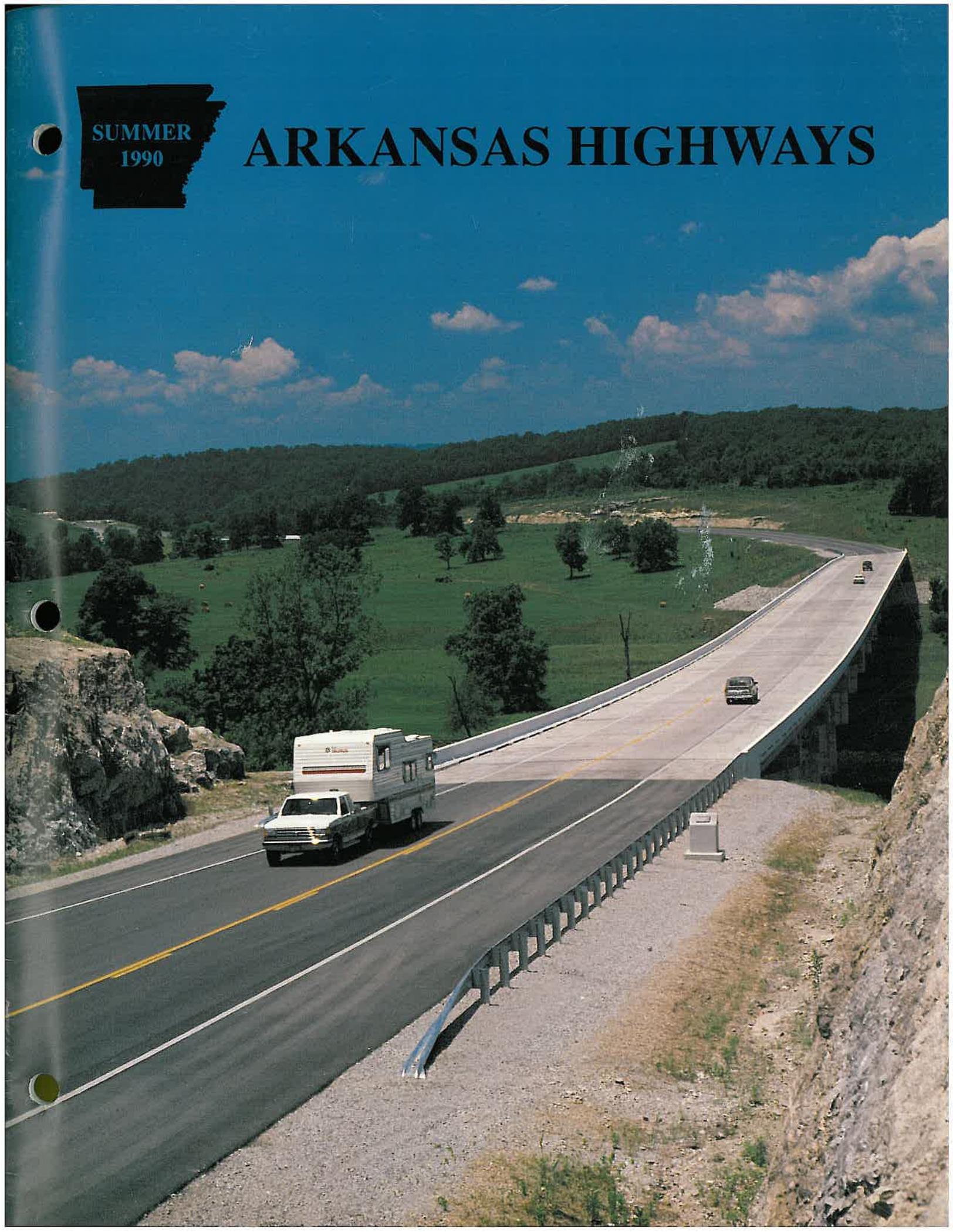


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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The words to the old popular song go "*Summertime and the livin' is easy.*" However, in order to have "easy livin'" we must practice some common sense and keep safety uppermost in mind.

Summertime at the Highway and Transportation Department means increased construction and maintenance work. These activities place many of our employees at risk. Safety in the workplace should always be the number one concern.

In 1988 there were 376 personal injuries on the job and one fatality. During 1989, the number of personal injuries was reduced to 347 and one fatality. Motor vehicle and equipment accidents involving AHTD vehicles were reduced from 256 in 1988 to 214 in 1989.

These figures show we are paying more attention to safety while on the job. But that is not enough. We must carry over that safety-consciousness to our personal activities.



Summertime also means vacation time. Many of us will be taking to the highways this summer with our families to visit friends and relatives.

One of the most important things you can do to insure a safe trip is to buckle your safety belt. Each year thousands of Americans needlessly

die or are seriously injured due to their failure to use safety belts.

It is the Department's policy to do everything reasonable to protect employees and the public from potential injuries that could result from motor vehicle crashes.

Motor vehicle crashes were responsible for 648 fatalities in Arkansas last year. If 100 percent of the State's motorists had buckled up, an estimated 251 lives could have been saved.

Recent studies indicate that lap and shoulder belts are 40 to 55 percent effective in reducing the risk of fatal or serious injury in a crash.

It is Department policy that all employees will wear safety belts while operating or riding in a Department vehicle. It is also Department policy to strongly encourage all employees to wear safety belts while in any other vehicle for their own protection and thereby encouraging the public to do so by setting an example.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maurice Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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The Flood of 1990

Heavy rains in Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas during the last week of April and the first week in May caused some of the worst flooding along Arkansas' rivers in more than 50 years. Areas along the Arkansas and Red Rivers were the hardest hit, although several smaller streams and rivers also overflowed their banks.

Sixty-eight sections of highway were closed at various times in May due to the flooding, including a section of Interstate 30 near Fulton. Westbound traffic on I-30 had to be rerouted for two days to nearby Highway 67 when the floodwaters spilled over the roadway.

U.S. Highway 71 between Texarkana and Ashdown was closed for about two weeks as water covered the roadway approaches to the Red River Bridge at Index. The Arkansas Highway Police Weigh Station just north of the Index Bridge at Ogden was inundated when the floodwaters rose above the sandbag wall that had been erected in an attempt to hold back the waters.

The most severe damage appeared to be on State Highway 41 in Little River County between Foreman and the Texas state line. High water and a partially washed out bridge kept that stretch of road closed about three weeks.

In central Arkansas, the flooding was just as dramatic. Floodwaters completely engulfed State Highway 60 and the area surrounding the Toad Suck Dam on the Arkansas River in Perry and Faulkner counties. Many homes were flooded in Fort Smith, Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Pine Bluff neighborhoods along the river.

The Office of Emergency Services has estimated more than \$10 million in damages to personal property around the state.

It will cost more than \$1.8 million just to repair affected highways enough to be safe for travel. Long-term damage and repair estimates are expected to be much higher.

Left Photo: AHP Weigh Station on Highway 71 at Ogden.

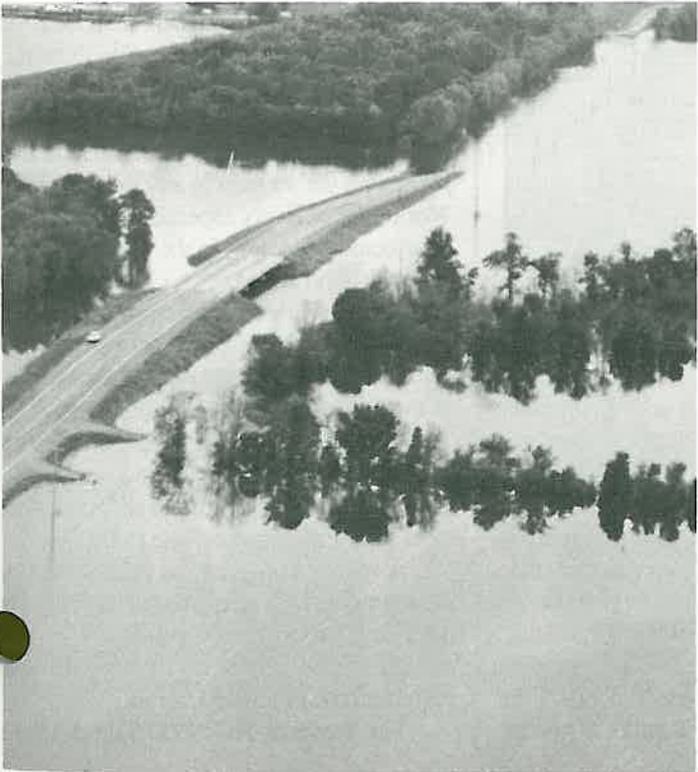
Top Right Photo: Bridge on Highway 41 in Little River County.

Bottom Right Photo: Shoulder damage on Highway 41.





**Top Photo: State Highway 60 at Toad Suck Dam on the Perry County side.
Bottom Left Photo: State Highway 95 north of Morrilton in Conway County.
Bottom Right Photo: State Highway 41 in Little River County**



Highway and Transportation Conference Held in Fayetteville

The challenge of the 90's in Arkansas is to create jobs and improve the infrastructure to enhance economic growth.

That was the message delivered to over 350 department engineers, consultants, contractors, and civil engineering students and faculty at the 1990 Highway and Transportation Conference held at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, April 10 and 11. The conference was sponsored jointly by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the University of Arkansas.

Governor Bill Clinton set the stage for the two-day conference by promising to explore all possible avenues of additional funding for highways. Noting the aggressive road programs in surrounding states, the governor said that achieving industry interest in rural areas is dependent upon good transportation systems.

"It is an investment issue. Industrial growth is important, we have to expand our efforts in this area," Clinton said. Industry is beginning to look at rural America as a place to locate. If the transportation system is there to get the goods and services in and out, then it becomes even more attractive to industry, he said.

A source of additional funds could come from an increase in the motor fuels tax of five cents a gallon, the governor said. He also spoke favorably of a bond issue to finance highway construction. Noting that Arkansas traditionally has paid for highway construction on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, Clinton said a bond issue would "allow us to pay for roads over a 30-year period and build them in 10 years. Otherwise, we will pay for them over 30 years and build them in 30 years."

Clinton also told the audience that he was anxious to see the results of a study just underway to determine the feasibility of constructing toll roads in Arkansas.

The governor called on the federal government to release the revenues currently being held in the Highway Trust Fund. Arkansas currently has about \$77 million in federal funds allocated that is not available because of spending limits. "We have a highway system that needs repair more than ever. The federal government continues to sit on this money," he said.



