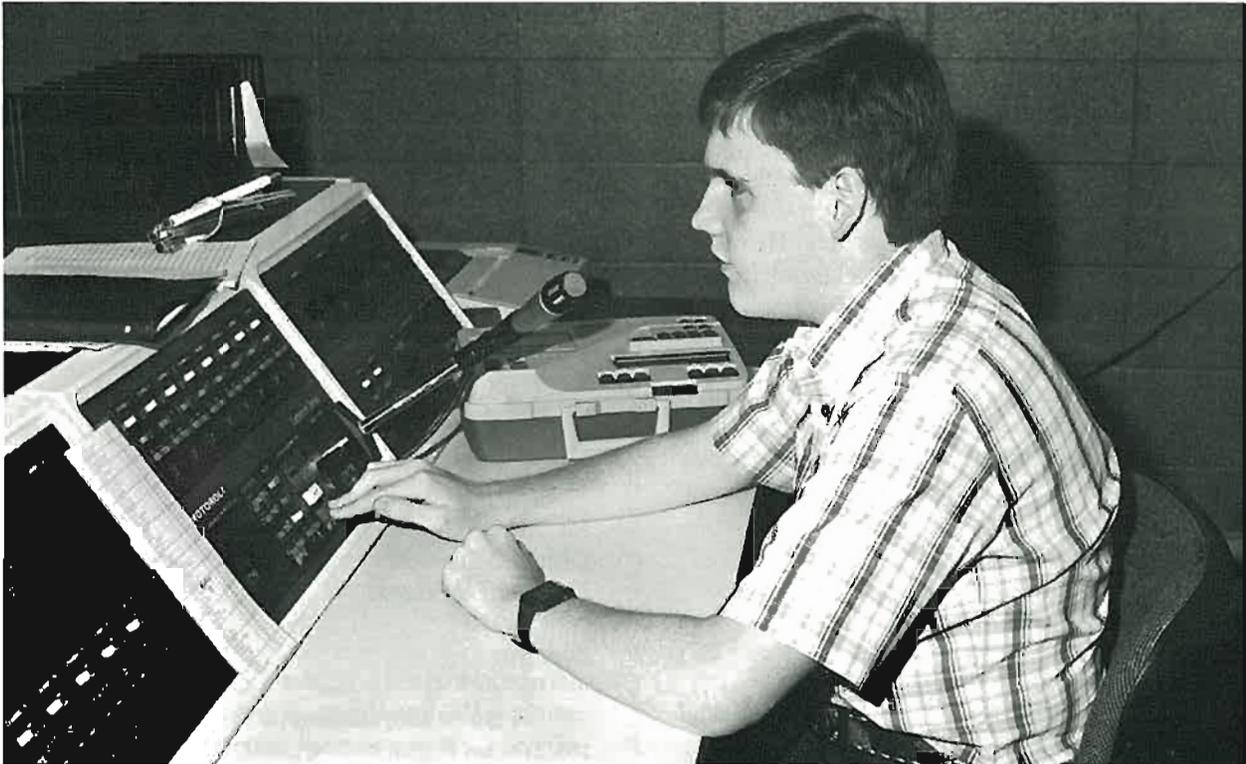
The Department's Exercise/Physical Fitness Committee conducted the Health Fair in the lobby of the Central Office. Services and tests offered included; height and weight analyses, anemia, diabetes, blood pressure, glaucoma, dental and hearing. A physician was available for consultation and review of the results a of the analyses. Brochures from the Cancer Society, Diabetes Association, Heart Association and the Leukemia Society were also

available for employees.

The results of the tests showed only a few employees diagnosed as possibly having high blood pressure, glaucoma, diabetes, or being anemic. These people were advised to seek further examinations from their family physicians.

The Department was awarded a National Fitness Campaign grant sponsored by Baptist Medical Center and Wells Fargo Bank to promote physical fitness. As a result of the grant, the Department constructed a one-mile fitness trail with gamefield stations on the grounds of the Central Office Complex.

Blind Student Learns Radio Operations Through Job Participation Training Act



Tim Leet answers a call on the Department's radio system. The Versabralle machine is on his right to record the call.

For Tim Leet, 19, of Alexander, Arkansas, a career in communications or broadcasting is now a step closer. Leet, who will be entering his senior year at the Arkansas School for the Blind, gained valuable on-the-job training this past summer as a telecommunications operator in the Department's Radio Section.

"This is the type of work I enjoy and want to do when I graduate," Leet said. "I have enjoyed working for the Department this summer. Everyone here has been very friendly and cooperative," he added.

Leet began his ten weeks training in June. As a participant in the School for the Blind's job training program, his salary was paid through the Job Participation Training Act. The purpose of the program is to provide students with actual job experiences.

"The Department was contacted by the School and asked to provide a place for Tim to train," John Hall, State Maintenance Engineer, said. "He has done the work as a Telecommunications Operator in our Radio Section and we have been very pleased with his performance," he added.

Cal Porterfield, Radio Section Head, said Leet was a quick

learner. "I showed him the basic layout of the console. We went over the various towers and tones for each channel and then I gave him a few practice calls on the radio to see how he would handle them. He picked it up in less than 30 minutes," Porterfield said.

Since operators must keep a daily log of their activities, Leet utilized a computer-type device known as a Versabralle. "I am able to record all of my calls on the machine and, if necessary, I can go back on the tape to check out a certain call or message. The machine will also provide a printout which is kept on file with the other operator's logs at the end of each day," he said.

Leet has been interested in radio for several years. His hobby is amateur radio.

"I told Mr. Porterfield that I would be willing to come back on weekends or holidays this year to help out if they need me. This has been a good learning experience," he said. It also has given him the confidence he needs to prepare for work once he finishes school.

"Not only have I enjoyed working here, but it shows that I can do this type of work and I am looking forward to pursuing this as a career later on," he said.

AHTD Letters

April 28, 1987

Arkansas Highway Dept.
Pocahontas, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regard to an incident that occurred today on Highway 90 in Randolph County. One of my Home Health Aides lost some of her papers and a signed employee check. This lady is 70 years of age and works very hard caring for the elderly and disabled. She would have had a difficult time living for the next two weeks if her check had not been returned.

I personally wish to thank Mr. Earnest Sorg. He could have kept the check, and no one would have ever known. He has renewed by faith in humanity. All of you are to be commended for your honesty, for this employee reflects upon the entire Highway Department.

Thanks again, Mr. Earnest Sorg.

Hannah Fuller, RN
Area Agency on Aging

May 4, 1987

Mr. Coy Campbell
District 7 Engineer
Camden, Arkansas

Dear Coy,

On April 30, my wife and two daughters were returning from Little Rock when they had a flat on our van. One of your employees, Dale Reddin, from the Fordyce area, was courteous enough to stop and see what the problem was. He then changed the flat and got the spare on for them. It's a good feeling to know that there are gentlemen like Mr. Reddin on our Arkansas highways when you are in need.

Please relay to him my appreciation for his kindness.

Sincerely,
Dennis Falwell
Camden, Arkansas

Editor's Note: Bobby Dale Reddin is the Dallas County Area Foreman in District 7.

July 6, 1987

Arkansas State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Governor and Commissioners:

Of all the Visitor Centers we stopped at on our trip from Georgia to the Grand Canyon and back, we just wanted you to know that the ladies working the a.m. of 7-4-87 at the Fort Smith Visitor's Center were the friendliest and most helpful we met. We appreciate the State of Arkansas.

Unsigned
Dublin, Georgia

May 1, 1987

Mr. Jim Briley
District 2 Engineer
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

I am writing this in regards to one of your workers at the rest area on Highway 79 between Fordyce and Pine Bluff. On April 28 we were going down the highway when we encountered trouble with our motorhome, so we pulled into the rest area. We ate out lunch and got ready to leave and the motor wouldn't start. After a few tries, nothing happened.

Roy Harris, the park attendant, came over and offered his assistance, to no avail. He contacted a mechanic by phone to come and help us. Within a few minutes they were there and got us going again.

Many thanks to Roy Harris for his concern on our part. Not only did we get a good mechanic, but our undying faith in human kindness. Wish there were more men like Mr. Harris, this would be a nicer world.

Thanks again,
Floyd and Alga Hackett
Port Huron, Michigan

Editor's Note: Roy Harris is the Rest Area Attendant at the Rison Rest Area in District 2.

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May 20, 1987

Arkansas Highway Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

I live in the last house in West Moro on Highway 238. Your men have been mowing up to the city limits and they are doing a splendid job. They also did a good job last year.

A second point of congratulations I would like to add, Rodney Slater attended high school with my daughter and we always felt he would be someone of importance. We are glad for him that he was appointed a Highway Commissioner.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lois Turpin
Moro, Arkansas

May 12, 1987

Mr. B.J. Barnett
District 10 Engineer
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Barnett:

Your department's prompt attention to our problem on the curve on Highway 158 east of Bay is appreciated. We think the signs will be helpful in preventing future accidents. The efficiency of your department has impressed us and makes us feel as though our tax dollars are being used efficiently. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ernest Ashlock
Bay, Arkansas

May 22, 1987

Arkansas Highway Dept.
District 4
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

I want to relate a recent experience involving one of your fine employees, Mr. Gary West. On April 29, I was driving south on Highway 186 when my vehicle would not pull the hill. Mr. West came along in his Highway Department Suburban and

assisted me in getting the vehicle off of the road in a safe manner.

