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Director's Message



Seat Belts: They Are Life Savers

The number of fatalities on Arkansas' highways fell below 600 last year for the first time since 1985. There were 587 traffic fatalities on Arkansas' roadways in 1992, compared with 608 in 1991.

The number of deaths on our roads and highways is still too high, but 1992 was the first time in seven years that fatalities were below 600. The state's highway fatality rate fell to a record low of 2.6 deaths per 100 million miles traveled. The fatality reduction came at the same time the number of vehicle miles traveled increased by an estimated two percent statewide.

Contributing to the decline in deaths was the increasing number of Arkansans using seat belts. A usage survey conducted for the Department in late 1992, the year after the state's mandatory seat belt law took effect, showed that 54.6 percent of the state's motorists buckled up. The usage rate prior to the seat belt law in 1990 was only 33.6 percent. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, lap and shoulder belt usage reduces motor vehicle occupant deaths by up to 55 percent.

As Highway and Transportation Department employees, you, as much as anyone, should know the importance of wearing seat belts. It has been the Department's policy for a number of years that seat belt use is required anytime you are in a Department vehicle. I don't believe anyone doubts the significance a seat belt, when properly used, can make if you are involved in an accident.

Starting with this issue of *Arkansas Highways* we will feature employees who have been "Saved By The Belt". If you have a story you want to share with other employees, please contact the Public Affairs Office. Your experiences will be used in the magazine and in the monthly newsletter, the *Centerline*.

Our statistics repeatedly show that seat belts save lives. Last year in Arkansas, there were 444 fatalities where the use or non-use of restraints was known. In those cases, 324 of the occupants, or 73 percent, were not restrained at the time of the crash.

Each number represents a tragic loss of human life, and we will continue to implement programs that will save lives and reduce injuries on our highways. The Department administers various highway safety projects in the state to increase seat belt usage, reduce alcohol related crashes, and improve traffic enforcement efforts. I encourage each of you "buckle up" whenever you get into a motor vehicle. Not only is it the law, it also makes good sense.

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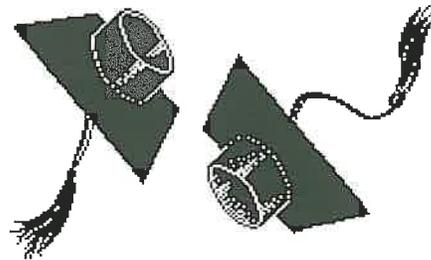
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An Interview With Commissioner Rodney E. Slater



Highway Commission Chairman Rodney E. Slater was nominated by President Bill Clinton in March to become Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration. Senate confirmation hearings were held in mid-May and Slater resigned from the Highway Commission to assume his new duties shortly after that.

He was appointed to the Highway Commission by then Governor Clinton in March 1987 and became Chairman in December 1992. A native of Marianna, Slater graduated from Eastern Michigan University and received a law degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He has served as an Assistant State Attorney General, was Governor Clinton's Special Assistant for Community and Minority Affairs and the Governor's Executive Assistant for Economic and Community Programs. He served as Director of Governmental Affairs at Arkansas State University before taking a leave of absence to serve as Deputy Campaign Manager for the Clinton for President Campaign. He later served on the Presidential Transition Team. He is married to Cassandra Wilkins and they have a daughter, Bridget.

Slater was interviewed for Arkansas Highways by Public Affairs Officer Bill Stanton the week prior to his Senate confirmation.

STANTON: *First of all, congratulations on your nomination to head the Federal Highway Administration. How do you see your experience on the Highway Commission over the last six years as helping you in the position you're about to assume?*

SLATER: I have had the opportunity to work with a good staff, good members of the Commission, to play a role in Arkansas' effort to tear the walls down, to clearly link itself with the nation and the world. It's all been very good as far as shaping my philosophy about transportation and about the importance of having positive working relationships with the people you have to work with to make everything happen. Also, in Arkansas - because we have a sort of unique situation where you've got a Commission that's constitutionally independent, that has to carry its program to the public - that has been very helpful in that you realize that there is the need for the public/private sector partnerships necessary to make things happen. And at the national level you know there's a lot of discussion now about how the Federal Highway Administration can do a better

job working through the states, working with local elected officials, various metropolitan planning organizations, to take the decision-making process to an even lower level when it comes to stimulating grass roots community base support and dealing with the very important and ever-changing issues that impact transportation. So I think my experiences have been very helpful in preparing me for the opportunity and the challenge I have.

STANTON: *You've been very outspoken in supporting transportation improvements for the Lower Mississippi Delta Region - not only in Arkansas but in the other states that make up that region. Arkansas has started making some progress in improvements in the Delta; do you intend to continue emphasis on the region once you are at the Federal Highway Administration?*

SLATER: When I become Federal Highway Administrator, my major concern will have to be in the overall interest of the country. But I think that necessarily allows me to continue to be one who advocates the importance of transportation to the Lower Mississippi Delta Region; because for me it represents the very heart of the nation. With much of the Delta Region being on the eastern side and a great portion of it being on the western side of the Mississippi River, it clearly is a region that has interests that go far beyond the region itself. And transportation has served as a means of connecting the region to other parts of the nation. So, I think you can have a main focus on the national interest and still be someone who is very sensitive to how the Delta Region relates to that. I have always argued the interest of the region from the vantage point of the nation as well, and I believe that the region has to be a full partner in the quest of our nation to continue to flex its economic, political muscle. So I think that this is just another opportunity for me, being a son of the Delta myself, to be in a position to make its case as the case of the nation has been.

