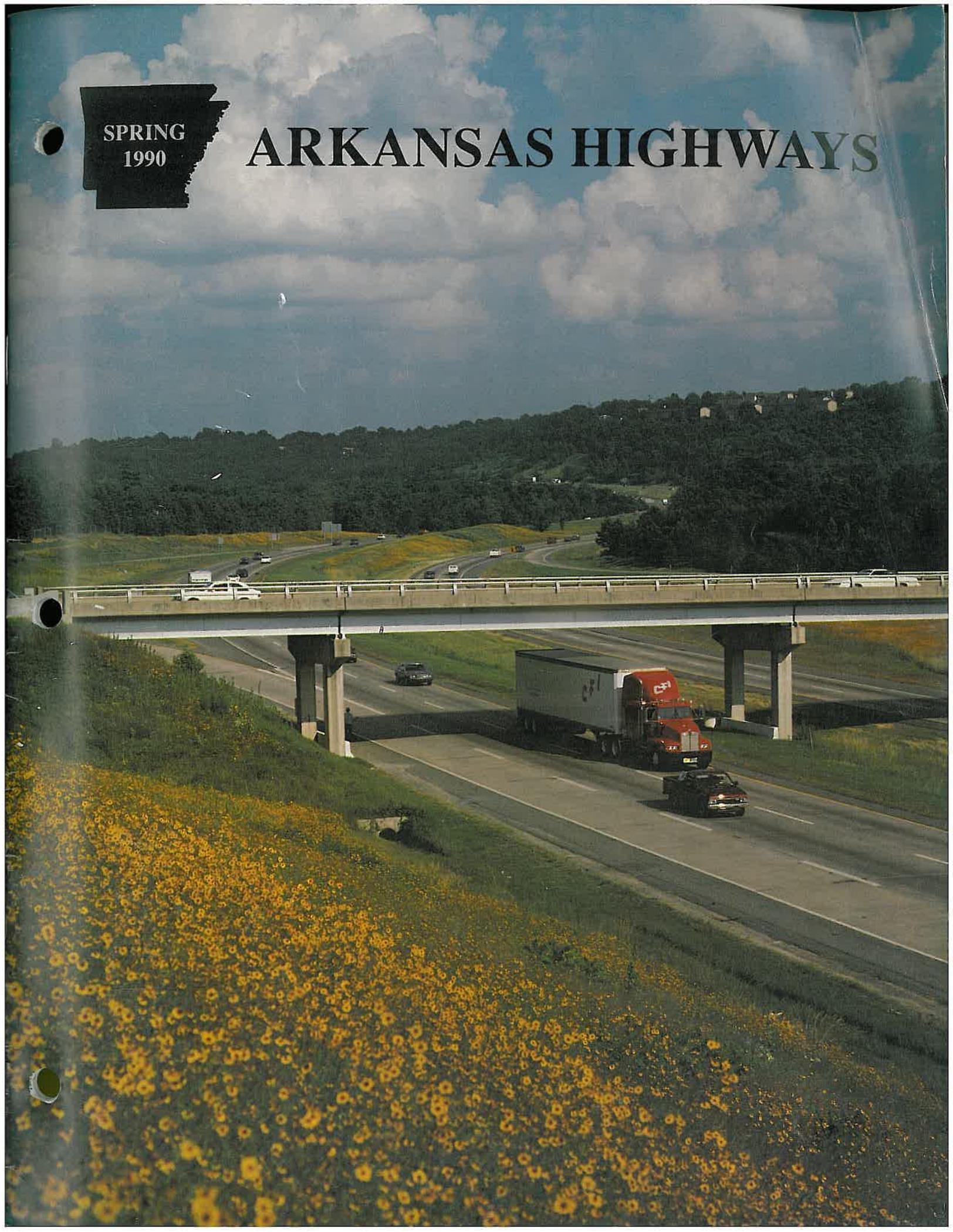


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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

What's on the minds of the American people? Is it the war on drugs? The plight of the homeless? Or improving our educational systems?

Recent national surveys could argue good cases for any of these issues. Noticeably missing from all the surveys, however, is transportation. Did the pollsters simply ask the wrong people? Probably not.

Our transportation system is often taken for granted. When it is operating at its best, you notice it the least. It's not until a bridge collapses or an airplane crashes that transportation receives much notice.

For those of us who work daily in transportation, it's obvious that things can't continue as they are. Pavement is failing. The number of bridges needing to be replaced is growing every year. Congestion is producing gridlock in more and more cities. Rural areas are demanding high quality access routes to major highways so they can grow and develop, but the necessary funding to keep up with the demand is not there.

For the past three years, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has been working through the Transportation 2020 Program to come up with a consensus among the 50 states on recommendations for the nation's surface transportation program. The first step in that process was a series of public forums held throughout the country. The Arkansas forum was held April 6, 1988 in Little Rock. More than 100 people attended and presented their views regarding the shape they thought the future transportation program should take.



On September 30, 1991 the current surface transportation legislation will expire. With the construction of the nation's Interstate Highway System nearing completion, a new national program is needed to preserve the current highway system and to put in place the transportation system which future economic development will require.

Among the specific recommendations contained in AASHTO's report *"New Transportation Concepts for a New Century"* are:

- A federal highway funding commitment of \$17.6 billion for Fiscal Year 1992, increasing up to \$25.9 billion in Fiscal Year 1995. These higher levels of federal funding would require related state and local resource increases to meet matching requirements.

- The first two years of the increased federal program could be accomplished through elimination of the gasohol exemption and the spend down of the Federal Highway Trust Fund balance.

- Federal user-fee funding should be continued but distributed in a fairer way to the states. (Arkansas is currently a "donor" state, receiving about 85% of the federal user fees paid in by Arkansas motorists.)

- A call for a system of highways of national significance comprised of the interstates and other primary highways.

- A new flexible state and local highway program to allow states and local officials maximum leeway to develop solutions to their unique transportation problems.

These are just a few of the recommendations contained in the report, which has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation for development of a National Transportation Policy.

A high quality, highly efficient transportation network is essential if America is to maintain its economic leadership in the world economy. Arkansas must be ready to join with the other states in the improvement and enhancement of our transportation network if we are to take advantage of the recommendations listed in the AASHTO report.

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

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Career Development Program

By the time most students enter college they already know which direction they want to take on a career path. They have probably taken courses in high school that will prepare them for their college studies.

With this in mind, the Arkansas State Highway Commission directed the department staff to create a career development program aimed at students in the junior high schools, placing emphasis on civil engineering as a career choice.

The Human Resources Division developed the program last summer and it was implemented during the Fall 1989 semester. All career orientation teachers in Arkansas' junior high schools were contacted and asked to schedule a session on civil engineering.

Using a short video presentation and handouts, an engineer with the department addresses students on the advantages of a career in highway and transportation work. The satisfaction obtained from planning, designing, and constructing long-lasting projects which have positive impacts on education, economic development, and the quality of life, are highlighted during the presentations.

The importance of mathematics, science, and English are emphasized as the key areas of study for those wishing to pursue a highway and transportation career. The students are also offered field trips to AHTD facilities around the State.

The need for such a program became evident to the Commissioners because of the decline in enrollment in engineering



Highway Commission Chairman Raymond Pritchett at Dardanelle Jr. High School.

schools around the country. Also, competition for graduate engineers is very strong between the public and private sectors. The Commissioners believe that introducing the students to the rewards of a public sector highway and transportation career at an early age will reap long-term benefits.

To show their commitment to the program, the Commissioners have, from time to time, accompanied engineers on many of the classroom visits.

By the end of the first semester, 325 classroom presentations at 133 schools had been held. Nearly 7,100 students had been contacted, and many of them expressed an interest in learning more about engineering.

The hard work of the engineers who make the presentations has not gone unnoticed. In a letter to Director Maurice Smith from Rose Mary Mosley and Mary Carolyn Smith, teachers at Sylvan Hills Junior High School in Sherwood, they said the program "certainly enhanced our study of the Transportation cluster. The students continued to talk about the presentation all week."

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Joyce Howell, a teacher at Camden Middle School, expressed her appreciation to Claude Parton, Assistant District 7 Engineer at Camden, by saying, "If all the presenters are as effective in their presentation of material as you, then the Career Development Program will be evaluated as a successful project for AHTD."

The students have also commented favorably. An eighth grader at Pulaski Academy in Little Rock wrote, "I learned that I might be interested in this job because my strongest points are math and science."

Another Pulaski Academy student said, "I never have thought about road engineers, you really brought it to my mind what you do."

A female student at Ridgeroad Junior High School in North Little Rock commented, "I was glad to see that women are starting to get into this field."

From Wilson, Arkansas, a student wrote District 10 Engineer Joe Barnett the following. "At first, I had no interest whatsoever in highway and transportation careers. But now, I am somewhat interested."

Another Wilson student said, "I'm going to think very hard about becoming a civil engineer. And I think the best thing for me to do is stay in school."

Comment cards returned by the students following the presentations revealed that nearly 1,700 are very interested or somewhat interested in an engineering career. Another 240 students said they were interested in summer employment with the department when they reached college age.

Judging from the response, it is evident that the Career Development Program is accomplishing what it set out to do...create an awareness and interest in the highway and transportation field. Hopefully, this new-found interest will encourage many students to enroll in advanced math and science classes to better prepare themselves for an engineering career.





Drawing showing the proposed Delta design of the Great River Bridge crossing the Mississippi River.

GREAT RIVER BRIDGE

Feasibility Study Complete

The proposed Great River Bridge has cleared its first hurdle along the long path that all such projects must take before becoming a reality. A feasibility study, which was started in November 1988 and completed in November 1989, indicated that the proposed bridge linking Desha County, Arkansas, with Bolivar County, Missis-

sippi, would have a positive impact on the region.

The study, which was conducted by the firm of Howard Needles Tammen and Bergendoff of Kansas City in association with Hammer, Siler George Associates of Denver, concluded that either a highway/rail combination bridge or a highway-only

structure would yield a positive benefit/cost ratio.