Governor Bill Clinton

Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper of Springdale agreed with the governor's call for additional highway funding. "The Commission will have a highway program ready for the legislature in 1991. I don't know about a bond issue right now, but it does need to be looked at," he said. Hopper also stressed the importance of additional funds to keep the Industrial Road Program going.

The creation of jobs, especially in economically depressed Southeast Arkan-

sas, is an issue that needs to be addressed, according to Commissioner Bill Clark of Hot Springs.

"The agricultural tax base is not what it used to be. Young people are leaving that area of the state in search of jobs. We desperately need to do something to create jobs for Southeast Arkansas. The highways are very important to this area," Clark said.

The role played by transportation planners and engineers in the enhancement of economic growth is a very important one, according to Commissioner Rodney Slater of Jonesboro.

"Transportation is big business. It makes everything else happen. You play a very important role in the ability of people to move freely about everyday... to go to their jobs, schools, and their recreation," he said. A good transportation system linking Northeast Arkansas and the Delta Region with the rest of the country is the key to successful economic growth, he added.

Highway and Transportation Director Maurice Smith said the decade of the 90's will be a decade of far reaching change. "We may see more change in the next ten years than we've seen in any decade since World War II. Every aspect of our lives will be affected, especially in the world of transportation," he added.

An overview of the proposed National Transportation Policy was presented by Wes Mendenhall, Regional Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

"We must broaden the base of support for transportation, re-invigorate investment, and tap new sources of ideas and capital to meet growing demands," he said.

A restructuring of the transportation partnership must also take place to give other levels of government and the private sector the tools they need to address critical requirements in transportation.

The National Policy calls on the fed-



Over 350 department engineers, consultants, contractors, and civil engineering students and faculty were in attendance at the 1990 Highway and Transportation Conference.

eral government to concentrate its transportation resources on facilities and projects that advance the performance of transportation systems of national significance. The policy also states that the share of costs paid by recipients of Federal aid be increased, while at the same time, provide a more flexible Federal funding program.

The importance of a good transportation system to industrial prospects was

pointed out by Dave Harrington, Director of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission. "Good highways, especially four-lane highways, are always near the top of the list when an industrial prospect is looking for a place to locate," Harrington said.

"The Highway and Transportation Department's Industrial Access Road Program has contributed a great deal to the

location of new industries in Arkansas. We must do all we can to assure that additional funding is made available to continue to carry out this program," he said.

In keeping with Harrington's theme, Dr. Dan Hoyt, Director of Transportation Management at Arkansas State University, said manufacturing and distribution could not exist without adequate transportation facilities.



Maurice Smith



Rodney Slater



Bill Clark



Bobby Hopper

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"The highways provide the means to move the product from the manufacturer to the distributor," Hoyt said. If the highways are not there, the manufacturers costs of moving the goods from the plant to the consumer would be prohibitive. The costs of that product would have to be increased to cover these additional expenses, he said.

Hoyt noted that Arkansas is centrally located and nearly three-fourths of the country's population can be reached within 24 hours. This is especially important to manufacturers who depend on "just-in-time" delivery of the components they need.

Another important user of the highways is the tourist. More than 95 percent of the visitors to Arkansas drive by highway, according to Joe Rice, Director of Tourism.

Tourists also play an important role in highway financing. "One-third of the gasoline taxes collected in Arkansas are paid by our visitors," Rice said. "They appreciate good highways, and they deserve good highways."

Rice also had a good word for the department's Adopt-A-Highway Program. "Eighty-seven percent of the visitors say they are here to do sightseeing. It is very important to keep our roadsides litter free. This goes a long way toward creating a positive image of our state," he said.

An update on the status of the Highway 71 Relocation project in Northwest Arkansas was presented by a panel consisting of Chief Engineer Charles Venable, Assistant Chief Engineer for Design Bob Walters, Construction and Maintenance Engineer Allan Holmes, and Consulting Engineer Ted Hannah of Garver and Garver.

Other technical sessions dealt with the Quality Assurance in Highway Construction by Dr. Robert Elliott, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at the U of A; High Performance Concrete for Transportation Facilities by Dr. John Schemmel, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at the U of A; and Environmental Issues Impacting Highway Construction by Bill

Richardson, Senior Environmental Scientist, AHTD.

There was also a panel discussion on the Importance of Technology Transfer to Local Governments moderated by Earl Kirkpatrick, Special Projects Engineer, AHTD. Panelists were Washington County Judge Charles Johnson and Dr. Robert Alquire, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at the U of A.

John Bailey, Chief of the Arkansas Highway Police, spoke on the Changing Role of Commercial Carrier Enforcement. Bailey noted commercial vehicle traffic has increased significantly and that safety issues were becoming more and more important.

Jack Crowe, the new head football coach at the University of Arkansas, was the featured speaker at the Conference Banquet. Coach Crowe fielded questions from the audience and promised an exciting time ahead for Razorback football fans.

Dan Flowers Inducted In Academy of Civil Engineering

AHTD Assistant Director Dan Flowers has been inducted in the Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineering. Flowers joins ten former and current Highway and Transportation Department employees as members of the Academy.

The Academy was founded in 1980 by the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville for the purpose of recognizing those graduates of the Civil Engineering Department who bring honor to the profession as practitioners and as citizens. Each member must be a graduate of the University or other accredited engineering school with at least 20 years experience in the profession. The number of active members will not exceed 100 and no more than 10 active members are elected each year.

Flowers began his career with the Department in 1969 and has served as Assistant Director since January 1988. He holds a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas and worked as a summer employee for the AHTD prior to his graduation. He has served as Assistant Resident Engineer, Resident Engineer, Assistant Construction Engineer, Assistant District Engineer, District Engineer, State Construction Engineer, and Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations prior to being named Assistant Director.

He is a native of Batesville and graduated from Batesville High School. He is a Registered Professional Engineer and a member of the North Little Rock Rotary Club. He is married to the former Sara Stobaugh of Hughes and they have three children.



Jonesboro Transportation Conference Highlights Needs of the Delta Region

"Transportation in the 21st Century: Linking the Delta with the Nation and the World" was the title of a conference held April 2 in the Convocation Center on the Arkansas State University campus in Jonesboro. Highway Commissioner Rodney Slater presided over the conference and welcomed everyone to "one of the most important conferences ever held in the Mississippi Delta."

"This is a vitally important conference and the title could not be more appropriate," Michael Wenger told the crowd of about 100 who attended.

Wenger, who is the Washington representative for the Appalachian Regional Commission, addressed the group over lunch at the day-long conference. He was enthusiastic about the opportunities in the Delta, although realistic about the area's problems. He referred to the central Appalachian region and the Mississippi Delta as "islands of poverty."

"Of the 282 counties in the U.S. that are designated as 'severely depressed,' one-third of those are in the Delta," Wenger said.

Wilbur Hawkins, Executive Director of the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission, addressed the group later in the day and expanded on Wenger's remarks. He said that the major key to the success of development in the Delta lies with highways. "If we are to bring industry to the Delta, we must have good highways," Hawkins said.

Hawkins told the group that because of federal budget deficit problems, the Delta Commission probably would not receive the \$650 million which was given to the Appalachian region some years ago to complete a similar project. "Money won't solve all our problems, but it sure will help," Hawkins said. He encouraged everyone to contact their Congressmen to make sure "we get our fair share."



Rodney Slater

Representative Bill Alexander also briefly addressed the group and said "there is much Congress can do" to improve transportation not just in the Delta, but nationwide. Alexander drew applause when he said the Highway Trust Fund monies "should be released so they can be spent." He said he had supported bills to release those funds, but the Administration was using the \$20 billion in the Fund to give the appearance of a lower budget deficit.

Ann Henderson of the Arkansas Transit Association told the participants that many residents of the Delta don't have personal vehicles and that the region suffers because mass transit systems are too few and serve limited areas. She noted that even though Arkansans paid more than \$13 million into the federal mass transit fund through a 1¢ per gallon federal gas tax, the state received less than \$600,000 last year



Wilbur Hawkins

from that fund.

Higher federal gas taxes earmarked for budget deficit reduction could be just down the road predicted Billy Higgins, Governmental Relations Director for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. If Congress delays action on the budget deficit until after the November elections, Higgins said, he won't be surprised to see a 15¢ to 25¢ per gallon tax increase approved.

The conference speakers stressed that there is much that needs to be done to restore economic freedom to the people of the Delta. "One of the things that will fuel economic freedom is transportation," Wenger stated. "If the Delta is to be a full partner in America's future and its people a part of the American dream, it must be inextricably linked to the nation and the world."

Participants In The Great American Trash-Off say:

“I’ll Never Litter Again!”

This quote from a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville seemed to sum up the feelings of most of the volunteers who participated in the Great American Trash-Off sponsored by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.



The Trash-Off took place on Saturday, March 31 and was part of a larger nationwide effort. Adopt-A-Highway groups from around the country were asked to join other volunteer groups on that day to help clean the nation’s public lands.

In Arkansas, 362 Adopt-A-Highway groups agreed to participate and, in spite of the rains that occurred during the days prior to the cleanup, more than 5,000 individuals took part. When all was said and done, 811 miles of state highway had been cleaned and well over 12,000 bags of litter had been collected. That translates into nearly 92 dump truck loads of trash.

Although picking up other people’s litter may not sound like fun, most participants felt a sense of pride and accomplishment when they were through. “It’s true,” writes Marjorie Bailey of the Oak Grove Extension Homemakers Club near Searcy. “When we’re through, we feel quite good about ourselves.” The Salesville Community Volunteer group in Baxter County reported that their cleanup was “just fun, fun, and then a drive down the highway to enjoy how nice it looked.”

Vicky Hollingshead with the Bentonville United Methodist Youth group believes that the Trash-Off taught (and could teach others) a valuable lesson. “We believe that along with a fine for littering, persons should be required to pick up a stretch of highway. Our youth are sure that they will NEVER throw out trash or litter after having picked it up.”

Many interesting items were found by the volunteers during the Trash-Off. There were several reports of money, credit cards,

and other items of value found as well as animals (both dead and alive). The Gifted and Talented Class from DeWitt High School wrote that they found “a dead mouse, dead rabbit, and four dead dogs - YUCK!” Several snakes were also spotted, but they were left alone.

“We found 142 million cigarette butts,” reported one group from northeast Arkansas. “I used to think that fewer people smoked, but not anymore.”