STANTON: *Do you envision there being any major changes made in the state and federal relationships when you take over?*

SLATER: I wouldn't think any more than those that are required by the new Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991. It is an act that seeks to alter the transportation effort in a very significant way. There will be more responsibility given to the states. There will be more of an effort to enlist the support of, or a stronger role on the part of, your metropolitan planning organizations. There will be an effort to promote the importance of planning to a greater extent. So there are a number of things that will be required to fully implement the 1991 Act passed by Congress, and I come to the position having experienced some of those efforts in Arkansas and now have the opportunity to take the Act and make it a reality as it relates to the entire nation.

STANTON: *Under ISTEA additional funding was provided for the states, and Arkansas has been able to take advantage of that. Of course, the bill itself has not yet been fully funded by Congress. Do you expect to see more federal dollars being available to the states for their highway and transportation improvements?*

SLATER: The President has said that it is his commitment - the commitment of his administration - to see ISTEA fully funded; and, as you noted, it does provide greater dollars to the states collectively as well as to the states individually. I think that the best we can do in the short term is to try to use that money effectively and efficiently so as to enhance the system, but then we will surely

have to start preparing now for reauthorization legislation that will come up in 1997. It is my hope that at that time we can make the case that we have used our resources wisely and that we have a clear understanding of the needs of the country as relates to the system that we have, as relates to the system that we need and if that requires additional resources to be able to make that case persuasive then. But I don't think we can wait until that time to start making the case, and part of making the case is using the monies that we have now in an efficient fashion and also supporting the President in his effort to ensure that ISTEA is fully funded.

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STANTON:

When you were appointed to the Highway Commission, you mentioned the importance of a good highway system to economic development in the state. What highway projects did you have in mind at that time, and have you been able to meet those goals over the past six years?

SLATER:

I've been able to play a leading role in arguing the interests of the Delta Region, but I've also been very interested in working with my fellow commissioners in making the case for all of Arkansas. There are a number of roadways that come to mind - those in the Delta Region first. Clearly on Highway 67 we've done a significant job, I think, as far as committing resources to continuing to build it from Newport to the Missouri line. It is a part of our National Highway System as has been submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for approval. We have decided on a proposed route as a Commission, and now we have to get the approval from the Federal Highway Administration as relates to our proposed route. That route that we've identified takes us up to Highway 412, but it still puts us in a position to make the next decision, which will take us from 412 on to the Missouri line. We have made a commitment regarding the bypass in the area of Walnut Ridge and Hoxie. We also responded to a very critical situation along Highway 67 as it moves from Hoxie to Walnut Ridge, where we had to do a widening job there, because there was a serious bottleneck in there. Highway 63 is well on its way; we have recently let the last contract on the segment that ties Jonesboro with I-55; and that, too, was a very important project. Initially it was believed that we would be 1995 letting the last leg, but because of the 1991 Highway Improvement Program - which was the largest program that we passed in the history of Arkansas, something I'm very proud of - we were able to expedite that project, as well as many others.

We have also got a lot more focus now on a north-south corridor, which will run along the Delta Region from the top of the state to the bottom. And I'm very, very pleased to see the significant work that we're doing from I-40 south as well as I-40 north along Highway 1. We've also committed to do work on Highway 49 between Jonesboro and Paragould, which is again along that north-south corridor. There is an emphasis on Highway 412 which would give us a major improved connection from Northeast Arkansas to Northwest Arkansas - two very vibrant

economic regions of the state. And then when you consider other parts of the state, Highways 65 and 425 in the southeastern part of the state, all the work on Highway 7 and the work on Highways 71, 412 and 65 as it moves on into northern Arkansas. All of those are major projects that I've been very pleased to work with my fellow commissioners in promoting.

We are dealing with the gravel road and dirt road situation in Arkansas where we've made a commitment to take care of paving them within the life of the 1991 Program. So those are things that I'm very pleased have occurred during my tenure on the Commission.

STANTON:

Last year the Commission was able to work out an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad and Parks and Tourism on the abandoned rail line in East Arkansas, and Parks and Tourism has plans to develop that into a hiking and biking trail and some other uses. How important is it that the Highway and Transportation Department aid other agencies with projects similar to this?

SLATER:

If we had not played a leadership role in this project, it would never have been accomplished. Clearly, we committed to spend some \$250,000 for a study which gave us the kind of information needed to make a determination as to whether this kind of investment would be a reasonable expenditure of public resources. The study was done; it was determined that there were very good uses that could be made of the particular stretch of rail and right of way. We then, as a Commission, made a commitment to invest additional resources in purchasing the rail from the railroad company. We served as a facilitator in bringing the key players together and working with Parks and Tourism to make it all happen. So, I think it's very important for the Agency, with its understanding of the importance of transportation, with the understanding of our employees and commissioners, of the importance of tourism to the overall development of Arkansas to continue our role as a facilitator bringing key parties together and promoting major



projects like this. I think this is a good example of what can be done, and I think it's a good example of the way we should continue to act out our special role in promoting the interests of Arkansas and addressing the needs of its citizens.

STANTON: *You have emphasized throughout the time you've been on the Commission numerous programs aimed at recruitment and retention of employees for the Department. Why were you particularly interested in that, and how successful have the efforts of the Department been?*

SLATER: I'm pleased with what we've been able to do as a Department. I think our work force reflects the diversity of society. I think that giving people in our society the opportunity to work for an agency, a department that is professional, that pays its employees well, that treats its employees well, and a department in which its employees carry out such an important responsibility when it comes to the health and well being of society is something that is good and something that I take great pride in. I don't think that we can be inconsiderate of the needs of our employees for continuous training, for continuous opportunity to move up the career ladder, to have an opportunity for new challenges. That's how you keep good people, and we've been able to do that historically. We need to continue to do those things that are necessary to make that possible in the years to come. You know, our employees are the most important asset of this Department. The employees represent the Department. We have to be willing to invest in employees, in their opportunities and in their training to keep them and to ensure that we have the wherewithal with our employee base to meet the ever-changing needs that impact our ability to provide our state with the best possible transportation system.