The study recommended that a highway-only structure be constructed initially at a cost of approximately \$130 million. It was also recommended that the main span of the bridge be constructed to allow the addition of rail service at a later time. By

Proposed highway and bridge location

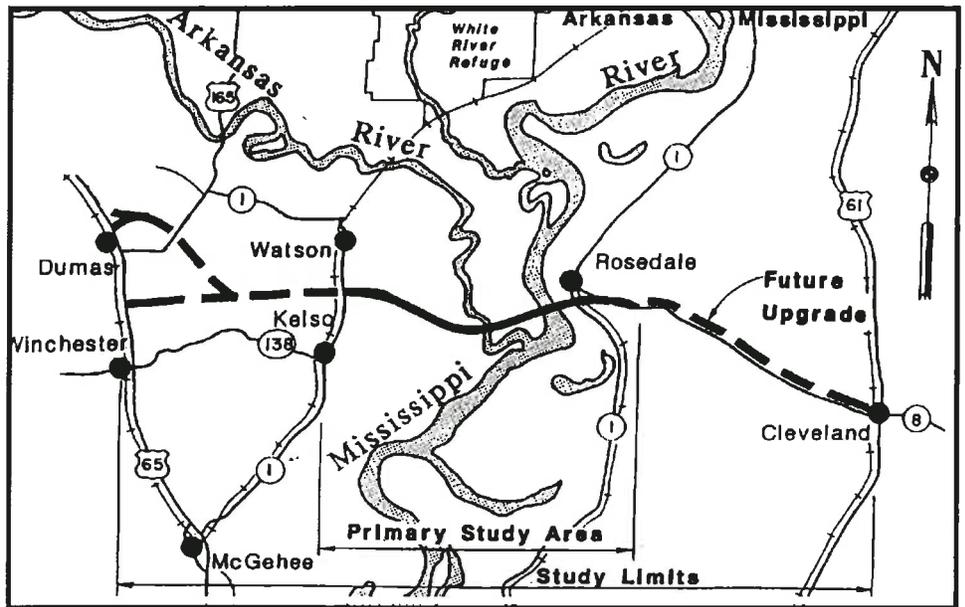
doing this, the bridge would be capable of handling rail, motor vehicles, or the newly emerging high-speed light rail trains.

The structure proposed by the feasibility study would be a two-lane, cable-stayed deck truss bridge. Future enhancements (the addition of rail or additional travel lanes) would be possible by utilizing the lower level of the double-decked structure. A Delta, or Greek triangle, design has been incorporated into the plans to create a very unique and striking appearance.

The Arkansas-Mississippi Great River Bridge Compact met in Cleveland, Mississippi, February 14 to formally accept the feasibility study. Members of the Compact, which includes all five Arkansas Highway Commissioners, were encouraged by the study results. Charles Dean of Mississippi, who co-chairs the Compact with Arkansas Highway Commissioner Bill Clark, stated, "This is one of the best feasibility studies I have ever seen. I think we have a very sellable item to take to Congress."

The next phase in the development of the Great River Bridge will be to conduct geotechnical studies and prepare an environmental impact statement. Since no money currently exists for this phase, the Compact approved a resolution by AHC member Ron Harrod to ask that the bridge project be included in the long-range plans of the Lower Mississippi River Development Commission's report to Congress in May. Specifically, the Compact is asking for \$1.5 million to begin the geotechnical and environmental studies as soon as possible.

AHTD officials remain cautiously optimistic about the bridge's future. "It looks like the bridge would be feasible and a boon to the area, if it can be done," stated AHTD Chief Engineer Charles Venable. AHC Chairman Raymond Pritchett added "I don't think it's going to happen right away, but I think it's going to happen. They (Congress) can't come up with a better project" for the Delta region.



DEVELOPMENT HISTORY OF THE GREAT RIVER BRIDGE

- May 1984** Bolivar County, Mississippi community leaders contact leaders in southeast Arkansas to discuss the potential of the project.
- July 1984** First joint meeting of community leaders from Desha County, Arkansas and Bolivar County, Mississippi, is held.
- February 1985** Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton signs the Arkansas/Mississippi Great River Bridge Compact, making the five members of the Arkansas Highway Commission members of the Compact Authority.
- March 1985** Mississippi Governor Bill Allain signs the Compact.
- December 1985** The U.S. Senate approves the Compact legislation.
- September 1986** The U.S. House approves the Compact legislation.
- October 1986** President Ronald Reagan signs the Compact legislation, opening the way for feasibility studies to begin.
- December 1987** Congress approves \$475,000 for the feasibility study.
- November 1988** Feasibility study by HNTB begins.
- November 1989** Feasibility study completed.

Highway Dedications and Groundbreakings

Several road projects became realities during the last two months of 1989 and the first part of 1990. For some, this meant a new road or bridge had been completed after many months of hard work. For others, it meant the tedious planning and design stages were complete and the actual construction process was ready to begin. For whichever reason, dedications and groundbreakings were taking place at a fast and furious pace.

PEA RIDGE

The City of Pea Ridge and the Pea Ridge Chamber of Commerce jointly sponsored a dedication ceremony for a reconstructed portion of Highway 265 between Pea Ridge and the Missouri state line. The ceremony was held November 8, 1989 at the Pea Ridge City Park.

Arkansas Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper of Springdale presented the dedicatory address at the ceremony and State Representative Tim Hutchinson of Bentonville also addressed those in attendance.

A contract to pave the 3.3 mile stretch of highway was awarded to the McClinton-Anchor Division of APAC-Arkansas, Inc., of Fayetteville in April 1988. Total cost of the project was approximately \$1 million. It was financed with 100% state funds as a part of the Rural Road Program passed by the legislature in 1985.

CLARKSVILLE

On November 16, a dedication ceremony was held for two road projects recently completed in Clarksville. The City of Clarksville sponsored the ribbon-cutting which took place at the intersection of the two projects, Highway 109 and Clark Road.

One project involved the remodeling of Clark Road to serve as an industrial access road. A \$231,262.07 contract was awarded to the Jack Wood Construction Co., Inc., of Judsonia for the construction, which began at Highway 109 and extended west 0.66 miles.

On the other project, Highway 109 was widened to three lanes between I-40 and Highway 64, partially on new location. Forsgren, Inc., of Fort Smith, was the contractor for the \$677,249.42 job.

Highway Commissioner Bill Clark, who is a native of Clarksville, spoke at a luncheon following the ceremony.

HOPE

Ground was broken in Hope for a new industrial access road in that city on November 28. Hope Mayor Robert Arnold and Highway Commission Vice Chairman Ron Harrod spoke at the event which was sponsored by the City of Hope and the Hope Chamber of Commerce.

Under this project, West Avenue B will be improved to provide better access to the facilities in the West Industrial Park. The new roadway will begin at Highway 4 and extend west approximately 1.1 miles into the industrial park. Industrial Enterprises, Inc., of Hot springs, will be performing the work at a cost of \$1,197,435.33.



JONESBORO

The Greater Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce made the most of December 11, 1989. They used that date to dedicate the recently completed Highway 1B interchange on Highway 63 and to break ground for the Stadium Blvd. interchange. Both projects are a part of the Highway 63 Demonstration Project authorized by Congress.

U.S. Representative Bill Alexander of Osceola was the featured speaker at the luncheon which also featured comments by Highway Commission Chairman Raymond Pritchett and Commission member Rodney Slater.

The Highway 1B interchange was awarded to contract in October 1987 at a cost of \$3,370,065. Robertson, Inc., of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was awarded the contract by the Commission. The Highway 1B interchange is the first to be completed of the seven overpasses planned under the demonstration project.

A \$5,215,528 contract was awarded in November 1989 to Mobley Contractors, Inc., of Morrilton, for the construction of the Stadium Blvd. interchange, which also includes the construction of an overpass at Willow Street. Estimated completion date for the project is November 1991.

BRINKLEY

A small crowd gathered outside the Farris Fashions manufacturing plant in Brinkley on December 14 to cut a ribbon signifying the completion of an industrial access road to serve the industrial park there. Commissioner Rodney Slater spoke briefly about the significance of the new road to the community. The Hogan Company of Little Rock constructed the 0.168 mile roadway at a cost of \$96,000.

MAUMELLE

Commission Chairman Raymond Pritchett was the featured speaker on a blustery January 5, 1990, at a groundbreaking ceremony for the widening of Maumelle Boulevard (Highway 100) in Maumelle. The City of Maumelle and State Senator Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock coordinated the event.

Maumelle Blvd. is being widened to a four-lane divided facility beginning at West Crystal Hill Road and extending northwest to Millwood Circle, a distance of approximately 4.6 miles. The Cranford Construction Co., Inc., of North Little Rock, submitted the low bid of \$3,078,610.97 in November 1989 to win the contract.

(Left photo) Groundbreaking ceremony for Highway 100 in Maumelle. (Right photo) Dedication ceremony for Highway 109 and Clark Road in Clarksville.

JONESBORO

A cold rain forced the cancellation of a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Highway 63 in Jonesboro on February 1, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the crowd that turned out to celebrate the occasion. Approximately 65 people moved indoors at the Jonesboro Holiday Inn to commemorate the opening of a new section of Highway 63 between Jonesboro and Bay.

The Jonesboro-Bay segment of the Highway 63 Relocation Project took four contracts and four years to complete. The 5.5 mile section of four-lane divided highway was constructed on new location at a cost of approximately \$17.7 million.

Commissioner Rodney Slater addressed the crowd, reminding them that only about ten miles of two-lane roadway remains between Jonesboro and Memphis, Tennessee. The Greater Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event.

AHTD STAYS BUSY WITH NUMEROUS Public Hearings

The Department closed out 1989 with a flurry of public hearings and began 1990 at the same pace. A total of four public hearings were held in November and December and three more were conducted in the first seven weeks of 1990. By comparison, six hearings were held during the period of January through October 1989, and only five hearings took place in all of 1988.

WALNUT RIDGE

The busy period began Thursday, November 2, 1989, at the Lawrence County Courthouse in Walnut Ridge. Approximately 100 people were on hand to discuss the possibility of constructing a new bridge across the Spring River just north of Black Rock.

A suspension bridge once served the area, but it burned in the mid-1950's and was never repaired. A flood in December 1982 further undermined the substructure causing it to collapse into the river. There has been no crossing in the area for the past 35 years.

Four alternate locations for the bridge and its approaches were discussed at the hearing. All four alternates would link Highway 361 in Lawrence County with FAS Route 2469 and Highway 166 in Randolph County.

CONWAY

Conway was the site for the next two public hearings. On Tuesday, November 14, approximately 60 people crammed into the 38-seat Chancery Courtroom in the Faulkner County Courthouse to discuss the widening of Highway 64 from Interstate 40 east to the Squirrel Hill community. The proposed 2.2 mile project would widen the existing two-lane roadway to five lanes with curb and gutter and sidewalks. The crowd on hand was unanimously in favor of the widening project.

The second Conway hearing was held December 7 at the Conway City Hall. The topic was the proposed extension of Old German Lane to connect with Highway 65. Approximately 90 people turned out to express their opinions on the three alternates being considered.

A group of citizens from the Rolling Hills Subdivision was on hand to show their disapproval of the alternate being supported by the City of Conway. That alternate would divide their neighborhood. They favored another alternate which would bypass their area.

HIGHLAND

The final public hearing of 1989 was held December 14 at the Cherokee Elementary School in Highland. The hearing covered two proposed widening projects - Ash Flat to Highland and Highland to Hardy - on Highway 62/412 in Sharp and Fulton counties.

A generally supportive crowd of more than 200 persons showed up on a cold evening to discuss the widening of the roadway to four 12-foot travel lanes with 8-foot shoulders. Total length of the two projects is 9.6 miles. The widening would require the relocating of seven businesses and one residence, but it would greatly improve the traffic flow in one of the fastest growing areas of the State.