He then took me to get help at a nearby garage in Altus and I was later on my way. I might add that it was late in the day and he was on his way home from work and he took the extra steps to assist someone in trouble when he could have been enjoying his free time. Actions like these improve the image of your department in my eyes and that of others.

Give Gary a special thanks from me for his assistance.

Andrew R. Rossi,
Little Rock, Arkansas

May 29, 1987

To Whom It May Concern:

I want to commend your Department for employing concerned and reliable people at your rest areas. Bob Petty and Sue Berry are responsible for our retrieving of my aunt's purse when she left on a picnic table. This was at the Hazen Rest Stop. We were traveling by car, but we also travel in our motorhome. These rest areas really mean a lot to us.

Thanks so much,
Mrs. Tom Gough

June 12, 1987

Arkansas Highway Dept.
2409 Eureka Garden Road
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Department Manager:

I commend you on choice of personnel. Mr. Jimmy Neal helped me with a flat tire, Tuesday, June 9. I was stranded on Interstate 40, seventy miles from home. I am a facilitator for Employee Involvement for the United States Postal Service. Our aim is to motivate the employees to get involved in sharing the responsibility of Service to the Customer. Jimmy Neal is a good example of an employee carrying "responsibility" a bit further to "Service to the Customer". Please extend my special thanks to Mr. Neal.

Sincerely,
N.J. Seibs
United States Postal Service
Little Rock, Arkansas

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June 21, 1987

Mr. B.J. Barnett
District 10 Engineer
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Barnett:

Thank you for your quick response to my letter sent to you May 12, 1987. Your prompt reply was certainly appreciated, but the fact that the crew was sent out so soon to fix this area was most appreciated.

This unpaved area between Highway 18 and the concrete side bridge has been a trouble spot for quite some time. The people who use this bridge are happy to have this problem tended to. The crew did a fine job. One would only have had to traverse that gap one time, before the repair, to fully appreciate the steady ride now.

Thank you again for your immediate attention and the crews efforts to do a good job.

Sincerely,
Mrs. James T. Grisham

June 22, 1987

AHTD Maintenance Supt.
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Just a short note to commend two Highway Department employees. On Tuesday, June 16, Charles Harvill and Clifford Hine used a backhoe to clear out a clogged ditch in front of our house and property. It was impossible to keep the ditch open and the weeds under control. We live on Route 49, 3 miles north of Marmaduke. Thanks for a job well done.

Matt Hauck
Rector, Arkansas

June 26, 1987

AHTD Director's Office
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

I want to express gratitude for both my wife and myself for the extraordinary assistance rendered us by Mr. Jimmy Finley

on Sunday, June 7, when our motorhome broke down at your Malvern, Arkansas rest area.

Jimmy took it upon himself to locate a mechanic to repair our unit and kept checking on us until the job was done and we were on our way again. His efforts included numerous phone calls as all businesses were closed on Sunday, however, he stuck with it until a man was located and help was assured.

Please convey our gratitude to Mr. Finley.

Sincerely,
Bill Hooffnagle
Houston, Texas

July 6, 1987

Mr. A.E. Lee
AHTD
Searcy, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Scouting leaders of Quapaw Area Council would like for you to know how much we appreciate the time and service to you contributed by James L. Duncan. His volunteer service as a camp leader at Camp Nile Montgomery has been an important key in the character development of many Scouts.

Thank you for your encouragement and support in his service to youth. The dividends in future leaders and men of character are immeasurable.

Thanks,
Jerry Gusewelle
Volunteer President
Quapaw Area Council

July 6, 1987

Mr. Lee Gibbons
AHTD Sign Shop
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Thank you so much for your presentation about "signs". The kids seemed to enjoy your talk and the staff agrees that you were our best speaker yet, this summer.

Please extend our thanks to Josh for his part in your talk. He presented a very positive role-model while he was here.

I think we all learned something we did not know about

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Communicating without words".

Sincerely,
Faye Davis
Youth Home - Little Rock

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July 28, 1987

AHTD Director's Office
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

I wish to compliment you on your choice of personnel that care for your state parks and rest areas. I am referring to Roy Harris of Rison, Arkansas. He is the caretaker of the rest area on Highway 79 between Little Rock and Pine Bluff.

Mr. Harris befriended my father, Kenneth L. Manley, when he became ill at that rest area. He went out of his way to assist and care for him. When my father's illness worsened, Mr. Harris transported my father to the Veteran's Medical Center in Little Rock. While my father was a patient, Mr. Harris took vacation time to visit and cheer him. Mr. Harris also recognized the severity of my father's condition and notified me of the same.

Since then, my father has passed away, and it is in his memory that I am writing to you and thanking you for staff who are so caring. He went beyond his employment duty in helping my father.

Mr. Harris is certainly a credit to your department.

Sincerely,
Donna J. Galvin
Mauston, Wisconsin

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July 28, 1987

AHTD Maintenance Dept.
Osceola, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

I wish to take a moment and express my thanks to two of your employees. Their names are Billy Grubbs and Ernest Falkenberry. They were kind enough to assist me after I became drowsy and pulled off the roadway, shoulder and onto the grassy right of way. After napping about three hours I attempted to start my engine and realized that in my drowsy state, I failed to turn off the parking lamps and discharged my vehicle's battery. Your employees were kind enough to stop and give my vehicle a

battery jump to get us on our way.

I do not know if Mr. Grubbs and Mr. Falkenberry will remember me, I am the fellow in the brown Ford van pulling the blue utility trailer. We were located approximately two hours north of Memphis on the southbound lane of the interstate.

Please extend my thanks to these gentlemen, and I hope a copy of this letter will find its way to their personnel files.

Respectfully,
Barry Detlefsen, Trooper III
License and Weight Service
Beeville, Texas

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July 10, 1987

Arkansas Highway Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

On a recent trip through your lovely state, my wife and myself stopped at the wayside on Highway 79, 17 miles south of Pine Bluff. The place was perfect in every way and the reason was a Mr. Roy Harris. This man was totally interested in his work and your department is lucky to have this kind of person. I thought you would like to know.

Sincerely,
Francis Barts
Skokie, Illinois

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June 30, 1987

Dear Mr. Gray:

It is such a pleasure to write this note and congratulate your department on the daily cleanliness, upkeep in all of the sense, of the Eastbound Rest Stop here in Ozark. It is so very beautiful with the mountains, lake, etc. Those two young men, Bobby Reed and Orville Nichols, keep the grounds and receptacles, shelters, etc. as if they were theirs personally. We have and do go frequently and the rest stop is usually busy "with all kinds" - which makes it all the more important. My husband joins me in doing this and hope you find a note of this kind in your mail frequently.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Paul
Ozark, Arkansas

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AHTD Service Awards

JUNE 1987 35 YEARS

Troy H. Henderson District 6
Calvin L. Rawls District 2
Verlan W. Roberson District 5
Ervin C. Widner District 9

30 YEARS

Donald A. Embry District 3
John E. Livingston District 7
Calvin E. Rushing District 9
Edward Slaughterbeck District 4

25 YEARS

Austin L. Coles District 5
Joseph B. Gardner District 6
Charles H. Hesselbein District 10
Chester G. King District 5
Claude C. Parton District 7

20 YEARS

Clyde Bridges District 8
Herbert L. Underwood District 8

15 YEARS

William E. Campbell District 4
Larry D. Elder District 4
Danny P. Grigg District 9
Sammy L. Hunton Traffic
Claudie C. Johnson District 4
Larry A. Johnson District 3
John W. Kohlmann, Jr. District 4
Carl E. Lindstrom Surveys
Burnin D. Morgan District 10
Rodney Z. Price District 3
Brent E. Watkins District 10
Jimmy D. Young District 9

10 YEARS

Paul O. Banzhaf District 4
Price W. Brown District 5
Johnnie O. Cooper District 8
Jimmie R. Gates District 7
Leroy D. Goodwin District 7
Virgil D. Gray District 7
Bill W. Hutchens District 4
Timothy L. Isom District 1
Edward J. Linneman, Jr. District 2
Jerry D. Mantooth District 4
E.D. Randall District 6
Rebecca J. Sebrin P & S
Tracy N. Zuber District 6
Jake W. Starling District 6

5 YEARS

Rex I. Barnes District 3
Joe N. Covington District 3
Tommy W. Halbert District 1
Roxanne P. Kames District 2
David L. Lawson District 4
Richard J. Lucas Right of Way
Randall L. Reardon District 3

JULY 1987 35 YEARS

E.P. Benetz, Jr. Planning

30 YEARS

Kenneth D. Kidd District 3

25 YEARS

George Martin, Jr. District 8
W.C. "Butch" Wilson Highway Use Tax

20 YEARS

Jimmie D. Davis District 9
Jesse M. Doughty District 10
James A. Golden District 4
Charles W. James District 9
Clarence D. Roper District 4
William O. Vance District 10
Robert W. Wray District 5

15 YEARS

Laveme T. Arledge District 3
Jerry F. Clemence District 4
Charles R. Dachs District 10
Lee V. Earnheart District 5
Eddie M. Erwin District 7
Otis W. Fowler District 1
Donald E. Griffin District 4
Johnny C. Hamilton District 7
Regina W. Laidler Legal
Harold L. McElduff District 1
Olga M. Muzquiz District 6