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STANTON:

This past year the Department celebrated the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, which created the present-day Highway Commission. What perception do you have of that amendment, and do you think that there is a time for change in regard to Mack-Blackwell?

SLATER:

I think that the Mack-Blackwell Amendment has served us well. It has taken the Commission out of the arena of politics to the extent that we can now have some sense of continuity, some sense of understanding where we're going year after year, rather than our focus and our planning efforts being dictated by whomever happens to be holding elective office at any given time. And you look at ISTEA and its emphasis on planning, and you know that in Arkansas for the last 40 years we've been able to focus on long-term planning, just because we've been able to enjoy the continuity that the Mack-Blackwell Amendment ensures. When you can come on the Commission and you're serving a term that generally extends beyond the term of elected officials that decide certain issues involving the Commission, whether it's the chief executive who makes the appointments or whether it's members of the legislature who at any point in time are making decisions impacting your ability to utilize resources or your ability to respond to opportunities presented by the national government, we can develop an agenda with the interests of the public and the servicing of their transportation needs being our primary, paramount concern - rather than who is in and who is out politically. Now, it does force us to be more outgoing and active as relates to interfacing with the general public, but that's good as well; because as a member of the Commission, you are a servant of the people; and that necessarily means interfacing with, coming to understand, the needs and concerns of the people. So I'm very pleased with what we've been able to do by virtue of the enactment of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment some 40 years ago.

STANTON:

Being a Highway Commissioner is a very time consuming responsibility, especially when you're trying to work in Commission business with your other duties. How has that affected your personal life?

SLATER:

Well, it does require a lot of time and attention. But it's something that I understood when saying yes to the invitation by then Governor Bill Clinton to become a member of the Commission. So it has required me to make certain choices, they've been choices that I've been willing to make, and I'm very pleased and honored to have had the opportunity to be of service, to make a difference. As I think back on my experiences, the great joys have been to work with a very professional staff, a group of individuals who understand the awesome responsibility that they have, that we have, in protecting our state's interests and addressing the needs of a system that is the 16th largest in the country and in putting most of the money on that system and holding down administrative cost. I think about the joy that it's been to work with my fellow members of the Commission who, in their own unique way, brought special contributions forth to aid Arkansas in its effort to be a leader among states in promoting the issue of transportation. So, those have been special experiences for me over the years, and I just feel very blessed to have had that opportunity. And I look forward to the challenge that I now have to serve those interests to an even greater extent.

SAVED



By The Belt!

This issue of *Arkansas Highways* features the first in a continuing series of articles relating personal experiences of Highway and Transportation Department employees who have been involved in motor vehicle accidents and avoided serious injury or death because they were using their seat belts. Employees are reminded that it is state law and Department policy that seat belts be worn. Employees who would like to share their story should contact the Public Affairs Office at 569-2227. "Saved By The Belt" will be a regular feature in *Arkansas Highways* and in the *Centerline* newsletter.

Two District 6 Employees Now Living Examples That Seat Belts Work!

Neil Ford, Crew Leader on the District Six Interstate Crew, and Paul Giller, Single Axle Truck Driver, are living examples that seat belts work.

"I've been wearing a seat belt for at least 15 years," Ford said. "I have always been a believer in them, and I always will. I've had a few accidents over the years, but I never thought I would survive one like the one Paul and I were in," he added.

"I know seat belts work," Giller said. "Had it not been for that seat belt neither one of us would be here today."

What Ford and Giller are talk-

ing about is a tragic accident that occurred in December 1992. As members of the District Six Interstate Crew, they were preparing to work a routine lane closure operation on the Sunday before Christmas. With a trailer load of advance warning signs and traffic cones, they pulled out of the Pulaski 3 Headquarters, located behind the Central Office Building on Mabelvale Pike, a few minutes before 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 20, 1992.

It was going to be a normal workday. The task at hand for the ten workers in Ford's crew was pavement repairs on the westbound

lanes of the Interstate 30 Arkansas River Bridge near downtown Little Rock and to provide traffic control for a bridge inspection team. They had performed similar duties just two weeks before on the eastbound lanes. Due to the extremely high traffic volumes (over 110,000 vehicles per day) on the River Bridge the best time to close traffic lanes is on Sunday morning.

Ford was the last to leave the headquarters. After locking the gate he got into his pickup truck and buckled his seat belt. He then pulled into line behind the other vehicles. He and Giller were discussing the

job at hand as they traveled down the I-30 Service Road approaching the eastbound on ramp near Baseline Road. Just as he was turning onto the ramp, a black Nissan pickup truck drove through the intersection and collided headon with his vehicle. The impact turned both vehicles sideways on the service road breaking the trailer loose and causing it to crash into the rear of Ford's truck.

"Paul saw the truck a split second before it hit us. He was trying to yell out a warning, but he never got the words out of his mouth before it was all over," Ford said.

Ford and Giller were taken to University Hospital where Ford was admitted with an injury to the back of the head, a broken bone on the left foot, broken wrist and broken sternum. Giller, who suffered a cut on the head and bruised hand and foot, was treated and released. Both men were wearing their seat belts.

The driver of the Nissan pickup, who was pronounced dead at South-



The AHTD vehicle in which Ford and Giller had occupied before being "Saved By The Belt"

west Hospital, was not wearing a seat belt. He was thrown through the windshield of his vehicle and hit the side of the Highway Department truck.

The following morning when the entire 26-member crew reported to work, Area Foreman Ralph Burge told them what had happened the day before. He pointed out that the results could have been different

had both men not been wearing their seat belts.