Some groups who have been in the Adopt-A-Highway program for a while said that they felt like their efforts were beginning to pay off. The Black Gold Community Relations Team of Southwestern Bell in El Dorado reported that they collected only 35 bags of trash over their two-mile section of highway during the Trash-Off. “We collected 249 bags during our first cleanup in March 1988. Regular cleanups have significantly reduced the amount of litter and time it takes to clean our section; your program is working beautifully.”

“This is the third time we’ve picked up this section of Highway 65,” reported the Valley Springs Key Club, “and things have gotten better each time.”

Although many groups have noticed an improvement, educating the people about litter is thought to be the key to long-term success in the battle against litter. Several groups reported that they had litter thrown at them or on their section of cleaned highway while they were picking up. “One motorist deliberately threw a drink cover right in our faces,” said Emma McLaughlin of Paragould. Her group, the Goobertown Extension Homemakers Club, consisted of



Volunteers from the Rubicon Masonic Lodge pose with a portion of the litter they collected on State Highway 9 in Saline County.

ladies between the ages of 39 and 74. They picked up 76 bags of trash along their one-mile section.

The Chimes Extension Homemakers Club from Leslie suggests that the schools educate the children about litter. "Then the children could educate their parents," they said.

The town of Alread and the Alread 4-H Club made a day-long celebration of the Trash-Off. Prizes and door-prizes were awarded to those participating or attending the event, money was raised in the community to erect nine metal signs saying "Please Keep Our Road Clean/Alread 4-H Litter Patrol", and a pot-luck supper was held after the trash pickup. They also had 4-H Club members stationed at two locations in town cleaning out people's cars and distributing car litter bags.

The first annual Great American Trash-Off was judged a success by those who

participated, just as the AHTD Adopt-A-Highway program has been successful since it began in 1987. More than 950 groups are currently taking part in the Adopt-A-Highway program, involving nearly 2,500 miles of highway in 74 counties. The program gives the citizens of the state an idea of how big the litter problem is and gives them a chance to do something about it. "We intend to keep our two-mile stretch in excellent condition thanks to the cooperative effort of our group and the Highway Department." That statement made by a member of the Ozark Mountain Conservancy in northwest Arkansas seems to best convey the whole purpose of the Adopt-A-Highway program.





Mayor Martha Franklin (center) is joined by other state and local officials at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Highway 82 Garland City Bridge.

New Red River Bridge Dedicated

The light rain and cool temperatures did not dampen the spirits of about 100 Miller and Lafayette County residents as they gathered on top of the new Highway 82 Red River Bridge at Garland City March 8 for a dedication ceremony to formally open the structure.

Commission Vice Chairman Ron Harrod told the crowd that the replacement of the 64-year old Red River Bridge had been a top priority of state and local officials for a number of years. He thanked the residents of Garland City and the surrounding area for their patience and expressed gratitude for the support of U. S. Representative Beryl Anthony, State Senator Wayne Dowd, State Representative David Beatty and Garland City Mayor Martha Franklin.

"This is a day we have been waiting to celebrate for a long time, Mayor Franklin said. "I won't take time to make a long speech, let's cut the ribbon," she said.

"The old bridge has outlived its usefulness," Harrod said. "The narrow structure has deteriorated to the point where it is unsafe for heavy vehicles and had been posted for lower weight limits several years ago," he said.

Harrod noted that more than 3,900 vehicles per day were using the old bridge.

The new bridge and 2.6-mile roadway approaches were constructed at a cost of \$9 million. Federal Bridge Replacement funds and State matching funds were used to construct the bridge. T.L. James and Company, Inc. of Ruston, Louisiana began work on the project in July 1987. The new bridge is located about one-quarter of a mile upstream from the old structure.

Following the ceremony the old bridge was barricaded and traffic began flowing across the Red River on the new 1,667-foot long, 44-foot wide structure.

In May the old bridge was officially recognized as a historic structure. It is one of 38 bridges in Arkansas listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1926, it is a three span, Pennsylvania truss bridge. The 1,849-foot structure is one of only four of its kind built in Arkansas.

The dedication ceremony was sponsored by the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce. Prior to the dedication, the Chamber hosted a luncheon for Highway Commissioners and other state and local officials.



Left to Right: State Representative David Beatty, State Senator Wayne Dowd, and Highway Commission Vice Chairman Ron Harrod at the dedication.

Meetings Provide Opportunity For An Exchange of Ideas

First-hand knowledge of what is going on and the sharing of ideas are important elements for continued efficient operations of the Highway and Transportation Department. That was the message delivered by the members of the Highway Commission as they traveled the State during May and June meeting with district maintenance and construction personnel and Highway Police officers.

"We meet with numerous groups of people throughout the State each year, and I believe our meetings with AHTD employees are the most important ones we have," Commissioner Bill Clark told District 2 and 6 employees in Pine Bluff on May 2.

We want you to know how much we appreciate your dedication to the Department and the public. After all, you are the AHTD. It is by your actions that most of the people of the State base their opinions of the Department," he said.

Clark also pointed out the importance of working together and stressed safety while working on the roads.

"When problems occur, it is up to the maintenance and construction supervisors to correct them. It may be as simple as the placement of a few more signs, or the repositioning of existing signs," he said. "There may be times when the presence of a Highway Police officer is required. Don't hesitate to call the Highway Police if there are problems with motorists who ignore the warning signs or speed through work zones," he added.

The Commission first held meetings with district supervisors and Highway Police officers three years ago to stress the importance of cooperation to enhance safety for workers.

Commissioner Ron Harrod said that as a result of those meetings the Department has integrated the use of the Highway Police in maintenance and construction ac-

tivities on a routine basis.

Speaking in Fort Smith, Commissioner Bobby Hopper noted that operating budgets have been held near previous years levels due to the court-ordered escrow of funds collected from the Weight/Distance Tax of heavy trucks.

"Approximately \$20 million is currently being held in escrow," Hopper said. "This has caused us to reduce expenditures for State funded road projects, overlays, sealing, equipment and other areas," he added.

The Commissioners commended the employees for their continued dedication and efficiency on the job during times of reduced funding levels and additional responsibilities.

During open discussion periods at the meetings employees offered suggestions and asked questions of the Commission and staff.

One area of interest was the possibility of instituting a plan for bonus pay for employees after a certain number of years on the job. There was also interest in developing a program that would allow employees to "donate" some of their vacation or sick leave to other employees who were seriously ill and had used all of their leave. Both of these items would require Legislative action.

Employees were also interested in the Commission's plans for a highway program to be presented to the Legislature in 1991. Chairman Raymond Pritchett said the Commission had not worked out the specifics yet. However, he said an increase in the motor fuel tax would be considered, as well as a look at bonding and toll roads. A toll road study is currently being conducted by a consulting engineering firm and should be ready for the Commission's review in a few months.



Lamar Coyle, District 6's Prairie County Area Foreman, speaks out at the Pine Bluff meeting.



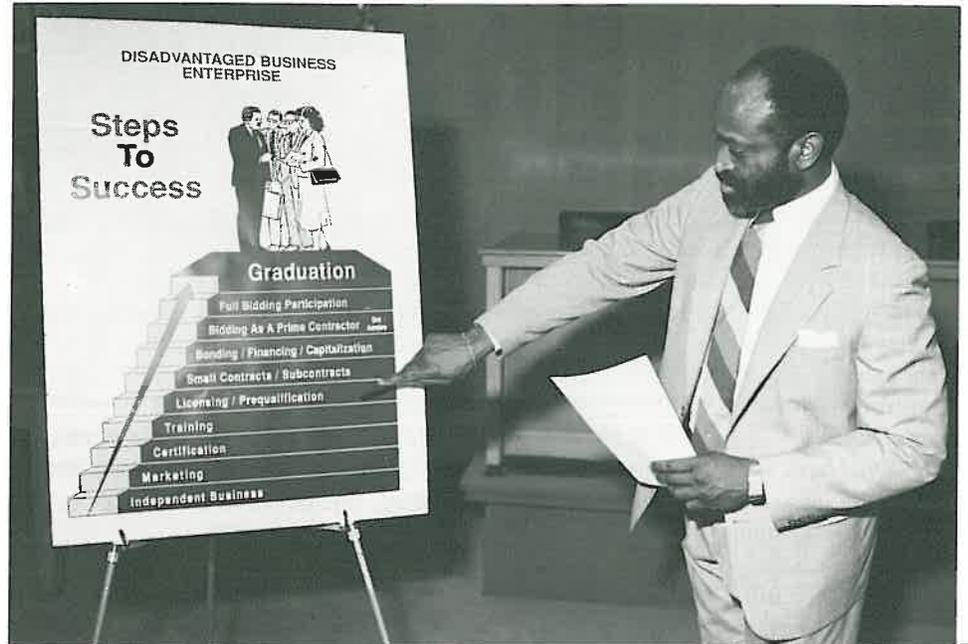
AHP 2nd Lt. Todd Wetzel, of Springdale, reads a message at the meeting in Fort Smith.

Department Sponsors Seminar for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

These are difficult times for businesses in general and small businesses in particular. Bonding, capitalizing and financing play a vital role in the success of a business.

On March 12, the Highway and Transportation Department sponsored a Financing-Bonding-Capitalizing Seminar. The purpose of the seminar was to discuss these financial phenomena as they relate to highway construction projects. The objective was to demonstrate the Department's commitment to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and to acquaint participants with the supportive services available through the Department. Indicative of the Department's commitment was the fact that four Highway Commissioners attended the seminar. Director Maurice Smith provided closing remarks. The target audience was DBE's certified by the Department. Presenters included representatives from bonding companies, financial institutions and other groups associated with highway construction.

Larry Richmond of Richmond & Son Electrical Contractor of El Dorado was a panelist during the open discussion. He described some of the misconceptions about DBE's but he also expressed hope that change and progress are possible. "I am not, and I am sure most of my fellow DBE's and WBE's are not looking for a handout, just a little help in obtaining the financing and bonding needed to compete in the construction market. Set-aside jobs are O.K.



EEO Section Head Henry Droughter reviews the "Steps to Success" at the DBE Conference.

but without adequate financing or bonding we cannot bid or negotiate them. Speaking only for myself, I could get all the work I want if I could get bonding," Richmond said. "The word "disadvantaged" handicaps me more than it helps when I try to obtain bonding or financing. The term says to those bonding institutions that I do not know enough about the business world to be successful or I am just another fly-by-nighter looking for a hand out. Most people assumed that because you are a minority or

a woman you have unlimited access obtaining financing or bonding. There is no advantage in being labeled "disadvantage or a women business enterprise," he said.