10 YEARS

Joseph K. Bentz District 6
Charles R. Boyd Surveys
Robert S. Bradley Surveys
William H. Cole District 10
Beryl K. Dunlap Surveys
Jerry R. Easley District 10
Edward T. Flanagan Planning
Gregory B. Graishe District 6
Harold M. Grimsley, Jr. District 6
Ray A. Gruver, Jr. M&R
Sammy G. Howell District 9
George W. Mason District 2
Larry D. Moore District 6
Bobby H. Reed District 4
Ray Shackelford District 9
David A. Spinks District 5
Elma R. Thompson District 7
David M. Walker District 6
Rick R. Widner District 9
Robert L. Wilson Legal
Bill S. Wright District 10

5 YEARS

Lewis W. Staggs District 10
Ronnie A. Veazey District 6
Charles L. Williams District 3

AUGUST 1987 35 YEARS

Vernie Berry District 9

25 YEARS

Arthur H. Cole District 1
Edward A. Fears District 3
Spencer Y. Land District 5

Neal M. Magee Surveys
Jimmy D. South District 1

20 YEARS

Lawrence Edwards District 1
William D. Jackson District 10
Olin R. Ridge District 10
Harold D. Smith District 2
Naomi J. Troxel District 10
Floyd D. Ward District 3

15 YEARS

Allen G. Bullock District 2
Danny R. Foster District 7
James D. Gaither Environmental
David D. Neighbours District 5
Vernon L. Stormont District 8
Ross Wylie Bridge

10 YEARS

David L. Bishop District 5
Don E. Crain Safety
Jeff R. Gilliam District 5
Lloyd S. Owen District 2
Joe F. Parker District 8
Edward J. Shipman District 4
William S. Stormont District 8
Wing C. Tichenor District 2
Lyle D. Ward Safety

5 YEARS

Ed C. Carhan District 3
Tammy G. Croy Reproduction
Allen K. Ederington District 7
William J. Ellison District 6
Annette Gilmore District 1
Deborah S. Gross Bridge
Dorothy L. Hancock District 10
Robert D. Peters District 2
Jeffery A. Venable District 6

Retirees

MAY 1987

Loranza J. Bishop, Jr. District 2
Paul R. Blankenship District 7
Edris H. Braswell District 9
Curtis D. Conner Planning
James H. Harrison District 1
Winfred K. Martin District 5
James D. Pierce District 2
George P. Price District 8
Granville J. Stuart District 4

William B. Duncan, Jr. District 3
Billy E. Langston M&R
James C. Smith District 2
Arnold E. Gill District 7
Carlos C. Womack District 3

Charles S. Hopper District 10
James F. Jones District 7
Wylie P. Lindsey District 1

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RETIREES CONTINUED

Billy E. Meachum District 1
 M.A. "Jackie" Wallace Personnel
 John F. Bradley District 6

JUNE 1987

John W. Baldridge District 10
 A.J. Blaylock District 10
 Virgil J. Butler, Jr. District 5
 Birdie G. Clayton District 1
 William C. Dillon, Jr. E&P
 C. Nathan Garrett Right of Way
 Roy C. Glasco District 10
 Saxton L. Ivy District 5
 Gerald Lindley District 1
 W.G. Peterson District 2
 Calvin L. Rawls District 2
 Melvie J. Reding District 5
 Patsy P. Roling Reproduction
 Deward E. Smith District 8
 Mary E. Turner Highway Police
 C.E. Woodfield District 2
 Alvis H. Pense District 4
 Hermit Vestal Springbank Perry
 Clinneth O. Adams District 3

John W. Barham District 3
 Lyndal J.R. Branson District 2
 Jim F. Carter District 2
 Allen Dann Reproduction
 Johnnie L. Fox District 2
 Orval R. Glover District 10
 Charlene McClain M&R
 John C. Owens District 1
 Charles N. Roach M&R
 Verlon W. Roberson District 5
 Leon T. Tullos District 7
 Thomas L. White District 2

JULY 1987

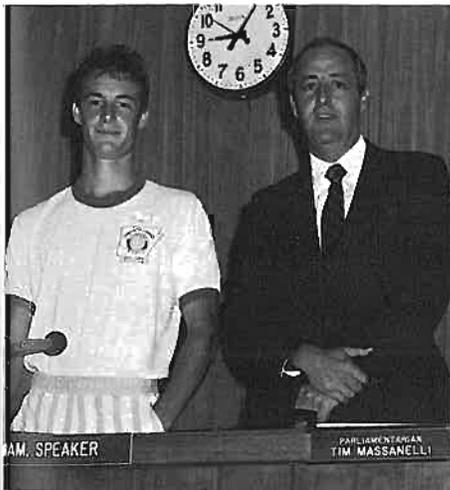
Herman H. Belk Roadside Dev.
 E. Pete Benetz, Jr. Planning
 Martin H. Childers HB Maintenance
 Jack L. Dickey District 9
 Vernon Drennon District 1
 Ouida L. Grimes District 2
 Hazel G. Harger Legal
 Troy H. Henderson District 6
 James E. Hurst District 1
 Glendol Jackson Right of Way
 Jack L. Keilch Fiscal Services

A.C. Ledbetter Right of Way
 William P. Looney Public Affairs
 Joe W. Lovell Planning
 Earl Page District 8
 Howard G. Page District 4
 James M. Pennington District 2
 Charles L. Perry District 1
 Bill W. Pierce District 6
 Alva G. Rives, Jr. District 8
 Oscar W. Rowland District 6
 William R. Shelton, Jr. District 9
 Robert B. Sims M&R
 Edward L. Slaughterbeck District 4
 Lewis M. Wade E&P
 Joe B. Wallace Peel Ferry
 Ray Wren District 8
 Bobby J. Flaherty District 3
 Earnest Ponder District 7
 Herbert Underwood District 8
 John F. Cheatham District 4
 Burl Bridges District 8
 Kenneth D. Kidd District 3
 John D. Taylor Highway Police

Around the Department

COMMISSIONERS

Congratulations to Bruce Harrod, son of Commissioner Ron and Claudeta Harrod of Prescott on his election as Speaker of the House during the 1987 Boys State held in June in Little Rock.



Bruce and Ron Harrod

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Congratulations to the senior officer of the Highway Police, Lt. Herman Reginelli of Lake Village, who retired August 3 with 32 years of service.

Lt. Reginelli was employed May 1, 1955 by the Weights and Standards Division of the State Police. In July 1963, he transferred with the Division to the AHTD and in July 1975 was promoted to Sergeant.

In October 1976, he was promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned as the officer in charge of the patrol unit at Lake Village. Since February 1985 he has been the Supervisor at the Lake Village Weigh Station. On behalf of the Highway Police and the AHTD congratulations and thank you, Lt. Reginelli for your 32 years of dedicated service.



AHP Chief John Bailey and Lt. Reginelli

Susan Gayle Jennings, daughter of Lt. and Mrs. William "Bill" Jennings, was one of the graduating seniors from around the state that attended a reception with her parents at the Governor's Mansion. The reception was held by Governor and Mrs. Bill Clinton on Saturday, May 30, 1987.

Susan is an honor graduate from Valley Springs High School and was valedictorian of her graduating class. Lt. Jennings is the supervisor at the AHP Harrison Weigh Station.



Mrs. Clinton, Lt. & Mrs. Bill Jennings, Susan Jennings and Gov. Clinton

Shown in the picture below is John S. Ross, age 3, and PFC Ross Martin, of Patrol Unit 181 of Dumas. John is PFC Martin's neighbor and wants to be an Arkansas Highway Policeman like "Mr. Ross".



John S. Ross and PFC Ross Martin

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CONSTRUCTION

Congratulations to Chuck Holland and Kathy Jo Wyers who were married June 13 in a beautiful ceremony in the Church of Christ at Russellville. They will make their home in Little Rock. We wish them both many years of happiness.



Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Holland

Annette Stanton is a proud grandmother again with the birth of Rachael Elizabeth on June 3, weighing 8 pounds and 9 ounces. She is the daughter of Diane and Dennis Smithson.

Tina Adams and family are enjoying their new home in the Salem community.

Best of luck to James Moore who transferred to the EEO Section. We will miss you!

Ron Price's son, Russell, was the pitcher for the unbeaten Bears teeny league baseball team coached by Ron. The team received several trophies and celebrated the occasion at Showbiz Pizza where they were honored guests.

Also playing on league teams this summer were Linda Chivers' daughter, Mandy, Ron Price's oldest son, Chris, and Tina Adams sons, Travis and Michael.

Our sympathy was extended to Bill Mulhollen on the death of his father, Robert M. Mulhollen of Corning and also to Tina Adams on the death of her step-father, J.D. "Red" Barnhart of Plummerville who was retired from District Eight.

Heather Price, daughter of Ron Price, was the recipient of the Presidential Academic Fitness Award for outstanding academic achievement at Oak Grove Elementary School where she is in the 6th grade. Congratulations Heather!

COMPUTER SERVICES

Fay Sullivan, our wonderful and most efficient secretary, retired on July 31 after 21 years with AHTD, 19 1/2 here in our Division. Computer Services has had many chiefs but Fay was always here. A small

party was held for her among our division employees who presented her a gold watch so she can enjoy every hour of her free time. We will all miss her quick wit and sweet smile. Everyone is still talking about Reba's Highway Peanut Butter Pie!

Donna Smith replaced Fay as our secretary. She transferred from the Utilities Section of the Right of Way Division. Welcome Donna.