"I was at the hospital and the attending physician told me the only reason those two men were still alive was because they were wearing their seat belts," Burge said.

"We have always stressed the importance of seat belts at our safety meetings," Burge said. "Everyone knows it is state law, and we also remind our people that it is Department policy to wear a seat belt when you are in a Department vehicle. But now that we have seen a tragic accident up close and what it can do, my crew takes seat belts very seriously," he said.

Ford and Giller agree that seat belts should be taken seriously. "We're out on the road everyday. You never know when an accident might happen," Ford said. "I believe in seat belts. In fact, I recently bought a new car and I made sure it had air bags as well," he added.

"Anybody can have an accident," Giller said. "You're taking a lot for granted by not buckling up."



District Six's Interstate Crew Leader Neil Ford and Single Axle Truck Driver Paul Giller

Department Helps Provide Public Transportation Vehicles To Rural and Small Urban Areas

Eighteen months after being approved for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) discretionary grant, the Public Transportation Section of the AHTD's Planning and Research Division, has provided over 200 vehicles to agencies throughout Arkansas. This special \$4.8 million federal capital assistance grant was awarded to the Department for the purpose of replacing aging public transportation vehicles in the rural and small urban areas.

The federal funds required a 25% local match which made the project total \$6.5 million. All but 6% was provided by the State Energy Office from oil overcharge funds and other state assistance funds. Agencies receiving the vehicles were required to pay only the 6% balance.

The vehicles which were replaced had either met their useful service life or were well beyond their service life. The types of transit vehicles purchased ranged from mini-vans to standard and modified vans, and from small 17-passenger vehicles to large 40-passenger transit buses.

Fifty-seven buses and vans went to rural public transportation operators located at Malvern, Harrison, Hot Springs, Helena, Pocahontas, Springdale, and Eureka Springs. Also receiving vehicles were 145



The Department has assisted in providing agencies throughout Arkansas with over 200 vehicles to be used for public transportation after receiving an FTA grant.

paratransit service organizations, who provide specialized transportation to the elderly and disabled.

Emphasis was placed on improving accessibility for mobility impaired riders. As a result, 124 of the new buses and vans were lift-equipped, replacing vehicles that were non-accessible.

The Department has been involved in public transportation related activities since 1974. In addition to special grants, the Public Transportation Section administers \$3.5 to \$4 million annually in FTA transit assistance grants.

Public funding of public transit services are vitally important to the mobility of low income, disabled, elderly and young people. A recent study released by the Governor's

Task Force on Public Transportation indicates that approximately 689,000 Arkansans are transportation disadvantaged. These are persons with only partial or no access to adequate transportation for either physical or economic reasons.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has maintained an active leadership role in the coordination and development of public transportation policy and programs. Funding assistance, technical support, and intermodal planning activities are an essential part of our commitment to improving mobility for all citizens.



Public Participation Encouraged At Transportation Planning Meetings

Arkansans were encouraged to become involved in the state's long-range transportation planning process in May and June when the Department held eight Public Listening Sessions around the state. The meetings were held to discuss future highway needs and to review current highway and transportation objectives. The meetings were designed to educate the public about what planning mechanisms are already in place and to give everyone the chance to state their opinions on where they think the direction of transportation needs to go from here.

Planning personnel from the Department and several of the state's Metropolitan Planning Organizations were available to discuss the numerous aspects involved in forming a comprehensive, long-range highway and transportation plan and how the new federal rules and regulations included in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 will likely impact the planning process. Also,

information was available regarding the provisions of ISTEA relative to scenic byways, enhancement projects, and bikeways.

Information obtained at the meetings will be used by the Statewide Planning Section of the Planning and Research Division to prepare a long-range transportation plan

which will focus on projected needs over the next 20 to 25 years. Plan updates will probably be accomplished every five years and public participation will again be encouraged each time. Meetings were held in Springdale, Fort Smith, Little Rock, Batesville, West Memphis, Monticello, Hope, and Hot Springs.



Transportation planning engineers from the Department's Statewide Planning Section meet with citizens at one of the eight meetings held around the state



Governor Tucker Proclaims “Buckle Up America Week” In Arkansas

Governor Jim Guy Tucker proclaimed May 24-31 as “Buckle Up America Week” in Arkansas. At a news conference sponsored by the Youth Accident Prevention Program (YAPP), Governor Tucker reminded all Arkansans that it is the law in Arkansas to wear a safety belt. He pointed out that fatalities

on the state's highways had declined in 1992, below the 600 mark for the first time in seven years, and attributed the reduction in highway deaths to increased use of seat belts.

Standing behind Governor Tucker as he signs the proclamation are (left to right): Patty Brady, Director of the Youth Accident Pre-

vention Program; Larry the Crash Dummy; Little Rock Municipal Judge Milas Hale; Highway Commissioners Bobby Hopper, L.W. “Bill” Clark, Herby Branscum, Jr., and John “M” Lipton; Dan Flowers, Assistant AHTD Director; and Vince the Crash Dummy.

AHTD Receives National Safety Award for Youth Program

The Youth Accident Prevention Program (YAPP), a highway safety program funded by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, has received the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Program of Excellence Award as the most outstanding project in the area of youth programs.

Started in 1988, the purpose of YAPP is to decrease fatalities and injuries by young drivers. The four-day program is presented primarily to junior and senior high school students with emphasis on the importance of seat belt usage, the effects of drinking and driving, and injury prevention.

Young drivers, age 16-20, historically have the lowest seat belt usage and account for more fatalities and injuries than any other age group in Arkansas. Young drivers also contribute considerably to the drunk driving problem. Of the 20,966 DWI arrests in Arkansas in 1991, 2,080, or 10% were drivers under the legal drinking age.