As a result of the seminar, one DBE firm was able to secure working capital from Arkansas Enterprise Group through its Working Capital Investment Program. Arkansas Enterprise Group is an affiliate of Southern Development Bancorporation in Arkadelphia.

SAFETY BELT EDUCATION EFFORT WINS AWARD

A program funded with Federal Highway Safety funds provided through the AHTD has received a national award sponsored by the American Coalition for Traffic Safety. The "Buckle Up America!" Youth Category Award was presented May 21 to the "Safety Turtles" and the Ozarks Guidance Center, Inc. of Springdale for their creative program designed to encourage elementary school students to use safety belts.

The "Safety Turtles" are four Woodland Junlor High School students from Fayetteville. Jayne Vannatter, Carrle Himel, Jackle Meyer and Elizabeth Garriss, their advisor Jeanette Dunsworth, and Occupant Protection Program director Twania Pinnell conceived the idea of the "Turtles" as a way to promote safety belt use.

Fashioned after the popular "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" of Saturday morning television, the girls promote safety belt use to elementary school children in Fayetteville and Springdale. The title of their program is "Ready! Set! Go! — Click for Life." To date, they have presented their safety belt message to over 2,000 youth.

The "Turtles" have also been selected by the Arkansas Health Department along with four other Arkansas health education programs to compete nationally for the Secretary of Health and Human Services' Outstanding Community Health Promotion Award. The results of that competition will be announced later this summer.

Governor Bill Clinton proclaimed the week of May 21-28 as "Buckle Up America! Week" in Arkansas and presented the proclamation to Twania Pinnell and the "Turtles" in recognition of their achievements in promoting safety belt use.

The goals of "Buckle Up America! Week" are to increase the correct use of safety belts and child safety seats and to expand public awareness of how automatic crash protection systems work.



(Left to Right:) Rick Henriksen, Mary Crow, Tony Jones, Debbie Tackett, Toni Barnes and Mike Dudoich.



(Left to Right:) Mary Green, Guy Sims, Pam Edwards, Mary Bickell, David Bickell and Carolyn Bobo.

AHTD Employees Participate In Bowl and Walk-A-Thons

Two teams comprised of Highway and Transportation Department employees volunteered their time and talent to raise money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pulaski County in March by participating in the "Bowl for Kids' Sake Bowl-A-Thon."

The fund raising efforts netted approximately \$1,000. Many Department employees contributed to the cause by pledging to pay team members a certain amount of money per pin scored.

The event took place over two weekends in March. This was the first year the AHTD participated in the tournament, which was open to all state agencies.

WalkAmerica, the March of Dimes annual walk-a-thon to prevent birth defects, was once again a success for the AHTD. The money raised by AHTD employees was donated to the March of Dimes. Linda Hargrove, AHTD team captain would like to thank everyone involved in WalkAmerica 1990 for their participation and support. This was the second year for the Highway and Transportation Department to participate in the walk-a-thon.



AHTD Participants in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica 1990

Certificates of Service

The following Certificates of Service
were presented for the months of
April, May, and June 1990.

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20 Years Troyce Wilson Administrative Assistant I

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EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

20 Years Emily Boston Construction Aide
Doug Nielsen Assistant Division Head

FISCAL SERVICES

20 Years Skipper Bosley Fiscal Services Coordinator
5 Years Randolph Lively Utility Auditor

HIGHWAY POLICE

25 Years Billy Wayne Slaughter 2nd Lieutenant
15 Years William R. Clark Corporal
10 Years Vicki Simmons Patrolman 1st Class

HUMAN RESOURCES

5 Years Lynn Herrington Division Section Secretary
Scott Magby Skilled Trades Trainee

INTERNAL AUDIT

10 Years Vicki Haydon Senior External Auditor

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

10 Years Donna McGehee Materials Technician III
5 Years Christy Westbrook Materials Technician II

PLANNING

25 Years Paul Edwards Computer Mapping Specialist
15 Years John Bodiak Transportation Specialist

Roy Stroud Highway Data Collector
10 Years Michael Schiffel Cartographer
Steve Mitchell Urban Planner
Olen Patterson Highway Data Collector
Steve Alexander Urban Planner
5 Years Ron Woodward Electronics Technician

PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTS

15 Years Ed Hoppe Assistant Division Head
5 Years Lezley Bearden Pavement Management Tech.

RIGHT OF WAY

25 Years Ronald Johnston Engineering Specialist
Shirley Kingrey Division Secretary
20 Years Doug Thacker Utility Coordinator II
10 Years John Kendrick Plans Designer

ROADWAY DESIGN

15 Years David Burnett Staff Design Engineer
10 Years Martin Cruce Senior Design Engineer
5 Years Liz A. Jones Advanced Drafter

STATE AID

20 Years Jake Weston Division Head
10 Years Odell Johnson Clerk Typist
5 Years Bryan Brock Design Technician

SURVEYS

15 Years Michael White Staff Surveys Engineer

TRAFFIC

10 Years Franklin Jones Striping Crew Foreman
5 Years Lisa Harness Accident Coding Clerk
Gail Scott Statistical Assistant
Ricky Womack Sign Erector II

DISTRICT 1

30 Years James Wilkins Area Foreman
Otis Smith Lead Person
Bobby Alford Crew Leader
Edward Ferguson Inspector
25 Years Gary Jackson Const. Party Chief
20 Years Bobby Joe Weatherford Area Foreman
15 Years Rufus Purnell Dozer Opr.-Round
Charles Duff Crew Leader
Lloyd Plummer Area Hdqts. Attendant
Carl Andrews Lead Person
Freddie Andrews Crew Leader

- Billy Haycraft Crew Leader
- 10 Years George McDaniel Lead Person
- 5 Years Cleff Damron Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish
- Napolean White Motor Patrol Opr.-Rough

DISTRICT 2

- 20 Years Melvin Phillips Crew Leader
- 15 Years Billy Turner Area Hdqts. Attendant
- J.W. Colbert Lead Person
- Danny Lawson Lead Person
- Ronnie Phillips Finish Carpenter
- Joey Waddle Dist. Office Manager
- 10 Years Raymond Ferguson Welder
- Dale Johns Shop Foreman
- 5 Years George D. Patterson Senior Mechanic
- David Gorman Const. Helper II
- Thomas D. Bloesch Senior Const. Aide
- Sandra McManus Const. Helper II

DISTRICT 3

- 25 Years Roy Wilson Senior Inspector
- 20 Years Charlie Ogden, Jr. Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish
- Herbert Ross SATD/Mower Opr.
- Leartis Dansby SATD/Mower Opr.
- 15 Years Harold Callicott Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
- 10 Years Cannon Hollis Roller Operator
- Jerry A. Stuart Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
- H.S. Whatley, Jr. Dozer Opr.-Rough
- Michael Givens Ferry Boat Pilot
- Johnny Wake Hydraulic Excavator Opr.-Finish
- 5 Years John C. Daniel Finish Carpenter
- Curtis Christopher SATD/Mower Opr.
- Jerrold Taylor Construction Aide
- John Bolton Const. Helper II
- Billy Stewart Stock Clerk
- Troy Williamson Motor Patrol Opr.-Rough
- James Owenby Senior Construction Aide

DISTRICT 4

- 30 Years Dale Spencer Asst. Resident Engineer
- 25 Years Lyndell Lyda Senior Inspector
- Terry Robinson SATD/Mower Opr.
- Glendon Faulkner Senior Inspector
- Charles Lance Senior Inspector
- 20 Years Franklin Parr SATD/Mower Opr.
- 15 Years Stanley Arocha SATD/Mower Opr.
- 10 Years Gary Currier Rest Area Attendant
- Melvin Heath Motor Patrol Opr.-Rough
- Johnny Palmer Motor Patrol Opr.-Rough
- Michael Turner Hot Mix Paver Operator
- Robert Gack Dozer Opr.-Rough
- Betty A. Lincks Fuel Clerk
- Jimmy Shields Guard
- Sandra Beard Senior Const. Aide
- Jimmy Jones Vegetation Controller
- Rachel Turman Storeroom Supervisor
- David Edwards Const. Aide
- William Craig Crew Leader

- 5 Years Patricia Graham Vegetation Controller
- James Nelson Const. Aide
- Harold Rose Rest Area Attendant
- Charles Dickerson SATD/Mower Opr.
- Sidney Hunt Const. Helper II
- Mary Spessard Vegetation Controller

DISTRICT 5

- 25 Years Kirby Johnson Maint. Job Superintendent
- 20 Years Alfred Lee Area Foreman
- Dickey Drake Sealing Job Superintendent
- John King Hydraulic Excavator Opr.-Finish
- Bennie Winn Const. Aide
- Jerry Poole Inspector
- 15 Years Marvin Duncan SATD/Mower Opr.
- 10 Years Dennis Nixon Crew Leader
- Jimmy Weaver SATD/Mower Opr.
- 5 Years John Falwell Resident Office Technician
- Sherry Stout Field Clerk II
- Bryan Baldrige Vegetation Controller
- Harry Hohenstein Const. Aide
- Jerry Eddington Distributor/Roller Opr.
- Ronnie Caraway Lead Person
- Angela Cantu Const. Helper II
- Anthony Mesa Roller Operator

DISTRICT 6

- 30 Years Johny Check Area Foreman
- 20 Years Ivory Lee Jackson Lead Person
- Charles Leker Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
- 15 Years David Harding Permit Officer
- Edward Small Rest Area Attendant
- 10 Years George Johnson Guard
- Millard Hunter III Const. Aide
- 5 Years Theadore Walton Motor Patrol Opr.-Rough
- Billy Ray Wright Backhoe/FE Loader-Rough
- Robert C. Springs Street Sweeper Opr.
- Edward Erick Const. Helper II
- Judith Morrison Fuel Clerk
- Kenneth Grimmitt Rough Carpenter
- Bobby Petty Lead Person
- Bobby Raines Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
- Jerry Rapier Skilled Trades Trainee
- David Bienick Const. Aide
- James Roberts Crew Leader
- Larry Childress Senior Mechanic

DISTRICT 7

- 30 Years Abby Hardy, Jr. Resident Engineer
- George Griffis Sealing Job Superintendent
- 20 Years Bennie Morgan Multi-Axle Truck Dr.
- Kinch D. Womack Senior Const. Aide
- Jerry Rowland Const. Party Chief
- 15 Years Joel E. Todd Crew Leader
- Curtis Pierce Hydraulics Excavator Opr.-Finish
- 10 Years Charley Turner SATD/Mower Opr.
- Mark E. Saunders Const. Aide
- Wesley Pierce Const. Aide

5 Years Christie Ham Field Clerk I

DISTRICT 8

25 Years Chester Patterson Sr. Const. Materials Insp.
Samuel Ramey Const. Project Supv.

20 Years Patsy King Resident Office Technician
Charles McMillian Resident Engineer
Virgil Proctor Lead Person

15 Years Edwin Riedmueller Sr. Const. Materials Insp.
Billy McAlister Assistant Resident Engineer
Jack Stobaugh Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish
Bruce Adams Lead Person
Connie Wilcox Field Clerk II
Gary Burnett SATD/Mower Opr.