SEARCY

Tuesday, January 23 was the date for a public hearing to discuss the widening of a portion of Highway 36 in Searcy. An overflow crowd of more than 100 showed up at the Searcy Municipal Building to learn more about the proposed project.

The project would widen the existing roadway to four lanes between Country Club Road and Skyline Drive. A new four-lane facility would then be constructed connecting Skyline Drive with Mulberry Avenue and Frosty Avenue, both of which would be widened on existing locations to four lanes to Main Street. Total project length is approximately 2.2 miles.

FORDYCE

A proposal to pave a portion of an unpaved state highway in Dallas County drew a crowd of about 40 to the Dallas County Courthouse in Fordyce on February 13. The 5.1 mile project would pave Highway 273 from near Forrest Bonner to a point just west of the Highway 79 intersection. The hearing for the project, which is part of the Rural Road Program, brought out many concerns about the location of the new roadway and the amount of right of way which would be needed.

PINE BLUFF

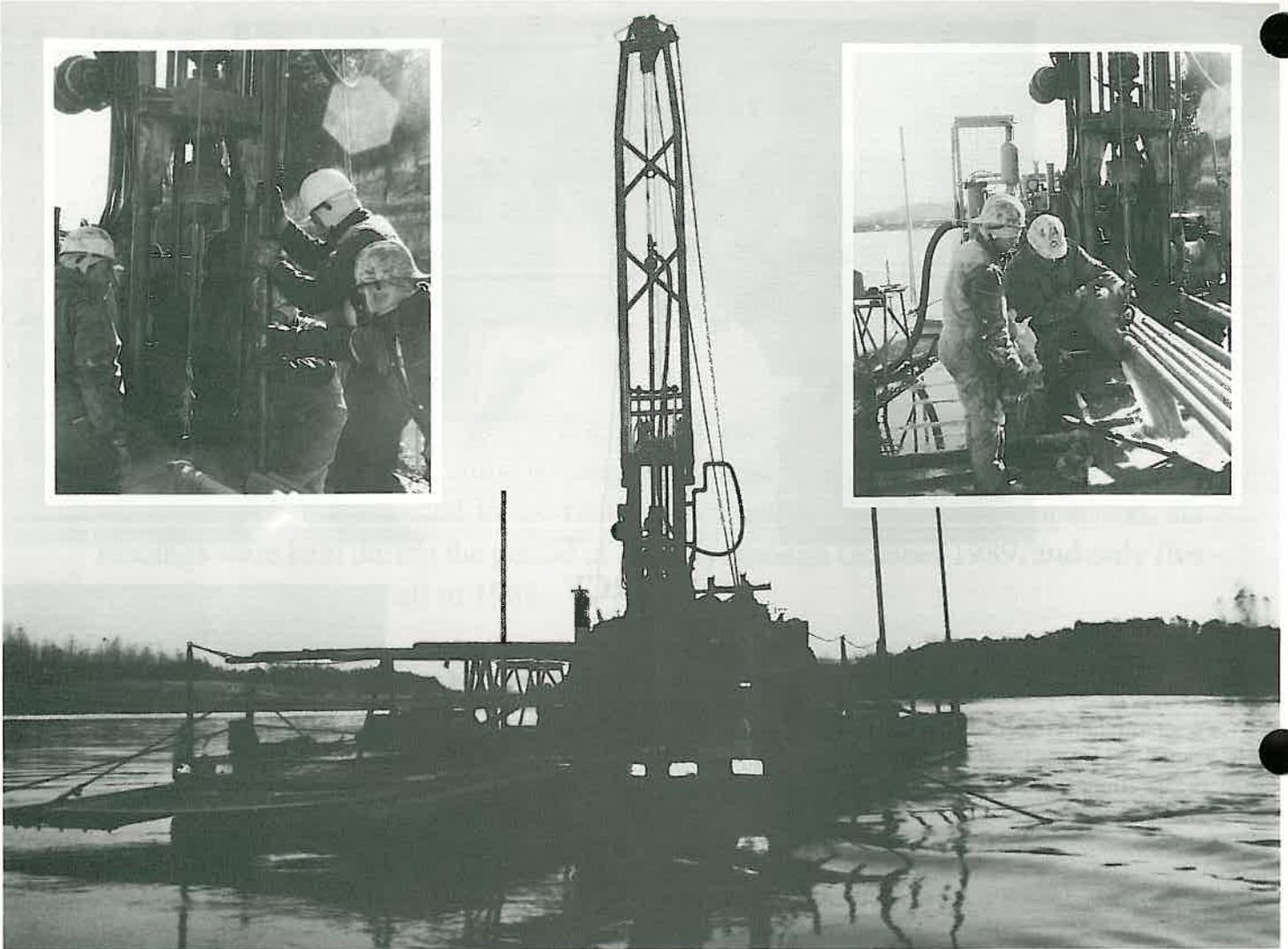
A demonstration project was the topic of a hearing held Tuesday, January 16, 1990, in Pine Bluff. The proposed project would construct a new roadway connecting Highway 65 in Pine Bluff with Highway 79 near Altheimer. This would include the construction of a bridge across Lock and Dam No. 4 on the Arkansas River.

The hearing, which was held jointly with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, drew a crowd of about 125 to the Community Room at the Pines Mall. The crowd was very much in support of the project which would relieve congestion on the Highway 79 Bridge and improve access to the Pine Bluff Port.

The project is possible because the pilings for the Lock and Dam, completed in 1968, were built to accommodate a bridge. The proposed 10-mile project is expected to cost nearly \$25 million. The crowd was informed that about \$2 million had already been secured for the project so far, and another \$8.5 million has been requested for the next two years. If this funding can be secured, construction on the first phase - the bridge over the Lock and Dam - could begin later this year.



Area residents from Conway (top photo) and Highland (photo above) review displays of the projects.



A specially equipped drill rig and barge are used to obtain core samples from below the river bed by Steven Holland, Bill Mascho, Brian Casto and Sam Kizer of Materials and Research. Photos by Mike Creamer, M&R.

Red River Presents Challenge for M&R Drill Crew

Working from a barge anchored out in the middle of a river may not be everybody's idea of fun, but to members of the Geotechnical Section of the Materials and Research Division, it's all in a day's work.

A crew recently spent a few days drilling test borings for a bridge that will cross the Red River near Doddridge at the Miller/Lafayette county line. During the operation two borings were drilled 150 feet below the river bed. A large drill rig was set up on a barge and anchored in the river.

"Drilling from a barge can be a real

challenge for the whole crew," said core-driller Bill Mascho. "The river level keeps rising and falling, plus you have to constantly stabilize the barge in the river's strong current."

The Red River job went smoothly, thanks to good weather and a hard working crew. The test borings will be used to aid engineers in the selection of locations for footings and piers and the overall design of the bridge to replace the Spring Bank Ferry on Highway 160.

The Red River site is one of four river

crossings in Arkansas where ferries are still in operation. Two sites, at Moro Bay on the Ouachita River in Bradley County, and Guion on the White River in Izard County, are already undergoing construction to replace the ferries with bridges. The Red River ferry will be the next to be replaced, leaving only the Peel Ferry on Bull Shoals Lake in north Arkansas as the lone ferry ride in Arkansas by the turn of the century.

The Spring Bank Ferry is as old as the State of Arkansas. The ferry went into operation in 1836, the year Arkansas be-

came a State. It was operated by the Blanton family and its decedents until 1957, when the Highway and Transportation Department took it over.

Plans to replace the ferry with a bridge have been discussed for over 20 years, but the problem has always been one of money. Over the years the Department has worked to replace the antiquated ferry system with

modern bridges. As recently as 1970 the Department operated 11 ferries.

The Federal Aid Highway Act of 1987 included a provision which allowed the states to use Bridge Replacement Funds to build bridges in place of ferries. Prior to that time, those funds could be used only to replace an existing bridge with a new structure.

"Drilling from a barge can be a real challenge for the whole crew."

Bill Mascho.
M&R core driller

HEALTH FAIR

Central Office employees had an opportunity to check out their "well being" at the Department's Fourth Annual Health Fair, November 16 & 17, 1989.

The Exercise/Physical Fitness Committee coordinated the event and contracted with Baptist Medical System to provide the

various services.

Employees were offered a number of tests, including: height and weight analyses, anemia, diabetes, blood pressure, glaucoma, dental and hearing. 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, or being anemic. These people were advised to seek further examinations from their family physicians.



Welcome to Arkansas!



Members of the Arkansas Highway Commission and Parks and Tourism Commission unveil new sign

Motorists entering Arkansas by any of 77 state highways are being welcomed by new signs proclaiming Arkansas "The Natural State". The new signs also encourage motorists to "Buckle Up For Safety".

The new sign was unveiled January 23 at a brief ceremony held at the Central Office in Little Rock. Members of the State Highway Commission and State Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission were joined by State Representatives Bobby Glover of Carlisle and Sody Arnold of Arkadelphia at the ceremony.

"The new signs will ensure uniformity at the state's borders," said AHTD Director Maurice Smith. There were previously three different highway welcome signs being used and many had become faded and were in poor condition, Smith added.

Glover encouraged the AHTD to develop new signs as a way to promote tourism in the state. The sign uses the same logo that is on promotional material used by the Department of Parks and Tourism.

The AHTD worked with the Department of Parks and Tourism in designing the

new sign, which features a green background with the words "Welcome To" in yellow centered on the first line. "Arkansas" is white, centered on the second line. "The Natural State" is white, centered on the third line, and "Buckle Up For Safety" is yellow, centered on the fourth line.

Six large signs, measuring 8 feet by 17.5 feet, have been placed on the Interstate Highway entrances to Arkansas. Seventy-one smaller signs, measuring 4 by 8.5 feet, are located on primary and secondary highways.

Beautification Award Presented at Monticello



R.L. Brantley and Harlon Colbert display beautification award.

The Area Headquarters at Monticello in Drew County was recently presented the "City Beautification and Development Award" from the We Are Monticello Committee.

Betty Hughes, Chairman of the We Are Monticello Committee and a member of the Governor's "Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission", and Monticello Mayor Harold West presented the award to Drew County Area Foreman R.L. Brantley at a ceremony held at the County Courthouse. Several local businesses were also recognized for their efforts in the city's beautification program.

Members of the Monticello Crew replaced flower beds at the area headquarters with crepe myrtles and landscaping bark. Several of the area headquarters in District 2 have been beautified, as well as the District Headquarters in Pine Bluff.

Carson Appointed To AASHTO Task Force



Kit Carson, Assistant Division Head of the Surveys Division, has been appointed to the AASHTO Joint Development Project Task Force for Survey Data Management Systems (SDMS).

He is serving as Chairman of the Task Force. The main responsibility of the SDMS

Project Task Force is to develop a standardized data format for all survey data. This will simplify the task of interfacing the total station survey instruments provided by different manufacturers to the data collector and also simplify the down loading of data files from the data collector to various Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) Systems. After the Task Force finalizes the Survey data format, the AASHTO Standing Committee for Design will be asked to give their approval. Upon acceptance by them, the format will become the AASHTO standard.