YAPP target an eight county area in Central Arkansas. During the summer months, presentations are also made to driver education classes. Additionally, YAPP targets the general population by providing information to Parent-Teacher Associations, civic groups, health fairs, church groups, and retirement homes.

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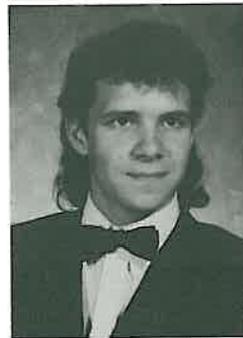
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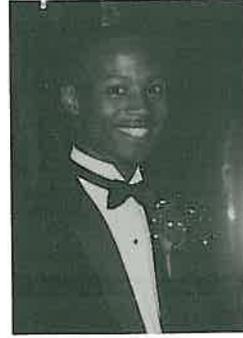
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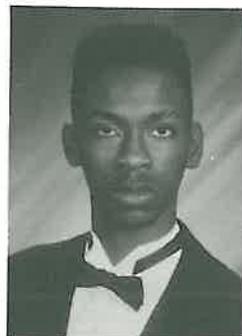
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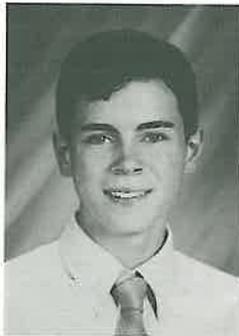
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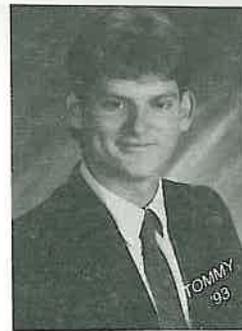
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Billy and Marinette Cater
District Two



Misty Cullum
Ozark High School
Brenda and Bill Cullum
District Four



Katherine Davidson
LR McClellan High School
Albert and Annie Davidson
Legal Division



Brandy Lynn Dixon
North Pulaski High School
Jerry and Patricia Dixon
Programs & Contracts Div.



Michael Donnelly
University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Margaret and Larry Donnelly
Planning & Research Div.



Patrick Donnelly
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Margaret & Larry Donnelly
Planning & Research Div.



Michael Paul Elcan
Lonoke High School
Paul and Carolyn Elcan
Planning & Research Division



Stephanie Falwell
Bald Knob High School
Mike and Rose Ann Falwell
District Five



Laurinda Sue Foreman
Benton High School
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Foreman
P&R/Reproduction



Beverly Fox
DeWitt High School
M.J. Fox
District Two



Marsha Gaither
Bryant High School
James D. Gaither
Right of Way Division



Jana Harp
Ouachita Baptist University
Jan McElroy and Ralph Harp
District One



Jubal Hausam
Farmington High School
Bob and Joanna Hausam
District Four



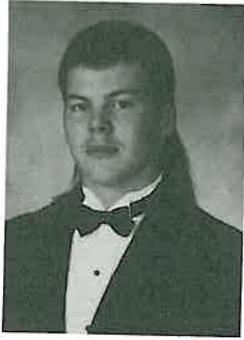
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Jeannie Hays
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Donna McGehee
District Six



Ginger Hudson
Bergman High School
Bill Hudson
District Nine



Thomas G. Inman
Southside High School
Tom and Judy Inman
District Five



Katrina Jewell
Elkins High School
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Jewell
District Four



Rebecca Johnson
Lake Hamilton High School
Sgt. Bill and Linda Johnson
Arkansas Highway Police



Brenda Faye Jones
Delta High School
Niece of Dorothy Austin
District Two



Jill Joumagan
Lead Hill High School
Ted Joumagan
District Nine



Michael Mallett
Harrison High School
J.N. Mallett
District Nine



Teri McConnell
J.A. Fair High School
COE Student
Equipment & Procurement



Cynthia McDaniel
Henderson State University
Mr. & Mrs. Taylor McDaniel
District One



Jamie Denise Moreland
Robinson High School
Don and Ruth Moreland
Traffic Division



Ronnie Moren
J.A. Fair High School
Joanne and Bob Moren
Legal Division



Lisa D. Pierson
Cotter High School
Ron Pierson
District Nine



Kevin R. Poston
DeWitt High School
Robert and Judy Poston
District Two



Keri Potter
Hope High School
Oto and Shirley Potter
District Three



Holly Ann Ray
Watson Chapel High School
Grandson of R.D. Ray
District Two



Brandy Annette Reed
White Hall High School
Ben and Martha Novak
District Two



Viola Thompson
Bauxite High School
Ja.nes and Diana Thompson
District Six



Judy Dawn Tiner
Harmony Grove High School
Linda Tiner
District Seven



Corey Tarez Turner
Pine Bluff High School
George and Lois Turner
District Two



April Wehunt
Lake Hamilton High School
John and Peggy Wehunt
District Six



Tina White
University of Central Arkansas
James White
District Two



Angela Kinsworthy
Altus-Denning High School
Ronnie and Margaret Kinsworthy
District Four



Jennifer L. Kitchens
Bismark High School
Tommie R. Kitchens
District Six



Jonathan Little
South Side High School
Randy and Donna Western
District Five



Melony Kaye Lummus
Bright Star High School
Darlene Lummus
District Three



John T. Markey IV
Hendrix College
Phyllis Leonard
District Four



Shelaine Moses
Memphis State University
Niece of Margarita Olive
Planning & Research



Candace R. Nichols
Waldron High School
Dean and Debbie Nichols
District Four



Laural Parker
Bryant High School
Kenneth and Raye Parker
Equipment & Procurement



Lorrie Jo Payne
Vilonia High School
Patty Anthony
Surveys Division



SAFonda Chrisan Phillips
Lakeside High School
Melvin Phillips
District Two



Jennifer Richardson
Batesville High School
Keith and Judy Richardson
District Five