10 Years Calvin Adney Crane Opr.-Finish
Hank Duvall Rough Carpenter
Doris Falconer Bookkeeper
Peter Dunn Vegetation Controller

5 Years Lisa Millard SATD/Mower Opr.
William Alvey Area Hdqts. Attendant
James Miller SATD/Mower Opr.
Randall Ward Motor Patrol Opr.-Rough

DISTRICT 9

20 Years Thomas Jackson Shop Foreman
Marcia Holt Bookkeeper
Edward Carson Senior Mechanic
Darrell Lackey SATD/Mower Opr.

15 Years Bennie Tilley Guard
Mike Dale Brasel Mechanic
Ronald Fitchue Multi-Axle Tr. Dr./Mower Opr.
Marvin Sims SATD/Mower Opr.

5 Years Gail Smith SATD/Mower Opr.
Darrell Nichols Motor Patrol Opr.-Rough
Gregory Simmons SATD/Mower Opr.
Brett Banzhaf Constr. Aide
Mitchell Archer Const. Instrumentman
Floyd Wyatt Vegetation Controller

DISTRICT 10

25 Years Raymond Hoelscher Caretaker
William Perkins Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish

20 Years Winston Dunn Area Hdqts. Attendant
Billy Gene Biggs Const. Materials Inspector
Kenneth Beaton ..Hydraulic Excavator Opr.-Finish

15 Years Joe Lee Hester Crew Leader
Bobby Wade Inspector
Joe Foresythe Senior Inspector

10 Years Cecil Nelson Hot Mix Paver Opr.

5 Years Thomas Rorex Elec. Pl. & Mech. Repairer
Billy Tremain Rest Area Attendant
John Stewart Rest Area Attendant
Joe Johnson Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
David Darkins Sr. Const. Aide
Joseph Valliant, Jr. Const. Helper II

AHTD Retirements

The following employees have retired from the Department during January-April 1990. Listed are their name, years of service, title, and district or division. We wish these employees many happy years of retirement.

Ronald Dale Boldra - 10 Years
Motor Patrol Operator - District 9

John Wesley Casey - 13 Years
Lead Person - District 5

Williard I. Crow - 17 Years
Area Foreman - District 9

Roy Thomas Richmond - 30 Years
Motor Patrol Operator/Finish - District 5

Carl U. Williams - 32 Years
Resident Office Technician - District 10

Clifford Clifton Brewer - 23 Years
Rest Area Attendant - District 3

William Coleman Cobb - 10 Years
Area Headquarters Attendant - District 3

Joseph Eugene Gardner - 27 Years
Squad Leader - Final Estimates

Beulah Crain - 16 Years
Janitor - District 2

Roy Lee Pruitt, Jr. - 15 Years
Lead Person - District 1

Wing Collins Tichenor - 12 Years
Backhoe/Frontend Loader Operator - District 2



Around the Department

Bridge Division

This has been a busy year for the Beckel household. Reid, Staff Structures Engineer in the Bridge Rating and Inventory Section, his wife Sally, and daughter Heather, visited London and Rome in April in time for Easter Services at St. Peters, Rome. Heather's skill in Italian was put to good use in her serving as the tour guide. A good time was had by all, consisting of sightseeing, eating and visiting old friends. This has also been a year for graduations. Heather graduated from Arizona State University and she plans to work and study in Rome beginning in June. Son, Jeff graduated from the University of Texas with his Master's in Mechanical Engineering. He will work in France for Dowell-Schlumberger. Also congratulations to Sally, who received the "Commissioner's Special Citation" from the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations to Carrie Pinkerton, daughter of Bridge Engineer Veral Pinkerton and his wife, Mary. Carrie graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a degree in Advertising/Public Relations. She is employed in the Marketing-Public Relations Office of Park Plaza Mall where she had worked as a summer employee. Carrie's personality and creative abilities are serving her well and the future looks great! Veral's son, Allan, is finishing his senior year at Little Rock Central High School and has had his own successful lawn service the past few summers. He will be attending the U of A at Fayetteville this fall. Daughter, Wendy, is completing her second year at Fayetteville and is interested in the medical/science field.

Phil Brand, Staff Bridge Design Engineer, and wife Teri, are excited about their first graduate. Gay Lynne, age 18, graduated from Benton High School this spring. She hasn't decided where she will be in the fall, but that's what the summer is for. Sons, A.J., age 16, is a sophomore and Philip, age 11, is in the fourth grade at Howard Perrin Elementary.

Charlie Hart, Computer Engineering Coordinator, and his wife, Dianne, are the proud parents of Taylor, born January 24. Taylor is now 13+ pounds and a fine looking boy, from the pictures we've seen. Charlie, you need to bring Taylor to the office for us all to admire.

Bridge Division anxiously awaited the marriage of Deborah Gross and John Mathis on December 21, 1989. Deborah, Senior Bridge Design Engineer, invited us all to the Lonoke Baptist Church to witness the event. She and John, Advanced Roadway Design Engineer, found out right away they had a lot in common, including the field of engineering. We are all extremely happy for Deborah and John.

Betsy Kimmel, Structural Detailer, and Mark have recently moved into a new home in Marlow Manor. They have promised to have a party just as soon as they are settled in.

David Ball, Senior Structures Engineer, and Brenda have moved into a new home they had built in Diamond Point, Maumelle. They have lived in Maumelle for a few years and just decided to build another house.

Nancy Smith, Senior Structures Engineer, and Harry are the proud parents of a second girl, Rachel. She was born November 25, 1989. Their son, Wesley, age 6, is in kindergarten and Emily, age 4, is in nursery school in Greenbrier.

J.P. Sumner, Structural Detailer, and Frankie Jo have some good news to report. First, daughter Susan is finishing the 9th grade with honors, including National Junior Honor Society, Beta Club, Student Senate, Top 10 in Who's Who and she is also Chaplin of Y-Teens. A very busy young lady. Congratulations Susan. Daughter Kelly is finishing her second year of pre-pharmacy at the U of A in Fayetteville and the good news is... she has been accepted at the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy. Kelly will continue her summer employment with AHTD as she has for the past two summers. We all welcome you back Kelly, and congratulations.

Collin Boone, Bridge Design Engineer, has been with us about a year. He earned a BSCE from the U of A at Fayetteville. Collin is originally from Little Rock. While in college, his family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Last Christmas, Collin flew home for the holidays. We are enjoying our friendship with Collin and appreciate his contribution to this division.

The sixth annual Bridge Division Buffalo River canoe trip will be remembered for a long time. After several years of low water conditions, Mother Nature nearly canceled this year's trip by providing too much water. Debbie and John Mathis wisely decided to wait for lower water as did our secretary, Bonnie Wesson and her partner. Our more experienced paddlers set out looking for adventure. Glenn Cheatham and Stewart Linz found it within ten seconds when strong current flipped their canoe as they shoved off. The rest of the trip was uneventful except for the occasional five foot full waves, and the 21 canoes seen wrapped around trees. Our group came through it unharmed but with a deeper respect for the river. The respectful included Charlie and Dianne Hart, Carl and Eric Fuselier (Eric wanted his dad to turn the boat over so they could have fun like the other folks), Tom Strock, Steve and Kelli Lawrence, and Mike and Jamie Coogan. We will tone down the rain dance before next year's trip.

Computer Services

We have a new bride in the Computer Services Division. Vernita Kidd and Milton Williams were married February 16, 1990 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Vernita works in the Administrative Office. Congratulations Vernita and Milton.

Sue Riggan, Data Entry Supervisor, has a new grandson. Brandon Cade McVay was born March 31 weighing 6 pounds and 8 ounces.

Congratulations to Pam Edwards who was recently promoted to the position of Database Administrator.

We welcome Jay Wilson back to our ranks. Jay returns from Alaska where he worked as the Production Scheduler for the National Bank of Alaska.

We wish the best for Greg Newkirk. Greg resigned in March to accept a position with Acxiom in Conway. Good luck Greg!

Shannon Hathcote, our COE student, graduated from Robinson High School this past May. She plans to attend Arkansas Tech University in Russellville this fall. We wish her success for the future.



Shannon Hathcote

Construction and Maintenance Division

James House was presented his 20-year service certificate and Elaine Smart her 10-year service certificate by Construction and Maintenance Engineer Allan Holmes on April 5. In their honor refreshments were served. Congratulations!



House, Holmes, and Smart

On March 29, Joe Gardner retired from the Final Estimates Section after 27 years with the Department. The reception was attended by many friends who came by to say goodbye. Best of luck Joe - we will miss you.

Travis Adams, son of Tina and Farrell Adams, placed first in four events at the Benton Panther Track Meet. He ranks third in the state for the 300 hurdles.

Our sympathy is expressed to John Howell in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Della Harrington, of Hayward, California and also to Karen Turner on the death of her father-in-law, Mr. James Turner.

Reta McCoy's son-in-law, Keith Thompson, has joined the Air Force and is taking his basic training at Lackland in San Antonio, Texas.

Paige Parker, daughter of B.J. Parker, has been accepted by the University of Alabama at Birmingham and will pursue her Master's degree in physical therapy.

Congratulations to Jim Taylor, Section Head, Radio Communications, who was presented his 25-year service certificate by State Construction and Maintenance Engineer Allan Holmes.

Jim Taylor, in turn, presented service certificates and pins to Gordon Foddrill, 10 years, Pat O'Bannon and Jeff Bell, 5 years.



Bell, Foddrill, O'Bannon and Taylor

Congratulations also to Jeff Bell and wife, Carmen, who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Hillary Elise. Hillary was born April 9 weighing 5 pounds and 14 ounces. Daddy says she has been a "Little Toot" with her behavior!