The Task Force is also responsible for developing and marketing for AASHTO a DOS-based data collector platform utilizing the proposed data format. The DOS-based data collector is being developed at this time.

Ralph Williams Appointed To Board

Ralph Williams, Senior Utility Coordinator of the Utilities Section of the Right of Way Division, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Central Arkansas Utility Club.



The duties of the Board are to rule on financial matters, select banking facilities, be responsible for administering public relations and publicity, and supervise revisions of the Club Constitution.

The Central Arkansas Utility Club was created to improve working relations between each utility company in Central Arkansas. Since one of the main topics at the club's meetings was the correlation of adjusting utility facilities for highway projects, the Department was invited to join the club in 1988.

Williams was the first Highway Department employee to join and become an active member. Several employees from the Department's Utility Section have since joined the club. This has provided an opportunity for utility field crews, engineers, contractors, and other employees, to discuss problems and new ideas concerning adjustments for highway projects with the

Utilities Section.

Membership in this organization helps improve relations between the utilities and the Highway and Transportation Department. The club holds a business dinner on the first Monday night of each month. Any employee interested in attending a meeting, and possibly joining the club, should contact Ralph Williams in the Department's Utility Section at 569-2323.

Shelton and Johnson Elected Officers of IRWA

Shirley Shelton and Perry Johnston of the Right of Way Division were recently elected as officers of Chapter #51 of the Little Rock International Right of Way Association (IRWA).

Shelton, a Right of Way Abstractor, was elected Vice President and Johnston, Appraisal Section Head, was elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors. Other officers are: Clinton (Bud) Welch, AP&L, President; Danny Goff, GTE, President-Elect; Ed Beeson, AP&L, Secretary/Treasurer; and Bobby Pharr, AP&L, Director for one year.

The International Right of Way Association is comprised entirely of qualified individuals who are actively engaged in the right-of-way field. Professionals who may become members are appraisers, attorneys, engineers, acquisition agents, right-of-way managers, title officers and technicians, surveyors, environmentalists, property managers, relocation assistance specialists and closing agents. Educational courses are offered periodically in Little Rock and outlying states. These courses are designed to benefit specialization training in all areas of right-of-way work.

Meetings of Chapter #51 of IRWA are held once a month at the North Little Rock Ramada Inn and participation is encouraged to the right-of-way professional.



Johnston, Goff, Shelton, and Welch

Certificates of Service

The following Certificates of Service
were presented for the months of
December 1989, January, February, and March 1990.

CHIEF ENGINEER

15 Years Louise Watts Administrative Assistant I

COMPUTER SERVICES

25 Years Billy R. Durham, Jr. Data Processing Manager
10 Years Sylvia Doster System Support Technician
Gregory W. Newkirk Programmer Analyst III

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

30 Years Bill Mulhollen Asst. Const. and Maint. Engr.
25 Years Jess McLaughlin Communications Maint. Engr.
20 Years James House Staff Maintenance Engr.
Garland Land Staff Heavy Bridge Maint. Engr.
10 Years Tommy Lacy .. HB Lowboy and Float Truck Driver
Elaine Smart Construction Office Controller
Guy B. Winkler, Jr. HB Maintenance Foreman
5 Years Calvin Brown, Jr. Custodial Supervisor

ENVIRONMENTAL

15 Years Elaine Sullivan Enviromental Technician

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

5 Years Daniel A. Kelly Landscape Technician

FISCAL SERVICES

10 Years Marla G. Sams Division Secretary
5 Years Lenora Myers Highway Truck Tax Processor

HIGHWAY POLICE

20 Years Jan M. Weinberg First Lieutenant
10 Years Paul Claunch First Lieutenant
Jimmie F. Lee Corporal
5 Years Jerry Harwood Corporal
Addison Holloway Patrolman First Class
Tim Lem Patrolman

HUMAN RESOURCES

10 Years Diane Keene Section Head, Mail & Supplies
5 Years Walter Caton Crew Leader
Charles Quarles Boiler Operator

INTERNAL AUDIT

20 Years Hugh P. Murray Assistant Chief Auditor
5 Years Cindy Harris Senior Internal Auditor

MATERIALS AND RESEARCH

20 Years Earl C. Raines District Materials Supervisor
10 Years Terry Pearson Materials Technician IV

PLANNING

30 Years Charles Walther Assistant State Rail Coord.
25 Years Charles Frazier Section Head, Mapping
10 Years Robert Shelton Highway Data Collector
Tony McArthur Staff Administrative Assistant
5 Years Pat Ioup Public Transportation Technician
Jerald McKinney Trans. Study Coord.

PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTS

10 Years Judy Parson Administrative Assistant I
5 Years Patti Bryant Division Section Secretary

RIGHT OF WAY

20 Years Marie Claunch Closing Agent
15 Years Mary Toler Negotiator
10 Years Donald Mitchell Advance Drafter
5 Years Dean A. Farris Realty Appraiser
Perry Johnston Section Head, Appraiser

ROADWAY DESIGN

10 Years Patricia Anthony Design Technician
Claude Klinck Senior Design Engineer

SURVEYS

10 Years Timothy C. Shaw Senior Surveys Aide
Charles M. Starks Surveys Office Technician
5 Years James A. Bryant Surveys Aide
Richie Evans Surveys Aide
Robert H. Guthrie Senior Surveys Aide
Steve R. Wrigley Senior Surveys Aide

TRAFFIC

10 Years Henry Pruitt Signmaker II
5 Years Tommy N. Pierson Striping Machine Driver

DISTRICT 1

25 Years David R. McFadden Asst. Maint. Superintendent
10 Years Jerry L. Vest Shop Foreman
Robert L. Simmons Single Axle Truck Driver
5 Years Don Davis Guard
Herman Stephens Dozer Opr.-Finish
Charles E. Aldridge Mechanic
Danny M. Glenn Elec., Pl., & Mech. Repairer

DISTRICT 2

30 Years Max Bagwell Asst. District Engineer
25 Years Leslie Freeman Crew Leader
Billy T. Black Body Repairer and Painter

20 Years Millard L. Carver Vegetation Controller
 15 Years Charles L. Raines Vegetation Controller
 James A. Sinks Senior Mechanic
 Andrew D. Ford, Sr. Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish
 10 Years Booker T. Barnes Roller Operator
 Norman Rochelle Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish
 Cornelius G. Davis Rest Area Attendant
 5 Years William Lindsey Sr. Const. Aide
 James Warfield Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
 Jessie J. Jackson, Jr. Area Hdqts. Attendant
 Raymond A. Prescott Multi-Axle Truck Dr.
 Mark A. Wray Rest Area Attendant

DISTRICT 3

10 Years Jimmy D. Rhodes Asst. Maintenance Supt.
 Jerry D. Holden Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish
 Richard L. Dempsey Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
 5 Years Leonard McCormick Multi-Axle Truck Driver
 Clifford R. Hoover Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
 Johnnie A. Morine Lead Person
 Roy H. Walls Lead Person

DISTRICT 4

25 Years Donald Newberry Multi-Axle Truck Driver
 Harold J. Anderson Senior Inspector
 20 Years Kimmy J. McDowell Asst. Maint. Supt.
 10 Years Mary Bryant District Bookkeeper
 Sharon K. Sikma Const. Aide
 Herman L. Murphy Finish Carpenter
 James M. Graham Rest Area Attendant
 5 Years Robert Kolb Body Repairman & Painter
 William L. Black Rough Carpenter
 Nan C. Williams Payroll Clerk
 Lonnie M. Davis Vegetation Controller
 Wayne A. Grist Multi-Axle Truck Driver
 Ronnie J. Patillo Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
 William R. Garner Lead Person

DISTRICT 5

25 Years Billy Allred Lead Person
 Samuel Davis Hyd. Exc. Opr.-Finish
 Wayne Bolding Sr. Inspector
 20 Years Thomas Huie Sr. Inspector
 10 Years Billy Bolding III Const. Helper II
 Johnie Hyslip Dist./Roller Opr.
 Hulon Rice Resident Engineer
 5 Years Bobby Younger Roller Operator
 Ben Roth, Jr. Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
 William R. Rives Const. Helper II

DISTRICT 6

25 Years Don Dillard Const. Project Supv.
 20 Years William Gumm Multi-Axle Truck Driver
 15 Years Charles Nutt Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish
 George White Shoulder Mach./Spreader Opr.
 Robert D. Conklin Roller Operator

10 Years Janice Jackson Crew Leader
 Ronald Rogers Construction Aide
 Curtis Hart Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish
 Danny Mathis Const. Materials Inspector
 Bonnie Beckwith Field Clerk II
 Ethel L. King Single Axle Truck Driver
 William J. Jett, Jr. Single Axle Truck Driver
 5 Years Frank Green Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 7

15 Years John Bloomfield Area Hdqts. Attendant
 Raymond L. Lea Inspector
 10 Years LeRoy Martin Single Axle Truck Driver
 Alan Quimby Lead Person
 Clemen C. White Rest Area Attendant
 Duell L. Fendley Vegetation Controller
 William P. Howell Single Axle Truck Driver
 Charlotte M. Nutt District Bookkeeper
 5 Years Joe Dunn Motor Patrol Opr.-Rough
 Melinda F. McKamie Area Hdqts. Attendant

DISTRICT 8

30 Years Jimmy Rainwater Senior Inspector
 15 Years Ken Buchanan Asst. Storeroom Supv.
 Jimmy Sigler Area Foreman
 10 Years Allen Hale Multi-Axle Truck Driver
 John H. Magie Motor Patrol Opr.-Rough
 Leroy Ruble Roller Operator
 5 Years Gary E. Duff Construction Aide
 David R. Hogue Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
 Lisa D. Millard Single Axle Truck Driver
 Mary Jane Silvey Vegetation Controller

DISTRICT 9

25 Years William Phillips Area Foreman
 Rayma S. King Field Clerk II
 20 Years Elmer Harris Ferry Boat Supv.
 Gary E. Fancher Crew Leader
 Ralph T. Fulton District Engineer
 15 Years Marion Carlton Finish Carpenter
 Loris Horton Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
 Jeffrey R. Barrett Const. Materials Inspector
 10 Years Robert Reddell District Permit Officer
 Ansel E. Reasons Vegetation Controller
 5 Years Margie Arter Single Axle Truck Driver
 George Parks Area Hdqts. Attendant
 Betty S. Loggins Single Axle Truck Driver
 John M. James Asst. Resident Engineer
 Edward V. Watts Single Axle Truck Driver
 Loretta J. Holliman Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 10

15 Years John Watkins Senior Mechanic
 Earnest L. Sorg Senior Mechanic
 10 Years Jimmie M. Williams Vegetation Controller
 5 Years Richard L. Carmack Area Hdqts. Attendant
 Earl C. Chester Const. Helper II

Around the Department

Retirements

The following employees have retired from the Department

J.D. Aydelotte District 5
 J.L. Bolden District 1
 E.L. Fennell Materials and Research
 E.H. Hightower Traffic
 C.W. Holland District 5
 J.L. James District 6
 W.T. Pringle C&M, Heavy Bridge
 O.L. Keck District 9
 J.E. Goggans District 2
 C.D. Broadway District 6
 J.L. Douglass District 3
 C.D. Evans Human Resources
 T.L. Isom District 1
 L.D. Crye District 1
 C.L. Boyd District 8

J.C. Dodson District 9
 M.D. Fulks District 5
 B.M. Massingill Highway Police
 D.R. Phillips District 10
 A. Pickett District 7
 F.A. Pitts Equip. & Proc.
 C.C. Smith District 9
 M.E. Steward District 5
 R.M. Williams Human Resources
 C.H. Beard District 7
 T.I. Blalock District 8
 M. Cater District 2
 J.R. Gillihan District 5
 G.D. Garrett District 6

Central Office Service Awards

The following employees received 25 or 30 year Service Awards in December 1989 at the Central Office Service Award Presentation.