Computer Services held their First Annual Picnic Olympics on July 18. The large turn out of employees and their families demonstrated their skills in such games as volleyball, fishing for tape rings, horseshoes, balloon toss, chipping golf balls and ring toss. Certificates and medals were awarded but most important, fun was had by all who attended. The color was furnished by Sarah our funloving summer employee.

Production Control of Computer Services had a very enjoyable summer. Carolyn Bobo enjoyed a family reunion at Burns Park and also a five day trip to Fort Worth, Texas.

Mary Green went back home to St. Louis, Missouri for her 20 Year Class Reunion. We heard her husband Tommy had more fun than she did!

Brenda Halen went home to West Virginia to visit her parents, then on to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Brenda was also surprised on the 40th birthday with a BIG 40 PARTY by her good friends Carolyn Bobo, Carolyn Stringer and Mary Green.

Judy Akers of Data Entry and her husband, Joe, went to Hawaii and of course are ready to go back.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Congratulations and best wishes to Daphne J. Baker and Steven H. Cole who were married June 12 at Trapnall Hall. Daphne and Steve live at Thornburg. They have two pups, five goats, and are expecting another goat soon.

Another wedding took place August 1 in Denton, Texas when Burney McClurkin's son, Sean Walter, married Amy Hardin. Burney, Edwina and all five kids were in the wedding and a very festive occasion it was. Sean is a staff photographer for North Texas University Administration and Amy is a student at the University. We wish them the best in their life together.

Bill Richardson and family recently drove from Little Rock to Seattle, down the Pacific Coast to Disneyland and then home. A long trip was had by all.



Katie, Lisa, and Sara Richardson at Redwood National Park in California



Sara and Lisa Richardson at Redwood National Park, California

Congratulations of James Sullivan, Jr., Elaine's son, who graduated from Morrilton High School. James had a very active high school career, both academic and athletic. Good luck to Jamie as he pursues his college and professional goals.

Brenda Guest is a very proud mother; her daughter, Janelle Renee Guest, was crowned Miss Hoove Day Care 1987 at her Day Care Prom in May. Brenda's son, Maurice Guest, received a certificate for perfect attendance, an Award of Recognition for classroom work, and special recognition for a "Just Say No to Drugs" Poster. Maurice earned all A's during the second semester of his first grade year at Martin Luther King Elementary School.



Janelle Renee Guest
Maurice Guest, Jr.



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MAINTENANCE

On March 31 Vanessa Smith was born weighing 8 and 1/2 pounds. She is the daughter of Perlis "Pete" Smith, one of our Heavy Bridge employees. Vanessa looks quite content on her blanket in this picture. Congratulations Pete, she sure is cute!



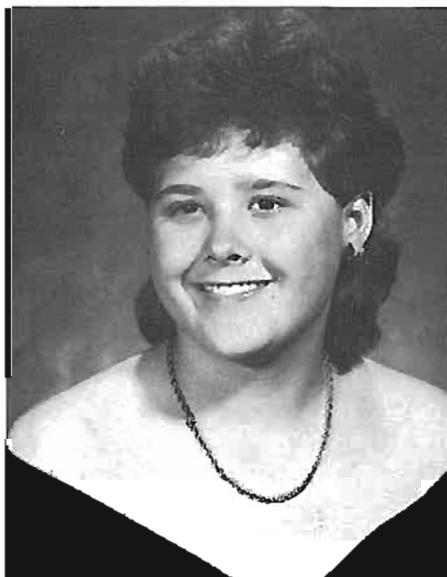
Vanessa Smith

We have said "Goodbye" to two dedicated employees who have retired. Martin Childers, HBM Foreman, retired with 25 years of service. We celebrated this event with cake and punch on May 28. Herman Belk, Landscape Technician in Roadside Development, also retired after 15 and 1/2 years of service. We had cake and punch for Herman on June 26. Good luck to both of you on your retirement!



Edna and Herman Belk

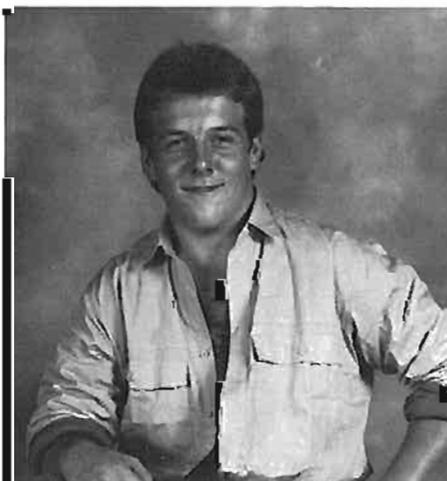
Since I failed to get pictures of our graduates in the last issue, I would like to offer "belated" congratulations to our 1987 graduates. Melaney and David Gee, children of Jim and Betty Gee, both graduated this year. Melaney is a graduate of Hall High School in Little Rock and David graduated from the University of Arkansas. Also Jeremy Land, son of Garland and Betty Land, graduated from McClellan High School in Little Rock. Jeremy plans to attend Louisiana Tech this fall. Congratulations to all of you!



Melaney Gee



David Gee



Jeremy Land

MATERIALS AND RESEARCH

The summer employees in Materials and Research were Terri Claiborne, Tammy Barfield and Shane Haynie.

Terri Claiborne, a Beebe resident, performs various analyses in the Chemistry Lab. She plans to attend medical school after completing her degree in Chemistry with Honors from the University of Central Arkansas. Terri has worked for the AHTD before and has performed her work and duties excellently.

Tammy Jill Barfield of Jacksonville was gainfully employed in the Asphalt Lab. She is a chemical engineering student at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Her plans in the future are to acquire a job in the Petroleum Field.

Paula "Shane" Haynie of Sherwood, also a chemical engineering student at the U of A, was also employed in the Asphalt Lab. She learned many new procedures and gained valuable experience from her mentor, Bob Gossett, high tech scientist. Hopefully Shane will be back with us next summer or maybe become Section Head one day. Ladies we are very proud of you and the work you accomplished.



Tammy Barfield and Shane Haynie

Joann Niehaus has a new grandbaby to brag about. Her name is Tiffany Nicole Niehaus. She was born June 12 to Robert and Debbie Niehaus of Merkel, Texas. This makes Joann's seventh grandchild and only the second girl. Remember Joann, don't spoil that baby!

Talking about babies! Mike Price is ecstatic about the expected birth of his first child. We wish we could say the same for Brenda Price, Brenda, chemist for M&R, will be happy when this baby comes in December. We're all happy and joyed over their expected arrivals. We'll all pray for her safe return and health of the child, good luck Brenda!

More expectant parents are Alan Meador, engineer in Research, and Liane Meadors. This will be their first child due December 27. Alan plans on helping his wife through this pregnancy as much as possible. Also, we hope you can make those early morning feedings!

Research has recently been going on vacation binges: James Sanders went to Cancun, Mexico; James Marshall went to Key West, Florida, and Greg Harding visited ten U.S. Virgin Islands and Paul

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Simms went to Florida. Whew, with all this traveling we expect them to stay in the office just a little bit this fall. Also, Tyler Calhoun Nicholson took a 4-day vacation to Dallas, Texas to participate in Laser Tag competition.

We wish to express our appreciation to Charlene McClain. Charlene was a secretary for Construction for 8 years and then our secretary for 21 years. Charlene always had a smile on her face and performed her duties with efficiency and finesse. She officially retired June 26. We regret having any pictures developed yet of her retirement party. They will be available for the next issue. It was a very nice retirement party and many emotions were felt for her. We have not forgotten Charlene and never will. She will always bring a smile to our faces and uplift our spirit. Charlene, if you are reading this, please be sure to come by whenever you wish and chat.

As the picture below illustrates, Materials and Research has grown over the years. The individuals pictured are: Front Row: Ray Gruver, Jerry Stacks, Mike Limbird, Tyler Nicholson, Larry Williams, Christy Westbrook, Billie Watson, Terry Pearson, Brenda Price, Donna McGehee, Greg Harding and Chuck Siton. Second Row: Terrell Watts, Earl Kirkpatrick, Rick Sneed, Keith Powell, Alan Meador, Charlie Means, George Green, JoAnn Niehaus, Jim Reynolds, Cathy Haley, Reggie Cobb, Nancy Troillett, Pat Gee, and Karen McDaniels. Third Row: Fred Clark, Dave Lumbert, Wayne Casteel, Neil Roach, James Sanders, Terry Hardison, Jim Martens, Kim Ford, Jack Hart, Steve Harris, Danny Mathis, Jakee Clements and Ralph Hall. Fourth Row: Paul Simms, Calvin Collins, Terry Tucker, Bob Gossett, Bob Kessinger, John James, and Jerry Westerman.

Also new employees recently hired are Tom Mix, Johnny Harris, Melvin Moss and Mark Greenwood. All of the fine gentlemen are working the field crews in the Geotechnical Section.

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Bob Barnett is strutting around like a proud peacock. He now has a new granddaughter. Her name is Meghan Danelle Slater, born May 9, weighing 6 pounds and 15 ounces. Bob's youngest daughter, Vickie, and her husband, Jeff, are the proud parents. Congratulations to all



Meghan Danelle Slater

We have a new employee in the photo lab. Her name is Vicki Shelnutz who transferred to us from the Sign Shop. Vicki's hobbies are photography, camping, and hiking. We are happy to have Vicki - her bright smile and pleasing personality are a welcome addition to our office.