Hillary Elise Bell

Fiscal Services

To commemorate 10 years of service, Marla Sams was honored with a breakfast. Lenora Harris celebrated 5 years of service in January. Congratulations to both.



Marla Sams and Larry Dickerson

Randy Lively recently moved to Benton from Little Rock. He and his family moved into their new home on January 13. Welcome to the ranks of the commuters Randy!

Donnalee Griswold and her husband enjoyed a ski trip to Colorado with the youth group at their church in April. They had a good time and are ready to go again next year. Richard Blaine and his family also joined their church youth group for a Colorado ski trip the same week in April. How's that for coincidence?!

Marla and Randy Sams joined good friends from California on a ski trip to Lake Tahoe. Once again, everyone survived with no mishaps.

Among the many Arkansas fans that cheered the Hogs to victory at the Southwest Conference tournament were Mike Eden and his wife, Richard Blaine and family, as well as, Sarah Sanders and her family. They each reported having a great time. Mike and his wife went on to Denver where... well, you know!

Congratulations to Joanne McBrayer's daughter, Kim Potts. She and Brien Stewart were married February 10 in a quiet ceremony at the home of Brien's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Culp. The couple will be living in Des Moines, Iowa where Brien is employed at Serv-Pro and Kim is employed at American Abstract Company. We wish the newlyweds much happiness.

On April 7, Sheryl Scott was married to Stan New. Stan is a foreman for Baldwin and Shell Construction Company.

The wedding was held at Western Hills United Methodist Church. A reception followed at Western Hills Country Club where some of her AHTD friends joined her to celebrate the happy occasion.

On March 10, Rhonda Colbert and Randy Evans were united in marriage in New Orleans, La. Co-worker and friend Page McPherson and her husband, Brandon, accompanied the two as witnesses of the happy event.

Both Sheryl and Rhonda were honored with a miscellaneous shower given by friends at AHTD.



Brien and Kim Stewart



Sheryl and Stan New



Randy and Rhonda Evans

Laura Malat is the proud grandmother of this handsome little man, Evan Malat, age 5 months. Congratulations Laura!



Evan Malat

Human Resources

In March, Diane Keene, Section Head of Mail and Supplies, was presented with a 10-year service certificate and pin by Division Head Jane Wilson. Fellow employees gathered to celebrate the occasion with coffee and doughnuts.



Diane Keene

The Human Resources Division would like to welcome Velma Smith to its staff. Velma moved to Arkansas from Minneapolis. She replaced Sue Luce as the Central Office Receptionist. Sue transferred to the Equipment and Procurement Division.

We are pleased to announce that Michelle Walker, COE student from Joe T. Robinson High School, was recently awarded first place in the District's FBLA Job Description Manual contest. Ms. Walker's manual was selected over hundreds of other FBLA students.



Velma Smith



Michelle Walker

Internal Audit

Hugh P. Murray, Senior Auditor, was awarded his 20-year service pin and certificate on February 20 in the presence of fellow co-workers by Bill McDorman, Chief Auditor. Doughnuts and coffee were served to all. We wish to congratulate Hugh on another milestone in his audit career.



Bill McDorman and Hugh Murray

Mark Wesson, four-year old son of Shirley Wesson, was photographed in the Arkansas Democrat on Saturday, April 28, showing his accomplishment of 100 laps in a Trike-A-Thon at the East Little Rock Community Center gymnasium. The money raised from the event will benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis. Mark and I would personally like to thank all of you who sponsored him in this fundraiser.

Cindy Inlow and John Parks were married in a candlelight ceremony at Calvary Baptist Church in Hope on March 31. Cindy, who resigned her position in Internal Audit, and John plan to make their home in Hope. John is an employee of District 3 at Hope. Congratulations John and Cindy!

Legal Division

The Legal Division is proud to welcome Cristy Cook, our COE student from McClellan High School, to this office. She graduated from high school in May, will work with us through the summer, and plans to attend UALR this fall.

Karen Horton was honored with a baby shower on May 8th. Refreshments were served and Karen received many nice gifts from friends and fellow co-workers. Karen, who is expecting twins in July, and her husband, Curt, already have two sons, Eric, age 12, and Phillip, age 5.

Mark Whitmore, Maria Schenetzke, and Lyne Bassett are playing on the AHTD softball team participating in the state agency league. Games are scheduled through July with a tournament following regular season play.

Treeca Dyer recently spent a week skiing in Wolf Creek, Colorado. She went with a group of friends and happily returned with no broken bones! Treeca also visited friends in the Atlanta area and attended the Broadway Road Show of "Les Miserables" at the Fox Theatre.

On April 26th, the attorneys in the Legal Division treated all the secretaries to lunch at El Chico in recognition of Secretaries' Week.

Regina Laidler spent a week vacationing in Gulfport, Mississippi. Regina indulged in quite a bit of sightseeing and enjoyed the beach.

In May, Lyne Bassett, Mike and Brett, visited Panama City and other beaches

along the gulf coast of Florida before heading to DisneyWorld in Orlando.

Materials and Research

Jim Gee, Engineer of Materials and Research, was happy to present to fellow workers their service certificates and pins for dedicated work to the AHTD. Receiving awards were Terry Pearson, a 10-year employee who can be found in the Equipment Section, and Keith Powell, our structural cement specialist, 10 years. A 20-year award was presented to Earl Raines in recognition of his engineering skills as a District Materials Supervisor for District 2. Jerry Burton, District Materials Supervisor for District 10 also received a 20-year service award. Tom Greenway, who is not pictured, has accomplished 15 years of service. All of these men should be recognized for outstanding service.



Pearson, Raines, Powell, Burton

Don Griffin, District 4 Materials Supervisor at Fort Smith, is happy to announce that he has a new baby girl. Her name is Cortney Elise Griffin. We at M&R wish the Griffin family the best of luck and many cherished memories.



The Griffin Family

James Melancon recently hired on Administrative Assistant to the Research Section. He was formally the Research Engineer at the Louisiana Highway Department. We wish to extend a warm greeting to James and we think he will be an asset to the Highway Department.

Planning Division

Melanie Elcan, Paul Elcan's daughter, made the cheerleading squad for the Lonoke Jackrabbits. Melanie will be in the 9th grade this coming year. Congratulations Melanie!

Technical Services Section celebrated March birthdays for Dan Morgan, Ed Flanagan, Tom Black, and Kathy Upchurch with a luncheon March 22.

We welcome Pat Remow to Map Sales in the Reproduction Section. She and her husband, Bob, have two sons, Bob and Bill. Pat holds a black belt in Taekwondo and is a certified instructor in Taekwondo and aerobics. In addition, her other hobbies are karate, martial arts, and sports. The other loves of her life are her two dogs, Brittny and Caesar.

Programs and Contracts

Steve Teague and David Mayo traveled to Columbus, Ohio to attend the 1990 Bid Analysis Management System Users Group Conference February 4-7. Approximately 100 representatives from 25 states attended. Steve was elected Vice-Chairman for the Users Group for the upcoming year, and David was presented a plaque for one of the three best technical presentations at the conference. Congratulations Steve and David.

Congratulations to Howard D. Jackson, son of Howard Jackson. He is graduating from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He has received a graduate fellowship from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo to work on his Master's Degree in Psychology. Good luck Howard!

Right of Way

We will miss Mary Toler, who retired March 28 with 15 years service to the Department. Mary started out in Right of Way as a Section Secretary in the Acquisition Section. Since then she has worked as a

a Legal Secretary, a Title Technician and retired as a Negotiator.

Mary was presented with a gift certificate at an office luncheon and some patio furniture at a brunch given by several of her friends in the Right of Way Division. We would like to congratulate Mary on her retirement and wish her much happiness in the future.



Mary Toler and friends

Don Matthews, Negotiator, resigned May 2 from the Department. An office luncheon was held in his honor and he was presented with a rod and reel. We will miss Don and wish him a successful and happy future.

Congratulations to Don Mitchell, Advanced Drafter in the Engineering Section, upon receiving his 10-year service certificate and pin. A reception was held in his honor. Guests were his co-workers in the Engineering Section and Division Head Paul Broyles and Assistant Division Head Arthur Watt.



Don Mitchell

Mike and Barbara Hiley are the proud parents of a 6 pound, 13 ounce baby boy named Kenneth Chad who was born March 28. Barbara and son visited the office one day and we found out that he has a good set of lungs. Congratulations Mike and Barbara on having such a good looking and healthy son.



Kenneth Chad Hiley

Our condolences to Doug Thacker and family on the loss of his father, Felix Thacker of Little Rock.

Roadway Design

We would like to welcome our new employee, Patty Woolsey, who works in Urban Design.

Shirley and Tom Bridges went to Colorado Springs, Colorado in May to visit Tom's daughter and son-in-law.

Dick Siegler went to Las Vegas in April where he had a wonderful time, and to Hawaii in May, where he had even a better time.

Cindy and Mike Webb went to New Orleans to the Jazz Festival in May. They sure got to hear a lot of great music and eat a lot of crawfish and shrimp.

Marty Bevans' grandson came to visit her in June. He is five years old. His mother, brother and sister will come to visit in July.

Ed Reynolds took a weekend trip to Chicago in April with a group of friends. They had a great time playing volleyball and swimming.

Surveys Division

The Hydraulics Section would like to welcome three new employees. Julie Seay transferred from Roadway Design, Mark Woods came from Pollution Control and Ecology, and David Sullivan from Soil Conservation Service.

Tammy Caple and her family spent spring break in Breckenridge, Colorado. No bones were broken and Matthew, 9, and Brittney, 7, adapted well to skiing.

Christine Leavy's daughter, Rhonda, will be graduating from McClellan High School in May. We wish her luck in the future.

We are expecting an invitation to a wedding from Brooks Booher and Susan Rollins any day now since he finally broke down and bought her a "rock".

Traffic Division

David Tolleson and wife, Dawn, were blessed thirty minutes before Good Friday (the 13th) with the birth of their second child. Aaron David Tolleson was born at 11:30 p.m. on April 12 weighing in at 7 pounds and 11 ounces. David and Dawn have one other child, Lindsey, who is 2, and so far has mixed feelings about this new baby brother. Congratulations on this new addition to your family.

Danny Moore and his wife, Cindy, are spending their summer coaching. Danny is coaching the Teeny League for the Mabelvale Youth Association at Little Oaks Parks; and, Cindy is coaching the Junior Girls team (age 14 and under). In Danny words, "We are living at the park this summer eating hot dogs and frito pies for supper each night, and the house and yard work will be waiting for us at the end of the summer." We're sure that Danny is looking forward to fall!