30 YEAR AWARDS:

Row 1 (left to right) Calvin Peevy, Fred Williams, Charles Venable, Paul Elcan. Row 2: Paul DeBusk, Dale Loe, Bill Mulhollen and Bob Kessinger.



25 YEAR AWARDS:

Row 1 (L to R) Larry Johnson, Terrell Watts, Chester Jester, Richard Butler, Charles Rain. Row 2: Frank Blalock, Gary Joe Lewis, Allan Holmes, Bill Harrod. Row 3: Charles Walther and Jim Taylor.

COMPUTER SERVICES

We will miss Donna Gehrki, Kathy Brewer and Judy Lawrence and wish them all the best of luck. Donna resigned last fall to continue her education at the University of Louisville. She is completing her Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and we hear she made all A's for the fall semester. Congratulations Donna!

Kathy resigned in October to return to the Corps of Engineers where her husband, Steve, also works. They became the proud parents of Sarah Kaitlyn on December 27. Sarah arrived weighing 7 pounds and 4 ounces. Congratulations to Kathy and Steve.

Judy left the Department in December to accept a position with a private consultant in Atlanta, Georgia. On January 13 she became Mrs. Billy Manes. Congratulations and good luck Judy and Billy on your marriage and your new jobs.

We would also like to welcome several new employees to the Application Development section. Larry Busbea came to us in September. He is a retired Chief Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, Wanda, and son, Larry, live in North Little Rock. Larry enjoys canoeing and kayaking on the state's rivers.

Another new programmer is Scott King, who recently graduated from UCA. He and his fiancée, Lorna Riddle, plan to marry May 26. Scott is the Youth Director at Shannon Hills Baptist Church.

David Bickell, another new programmer, comes to us from Systematics. David and his wife, Mary, have a son, Justin, who is 2 years old. David enjoys any outdoor recreation.

We also welcome Lesa Frymark, a senior programmer analyst, to Applications Development. Lesa, who is originally from Monroe, La., comes to us all the way from Reading, Pa. Lesa and her husband, Don, have a 2 year old daughter, Anne.

Congratulations to Carolyn Bobo in receiving her 15 year service award presented to her by her supervisor Carolyn Stringer. Refreshments were served to honor the occasion. Also congratulations to Carolyn Bobo on the arrival of third grandson Dustion Cody Baker on September 8. Proud parents are Michelle and Steve Baker of Salem.

Jim and Carolyn Stringer had an exciting vacation in January. They treated their

four daughters and sons-in-laws to a skiing trip at Breckenridge, Colorado. There were no broken bones.



Carolyn Bobo

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Congratulations to Ron Price, Construction Office Manager, and to Tina Horton, who received their 15 and 5 year Service Awards from Construction and Maintenance Engineer Allan Holmes. Refreshments were served in their honor.

John Howell and wife, Sandy, spent the Christmas Holidays with relatives in Green Valley, Arizona. He said he read about the sub-zero weather here as they enjoyed breakfast by the pool in 75 degree weather. John's 12-year old grandson, Joshua Boice, attained a composite score of 97.9 on the Metropolitan Achievement Test given to 6th graders. He was then encouraged to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test for high school seniors and his score placed him in the 75th percentile in that group. He now plans to take college level courses in a summer school program conducted by Henderson State University.

Congratulations to Bill Mulhollen, Garland Land, and David Mayberry for their years of dedicated service to the Department. Bill received his 30 year certificate, Garland received a 20 year certificate, and David received a 10 year certificate.

On September 21, 1989 a retirement party was held in honor of Tom Pringle, after 14 years of service as a Finish Carpenter in the Heavy Bridge Section. Thanks for your hard work Tom and we hope you are enjoying retirement.



Bill Mulhollen and Allan Holmes



Garland Land and David Mayberry



Tom Pringle

On November 4, 1989, Karen Hall was married to Tim Colclasure. Tim is Vice President of Policy Accounting at National Old Line Insurance Co. The wedding was held at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Little Rock. She was escorted by her two sons, Jeffery, 6, and Shawn, 3.



Karen and Tim Colclasure

We would like to welcome Linda Bryant as our new secretary in the Facilities Management Section. She was previously employed by Pulaski County.

We would like to welcome James McClanahan, Rough Carpenter, and George Samarin, Finish Carpenter to the Heavy Bridge Section. George is a transfer from District 4 and we are glad to have both of them with us.

In January, Pat Sullivan, David Lambert and Tom Cecil, all of Maintenance, along with Jim Pound and other friends went to Colorado for their annual ski trip. They all seemed to have survived the high altitudes of the mountains. It was said, though, that David skied for 5 days with a broken neck after a fall he and Pat had on the first day on the slopes.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Congratulations to Elaine Sullivan who received her 15 year service award.

Gary Bulloch, our hunting enthusiast, killed his limit of deer, a 5-point, spike and doe. Also he and his partner killed 156 ducks.



Elaine Sullivan and Marion Butler

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Congratulations to Patsy Downing who celebrated 35 years with AHTD in September 1989. A dinner party was held in her honor at the Butcher Shop Steak House on October 27. A good time was had by all attending as can be seen from the photo.

Frank Pitts, Equipment Specifications Specialist, retired in December. We had a catered barbeque dinner at the Oasis and presented Frank with a gift. Congratulations Frank and we wish you many happy years of retirement.



Patsy Downing receiving her certificate from Al Sacco

Chicita Pate received her 5 year service award and Karen Rankin received her 10 year service award on October 31. Cake was served in their honor. Congratulations to both.

Stanley Ashley left his position as Stock Clerk to join the Army in November. We wish him all the best in the future.

New employees to this division are: Richard Smith and Minor (Sonny) George, Senior Mechanics at the Central Shop; Dewayne Hall, Station Attendant; James Jones, Stock Clerk, and Glynnis Jones, General Laborer. We are happy to have every one of these employees and wish them many years of service with our department.

FISCAL SERVICES

We would like to welcome two new employees to Fiscal Services: Carolyn Yancy and Anne-Marie Keller. Carolyn transferred from Computer Services to the Receipts and Expenditures Section as the new data entry operator. She attends school at night to study computer programming and has one daughter, Shahinda. Anne-Marie is a secretary in the Truck Tax Unit. She enjoys playing softball.

We would like to say farewell to Laura Walker who transferred to the Permits Section of Highway Police. We will miss her.

Leonard Grinstead is the proud grandparent of a baby boy named James Allen Strickland, born January 1, 1990 and weighing 6 pounds and 14 ounces.

Laura Malat is the proud grandparent of a baby boy named Evan Thomas Talmadge Malat, born November 23, 1989 and weighing 7 pounds and 6 ounces. Congratulations to both!

Charles Paul Prewett, son of Judy and Charles Prewitt, married Misty Deshea

White on December 29. The Rev. Ed McDaniel, Charles' grandfather and also retired mechanic from District 6, officiated the ceremony. The couple now lives in Little Rock where Charles is employed by TCBY as a store design draftsman and Misty is attending school at UALR. She is also employed in the cardiopulmonary unit of Saline Memorial Hospital in Benton.

Lenora Myers is now Lenora Harris. In a quiet ceremony held January 19, she married Waymon Harris. He is employed by Harper Construction Co., of Prattsville. A shower to celebrate the event was held February 1 in her honor by friends at AHTD.

Rose Wright married Keith Hodges on December 29. A shower was held in her honor on January 19. We wish all our newlyweds many years of happiness!

Donnalee Griswald and her husband, Bobby, won a 6-day, 5-night trip to Hawaii by entering a contest at Storer Cable. Everyone offered to take it off their hands, but they declined.

HUMAN RESOURCES

In January, Walter Caton, Crew Leader in Buildings and Grounds, was presented with a 5 year service certificate by Jane Wilson, Division Head and Gene Cagle, Section Head of Building and Grounds.



Walter Caton

This division would like to welcome two new employees to our staff. Yolanda Stewart will be working in Records Management. She is a paralegal student at Southern Technical College. She enjoys traveling, reading, and playing with her 3 year old daughter.

LynAnne Taylor is a Personnel Clerk who came to the Department from the

Workers' Compensation Commission. Her hobbies include water skiing, ceramics and cross stitch.

Gene Cagle's daughter, Connie Cagle, was honored recently during a reception at the Governor's Mansion for donors, donor families and transplant recipients with the Arkansas Eye Bank and Laboratory. First Lady Hillary Clinton presented Connie with an award for her outstanding service in working with veterans and their families in the donor program at the John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Administration in Little Rock where she is employed.



Connie Cagle and Mrs. Clinton

LEGAL

We would like to welcome four new employees to our staff. They are:

Evelyn Allison, secretary, has returned to us after being employed 5 years with the Laser Law firm. Evelyn is married and has one daughter, Brittany, age 2.

Treeca Dyer, staff attorney, joined our division in October and was previously employed with the Alcohol Beverage Control Division. She is single and lives in Little Rock.

Kimberly Jewel, secretary, came to us in November from the Planning Division. Kim is married and calls Benton home.

Mark Whitmore, staff attorney, has been with us since August. He was previously employed as a law clerk with Judge Lee Munson. He is single and lives in Little Rock.

We are proud of all these individuals and hope you will take the time to join us in welcoming them to this division.

We are also glad to have Phil Gowen back at 100% capacity. Phil broke his ankle during the icy weather and has been on crutches since December.

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

We thank Jerry Stacks for the use of this 1957 photo which shows the old Materials and Tests facility on the Capitol grounds. Notice the asphalt distillation apparatus and assorted equipment used at that time.



Jerry Stacks

The decade started out just right for Bashar Qedan and his wife. They are the proud parents of Layla Bashar Qedan, born on January 1. Congratulations also to Bashar on his promotion to Research Assistant.

We were very sorry to see Cathy Byrd leave us on January 2. She worked in the soils department and she will be missed by many of her co-workers.

Alan Meadors has been promoted to lead the Research Section as the new Staff Research Engineer.