We also lost one of our favorite employees. Roy Walden has transferred to the Records and Reproduction Section as Section Head. We gave him a "going-away" party and presented him with a nice plant for his

office. We are sorry to see him go, but we wish him the best of luck in his new position.



Roy Walden and Ferrell Adams

Terry Gaither had a marvelous vacation in Colorado this summer. He came back with stacks of beautiful photographs of the scenery of Colorado. From his photographs, you can see that Colorado is a beautiful state.

PLANNING

The Planning Division honored Trish Parsons of Technical Services with a stork shower on June 16. The blessed event is expected soon. We all wish Trish and Nick the best of parenthood.

Technical Services had a salad luncheon on July 15 for three July "birthday people". They are Legiana Kellar, Paul Elcan and Trish Parsons. Happy Birthdays!

Mildred Galt had a nice vacation in Destin, Florida during July. A lot of sun in the sun!

Technical Services would like to welcome Julie Hart to their office in July. She transferred from Hydraulics.



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PROGRAMMING & SCHEDULING

We would like to welcome Kera Crowder to our office as Clerk Typist. She worked in Personnel last year as a COE student and graduated from McClellan High School in May. She is replacing Sherri Norton. We wish Sherri the best of luck in her new job.



Kera Crowder

Congratulations to Jerry Dixon for 15 year of service to the Department and to his daughter, Audrey, who graduated from McClellan High School this year.

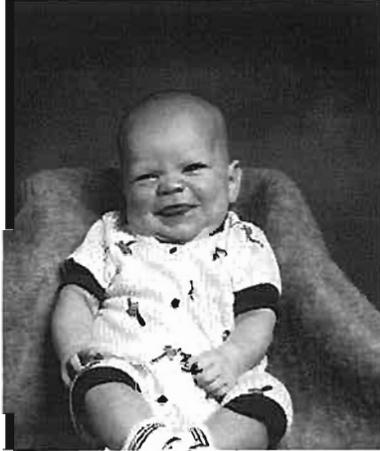


Tom Harrell and Jerry Dixon



Audrey Dixon

Verna and Randy Higgins are the proud parents of a baby boy born April 20. Matthew Brent weighed 8 pounds even. This picture was taken when Matthew was five weeks old. Mom and Dad both play softball and Matthew will soon follow in their steps if the outfit is any indication. He is a real doll!



Matthew Higgins

Congratulations to Lorie Merrick who was promoted to DBE Program Specialist. We will really miss her cheerful personality in Programming and Scheduling. Best wishes Lorie!

We would like to congratulate Tom Harrel on the birth of an inflamed appendix on July 21. It was 6 inches long (rumor had it at 8 inches) and a real cutie. Tom returned to work fully recovered within a week and we were glad to have him back.

Becky and Mike Sebren spent over a week traveling in Florida, New Orleans and Natchez. We are glad they had a good time and we are glad they are back.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On June 30, a retirement party was given by the Public Affairs Office honoring our boss, Bill Looney, Public Affairs Officer, who retired from the Department after 37+ years of service. Bill and his wife, Charlene, was presented with a 35mm camera as our special gift. Special guests were Bill's son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Rita Looney, former Highway Commissioners, Miss Willie Lawson and James Branyan. Many friends and co-workers came so to wit by to wish Bill well on his retirement.



Randy, Charlene, Bill and Rita Looney

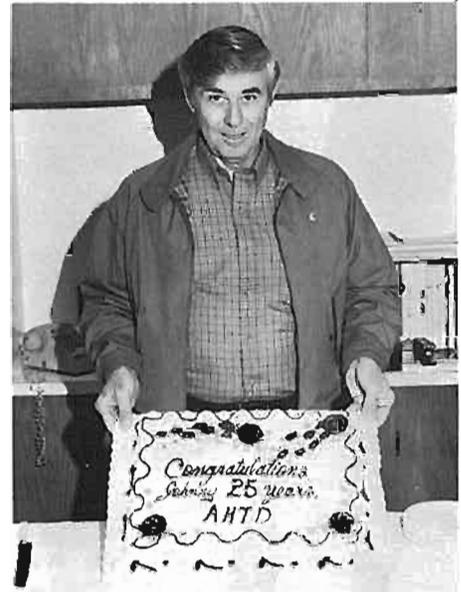
RADIO SECTION

Johnny Nalley was recently awarded his 25 year service pin as Communications Maintenance Specialist in the Radio Section. Jim Taylor, Radio Maintenance Supervisor, presented the award.

Employees in Maintenance and Radio celebrated with Johnny. Cake, Punch and Coffee were served. Congratulations Johnny, we appreciate you!



Jim Taylor and Johnny Nalley



Johnny Nalley



Joey Blacklock

Welcome to Joey Blacklock who was employed as a Telecommunications Operator in June and is doing a great job. He had been in the Navy for four

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RECORDS AND REPRODUCTION

We wish to welcome Roy Walden to our section as Section Head. He replaces Al Dunn who retired June 17. Roy transfers to us from Photogrammetry. He joined AHTD July 30, 1973. He and his wife, Brenda, have one daughter and one son. Glad to have you Roy!

We sure are missing our two retirees. Patsy Rolling, Offset Press Supervisor, and Al Dunn, Section Head, both retired in June. Potlucks were held in their honor and gifts from the Section were presented. We wish them the very best. They are both certainly enjoying retirement.



Pete Escarre, Patsy Rolling and Al Dunn



Al Dunn

We have two new grandbabies. Brady Allen, weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces, arrived May 29, the son of Susan and Ron Spielman of Sheridan, Wyoming and the grandson of Ava and David Harding. Ava and David spent two weeks with the new baby and his parents.

On July 10, Katy Marie arrived weighing 9

pounds and 4 ounces. She is the daughter of Tina and Blake Bright and granddaughter of Pete and Betty Escarre. Katy is pictured with proud big sister Kortnee. Congratulations to these parents and grandparents.



Katy Marie and Kortnee Bright

We are enjoying our summer employees: Kelly Edkin in Xerox., Ruth DeBro in Map Sales and Susan Summers and David Craig in 16mm Microfilm. Kelly has enrolled in Draughtons School of Business and attends class three nights a week. She is studying to be a Computer Technician. Ruth and Susan will both be attending UALR this fall. Ruth will continue studies in physical therapy and Susan is majoring in accounting. David will be returning to Hall High School.



Ruth DeBro, Susan Summer, David Craig and Kelly Edgin

Suzanne Burnett, daughter of Bonnie Hodge, recently graduated from Pulaski Vocational Technical School as an LPN. She is working at Doctors Hospital and will continue her schooling to become an RN. Christopher, Bonnie's grandson, likes to look at his mother's medical books and says he wants to be a nurse or a doctor. He is 4 and 1/2 years old.

Credonna Nalley recently purchased a new mobile home and now lives at Mayflower. She is enjoying her new home and also enjoying lots of fresh

vegetables from a garden close by.

Debra Allen is driving a beautiful new Mark III Conversion Chevrolet Astro Van. It is white with mauve and gray. It even has a TV! Congratulations Debra.

Anatasia Mari' Pumphrey, 8 month old granddaughter of Pat Latson, won second place beauty in her age division in a Baby Pageant benefiting the Spina Bifida Association of Central Arkansas. Congratulations Tashia.



Anatasia Mari' Pumphrey

RIGHT OF WAY

Congratulations to Glendol Jackson, A.C. Ledbetter and Nathan Garrett on their retirement from the Highway Department on May 20. Glendol retired as Chief of the Right of Way Division with 30 years of service as of March 1987, A.C. retired as Chief of the Administrative Section with 30 years of service as of July 1986 and Nathan retired as a Negotiator in the Acquisition Section with 32 years of service as of April 1987.

A reception was held in their honor where they were greeted by many friends from outside the Department, including FHWA, co-workers from throughout the Department and several retirees. Also present at the reception were Glendol's family which included his wife, Gerri, daughter Karen and her husband Carl and their two children, Clay and Holly, their son John and his wife Pam and Gerri's mother, Mrs. Green. A.C.'s wife, Frances, was present to help him greet everyone but their two sons, Michael and Steven, were working and could not attend. Nathan's wife, Juanita, was present and their daughter, Donna Lynn, came all the way from Fayetteville to be with them. Their two grandchildren were in school and could not come.

All three retirees were presented Memory Books, gifts from their fellow employees and a framed picture that Randy Reed drew especially for each of them. A special cake was made for each of them that depicted their favorite pastime. Glendol's was fishing, A.C.'s was golf, and Nathan's was hunting.

It is not easy to tell three men like these goodbye, but from all reports they are enjoying their retirement and all three look great with their suits from working and playing outside so much. We are all very happy for them and wish them much future happiness and lots of success in their fishing, golfing and hunting.

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A.C., Glendol, and Nathan

Since these three men retired there has been a lot of changes in the Right of Way Division, The Chief of the Division is now Paul Broyles who was Chief of the Acquisition Section. Taking Paul's place as Chief of Acquisition is Perry Johnston, who was an Appraiser. Vic Winchell replaced A.C. as Chief of the Administrative Section. Marie Kling was promoted from Section Secretary to Closing Agent replacing Vic. Don Matthews replaced Nathan Garrett, Wayne Willis replaced Don Matthews and Tim Robertson replaced Wayne.