Susan Lyn Russenberger
McClellan High School
Frank and Linda Russenberger
District Six



Sharel maria Samarin
Altus-Denning High School
George and Marti Samarin
District Four



Virginia Standard
Sheridan High School
Debbie Barclay
Programs & Contracts



Shawn Stueart
Nashville High School
Debbie and Van Stueart
District Three



Tony White
UA Medical Sciences
James White
District Two



Valarie White
McClellan High School
Rev. & Mrs. Houston White
Traffic Division



Darrica Widner
North Arkansas Community
Technical College
Rick Widner-District Nine



Tashana Widner
Bergman High School
Rick Widner
District Nine



Regina L. Wilson
Parkview High School
Robert and Hazel Wilson
Legal Division



Bobby Hopper, Commissioner

This past week has been a nightmare for poultry and cattle farmers in northwest and north central Arkansas. The unbelievable amounts of heavy, wet snow and the low temperatures have taken a large toll on both buildings and animals. However, we know that it could have been much worse and would have been except for the contribution of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. I simply want to say thank you for responding so quickly and efficiently to the needs of the people during their emergency.

Don Allen, Arkansas Poultry Federation

Bob Parker
Chief of Right of Way Division

Thank you for your Mr. Felix Thompson who stopped to help me when I had a flat tire on Interstate 30 between Hot Springs and Texarkana. I feel the need to let you know that this employee handled himself in a professional and helpful manner. His behavior was an indicator to me that he must be an asset to your organization.

Debbie Edmondson, Carlisle, PA

Ralph Hall
District 6 Engineer

Our special thanks to you, Bill Crumpton and the work crew that helped us replace a railroad crossing. Your advice to us on signs and timely issuance of a permit really helped. The equipment and manpower to put out asphalt aided greatly in minimizing the use of a detour. No accidents occurred and the job was completed on time. Please pass my thanks on behalf of Weyerhaeuser to all involved.

Steve Binkley,
Utilities Supervisor,
Weyerhaeuser Co.

Maurice Smith
Director of Highways

I wanted to let you know how pleased I am to see the crimson clover planted in the median on Interstate 430 in Little Rock. I've enjoyed wildflowers along the Texas highways, and I think this really beautifies our highways.

Linda Bell, Little Rock, AR

Lamar Coyle
Prairie County Area Foreman

Thank you for the return of my purse which had been found at the White River Rest Area on I-40 by two of your employees, Bob Petty and Pat Chapman. Thank you so very much.

Barbara Lewis, Monroe Falls, OH

Odis Barker
Equipment & Procurement

We certainly appreciate you taking time to visit our facility here in Johnson County and making some very good recommendations concerning our day-to-day operations through the Technology Transfer Program.

Mike Jacobs, Johnson County Judge
Clarksville, AR

Lt. Jan Weinberg, Arkansas Highway Police

A letter of thanks for your kindness and helpfulness for rendering assistance to me on March 29, 1993 on Interstate 40 near exit 157 when my car broke down. Again thank you very much.

Leon Sobel, Winter Park, FL

Maurice Smith
 Director of Highways

Just a note to let you know that your people are really doing their jobs. My wife and I recently traveled through your state on Interstates 30 and 40. Your rest areas were all neat and clean and the personnel very nice. We just wanted to say thank you and to your people as well.

Harold and Ruby Genett
 Mesa, AZ

Bryan Davis, Chief of Planning & Research

Thank you for the kind and courteous assistance of your employee, Mr. Mark Fairbrother, who assisted my husband and I on Highway 63 outside of Marked Tree. We were hauling a trailer full of furniture and household effects when the rack attached to the top of our station wagon loaded with three mattresses, ripped off our car and landed on the highway median just behind a curve in the road. Mr. Fairbrother came along, stopped, and used the flashing warning lights on his vehicle to keep oncoming traffic away from the possible road hazard. He helped my husband load and secure the rack and mattresses back on our car. He was very nice and helpful and an excellent representative of the Arkansas Highway Department.

Barbara Yost, Huntsville, AL

Tommy Simmons, AHTD District 2

I am writing to express my thanks to Billy Cater and Michael Ridgell. They stopped to help me when I had a blow out on my vehicle while traveling from Pine Bluff to Little Rock. They changed my tire, not once but twice, after realizing that my spare was also flat. They took the spare and had it aired up, then returned and put it on. I can not express my thanks to them enough. They were "gentlemen" and took the time to help when they certainly didn't have to.

Judy Talley, White Hall, AR

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some letters have been edited for space.

Around the Department

BRIDGE DIVISION

The engineering staff increased this past year when four civil engineering graduates joined Bridge Division. They each bring a wealth of interest in bridge structures, computers, sports and the outdoors which made getting acquainted easy.



**Rick Ellis, Elizabeth Perrine,
 Jeff Covay and John Bettis**

Rick Ellis relocated the furthestmost from his hometown, Flint, Michigan. He graduated from Michigan State University last year. Rick drives a beautiful red Chevy Sport 4x4 and is engaged to a local girl. His dad works at General Motors in Flint, but grew up in Pocahontas, so Rick doesn't have to go far to be near family. We are happy Rick is with us and appreciate his engineering abilities. He is assigned to Phil Brand's design section.

Elizabeth Perrine graduated from U of A at Fayetteville and is a native of El Dorado. Her hobbies are "not cooking," reading, and cross stitch. Liz comes to work in her sporty Geo Metro convertible and is the fashion plate of the Bridge Division. Sometimes she gives a fashion citation during coffee break. "Wear cool ties, men," she says, "to avoid being ticketed." Liz is very competent and an asset to this division and we enjoy her friendliness. She is assigned to Dale Loe's design section.