After almost 11 years, Bobbie White has returned to the Highway Department. She is now part of the Safety Section of the Traffic Division, with Mike Selig as her supervisor. Bobbie is pictured with Rick Gallagher as she receives her 5-year service certificate.



Rick Gallagher and Bobbie White

Congratulations to Henry Pruitt and Gale Davis who were recently presented with their 10-year service certificates.



Henry Pruitt and Allan Loring



Gale Davis and Tony Sullivan

WalkAmerica proved to be a success this year. Gwen Vernon and Bobbie White walked this year for the Traffic Division. We would like to thank all our sponsors.



Bobbie White and Gwen Vernon

We are proud to announce Carolyn Redus as a Certified Public Accountant as of April 14.

District Two

District Two has experienced several personnel changes recently. D.W. "Doc" Miles transferred from Chicot County to

Drew County as Area Foreman. Doc is a 27-year employee of the Department. In the district office, Joyce Patterson is the new District Secretary, Melanie Owen/Bookkeeper, Marinette Cater/Payroll Clerk, Cindy Plunkett/Fuel Clerk, and Hellen Kennedy/Storeroom Supervisor. We also welcome new employees Ruby Lowe/District Receptionist, Ginger Hart/District Housekeeper, and Bobby Oglesby and James Jones/Stock Clerks.

Service awards were presented recently to Bill Black, District Body Repairer and Painter, for 25 years of service; and to Billy Reynolds, Charles Raines, Bill Turner, and Danny Lawson, for 15 years of service. Congratulations to everyone!



Bill Black - 25 Years



R.L. Brantley, Danny Lawson-15 Years, and Melvin Phillips



Charles Raines and Clinton Bohannon



Joe Akin and Billy Reynolds-15 Years



Bill Turner - 15 Years

Our sympathy is extended to District Engineer Jim Briley on the loss of his father, Lloyd "Sonny" Briley of North Little Rock. Also to Hellen Kennedy on the death of her father, Bill Kittler of Dumas, and to Melanie Owen whose mother, Gerri Ware of Pine Bluff, passed away recently. To all their families and friends, words can't make your sorrow any easier to bear, but they can show how deeply we sympathize and care.

Safety awards were presented for the "Accident Free" crews for 1989. Shown in the picture below are D.W. Miles for Chicot County, John Herrington for the Bridge Crew, and Scarler Lyons for Arkansas County at Stuttgart. Good work to all of these crews for a safe year.



District 2 Safety Awards

Beulah Crain, District Janitor, retired recently and she was given a send off by her friends and fellow workers at the District Headquarters. She was known for her sense of humor and everyone liked to hear her laugh. She was a pleasant addition to the work day. Good Luck Beulah and many happy days ahead.



Beulah Crain

Frank Brown, our Senior Mechanic and "Jack of all Trades", retired also. He was pleased with his gifts and enjoyed being with his friends and co-workers for the last time. He plans on doing a lot of fishing in his retirement years.

We will remember both Beulah and Frank and will miss them a lot.



Frank Brown and wife Ilsa

One of our favorite co-workers throughout the years has been R.L. Brantley, Area Foreman of the Drew County Maintenance Crew. R.L. is retiring after 28 years of service with the Department. R.L. was a friend to all he worked with and as one employee commented, "he has too big a heart." Several members of his crew and their families, as well as District employees, showed up at Monticello for his dinner party. His former Crew Leader, Melvin

Phillips, did a fine job as "master of ceremonies" and credited R.L. with all his good works as their boss. Shown in the picture with R.L. are two of his friends that attended to show their respects, Drew County Judge Dale Hughes and his wife, Betty. We know being a new grandfather for the sixth time will give R.L. a lot to do with his extra time now. We hope he won't forget us and come back to visit.



R.L. Brantley, center, with Drew County Judge Dale and Betty Hughes

District Four

Service awards this quarter include: W.L. Black and William R. Garner, 5 years; Melvin Heath, H.L. Murphy, and Sharon Sikma, 10 years; Harold Anderson and L.W. Lyda, 25 years. Congratulations to all.



Mark Williams and W.L. Black-5 Years



C. Peters and William Garner-5 Years



Melvin Heath-10 Years with H.L. Henry



M. Williams & H.L. Murphy-10 Years



Sharon Sikma-10 Years with J. Coleman



C. Sanders & H. Anderson - 25 Years



C. Sanders & L.W. Lyda - 25 Years

Jim Dancy from the Safety Office in Little Rock was present on April 26 to present Safety Awards for the past year. Those receiving awards were District Office, Storeroom, Sign Crew, District Bridge Inspection, Franklin County, Logan County, Scott County, Washington I, and the Alma Residency. Congratulations on these for their good safety records.



District 4 Safety Awards

Congratulations to A.O. Zimmer and the Scott County Crew for being selected as "Crew of the Quarter" for the first quarter of 1990.



A.O. Zimmer - Scott County District 4 Crew of the Quarter

District 4 started another round of Bass Tournaments for 1990. The March tournament was held on Lake Ouachita. Four limits of fish were caught. Billy Hunt and Kerry Barnett of District 4 took top honors with Mark Williams and Kenny Douglas also of District 4, a close second. The Ford Brothers, Neal and Larry, from District 3 placed third. Scott Wagner of District Four caught the "Big Bass".

During the 1989 deer season several members of the Polk County crew had good luck. H.L. Henry killed some "time", while Joe Downs got a 7-point, Roger Simpson a 4-point, J.D. Priddy a spike, and Troy Harris got a 3-point and a spike.

Rebecca Libby, Field Clerk in the Van Buren Residency, was selected from Westark for inclusion in the 1990 Edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. This is one of the highest awards the college can bestow. The selection is based on a combination of academic records and service to the college and community. Congratulations Becky!

Harold and Bertha Anderson are proud to announce that their daughter, Anna Beth, has been selected to the National Junior Honor Society. Anna Beth is in the eighth grade at Van Buren Junior High School. Proud Dad is a Senior Inspector for the Alma Residency.

Congratulations to Stacye Hilburn on her marriage to David Lee Roam, Jr. on April 7. Stacye is a Field Clerk in the Alma Residency.



Mrs. David L. Roam, Jr.

Congratulations to Ralph Maze, Motor Patrol Operator at Springdale, and his wife, Teresa, Construction Party Chief, on the birth of their first daughter, Amanda Nichole, on February 9. She weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces and has two big brothers, Jeffery and Daniel, who are both very proud of her.

Angela Faulkner, daughter of Senior Inspector Glen Faulkner of the Springdale RE Office, graduated May 19 from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Department of Dietetics and Nutrition in Little Rock. Congratulations Angela.

District Six

Olga Montalvo and Melissa Asbille were District Six representatives in the Annual Walk-America for the March of Dimes held April 28. Both completed the

10-mile walk around the capital city and received a blue ribbon to show for their efforts. We are proud of both of them for giving their free time and supporting such a great cause.

Tommy and Janice Jackson became proud parents for the fourth time on January 13 with the birth of their third daughter, Jessica Ashley Jackson. She weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces and has beautiful blonde hair. Tommy is a welder at District Six and Janice is a Crew Leader for Pulaski III. Congratulations to both of you on the new addition to the Jackson family.

The North Little Rock RE Office will miss Steve Cornett, who is now the State-wide Bridge Inspector. Steve was presented with a briefcase at a going away party held in his honor. Congratulations Steve on your promotion.

Belated news of the 1989 deer harvest is as follows: those taking deer were Kenny Bennett, Steve Cornett, Denver Hardman, Steve Peeples, Rick Ransom, Leon Trickey and Jeff Williams. Kenny, Denver, and Steve P. each took the legal limit of three deer.

Congratulations to Steve Peeples who qualified for the Triple Trophy Award given by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission by harvesting three deer by a combination of modern gun, muzzleloading and archery methods. Steve is pictured with a 9-point buck taken with bow and arrow.



Steve Peeples

On April 11, Benjamin Parkar and Thomas Bowens were given a retirement party by their combined crews at the NLR

Area Headquarters. Benjamin, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator for NLR Maintenance, was presented a leather billfold and was served a McDonald's breakfast brought in by his crew. Benjamin has been with AHTD since April 1974.

Thomas Bowens, Multi-Axle Truck Driver for the NLR Sealing Crew was also presented with a leather billfold by his crew. Thomas has been with AHTD since January 1983. Cake and coffee were served in honor of both men. Congratulations to both men for the years they have served with AHTD and best wishes for a happy retirement.



Homer Blair and Benjamin Parker



Thomas Bowens and Felix Hall

Congratulations to Henry F. Ward, Construction Job Supervisor for the Little Rock Residency, on his promotion in the Arkansas Army National Guard to the rank of Colonel. Henry is the Special Projects Officer in State Area Command at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock. Colonel Ward has been in the Guard for 35 years and an employee of the Department for over 24 years. Congratulations again Henry, that is quite an accomplishment.

District Seven

Safety Awards were presented on April 25 and those crews receiving awards were Gordon Hite's El Dorado Residency, 1 year; George Griffis and the District Sealing Crew, Alan Hearnberger's Bradley County Crew, and Danny Foster's Lafayette County Crew, 2 years; Jimmy Hamilton's District Construction Crew, 5 years; and Randy Gates' Moro Bay Ferry Crew, 7 years. Congratulations to each of these crews.

P.D. and Ruby Morton are the proud grandparents of this beautiful baby boy, Jeremy Doyle Green, born to their daughter on November 8, 1989. He weighed 9 pounds and 8 ounces. P.D. is Crew Leader in the Lafayette County Crew. Congratulations.



Jeremy Doyle Green

Chris Huneycutt, 15 year old son of Homer L. Huneycutt, Asphalt Tank Truck Driver, bagged this trophy buck on November 11, 1989. This was his first deer and a very good one with 13-points. Way to go Chris!



Chris Huneycutt

Fred Spears, Assistant Resident Engineer in the Camden Residency, has been off work for several weeks due to back surgery. We would like to wish him a speedy recovery and we will really be glad when he can come back to work. Fred we miss you!

Congratulations to Linda Studebaker who increased her family of three to five when she became Mrs. Billy Joe Studebaker on January 31. Linda and Billy have three children: Diane, 16; Judy, 15; and Jason, 10. Linda has been office tech in the Camden Residency since August 1989. Before coming to Camden, Linda worked for the Highway Department in Borger, Texas. We are really glad to have her.