Mary Gibson recently transferred to the Legal Division where she is working for Regina Laidler. Although we hated to see Mary leave Right of Way, says she really likes her job and we are happy for her. Donna Smith took Mary's place as Secretary in the Utilities Section and Jennifer Tinnel replaced Donna as the General Secretary in that Section. Jennifer was a COE student working in Fiscal Services. Her plans are to work fulltime at AHTD and go to school at night. We would like to wish her well on this endeavor.

Congratulations to Debbie Holmes, a secretary in the Appraisal Section, and her husband, Gary, on the birth of their second daughter, Laura Elizabeth, born on June 10. Laura was a very petite baby when she was born weighing only 5 pounds and 10 ounces. Laura has a very pretty older sister, Kimberly, who is five. Kimberly is very proud of her baby sister but just wait until she gets old enough to tear up her books and toys.



Laura Elizabeth Holmes

Our sympathy to Sheryl Fletcher on the loss of her grandmother Mrs. Jessie Waits of Benton on July 26.

TRAFFIC

We would like to welcome three new employees to the Traffic Division. They are Sue Gillihan working in the Traffic Safety Section, Culson Johnson with the striping crew, and Marla Sams as the new Division Section Secretary. Welcome to Traffic.

We were sorry to lose Bobbie Collins to Surveys. We wish you Bobbie. Good luck on your new job.

We have been hearing about the fun vacations from June Rain, Mike Selig and Rex Spurlock. June and family had fun in the sun in Orlando, Florida. They had a great time.

Mike Selig and family vacationed in the mountains of Gatlinburg, Tennessee then to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and to the Builtmore Estates. They really enjoyed their trip.

Rex and Family had a great time on vacation also. They camped in the Smoky Mountains in Cades Cove and Elkmont. Rex said they were looking for a bear but had no luck. They also went to Pigeon Forge.

John Gorton got married! John married Jacqueline Elliott Cole on June 30. They are now settled in their home in North Little Rock. Much happiness to John and Jackie.

DISTRICT ONE

A round of fish fries was held in District One for some of our long time employees who took advantage of the early retirement incentives.

The first feed was on May 8 at the Resident Engineer's office in Wynne for four long time employees: Grover Clayton (34 years), Wylie Lindscy (31 years), Billy Meachum (35 years), and J.C. Owens (33 years). While Wylie had already left for a tour of duty with the National Guard, the other three were there in rare form. Special guests included their wives: Faye Clayton, Ruby Meachum and Bonnie Owens. Also attending were men who had previously been Resident Engineers in the Wynne Office - Ray Woodruff, Gene Belknap, Haden Cockrill and Joe Barnett. Joe was presented with a useful gift to use at the fishing hole this summer. We are sure that he has shown it around District 10. Each honoree was presented with a rod, reel and tackle box from the crew and Peaches received a "special" fishing rod.



Owens, Clayton and Meachum and "special" fishing pole

Approximately 100 employees and guests attended a fish fry at the District Headquarters for Sealing Job Superintendent Jack Lindley, who retired with 33 years of service.

Jack's wife, Vinnie, and son Jerry and his wife, Becky, were our special guests. Jack was presented with a watch from his fellow employees and an engraved key ring. J.H. Andrews, Distributor Operator with the sealing crew, was also honored at this time. John Henry retired with 32 years of service.



Vinnie and Jack Lindley



Andrews and Woodruff

Last, but not least, was the fish fry held for Verlon Dronnon, Assistant Resident Engineer, and Charles Perry, Senior Inspector at the West Helena Resident Engineer's office. Good food and fellowship were abundant. The crew presented Verlon and Charles with an engraved watch and fellow employee, Doug Ragsdale, made each of them a personalized ammunition chest. Verlon's wife, Catherine, was a special guest as well as Ray Woodruff, Gene Belknap, Jim Smith, John Watkins and Kenneth Brazile. These men have a combined total of 267 years of service with the AHTD. All were fine, dedicated employees whose presence will be missed. We wish each of them a long, happy retirement.



Dunne, Drennon, Woodruff and Perry

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A Hungary Bunch - The Office Staff



Former Field Clerks and Honorees



Bosses, Former Bosses and Happy Retirees



Dig In

We have lost several maintenance crew members to retirement recently. They are Norwood Smith, Distributor Operator in Crittenden County with 21 years of service; Luther Ross, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator in Crittenden County with 19 years of service; T.W. Nowlin, Area Headquarters Attendant in Monroe County with 15 years of service; James Hurst, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator in Monroe County, 10 years; Hugh Vance, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator in Monroe

County, 20 years of service. We wish them many happy years of retirement.

Bobby Alford, Crew Leader in Crittenden County, lost three or gained three, depending on the way you look at it, when three of his children married within the past year. First was son Robert and wife, Robbie, who married on Valentine's Day at the Highway Baptist Church in Marion. Next was daughter, Sharon, who married Ray Beckel also at the Highway Baptist Church. Daughter Carla and Tom Pennington, were married in Memphis in March of this year. Best wishes to all of these newlyweds.



Robbie and Robert Alford



Ray and Sharon Beckel



Tom and Carla Pennington

DISTRICT TWO

District Two is winding up a long list of retirements and saying goodbye to old friends. Nothing is more difficult than not seeing familiar faces you are used to seeing each day. These people give so much to the day to day routine and are taken for granted until they are gone.

The District and Shop employees honored Tommy White, James "Hop" Pennington, Pete Peterson and George Mason on their retirement. Tommy had 30 years with the Department and worked for a number of years in Cleveland County. He retired as Motor Patrol Operator in the District Maintenance Crew. Tommy loves to hunt and fish and now he will have time to enjoy both.

J.M. "Hop" Pennington retired with 10 years of service as Senior Mechanic. We wish miss "Hop's" gift of talk.

George Mason was employed for 10 years as the Body Repairer and Painter. He and his wife, Helen, plan to spend a lot of time at their home in Mena.

Ouida Grimes retired after 32 years of service to the Department. She was the District Bookkeeper.

Lyndel Brunson retired as Crew Leader in Lincoln County after 25 years of employment. Lyndel and his wife love to square dance and now they will have more time to enjoy it.

Retiring from Drew County were Johnny Fox and Jim Frank Carter. Johnny was Backhoe/Frontend Loader Operator for 38 years. Jim was a Multi-axle Truck Driver with 29 years of service. Both will be missed in the Sealing Crew.



Tommy White



Pete Peterson

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George Mason



Oulda Grimes



J.F. Carter, Joe Akln, J.L. Fox



Sealing Crew

Gary Fletcher from the Resident Engineer's office in McGehee, received his 10 year service award. Gary is an inspector.



Max Bagwell and Gary Fletcher

Joey Waddle was promoted to Office Manager in District Two. He and his wife, Julie, have a two year old son, Jordan. Joey has been with the Department for 12 years as Assistant Storeroom Supervisor in District Three before transferring to Pine Bluff. In his spare time he enjoys reading, playing guitar, singing, and fishing. Welcome to District Two Joey!

Jim Pound, Resident Engineer at Pine Bluff, has transferred to a residency in Little Rock. Jim was in Pine Bluff for a couple of years and everyone will miss him. We hope he will come back and visit.



Pine Bluff Residency

Shown in the picture below is Alton Thomas of Desha County receiving his 15 year service award from Barney Herring. Alton is a Finish Motor Patrol Operator.



Alton Thomas and Barney Herring



Jim Briley, Calvin Rawls, Burl Robertson



Gene and Gerri Woodfield and Grandson Jonathan



Asphalt Inspectors Lynn and Billy



Frank Brown

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DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the AHTD: LaVerne Arledge, Larry Johnson and Rodney Price, 15 years; Carl Murry and Hubert Jones, 10 years; Dennis Clark, Daniel Thompson, Walter Sykes, William Teaguc, John Brecheisen, Charles Williams, Rex Barnes, Joe Covington and Randy Reardon, 5 years.

LaVerne Arledge and Rodney Price were presented their 15 year certificates of service by District 3 Engineer William Tyler. A cake was provided by the District Office.

Jerry Whitehurst, District Maintenance Superintendent is shown presenting service certificates to Larry Johnson, 15 years; Carl Murry and Hubert Jones, 10 years. Joe Covington is presented his 5 year certificate by Area Foreman Kit Core.

Dale Aaron, who recently received his 20 year service certificate, wanted to show off his cake that the Hempstead County Crew had prepared for him.



William Tyler and LaVerne Arledge



William Tyler and Rodney Price



Larry Johnson and Jerry Whitehurst



Carl Murry and Jerry Whitehurst



H.G. Jones and Jerry Whitehurst



Kit Core and Joe Covington



Dale Aaron's
Cake and Certificate

We have recently had several retirements and promotions to fill the open positions. Hermit Vestal, Springbank Ferry Supervisor, retired and Weldon Garrison was promoted to Ferry Boat Supervisor. Thomas Adams, Equipment Supervisor, retired and Charles Ghormley was promoted to fill his position. Kenny Kidd, Sealing Crew Superintendent, retired and Doyle Powell was promoted to his position. Steve Morrow was promoted to Shop Foreman to fill the vacancy when Charles Ghormley was promoted to Equipment Supervisor.

Joey Waddle, Assistant Storeroom Supervisor, was promoted to District Office Manager at Pine Bluff in District Two. We hated to see Joey leave but we are very happy for him and his promotion.