Wesley Oliver was added to the Drill Crew on December 11.

Congratulations to Ray Gruver, who is now the proud father of Carrie Elizabeth Gruver, born on December 5, 1989.

The M&R division played Santa during Christmas to a needy family. All employees acted as Santa's helpers providing food, new and used clothing and money. With the money collected, new outfits, toys and essential items were provided for all. Santa's helpers were well rewarded when delivery took place. The big eyes and lots of ooo's and ahh's was reward enough. When Mom called to say thanks, she said she had a hard time keeping the kids out of the presents before Christmas.

PLANNING

A stork shower was held on October 6 honoring Joe and Alicia Farmer and Mike and Tammy Schiff. Joshua Lamar Farmer made his debut into the world on October 31, weighing 6 pounds and 9 ounces. Stephanie Isadora Schiff was born November 9, weighing 9 pounds and 1 ounce. Mothers and babies are doing well and the Daddys are bursting with pride. Congratulations!

Melonie Elcan, daughter of Paul Elcan of Technical Services, is a student at Lana's School of Dance in Lonoke. She won third place in group competition at Dallas in November. Great work Melonie!

Dan Morgan's 1 year old granddaughter, Taylor Elizabeth Morgan, won the title of Little Miss Cinderella in competition for ages up to one year in October. She is the daughter of Missy and Brooks Morgan.

Odean "PeeWee" Garner, a field technician for Technical Services, was presented with his 5 year service award from Section Head Jim Head on November 1. Congratulations Odean.



Jim Head and Odean Garner

We miss Eric Phillips, who transferred to Traffic; Kim Jewell, who transferred to Legal; and Teresa Turman, who transferred to Fiscal Services. Margarita Olive transferred from Map Sales to the Administrative Section of Planning.

We welcome Paul Simms back to Planning as Staff Planning Administrator of the Statewide Planning Section and we welcome Dianna Brown to Map Sales. She has a 3 year old son, Jacob, who really keeps her busy.

We welcome Rane Duncan, our COE student in Map Sales, who is a senior at Mills High School. After graduation she plans to take training at Baptist Medical Center to become an X-Ray Technician.

Mary Day Wilson was one of 40 members of the Arkansas Choral Society who made a trip to New York the week after Thanksgiving to sing at a concert in Carnegie Hall.

The Planning Division enjoyed a Christmas luncheon on December 15. We enjoyed having the retirees and friends that came back to join us in a good time and lots of good food.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Congratulations to our division secretary Sharon Bowen, and husband, Grant, on the arrival of their second son, Michael James, born September 19 weighing in at 10 pounds. They also have an older son, Matthew, age 4. Best wishes to the whole family.

We would like to congratulate Judy Parson, of the Contract Proposal Section, for her 10 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Department (all spent in the same division). We surprised her with her favorite dessert -- eclairs!

Verna Higgins, of our Programming and Scheduling Section, received her 10 year service award in October. She was honored with a potluck dinner. Congratulations Verna for your dedication to the Department.



Mike Sebren and Verna Higgins

Steve and Meribeth Heye spent the holidays visiting Steve's parents in West Palm Beach, Florida. Besides below freezing temperatures, restricted water and power use, they had a wonderful time visiting the folks and seeing the sites.

RIGHT OF WAY

Congratulations to Arthur Watt, Assistant Chief of Right of Way and Charles Smothers, Negotiator, upon their completion of 20 years of service to the Department and to London Sabb, Plans Designer, for 15 years and to Joel Clark, Advanced Drafter, for 10 years of service.



Arthur Watt



Charles Smothers



London Sabb



Joel Clark

We would like to welcome Bonnie Harvill to the Appraisal Section. Bonnie previously worked in the Legal Division, so all she had to do was walk across the hall to her new office and new job as Division Section Secretary.

Our division Christmas Party was held December 9 and it was a huge success. We started out with a potluck dinner, which was delicious, then we sang Christmas carols. Jim Fooks played the piano and Linda Lewis led the singing. We also had 12 employees doing *The 12 Days of Christmas*, and we had a lot of fun with that.

The Utilities Section had two promotions and one new employee. Employees promoted were Ralph Williams to Senior Utility Coordinator and Doug Thacker to Utility Coordinator II. Congratulations! Our new employee is Charles Mowery. He has worked for several years for Arkla Gas and was working for the State Revenue Office when he transferred to the AHTD. He is married and has two sons.

Mary Toler has a new granddaughter, Anajane Elizabeth Free, who was born January 31 weighing 7 pounds. Proud parents are Bonny and Wayne Free who have one other son, J.J., who is 5.

ROADWAY DESIGN

We started off the fall season by hosting the First Annual Roadway Design Chili Cookoff and Potluck. Each squad selected one person to be their cook. They were Cindy Webb, Bill Duncan, John Mathis, Gary Sipes, and Bobby Welch. And the winner was Cindy Webb of Dave Burnett's section. She received a very unusual trophy designed by Patty Payne. We all ate too much and sure needed a lot of Roloids. The judges were Shirley Bridges, Phil McConnell, and June Booher. They had a lot of fun and said they would love to do it again.



Roadway Design Chili Cookoff Judges: Shirley, Phil and June

Gary and Billye Sipes are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Christopher Shane Sipes, born November 1 weighing 8 pounds and 14+ ounces. His parents are Ronal and Jessie Sipes.

Congratulations to John Mathis who was married to Deborah Gross, an engineer in the Bridge Division, on December 21 at the Lonoke Baptist Church. They are currently living in Little Rock as a "two" engineer family.

We will miss Julie Seay, of Urban Design, who has transferred to the Hydraulics Section of Surveys.

Marty and Mike Bevans went to Atlanta, Georgia to an antique show in November and on the way back went to the Talladega International Speedway and NASCAR Museum.

SURVEYS

Everyone in Surveys would like to say Thank You to Tracy Barnes who filled in for me while I was on maternity leave and she did a great job. Thanks Tracy!

Mike and Tammy Schiffel became parents of a new baby girl, Stephanie Isadora Schiffel, born November 9, weighing 8 pounds and 1 ounce. Stephanie has a brother, Scott, age 10, who is crazy about her.

Pictured is Ed Condrey, Surveys Aide

from Mountain View and a member of Don Cheatham's survey crew, being presented his 10 year service award by Staff Survey Engineer Bob Mize. A short work break with cake and cokes was enjoyed by the survey crew to celebrate the occasion.



Ed Condrey and Bob Mize

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Brad Fryar to this office as the new Survey Engineering Specialist. He is a graduate of ASU and is married.

Also new to this division are Steven Boyd, Wayne Wheeler, Oliver Gossett, Tom Epperson, Leonard Petroff and Gregory Jones. These guys are all members of various surveys crews that travel statewide. Welcome aboard!

Lindsey "Lindy" Bragg is the new Aerial Reproduction Specialist in Photogrammetry. Lindy and his wife, Laura, have one son, Wayne. They enjoy camping and canoeing. Lindy is also a professional photographer in his spare time.



Lindy Bragg

Photogrammetry had another great Christmas Party this year. We had plenty of shrimp, barbeque, baked beans, etc., and Randy Boyd's mother made some delicious fried peach pies for dessert. We had one of the best parties ever and everyone really enjoyed themselves.



Photogrammetry Christmas Party

TRAFFIC

We welcome Eric Phillips to our division as Staff Traffic Engineer. He transferred from Planning in August.

We also welcome Kathey Gibson as our new Division Section Secretary. She previously worked for Alcohol Beverage Control. Her little ones at home include a husband, stepson, and a cat.

Traffic Division's annual Christmas Potluck was held December 22 at the Sign Shop. Special guests were Charles Venable and Roger Almond and we were glad to have them join us at the feast.

Rick Henriksen bought a new home about 5 years ago and he finally let his co-workers come see it when he threw a Christmas party this past year. Guests brought a wide variety of food and if anyone left hungry, it was their own fault. During the course of the party, about an inch of snow fell unbeknownst to the guests, who were quite surprised by the white stuff when they began to leave. It was a great party and thanks Rick, for letting us see your home.

Never to be outdone, Danny Moore threw his 4th annual New Year's Eve Party, and unlike Rick, was showing off his new (not even quite complete) home.

Eric Phillips made his first attempt at baking recently. He bought about \$20 worth of ingredients (muffin pan, bowl, etc.) to bake 12 delicious blueberry muffins. Now he has enough ingredients left to bake every weekend for a very long time. How about bringing us some Eric?

Tony Jones, Debi Tackett, Rick Henriksen, and John Gorton comprise Traffic's bowling team. They are known as the "Traffic Lites" and are undaunted by their standing of 8th out of eight (and climbing) because, after all, they can only go up! They are definitely no threat to the PBA, but they sure are having fun!

A recent trip known as the "Winona Wildlife Wilderness Weekend" taken by John Gorton, David Tolleson, and Tony Jones almost turned into another case of "Deliverance", at least for John and David. After feeling their way around in the dark for several hours (each relying on the other to get them back to camp), they eventually found their way back to civilization where companion Tony picked them up on the road only a mile or so from camp. The only thing killed on this trip was time - two days and one long night!

DISTRICT ONE

On December 19, 1989 we celebrated the Christmas holidays by hosting our annual Christmas luncheon and Service Award Presentation. Our special guests were Commissioner Rodney Slater and Assistant Chief Engineer Calvin Peevy. Service awards were presented to J.W. Davis, 30 years; Claude Dunne and Walter Mays, 25 years; Roger Cheney, 20 years; and Ray Woodruff, Billy Hamilton, Ricky Hudson and Phillip Norman, 15 years.

Retirement certificates were presented to Johnnie Bolden and Timothy Isom, of the Cross County Maintenance Crew and to Lewis Crye, Construction Field Engineer in West Helena.

There was plenty of food and good fellowship for all who attended and we wish to give a special thank you to everyone who had a hand in putting this affair together. Congratulations to Luther Davis and Lee Hamilton who won the door prizes.



J.W. Davis



Roger Cheney



Walter Mays and Claude Dunne



Johnnie Bolden



Lewis Crye

Commissioner Rodney Slater
and Timothy Isom

Jimmy Bryant, Lee County Area Foreman, is a very talented musician and recently had the privilege to accompany Miss Arkansas, Marci Lewallen, on the piano while she sang for the Annual Farm Bureau meeting held in Marianna last fall.

Marci Lewallen "Miss Arkansas"
and Jimmy Bryant

Willie Anderson, Senior Mechanic, has had a reason to smile and brag a little while showing around the picture of his first grandchild, Chasna Gilmer, who was born June 7, 1989.

After years of wondering if he would ever have a grandson, Jasper Riley, Job Superintendent, can now relax. On September 4, his son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Eva Riley, became the parents of a 7 pound, 3 ounce baby boy named Joseph Wayne Riley. Congratulations to all our new grandparents.