Jeff Covay is originally from California but is a recent graduate of Louisiana Tech. His family moved to Las Vegas about the time he moved to Arkansas and his grandparents live

in Chicago and Oakland, CA. Jeff loves fishing and golfing so it will be easy to make Arkansas his home. His engineering abilities and pleasant attitude are appreciated by everyone in John Sage's design section.

John Bettis graduated from U of A at Fayetteville and is originally from Dallas, TX. He likes to golf and play basketball. John's wife, Heidi attends Baptist School of Nursing. His abilities are a real asset to the division and particularly in Gary Ashley's design section.

Bridge Division's "3 on 3" basketball tournament was supported by a big turnout. All four design sections were represented. Gary Ashley's section went undefeated and Phil Brand's section lost in the championship match. Sage and Loe's section battled it out for third. Many thanks to Mike Tackett for his help in making his church gym available. John Bettis and Glenn Cheatham were clearly the star players; Wayne Major also turned in a satisfactory performance with his outside shooting.

Leslie McSwain, structural detailing specialist in Dale Loe's design section, and his wife Joyce, are the parents of a second son,

Rahn Spicer born February 1, 1993, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Two boys will be a delight and a challenge for devoted parents Leslie and Joyce. Congratulations!



Rahn McSwain

COMPUTER SERVICES

Jay Wilson and Jeanette Leitmeyer were united in marriage February 24 at the Cadron Ridge Baptist Church. Jay is a Programmer Analyst I in the Application Development Section. Best wishes to Jay and Jeanette.



Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wilson

We have enjoyed having our two COE students this year. Both seniors at Bryant High School, Shan Handley works in the Division Office, and David Chenault works in the Application Development Section. They have done a great job and we look forward to having them for the summer. Their graduation ceremony was May 28. Congratulations to Shan and David.

The chicken pox have been going around. Barry Cruz's son, Eric, had what he called the chicken pops, Lesa Frymark's daughters, Anne and Allyson, had them and then, guess what? Lesa had them. Thank goodness she didn't spread them around the office.

David Bickell's son Justin graduated from Central Arkansas Christian Academy kindergarten on May 21. David's troubles and expenses are just beginning. Good luck to all.

Larry Dale Busbea graduated with 'honors' from the University of Central Arkansas on May 15. Larry's major is in English and his minor in Art History. A member of the Honors College, Larry's 4.0 grade point average during his Junior and Senior years qualified him as a 'Presidential Scholar.' He has also qualified for a foreign exchange teaching program and will be going to Czechoslovakia for the summer to teach English. Larry Busbea, Programmer Analyst I in the Application Development Section, and his wife Wanda, are extremely proud of their son Larry and of his academic achievements.

Robin Hudson and Ben Bigger will marry July 24 at St. Mark Methodist Church in Camden. Robin is a Microcomputer Technician in the User Support Section and Ben is a bank examiner for the State Banking Department. They will live in Little Rock. Robin and Ben, we wish you the best.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION

On March 26, we said good-bye to Elaine Smart who left the Construction Division after 13 years with the Department. Elaine and her husband are moving to Louisiana. Elaine was a dedicated employee and will be missed by us all. A nice reception was held, where friends and co-workers exchanged their farewells, and wished her luck in the future.



Allan Holmes and Elaine Smart

We would like to welcome Terry Wildbur as Construction Office Controller. Terry transferred from Bridge, and has been with the Department for 16 years. We are happy to have her in the Construction Office.

On April 14 a reception was held honoring Carolyn Burleson's 15 years of service. Gary Joe Lewis presented her certificate and we congratulated her with refreshments.



Gary Joe Lewis and Carolyn Burleson

The Construction Conference held on April 6 and 7 was a very successful one with excellent speakers and informative panels. The banquet at Cajun's Wharf was enjoyed by all, and we were privileged to hear a debut by "Country Mike" Sebren who sang "I've Cried My Last Tear For You". He was so good, several of us accused him of lip-syncing. He was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for "service above and beyond the call of duty". We have decided that Mike is living on the wrong side of Memphis.



Allan Holmes and Mike Sebren

Tommy Littleton, his wife Gale, and son Michael, took a vacation to New Orleans and Florida. They visited Orlando (DisneyWorld), then Lakeland (Sun and Fun and the Experimental Aircraft Show) and finally to Panama City for a few days.

The Construction office celebrated with good food and laughs at Bennigan's in honor of Secretaries Day.

Brenda and Roy Walden enjoyed a two week visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Larry Fetters from South Dakota.

Congratulations to Kelli Mulhollen, daughter of Bill Mulhollen. Kelli graduated from the University of Tennessee, and is practicing dentistry in Memphis.

We would also like to offer our congratulations to Allan Holmes and Shirley Shelton who were married on April 14. We wish them a long and happy life together.

When Joey Bishop takes a day off from Final Estimates, he can be found on Lake Conway, crappie fishing. All that practice finally paid off when he won second and third place in the \$8,500 National Crappiethon Tournament this past March.

On April 12, the Construction Office, trimmed in black, helped push Staff Construction and Maintenance Engineer David Cook over the hill by celebrating his 40th birthday. Happy Birthday David!



David Cook and the Big 4-0!

These three little cuties are Reta McCoy's granddaughters. Katelyn Michele (age 1-1/2 years) and Alexandria Nicole, "Alex" (age 2 months) Thompson's parents are Reta's daughter, Michele, and her husband Keith.

Jessica Lynn Burris' (age 3 months) parents are Reta's daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Bryan.

We know Reta is proud of these little beauties, although she says going from zero to three grandchildren in less than 2 years has given her a few more gray hairs.