On May 28 a retirement party was given for John W. Barham, Thomas Adams, Kenny Kidd and Hermit Vestal at the District Shop. The party consisted of a fish fry and presentation of gifts to the retirees. Special guests were Maurice Head, Al Sacco, Harry Walcockson and Odis Barker of the Equipment and Procurement Division; James Mansfield and Duane Sowell of the Safety Division; Charles Mitchell, former District 3 Engineer and Dale Spencer, former District 3 Assistant District Engineer. Hermit Vestal was unable to attend his retirement party.



Kenny Kidd, John W. Barham, and
Thomas Adams

A fish fry was held June 26 at the Common Hill deer camp by the District Sealing and District Wide Maintenance Crew, in honor of Kenneth Kidd, Sealing Job Superintendent and Jodic Ham, Shoulder Machine Spreader who were retiring. Bobby Calhoun, Wendell and Carl Murry did the cooking while the rest did a lot of visiting. A Sportsman's flashlight and thermos were presented to Kenny and Jodic was presented a metal detector. Special guests were R.E. Calhoun, retired Sealing Job Superintendent and Thomas Smith, District Wide Operator. The crews decided not to wait until someone retires to have another fish fry.

Congratulations are in order for James W. Burt, Construction Materials Inspector and Rodney Phillips, Construction Helper of the Texarkana Resident Engineer's office. They came back with honors from the 1987 State Demolay Conclave held in Jonesboro. James was elected as "State Dad" and Rodney was elected as State Junior Counselor for the Jurisdiction of the State of Arkansas Order of Demolay.

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The crew of the Texarkana RE Office made sure they had the "proof" of the big mess of fish they caught on their Spring fishing trip. Included in the big catch were bass, catfish and crappie.



Danny Williams, Larry Myers, Ronnie Garner and James Owenby with "proof"

Carmen Ranette Garner, daughter of Ronnie and Annette Garner, became the bride of Wayne Taylor, Jr., on June 27 at Beech Street Baptist Church in Texarkana. They are presently living in Little Rock.



Carmen Ranette Taylor

We have a graduate we want to congratulate, she is Kerri Whitehurst, daughter of District Maintenance Superintendent Jerry Whitehurst. Kerri graduated from Hope High School.



Kerri Whitehurst

DISTRICT FOUR

Service awards this quarter included Roy Williams, Sr. Construction Materials Inspector, 30 years; Sterlin Bramlett, Construction Instrumentman, 25 years; Larry Sternsick, Construction Helper, 5 years, all from RE office 44. John Carr, Finish Carpenter, 10 years; Charles Ross, Multi-axle Truck Driver, 10 years and Margret Byers, Rough Carpenter, 5 years, all from the Bridge Crew and W.A. Harrison, Lead Person, 15 years and Loyd Plunken, Multi-axle Truck Driver, 5 years, both from Sebastian I.



Carl Sanders and Roy Williams



Carl Sanders and Sterlin Bramlett



Tommy Berna



Carl Sanders and Larry Steinsiek



John Carr and Charles Ross



Margaret Byers



Mark Williams and W.A. Harrison



Pauline McCollum's grandchildren

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Rachel Turman, Assistant Storeroom Supervisor is our newest grandmother. Staci Nichol Jensen was born June 21 weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces. Stacie's parents are Rachel's son, Ricky, and his wife, Susie.



Stacie Nichol and Grandmother Rachel

Bradley Charles Jett, son of Ray Jett, District 4 Office Manager, participated in the Scott County Poultry Festival with his "Little Moc Express". Some trucker that Brad is!



Brad Jett

We want to welcome Shirley Sheets to the office in Fort Smith. Shirley is our new COE student from West Ark Community College and is a Secretarial Science major.

Darin Williams, son of Nan Williams, District Receptionist, played baseball for Mansfield Pee Wee team. Darin played first base and was chosen for that leagues All-Star team. Darin's team placed 2nd in regular season play and 1st in the tournament.



Darin Williams

Shown in the picture are Leon Brewer, Resident Engineer and Ernie Westfall, at Earnie's going away party at Springdale. Ernie moved on to bigger and better things as he transferred to the Alma RE office to become Assistant Resident Engineer. Congratulations Earnie!



Leon Brewer and Earnie Westfall

We at the Resident Engineer's office in Alma would like to express our appreciation for our new office located on Collum Lane. Each of us are extremely proud to be here and we hope our stay is a long and prosperous one.

On the morning of July 13 we had an unplanned visit by a reptile. The snake was first located when our Resident Engineer attempted to flush the commode. When it would not flush, he assumed there was a malfunction. When he raised the tank lid he found the source of the problem. A snake was wrapped around the inside of the tank. He replaced the lid and left to return later to remove the snake. When he returned, it was no longer there. A drastic search was conducted by our employees to find the snake. When it was located, we were made aware of it immediately by a severe scream. It was found by our Field Clerk, Melissa. We were very fortunate to have someone filling out an application for employment at the time who was a herpetologist. He removed the snake for us and took it home with him. We hope this will be the last visit of all snakes.

Pauline McCollum, Construction Aide, is proud to share with us the accomplishments of seven of her grandchildren. In the picture below are left to right, from the top are Jim Wes, Brady, Rebecca, and Joey McCollum; next row, Emily, Ollie, and Lacy Schneider. These children are all in the 90 percentile of the SRA achievement tests given last year at school. For this achievement they all received t-shirts. Some of these children received trophies for various achievements. Jim Wes ran the record mile and was Agri Student of the Year. Brady was the MAT-6 Honor Student. Rebecca had straight A's and was student of the semester and has received a t-shirt every year. Joe was also a straight A student and student of the semester and has also received a t-shirt every year.

DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to District Five service award recipients for their years of dedicated service. Those receiving awards were Verlon Roberson, 35 years; Chester King, A.L. Coles, Marilyn Coffman, G.R. Smith and Bobby Bolin, 25 years; T.E. Vines, J.H. Henley, E.W. Martin, R.W. Wray, 20 years; L.V. Earnheart and P.H. Anderson, 15 years.

Ten year service awards were presented to P.W. Brown, D.A. Spinks, D.T. Fleetwood and J.M. Gates/



J.R. Chaney and Bobby Bolin



J.R. Chaney and Earnie Martin

Goodbyes, best wishes, cake, coffee and fishing gear sent M.J. "Mutt" Reding off to retirement in May. Mutt was our parts runner. Mrs. Reding "Mama" joined us to surprise him on his next to last day at work. After being with us for 33 years, we miss him "gobs" but he has been very good about coming back to visit.



Mutt and Mama Reding and J.R. Chaney

Matthew Taylor, son of V.L. and Kay Taylor, District Bookkeeper, and Scotty Berry, son of Joe and Linda Berry, Field Clerk in the Hulon Rice Residency, played in the Independence County Youth Athletic Associational Tee-Ball Program this summer. Their team finished second in league play and second in the tournament at the season's end. Congratulations boys! Also, Linda has a son, Troy, who played Little

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ue. His team won first in league and toumey play. He is 10 years old and helps coach little brother and also knows how to apply a lot of pressure.



Matthew Taylor



Scotty Berry



Troy Berry

This little doll is the daughter of Danny and Denise Watson. She was born May 6 weighing 6 pounds and 10 ounces. Her name is Kayla Desiree. She has visited us a few times already and believe it or not she's really prettier than she is in this picture. Danny is our stock clerk. The Watson's also have a 4 year old son, Adam.



Kayla Desiree Watson

Eddie Woodward and his wife, Patricia, are justifiably proud of their son Michael. This picture was taken at the Junior Senior Prom at Sulphur Rock. The pretty young lady is Trish Stitcher. Michael is an all A student and was selected to attend Boy's State this summer.



Trish Stitcher and Michael Woodward

DISTRICT SIX

On June 25, service awards were presented to the following employees at the District Headquarters" 10 years, Larry Breshears, Ray Cox, Victor Harris, Jr., Dennis Johnson, Birdie Laws, Tommy Littleton, Eldon Luker, Jr., Donald Pipkin, J.B. Rankin, Hermin Smith, James Smith, Thomas Thomas, James Weston, Jerry Zuber and Roy Zuber. Not pictured receiving 10 year awards were David Armstrong and Jack Reich. Receiving awards for 15 years were Lee Roy Baker and Carl Boerner. Not pictured is Roy Erwin. Congratulations to all in their years of service and dedica-

tion. See picture on next page.

A fish fry was held on May 30 in honor of Bill Pierce where he was presented with a gift certificate from his friends and his 30 year service award from District 6 Engineer Roger Almond. Bill retired from the Department in June and as you can tell in the picture, he will enjoy it. We all miss Bill, but at the same time we wish him Good Luck!



Bill Pierce

On July 2, the AHTD crew at Hazen held a fish fry retirement party for Doug Snow. Doug retired from the Hazen Crew as a Finish Motor Patrol Operator with 27 years of service. The crew presented Doug with a new blue hat and a blue windbreaker as a retirement gift. Doug's experience and job knowledge will be miss by everyone.

The Prairie County Crew gathered for a group picture during the retirement party for Doug Snow.



Doug Snow



Prairie County Crew

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District 6 Service Award Recipients

Congratulations to Ronnie and Shirley Veazey on the birth of their daughter, Kelly Michelle, born February 17 weighing 5 pounds and 10 ounces. Their 9 year old son, David, is very proud of his little sister. Ronnie is the Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator at Hot Springs and has been employed with the Department for 5 years.