And now for our deer hunters - Dwayne Pritchard of Crittenden County killed an 8-

point on November 17 on the Bayou De-view in McCrory and Allan Davis, Assistant Storeroom Supv., killed a 15-point buck during bow season near Cherry Valley. For all of you deer hunters who travel long distances, Allan proved that you don't have to go to the ends of the earth to get your deer.

Gary Jackson, Construction Party Chief in the West Helena RE Office, caught a whole slew of giant catfish last fall. He wouldn't tell us where he caught them, so we guess he is keeping that fishing hole a secret.

DISTRICT TWO

The annual District Two Christmas Party and Awards Presentation was a nice event and an addition to the holiday festivities. All of the children were surprised and delighted to see Santa visit the Highway Department.

Our honored guest was Highway Commissioner Bill Clark. Music was provided by Joey Waddle, District Office Manager and as always, the food was wonderful. Thanks to all of the employees, retirees and wives who made this a most memorable occasion.

Marinette Cater, a member of our District Sealing Crew, is proud to announce the marriage of her son, Darren Lansdale to Janet Hooks on September 29 in Hamburg. Darren is a graduate of Hamburg High School and is employed in the Ashley County Road Department.

Service awards were presented recently to Ted Carr, Assistant RE, Pine Bluff, and Leon Crouch, Ashley County Area Headquarters Attendant, for 25 years; Burl Robinson, Equipment Supv., 20 years; James Chalk, Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish, Drew County, and Rick Wilson, District Bridge Inspector, 15 years; Melanie Owen, Payroll Clerk, 10 years; and Harlon Colbert, Area Headquarters Attendant, Drew County, 5 years. Congratulations to all.



Ernie Westfall and Ted Carr



Leon Crouch



Melanie Owen and Burl Robinson



Rick Wilson



James Chalk

Harlon Colbert

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with AHTD: J.P. Featherston, Valerie Marks, Willie Weekly, Joseph Stone, Jimmy Smith and Ronnie Clark for 5 years; C.G. Clayborn and Garry Plunk, 10 years; D.C. Cummings, 15 years; and D.W. Westbrook for 20 years.



Randall Cato



Jerry Watson



Garry Plunk Danny Cummings

The District Three Christmas Dinner was held December 7 and a large crowd was on hand to enjoy the food, entertainment and fellowship. Special guests were Commissioner Ron and Claudetta Harrod, Bob and Ann May and Don Crain. Special entertainment was provided by Weldon Garrison, Spring Bank Ferry Supv., Mike Givens, Ferry Boat Pilot, and the Bethany Quartet from Springhill. Mark Anderson, a member of the District Bridge Crew is also a member of the Bethany Quartet. They all sang some beautiful gospel songs. A lot of preparation went into making the evening a success and everyone's cooperation and hard work were really appreciated by all who attended.

DISTRICT FOUR

Many may remember that in October, Scott Mantooth, son of Jerry Mantooth, Senior Mechanic, had a serious car accident. District Four, along with many area business and individuals, were able to have a drawing with some very nice prizes. Approximately \$2700 was raised. Jerry sends this note: *Thanks to all the employees of AHTD for your kindness and contributions when our son had an automobile wreck. Scott is mending pretty good, but still has a long time to go before he is able to resume his normal activities again. Your concern and kindness will long be remembered by our family.*

Our annual awards ceremony and Christmas party was held December 15 and there was good attendance despite the severe cold weather. We were happy to have Calvin Peevy, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations, and Allan Holmes, State Construction and Maintenance Engineer, as our special guests. Congratulations to Cletis Whitson, Area Foreman at Ozark, and to Jack Coleman, Resident Engineer at Van Buren who both received 30 year service awards from Mr. Peevy.



Jack Coleman and Calvin Peevy



Cletis Whitson and Calvin Peevy

The District Four third quarter "Crew of the Quarter" was a tie. Congratulations to the crews of Rick Law and Jim Carter. For the fourth quarter the honor went to Mark Williams' bridge crew, Earl Bates of Waldron and Larry Elder of Ozark.

District Engineer Carl Sanders recently presented the 1989 Crew of the Year award to the Polk County Crew with Hershel Henry as Foreman. Congratulations to all these employees for their good work.



Rick Law and Jim Carter



Polk County
District Four 1989 Crew of the Year

The Springdale RE Office are real proud of themselves. They were able to

keep a secret from Resident Engineer Leon Brewer and was able to throw a very surprise party for his 20 years with AHTD. District Engineer Carl Sanders, and Assistant DE Joe Shipman, along with Pat Brewer, Leon's wife, and all 20 employees showed up to help with the celebration. In fact, they did such a good job that it wasn't until Carl stood up and started talking, that Leon figured out that the party was for him!



Carl Sanders and Leon Brewer

Kim McDowell, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, recently received a long awaited letter from the military. It states that he has completed 20 plus years in the Arkansas National Guard where he is currently a Master Sergeant.

Rebecca Libby, Field Clerk at Van Buren, recently graduated with honors from Westark Community College at Fort Smith. Rebecca received her A.A.S. degree in Business Management with a cumulative grade point average of 3.9.

Congratulations to retiree Wayne Goodson of Fort Smith who recently hit a hole-in-one at the Fort Smith Country Club on the #8 hole with an 8-iron. He did have two witnesses when this happened and it was the second hole-in-one in as many days on the eighth hole.

Congratulations to Robin Linn, Senior Construction Aide, and his wife, Nina, on the birth of their second daughter, Heather Annette, on September 30. She weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and has a big sister, Nichole.

Two young deer hunters this fall were successful for their first time. Jason McDowell, son of Kim McDowell, got a 4-point buck, and Casey Turner, son of L.G. Turner, District Bridge Inspector, also got a 4-pointer. Congratulations to both of these young men.

Service awards this quarter include:

W.E. Gumm, MATD and Kim McDowell, Asst. Maint. Supt. for 20 years; Gerald Stockton, Resident Office Technician, and Gary West, Sr. Const. Aide, 15 years; Mary Bryant, Bookkeeper, 10 years; and Robert Kolb, Body Repairer and Painter, 5 years.



David Becker, Bud Faubus, W.E. Gumm



Mary Bryant and Kim McDowell



Gerald Stockton and Leon Brewer



Gary West and Jack Coleman



Aubrey Bowen and Robert Kolb

DISTRICT FIVE

Our annual service awards party was held December 15 at the District Headquarters. Our special guest was Highway Commissioner Raymond Pritchett, who presented awards to employees with 25 and 30 years of service. Those who received certificates were Roy T. Richmond and Daniel O. Garwood, 30 years; and Roy D. Pitts, Billy Allred and Samuel C. Davis, 25 years. We want to congratulate the recipients and thank them for their dedicated service to the AHTD. We were happy to have Bill Stanton, John Jackson, Treva Meador and Randy Ort from the Public Affairs Office at our party. They stopped by on their way back to Little Rock from a public hearing that was held in our district. We had an exceptionally large number of employees and retirees, new and old, who attended this year. We were glad to see all the former employees and hope they will come by and see us again.



District 5 Service Award Recipients

We have many deer hunters throughout the District but only one who reported in. Leslie Shane, Senior Mechanic, is a good marksman and had pictures of two deer to prove it.

Larisa P. Donis, a junior political science major in the College of Arts and Sciences at Arkansas State, has been named Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Selection was based on academic achievement, community service, leadership in campus activities, and potential for continued success. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leggett. Jim is the Resident Engineer at Batesville. Ms. Donis was also selected to travel to Hungary in February as part of the International Student Exchange program.

On December 28, Eugene Steward's wife, two daughters and son-in-law helped surprise Gene with coffee and cake, gold watch and other presents. His son-in-law

built an exact replica of his highway pickup. Gene was Area Foreman of the Bald Knob crew. He was good to have around and we miss him, but we wish for him a long and happy retirement.



Jim Chaney and Eugene Steward

J.W. Casey, Lead Person, who has been with the Department for 20+ years, retired this month. The Sharp County crew had coffee and cake in his honor. We wish him well and hope he has a long and healthy retirement.



J.W. Casey

Ryan Duncan, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan of Searcy, built duck boxes as part of his project to become an Eagle Scout. His project included designing, building and placing 12 boxes on trees in the Henry Gray Wildlife Management area at Georgetown (White County). Ryan's father, James, is a Crew Leader at Searcy.

Matthew Stout and Whitney Altom represented the kindergarten class at Cave City Fall Festival as Prince and Princess. Matthew is the son of Sherry and Michael Stout. Sherry is the Field Clerk in the Leggett Residency.

DISTRICT SIX

On December 21, District Six held their annual Christmas party and service award presentation. Receiving 10 year certificates and pins were: Mark Voyles, Don Clark, Tommy Collins, Rick Ransom, Dwayne Stokes and David Lovell. Receiving 15 year service awards were Charles Nutt, Ben Franklin, Bill Pate, Freddie Evans, Denver Hardman, Reuben Carter, Homer Blair and Olen Gunter. Not present but also receiving a 15 year award was W.J. Phillips. Receiving a 25 year award was Arvin Shuffield and not present but also receiving a 25 year award was Chuck Tully. Receiving a 30 year certificate was Monte Deakins. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.



Arvin Shuffield (25 years) and Monte Deakins (30 years)



15 Year Service Award Recipients



10 Year Service Award Recipients

Congratulations to Grandma Nellie Ann Shackelford, Area Hdqts. Attendant at Malvern. Kimberly Ann Shackelford was born August 24, 1989 and weighed 9 pounds and 12 ounces.

Billy Biggs, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator for Pulaski III, and his wife, Susan, are proud of their two children: Adam, age 6, and the newest addition, Melanie Leah, who was born July 11 weighing 8 pounds and 13 ounces.

Oscar Lester, Lead Person for the Dixon Road Headquarters, would also like to announce the birth of his granddaughter, VonChasity LaDawn McDaniel, born September 24, weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

November was a baby boom month for District Six. We had 4 babies born within 3 days. The first to start this domino effect was the birth of District Payroll Clerk Angela Johnson's first nephew, Johnny Lane Goff, born November 6, weighing 7 pounds and 15 ounces. Next was Tamara Denise Hicks, born November 7 to Senior Mechanic Doug and Juanita Hicks. Tamara weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Also born on November 7 was Jonathan Clark Phillips, weighing 9 pounds and 8 ounces. He is the sixth grandbaby for District Bookkeeper Olga Montalvo. Last, but not least, Jeremy Michael Burge, was born November 8 to Area Foreman Ralph Burge and wife, Elaine. Congratulations to all!

On October 28, Floyd Ray Baker II and Jamie Dee Staggs exchanged wedding vows at Cherokee Village. Floyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baker of Grapevine. Ray is the Area Headquarters Attendant for Sheridan. Congratulations to all on the nice family addition.

David Johnson, age 10, son of Dennis Johnson, Lead Person for the North Little Rock Headquarters, got his first deer on November 18.

Eric Paulus, Crew Leader for Pulaski 3, killed a 9 point buck on November 8 in Little River County.