District Eight

Congratulations to those receiving service awards recently: Allen Hale and John Magie, 10 years; Kenneth Buchanan and Jim Sigler, 15 years.



Buchanan, Hale, Sigler, Magie

Oren D. Roberts, long time friend and co-worker, retired March 16 from the Faulkner County Crew. Classified as Truck Driver/Mower Operator, his service of 10+ years to the Department and his crew will be sorely missed. His friends and co-workers honored him with a jacket, cake and punch. We will miss you, Oren, and wish you a long and happy retirement.



Oren D. Roberts

On February 7, we said so long to Missy Tucker. She found employment with a firm in Fort Smith, which will be closer to her home. Missy was a Stock Clerk here at the District Office. On her last day she had cake and dinner out with some of her friends and co-workers.



Missy Tucker

District Nine

In December 1989, Robert Reddell, District Permit Officer, completed 10 years of service with AHTD. The District Office had coffee and doughnuts to celebrate his dedicated service.



Ralph Fulton and Robert Reddell

Dennis Jarrett, Assistant Storeroom Supervisor, has every reason to be proud of his two children, Jeannette and Barry. Jeannette, from Spokane, Missouri, is a lovely 20 year old, who is planning to get married in July to Darrin Peltzer of Conway, Missouri. Barry will be graduating in May from Spokane High School and will enter the Marines this summer. Good luck to both!



Barry Jarrett



Jeannette Jarrett

On April 12, District 9 held a supervisors meeting where several employees received service awards. Ralph Fulton, Marcia Holt, Tommy Jackson, Gary Fancher and E.L. Harris received 20 year certificates. Fifteen year certificates were presented to Loris Horton, M.D. Carlton, Don Lee, Jeff Barrett and Ben Tilley. We were proud to have as guests Kay Fulton, wife of District Engineer Ralph Fulton, and Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations Calvin Peevy and his wife, Marilyn. Refreshments were served to congratulate our dedicated highway employees.



District 9 15 and 20 Service Awards

Josh Wise, son of Debbie Wise, Field Clerk at the Bentonville Residency, was the first 3rd grader to ever win the Westwood Elementary School Spelling Bee. Josh went on to compete in the Washington County Bee at Farmington. Although he didn't win at the county level, there's always next year. Great job, Josh!



Josh Wise

Retiree Clint Dodson, who left the Department in December, came by the office and showed us just what he's been doing since his retirement. Along with his new gun, he brought by a nice turkey he killed during turkey season. Seems to be getting good use out of the gift his fellow co-workers gave him. Keep it up Clint!



District 9 Retiree Clint Dodson

A big "thanks" to the bosses of District 9 during Secretaries' Week, April 23-27. The office personnel never ate so well, as cake and doughnuts were brought in all week and then we ended the week with a big lunch at Western Sizzlin. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

District Ten

There have been several personnel changes around District 10 lately. Sherry Pratt who was previously District Secretary, has joined the Resident Engineer's Office in Jonesboro as Office Technician. We will all miss Sherry's wit and charm but wish her the best of luck in her new position.

Linda Faulkenberry, who is our new District Secretary, transferred from District 2 in Pine Bluff, and is very excited about her new position and new home in Paragould.

Jim Geston, who was with our Sig Crew, has transferred to District 5 in Batesville. Jim will certainly be missed and everyone wishes him the best of luck!



Jim Geston and Ben Denton

Daren Keeling, son of Lou Varvil, left Arkansas to join Uncle Sam. Daren is taking his basic training in West Virginia and will then be on his way to Maryland where he will be stationed.



Daren Keeling

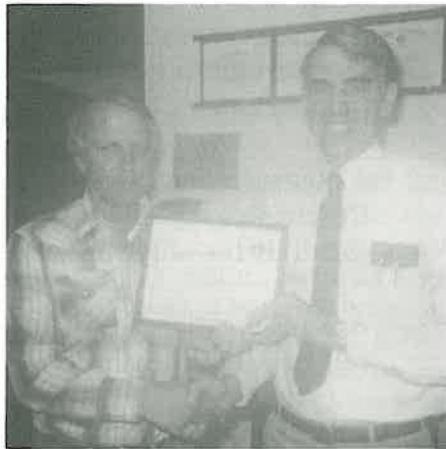
Safety awards were presented on April 25 to the following crews: 1 year certificates: Greene County Area Foreman Jeff Pillow, Resident Engineer Walter McMillan and Sign Crew Foreman Ben Denton. Two year certificates: Craighead County Area Foreman Curtis Stokes and Lawrence County Area Foreman Harold Lady. Congratulations to each of these crews for a job well done.



Pillow, Stokes, Lady, McMillan, and Denton

At this time we would like to recognize one of many valuable employees to District 10 at the Jonesboro Resident Engineer's Office. On April 16, Keith Smith was performing the duties of Survey Party Chief on Highway 158 in Craighead County when a vehicle veered to the side of the road and stopped within sight of the survey crew. The crew investigated and found Mr. John Meeker slumped in the seat with no signs of life. While an ambulance was summoned, Keith administered CPR, for which he had just recently been certified by the AHTD. Unfortunately, Keith's efforts were to no avail. It is an honor to have an employee like Keith Smith in our Department and appreciate him for his attempt to save Mr. Meeker's life.

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the AHTD: John Stewart, Joe Johnson, Earl Chester, John Watkins and Rick Carmack, 5 years; Jim Williams and Leslie Barrett, 10 years; Lavoy Sorg, 15 years; and Carl White and Darrell Thacker, 20 years. Congratulations to all!



Darrell Thacker and Joe Barnett



Joe Barnett and Carl White



Charles Hesselbein and Lavoy Sorg



Hesselbein and Jim Williams



Hesselbein and Rick Carmack



Hesselbein and John Watkins



Walter McMillan and Earl Chester



Hesselbein and Joe Johnson



Hesselbein and John Stewart

Our appreciation to our Sign Crew for having 100% participation on our blood drive and to the Clay County Crew for having 53%. Our thanks to all our blood donors.



Clay County Crew



District 10 Sign Crew
Denton, Pratt, Hefner, Geston



FACTS *You Need To Know*

- Arkansas' State Highway System is the 16th largest in the country. Our State Highway System consists of 16, 181 miles. We are comparable in size to Louisiana (16,508) and larger than Tennessee (14,504), Oklahoma (13,017) and Mississippi (10,423).
- Arkansas ranks 34th in funds disbursed for State Highways. Of the surrounding states, Mississippi (35th) is the only one lower than Arkansas.
- Arkansas ranks 31st in the amount of State Highway-User Revenues available to support the system. Again, Mississippi (32nd) is the only surrounding state ranked lower.
- Arkansas ranks 31st in the amount of State Motor Fuel Tax Receipts. All of the surrounding states ranked higher.
- The Arkansas gasoline tax is 13.7¢ per gallon and the diesel tax is 12.7¢ per gallon.
- There are 42 states with a higher tax on gasoline and 43 states with a higher tax on diesel.
- Arkansas ranks 48th for the amount spent on administration as a percent of total highway related disbursements. Only 2.2 percent of total disbursements go toward administration.
- Arkansas is a "donor" to the Federal Highway Trust Fund. We receive only 82¢ in Federal Aid Highway Funds for each \$1.00 that Arkansas motorists pay in the form of Federal fuel taxes and other Federal Highway user fees.



Letters of Interest

Mr. Charles Hesselbein
District 10 Maintenance Supt.
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Hesselbein,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, and to tell you what a wonderful job your men did on the repair of the bridge from the highway to the driveway of my home. I am sure the heavy rains will not cause any more problems.
I appreciate, very much, you getting it back in shape where we can drive across it without fear of the approach caving in with us. Our many thanks to all of you.

Lloyd Howell
Paragould, Arkansas

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Homer Blair, Dennis Johnson
and Harold Grimsley
AHTD District 6
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs,
Thank you very much for the help you gave GTE construction crews on the night of March 20, 1990. Your assistance with traffic control helped restore telephone service in a fast and safe manner.
Your help is most certainly appreciated and I thank you again.

Sheila Jones, General Manager
GTE Telephone
Jacksonville, Arkansas

Editor's Note: On this particular night telephone lines were knocked down between two blind curves on Highway 5 in Lonoke County. These AHTD employees controlled traffic for the telephone crews to restore service until after midnight.

Mr. Maurice Smith, AHTD Director
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Smith,
Recently I stopped at the rest area at Gurdon. I didn't know I had auto problems, but discovered it after stopping.
Mr. Bobbie Holliman was there at the same time, noticed I had trouble, volunteered to help, and gave it. I was impressed with Mr. Holliman's friendliness, willingness to help and his advice. It was all good - worked out - and we had no further trouble.

Sincerely,
W.O. Ragsdale
Russellville, Arkansas

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Coy Campbell, District 7 Engineer
Camden, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Campbell,
I would like to commend Mr. Bill Karber and all his employees at the Arkadelphia Maintenance Shop. I am stationed in Arkadelphia with the Arkansas State Police and have had numerous occasions that required the assistance of Mr. Karber and his crew. The ice we experienced in December and January were tough times for everyone. Mr. Karber and his crew did an excellent job with no complaints. Whenever the other two troopers or myself called for a salt truck, they made their best effort to come to our assistance as soon as they could. Whenever the crew at Arkadelphia are called the first words out of their mouths are "How can we help?" or "What do you need?" Whether it is putting up barricades during a flood, spreading sand on a fuel spill at an accident, or helping flag traffic, these guys are quick to respond to the need. This crew is A-1 in my book.

Respectfully,
Trooper R.M. Batson
ASP, Troop K, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Mr. Maurice Smith, AHTD Director
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:
We had the opportunity to visit your Bella Vista Information Center and I just have to say your employee is outstanding. This has to be one of the most well kept rest areas we visited. The work is excellent and you are to be commended. We appreciate the friendliness shown us and the kindness.

Thank you,
Mrs. Sharon Stewart
Lubbock, Texas

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Mr. Lamar Coyle
District 6 White River Rest Area

Dear Mr. Coyle,
Do you have the name of the person who turned my purse over to you? Is (he-she) the same one as the person who found it? I would like to thank them for their honesty.
Everything was replaceable (though inconvenient) except the skeleton key and knife on the key chain. They belonged to my parents... the key to the home I grew up in in Minnesota. I very much appreciate getting them back. Thank you again!

Jane Williams
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Editor's Note: Ms. Williams purse was found in the restroom of the White River Rest Area in Prairie County by park attendants Lonnie Murry and Sue Berry.



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