Kelly Michelle Veazey

A big welcome to Jim Pound as our new Resident Engineer. Jim comes to us from the Pine Bluff RE office where he served as their RE.

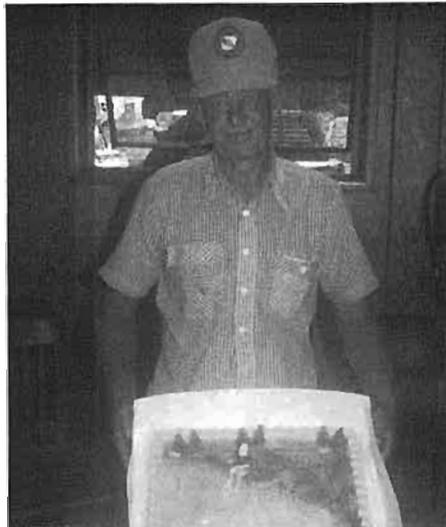
Also, congratulations to Wes George, our new Assistant Resident Engineer in Jim Pound's Residency. Wes transferred from the North Little Rock RE office where he was an Advanced Instruction Field Engineer.

Leonard Hall is back at his game of "Diving for fish on Lake Ouachita". Sure hope he can catch one bigger than Leonard Jr. this year.

DISTRICT SEVEN

We have enjoyed working with Alicia Hayes, our summer office employee. She will be a senior at Hendrix College this September. She is majoring in Accounting. Alicia's favorite pastimes are cross stitching, canoeing and planning a trip to Texas.

On June 30, the District Bridge Crew had a "farewell" cake for Earnest Ponder, Finish Carpenter. Earnest retired with 23 years and 10 months of service. Earnest plans to spend some of his spare time fishing.



Earnest Ponder

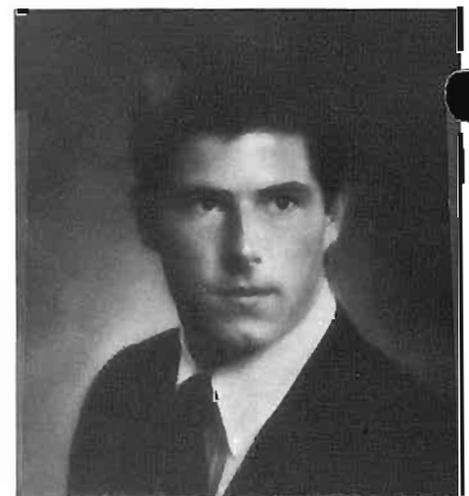


Larry Hollis



Larry Hollis

Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Larry Hollis exhibited his prowess (once again) during turkey season this year. He bagged these beauties on April 17 and one on April 27. Two of the turkeys had 10 and 1.72" beards; the third measured 10 3/4".



Scott Lindsey

Scott Lindsey, son of Maintenance Job Superintendent Thomas L. and Carolyn Lindsey, graduated May 22 from Bearden High School as valedictorian of the class of 54 students. While in high school, Scott was a linebacker for the 7-A East All-District football team. He was active in track, numerous clubs and served as vice president of the student council and president of the Beta Club. The band has played a major role in his activities and he loves to play the piano, violin, guitar and organ.

Scott attended the Governor's School for Gifted and Talented last summer at Hendrix College. Scott has been awarded the Arkansas Governor's Scholarship from the State Department of Education; the Bearden Lumber Co. annual scholarship, and a full academic scholarship to the University of Central Arkansas. Congratulations Scott!

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DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to our service award recipients. They were Bruce Bartlett, Michael Dyer, Billy Don Ford, Albert J. Horn, and Robert Stithem, 10 years; Jackie Allen and Bobby Reynolds, 15 years; and Bobby Boyd and Alvin Shipp, 20 years.

We would also like to congratulate our crews for receiving Safety certificates. They were the Perry County Crew, the Yell County Crew, Russellville Residency, and the District Shop and the District Office.



Service Award Recipients
Ford, Reynolds, Allen, Dyer,
Boyd, Shipp, Horn, Stithem, Bartlett



Safety Award Recipients
Fletcher, Doughty, Crow,
McConnell, McFerran



Milam, Gray, Ford, Brown



Herbert L. Underwood

We are including a picture of Benny Milam, Frank Gray, Mastin Ford, and Nathaniel Brown. These men were mentioned in the last magazine as receiving their service awards, but the picture was not available before the deadline.

Herbert L. Underwood was honored July 7 by his fellow workers in the Yell County Crew. Cake and ice cream were served. Herbert received a watch and pocket knife from the crew as a going away present.

DISTRICT NINE

We would like to congratulate Jason Dodson on his graduation from the Mt. Judea High School this spring. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Dodson, who is in the District 9 Sign Crew. Jason will be attending Harding University this fall. Good luck Jason!



Jason Dodson

On Wednesday, May 20, District 9 employees had a gettogether for Edris Braswell who retired as Office Manager on May 6 with over 33 years of service. She was presented a watch by her friends and co-workers. Edris will be missed by all, but we wish her many years of happiness and good health



Edris Braswell

We would like to welcome our new Office Manager Debbie Meyer, and her husband, Doyle and

young son, Cullen, to the Harrison area. Debbie transferred from the Surveys Division in Little Rock.

The District 9 Sign Crew presented retiree Jack Dickey with a pocket watch on June 30. Jack was Crew Leader and had over 21 years of service with the Department. We'll miss you Jack, but wish you well on your retirement.

Congratulations are extended to Richard Williams, who transferred from the Harrison Residency to fill our District Storeroom Supervisor position. Welcome aboard, Richard!



Jack Dickey

DISTRICT TEN

Anytime people are busy there is a tendency to become lax on safety practices. Five of our crews were fortunate to receive Safety Awards for the past year. They were the Poinsett County crew, Mississippi I, Mississippi II, District Bridge Crew and Randolph County are congratulated on their safety records and our other crews are encouraged to place safety first.

Several service certificates were presented since the last article. We wish to congratulate the following: James Kapals, David Washum, 15 years; Byron Hanson, James Morgan, Mike Ferrell and Bob Burnes, 10 years and Lewis Staggs, 5 years. Pictured below are Bob Glover, District Materials Supervisor and Wayne Beaton, Crew Leader in Lawrence County, who received their 35 and 20 year service certificates respectively.



Joe Barnett and Bob Glover

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Charles Hesselbein and Wayne Beaton

Since the retirement incentives have come to be, we have parted with several of our long time friends at District 10.

Roy Glasco who worked on the Poinsett County Crew received a microwave oven and retiree cap upon his retirement. We wish him many happy years of retirement.

John Baldrige who was our District Caretaker, retired June 27 with 20 years of service. We certainly miss John around the office and look forward to frequent visits. Congratulations John and many happy years!



Jerry Greltens and Roy Glasco



Mr. and Mrs. John Baldrige

Charles Hopper, Job Superintendent, retired after 38 years of service. Charles and members of his family are pictured during a gathering to give fellow employees the opportunity to wish him well. Congratulations Charles!



Charles Hopper and family

After Bob Glover paid a visit to Little Rock shortly after the retirement incentives were enacted, he returned to the office with this one statement, "I'm out of here!" Well, Bob retired with 35 years of service. He is pictured with members of his family who helped him celebrate??? Bob will be missed by a number of people around the District, but we know he will keep in touch. Congratulations Bob and don't work too hard!



Bob Glover and family

The Osceola Resident Engineer's office has a new employee, Brent Ramsey, a graduate of Memphis State University with a BS in Construction Engineering Technology. Brent began his career with the Highway Department in January. On June 20 he married Regina Dulin from West Memphis. They spent their honeymoon in Florida and are making their home in Osceola. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Congratulations to David Darkins. David is the proud father of a baby boy named David Darkins, III. He was born July 12 weighing 5 pounds and 5 ounces.

Frank Shepard and his family took a well deserved vacation for two weeks. They traveled out west, visiting many historical places like Yellow Stone National Park, Mt. Rushmore, Black Hills, Bad Lands, Grand Teton, Pikes Peak, Rocky Mountain National

Park, Royal Gorge and many other places of interest. They traveled approximately 4000 miles.

The Jonesboro Resident Engineer's office had a retirement party recently for A.J. Blaylock, Construction Project Supervisor. A.J., who had 32 years of service, was presented with a retiree cap, a service certificate, and a gift certificate. We wish A.J. the best of luck on his retirement.



A.J. Blaylock

Welcome to our summer employees: W. Hardy (Paragould), J.C. Stovall, L.A. Speed, M. Matingly, S.E. Bennett (Osceola); and W.E. Oliver, D.L. Dotson and T.A. Andrews (Jonesboro). We all look forward to working during the summer months with you.



THE AHTD RETIREES ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD THEIR STATE-WIDE MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1987 HOSPITALITY HOUSE BURNS PARK NORTH LITTLE ROCK Business Meeting 10:00 a.m. Social Meeting 11:30 a.m. Luncheon 12:30 p.m.

1988 HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST

The State Highway Map Photo Contest is an open invitation to all Highway and Transportation Department employees and family members. The winning entry will appear in the 1988 State Highway Map. Your photograph could become a visible symbol of the pride we have in our State and the Highway and Transportation Department.

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, 1987.
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 1987.
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 1988 Highway Map 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.

1988 STATE HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please accept my photograph(s) for consideration in the 1988 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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