Jeremy Dwayne Stokes, age 18, son of Dwayne Stokes, Morgan Rest Area Attendant, joined the U.S. Navy on September 7. He graduated from Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Illinois on November 3 and will be training as an Aviation Mechanic and plans to try out for the SEALs when he completes his schooling.

Roberto Velazquez, MATD for the Sealing Crew, and his wife, Evelia, are quite proud of their 12 year old son, Carlos, who attends the Arkansas School for the Deaf where he is an Honor Student and has been recognized for learning to sign the English language. This has been a big feat for Carlos since at home the Mexican language is most prominent. Carlos' deafness was a result of a high fever associated with an illness as an infant. Congratulations Carlos on all your great accomplishments!

The Hot Springs Residency had many men hunting during the recent bow and rifle deer season this fall, with many trophies bagged. Those reporting kills were Steve Morgan, Greg Oliver, David Jackson, Mark Crumpton, Ricky Prince, Arvin Shuffield, Mike Allman and Donnie Parish. Congratulations men!

Congratulations are also in order for Greg and Barbara Oliver on the birth of their daughter, Kara, born November 17, weighing 7 pounds and 14 ounces. They also have another daughter, Bridgett, age 4.

We also wish to congratulate Kevin and Cheryl Thornton on their marriage November 4. They also learned how to ski on their honeymoon to Colorado.

Speaking of skiing, Tim Baber recently returned from a skiing trip to Breckenridge, Colorado. He reported having a wonderful time with no spills. (No bad ones that is.)

Corky Chamberlain performed his civic duty during the preparation for the Annual Hot Springs Christmas Parade. He is a leader in Cub Scouts and helped with their float in the parade.

Bonnie Beckwith was certainly proud of her twin grandchildren in the same parade. They performed in the junior high marching band that won first place.

DISTRICT SEVEN

On January 18, Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod presented service awards to employees receiving 25 and 30 year awards. They were: Jimmy Parker, Mildred Russ, Conrad Sanders and Chuck Vance, 25 years; Kenneth Bussell, Percy Morton, Thomas Lee Lindsey, and Coy Campbell, 30 years. Congratulations and sincere appreciation to each of you for your loyal service. A very special thanks to our District Engineer Coy Campbell for his fine leadership and untiring dedication.



25 Year Service Awards



30 Year Service Awards

Dannie Launius, District Office Manager, bagged a 6-point buck during the November hunt. Congratulations Dannie.

DISTRICT EIGHT

December 15 was the day of our annual District Eight Open House. It was a cold day outside, but we were blessed with the warm and friendly faces of many of our retirees and their spouses. Highway Commission Chairman Raymond Pritchett presented service and retirement awards. Jimmy Don Eledge received a certificate for 25 years of service and C.L. Boyd received his 30 year service award and retirement certificate. It was an enjoyable afternoon, with good food and fellowship, and we appreciate all of those who made it happen.

Stockroom Supervisor C.L. Boyd retired December 8 after 30 years of service to the Department. His friends and co-workers honored him with a gun for squirrel hunting and a cake for all of us to share.



Jimmy Eledge



C.L. Boyd

Those receiving service awards at a Supervisors meeting in October were Oren Roberts, Robert Turner, Jerry Biffle, James Chronister, and Phillip Stroud, 10 years; Barney Berry and William Shipp, 15 years; and Leland Halcomb and Jimmy Hill, 20 years. Congratulations to all!



Service Awards

We were saddened by the recent loss of our friend, Otis Ray Millard. Otis worked for many years in our Yell County Crew where now his daughter, Lisa, is a single axle truck driver.

Congratulations to Steve Sheets on the birth of his daughter, Kayla Marie, born September 12, weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces. Kayla has a brother, Justin, who is 4. Steve is our new District Storeroom Supervisor.

The Bud McMillian Residency in Conway celebrated their office Christmas party on December 22. Service awards were presented by Assistant District Engineer M.C. Young. Those receiving awards were Darron Tytler, 5 years; David Huggins, 10 years; and Donnie Hill, 20 years.



Donnie Hill and Chip Young



Darron Tytler



David Huggins

Congratulations to Jean Blalock who retired December 27. Jean was the District Stock Clerk for several years, but in more recent years, was the field clerk for the Resident Engineer in Russellville. On her last day, Jean brought her video camera to tape us all waving goodbye. When it is too rainy to play golf, she can stay in where it is cozy and think of us.

DISTRICT NINE

On November 16, service awards were presented to several District Nine employees. Receiving a 30 year award was J.T. Richardson and 25 year awards were presented to Frank Rose and Howard Harper. Receiving 20 year awards were Connis Ingram, Lynn Rand, David Dodson and Donnie Walker. Receiving 15 year awards were Jimmie Glisson, Everett Burr, Larry Wheeler, Howard Farmer, Merl Wood, James McEntire, Kenneth Whitney, Kit Core, Ron Stanfill, Brian Schwartz, Russell Overall and Eldon Watson. William Keeling was unable to attend but also earned a 15 year service award. Congratulations to you all!



District 9 Service Awards

Sherri Taylor, Construction Helper, joined the Bentonville Resident Engineer's Office in May. She is the proud mother of two daughters, Jenny, age 4, and Crystal, age 2.



**Sherri Taylor and daughters
Jenny and Crystal**

Susan Street, daughter of MATD Charley Taylor and wife, Betty, was commended recently in the Harrison Daily Times as a definite asset to the teaching profession. She is a 2nd grade teacher at Woodland Heights Elementary School in Harrison. Congratulations Susan and we wish you great success in your teaching career.

Neil Wood, age 8, son of Merl and Susie Wood, has won 12 trophies the past year at horse shows. He shows his pony in halter class, barrel race and pole bending. He also participated in the Arkansas State Championship Horse Show in Little Rock during the Labor Day weekend. Neil's father, Merl, works for the Marion County Maintenance Crew.

Carrie Wyatt, daughter of Floyd Wyatt, vegetation controller of the Carroll County Maintenance Crew, was chosen as the first student of the month from the Junior Class in November. The award was given based on academic achievement and extracurricular activities. Carrie was also chosen to apply for the Henderson 100 Club, which is offered to the top 100 Juniors in Arkansas. The club is a program that honors juniors who have excelled in testing, academic performance and overall contributions to the school. Carrie is enrolled at Green Forest High School.

Clint Dodson, Lowboy or Float Truck Driver, retired in December with 24+ years of service. A luncheon was given by his fellow co-workers on December 27 and

Clint was presented with a Remington Model 1200 Shotgun. We wish Clint a long and happy retirement, but we will miss him.



Retiree Clint Dodson

DISTRICT TEN

The antics of this recent retiree will certainly be missed around the Jonesboro RE Office. Carl "Utah" Williams, Office Technician, retired January 3 with 33 years of service. The crew gathered at a local restaurant to extend their best wishes for many long and happy years of retirement! And as you can see, Carl was up to his normal -- spreading laughter. Your friends from around the Department join with the office crew in wishing you our best! (P.S. We've requested call forwarding.)



Carl "Utah" Williams

We also parted with another long time friend from Clay County. Rex Phillips, Lead Person, retired recently with 25 years of service. Rex was presented a lovely pocket watch and the ever popular retiree's cap from fellow crew members. Rex, remember the door is always open so visit whenever you can.



Jerry Cook and Rex Phillips

Our congratulations to Thomas Greitens, son of Poinsett County Area Foreman Jerry Greitens, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. This is Scouting's highest honor and it takes years of diligence and hard work to reach this achievement. Congratulations Thomas and congratulations Jerry on your fine son.

This is definitely a first! We have always had "record" deer stories here in District 10, but this year one of our employees came up with a "record" deer. Dub Cole was the lucky employee who got a 23-point buck near Sitka. Congratulations Dub!



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For Your Letters

October 18, 1989

To Whom It May Concern:

On Monday, October 9, we had the misfortune to break down at the rest area west of Malvern on I-30. But it was to our great fortune to find Mr. Jimmy Findley, your employee, hard at work there. He was so helpful and reassuring to all of us and we wish to commend him. We arrived safely home by Thursday, October 12.

Sincerely yours,
George Burfiend Family
Truth or Consequences, New Mexico

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January 11, 1990

Jim Chaney, District 5 Engineer
Batesville, Arkansas

Thank you for being an important part of our community. Webster defines a community as "a number of individuals associated together by the fact of residency in the same locality." The Batesville community gave a much deeper meaning to this definition by its efforts to assist during our recent emergency situation. The community is to be commended for its volunteerism, caring and giving spirit.

We are proud of the Batesville community. We are pleased to be a part of it and to have you for a neighbor.

White-Rodgers appreciated your assistance in providing services and support.

Sincerely,
Jerry Schultz, Plant Manager
White-Rodgers Company
Batesville, Arkansas

January 17, 1990

Coy Campbell, District 7 Engineer
Camden, Arkansas

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Arkansas State Highway Department for the consistent excellent support and assistance provided to Henderson State University in Arkadelphia.

The local highway maintenance office under the supervision of Mr. Billy Karber has responded to all University requirements in an exceptional manner. That office is always very cooperative, willing and highly competent in providing needed maintenance support and assistance. On one occasion during the fall of 1989 the Highway Department was resurfacing some University streets, and it appeared that if not finished the work would negatively impact on a major Saturday campus activity. By diligently working beyond normal expectation, the local department had the streets in question finished and ready for traffic for the Saturday morning activity. This cooperative effort by the Highway Department was greatly appreciated by the University.

Also, I would like to thank Mr. Sam Bradshaw for his outstanding support of the University. He has been instrumental in assisting the University in maintaining proper marking of crosswalks and other special traffic management on campus requirements.

Again, thank you and we appreciate the timely and professional support your department provides this institution.

Sincerely,
Gary D. Anderson, Ed.D
Vice President for Student Services
Henderson State University

January 26, 1990

AHTD District 5
Batesville, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a long time Arkansas resident and I have been driving between home and Batesville to work for over 13 years. I have used the restroom facilities at the Salado Creek Rest Area on many occasions. In more recent weeks and months I have noticed a marked improvement in the general appearance, cleanliness, pleasantness, and functioning of the plumbing and hand dryer etc. I want you to know that I appreciate the improvement, not only because it is more pleasant for me, but because it reflects on the entire state of Arkansas when visitors from other places can experience a more pleasant rest stop. I believe we are judged by outsiders very harshly when our public facilities are not up to par.

I just want to say that I appreciate the job being done at the Salado Creek Rest Area. I noticed the man that works there seems to always be keeping a close watch on everything when I happened to stop there. I told him, personally, that the place looked better and asked him what his name was and he told me he was Tommy Harper.

At a time in our country's history when much of the quality of life seems to be loosing out to quantity, I am thankful for people like Tommy Harper for doing more than what is just required so that the rest of us will benefit. In a true sense, he is an "ambassador of good will" for the State of Arkansas.

Very truly yours,
Clifton D. Roberts
Searcy, Arkansas



Dwayne Pritchard - District 1



Eric Paulus - District 6



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