Katelyn Michele and Alexandria Nicole Thompson



Jessica Lynn Burris

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Several comings and goings are in progress right now in the Environmental Division. These changes are that Leah Danielle Robinson left us to attend college. Leah, 18, graduated from Little Rock McClellan High School. Leah's plans are to further her education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock pursuing a degree in Engineering.

Beverly Moore is the newest addition to our humble work environment. She began work in February and helps the Highway Department tremendously. Beverly has a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. She and her husband, Dick, have three wonderful children: Elizabeth, 18; Jacque, 14; and Richard, 10. We wish Beverly the best of luck for her continued good work.

Rob Doster just came back from school in Huntsville, Alabama. This schooling was on Geographic Information Systems (GIS), remote sensing, and how they can help the Department on Environmental issues.

David Williamson just got out of the hospital where he had emergency appendectomy surgery. We're glad he's back. Hope nothing else happens to him anytime soon.

Environmental welcomes two individuals to help with the increased archeological work load. They are William McAlexander and Robert Scoggin. Both men are doing outstanding jobs in their endeavors relating to archeological work.

The biggest news is that Stacy Wallace and Julia Hart both had their babies. Since we don't have any pictures to use with this article, we are going to postpone this late breaking story until the next issue.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT DIVISION

Congratulations to Guy Ashenberger on his 15 years of service. He was presented his award by Al Sacco and was honored with a luncheon.



Al Sacco and Guy Ashenberger

Valentine's Day was quite a treat for Dennis Jarrett, Asst. Storeroom Supervisor. His wife, Nancy, surprised him with a singing Valentine. Needless to say, we all enjoyed it.

Sue and Bill Luce recently returned from a ski trip to Colorado. We understand they had a ball and arrived home safe and sound.

Steve Sacco, son of Al and Mary Ann Sacco, was home recently for a visit. Steve is presently stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida.

Jill Rankin, daughter of Karen and Jerry Rankin, recently placed 1st on balance beam, 2nd on floor exercise, 5th on uneven bars and 2nd place overall at the Level 5 State Gymnastics Competition in Fort Smith for 10 year olds. Congratulations Jill, keep up the good work.

FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION

A message from Sheryl and Stan New: Natalie Kaye New is now 14 months old and weighs 14+ pounds. She has been home almost 6 months and we are so happy to have her home. She is doing so good thanks to all of your love and prayers. She is still on the ventilator and oxygen but the doctors hope by the end of summer she will be off all this equipment. Natalie has begun physical therapy at Easter Seal and is learning how to sit up. It has been hard and we have a long road to go, but we are so very proud of Natalie. We really appreciate everyone at the Highway Department. You have been so good to us. Please keep Natalie in your prayers. Thank you very much.



Natalie Kaye New

HIGHWAY POLICE

Sergeant Harold Godwin was honored by his co-workers with a luncheon. Sgt. Godwin retired from the Department with 19+ years of service in the Arkansas Highway Police Division. He worked at the Alma Weigh Station. He was presented with a plaque by Captain Charles Barnard. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and wishes Harold many years of retirement.



Capt. Barnard and Sgt. Godwin

Congratulations to Phyllis Allen on the birth of her son on August 7, 1992. Jeremy Tyler weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces.



Jeremy Tyler

Rebecca Johnson, daughter of Sgt. Bill and Linda Johnson of Hot Springs, has been selected for "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Rebecca, a senior at Lake Hamilton High School, is one of only 5% of the nation's high school students chosen for this honor. This award recognizes the achievements of students who have contributed to their schools and communities.



Rebecca Johnson

Denise Davis married Michael Hyde on January 16, 1993 at the Ramada Inn in Benton. Denise's sons, Justin & Layton Davis, were the ringbearers. Parents of the newlyweds are the Reverend Dale and Cindy Ruddick of Blytheville and Cecil and Fae Hyde of Benton. Denise is a Permit Technician and Michael is a Legislative Auditor. We wish them much happiness.



Denise and Michael Hyde and
Denise's sons, Justin and Layton Davis

Congratulations to Bobby G. Hayes, who graduated from North Pulaski High School in Jacksonville. His parents are Bobby G. Hayes of the Permit Section and his wife, Flocerfida.

Joe Wheat and his wife Pat are proud of their precious granddaughter, Jessica Lauren Dover who recently celebrated her first birthday. Jessica's parents are John and Karen Dover of northern Illinois.



Jessica Dover

HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

The Human Resources Division would like to welcome four new employees. Patty Wilson, Jenny Roberson, Dana Machycek and Debby Roberts.

Patty is employed in the EEO section as a Clerk Typist. She enjoys hunting, fishing and a variety of sporting activities. Patty and her husband, Larry Joe, live in Sardis with their two daughters, Kristina and Samantha.



Patty Wilson

Jenny is a Mail Clerk in Mail and Supply. She began work last summer in Records Man-

ment as a seasonal employee and stayed on part-time while attending college. She plans to further her education at UALR this fall to major in Journalism and minor in Exercise Science.



Jenny Roberson



Dana Machycek

Dana is an Administrative Assistant II in Insurance. She came from Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission. Dana and her husband, John, live in Alexander with their 15 month old daughter, Haley.

Debby is a temporary employee in the Insurance Office. She enjoys numerous crafts and spends a great deal of time with her poodle Brandy. Debby and her husband, Don, live in Little Rock.

Dick Lucas was elected President of the Ozark Region Scottish Society. The association has over 100 members from Missouri, Tennessee and Arkansas who have immigrated from Scotland or are Americans with a Scottish heritage. Dick assumed the responsibilities of office during the Ozark Scottish Festival in April.



Debby Roberts

LEGAL DIVISION

The Division honored Regina Laidler with a reception celebrating over twenty-five years of dedicated service to the Highway Department. Many of her friends and co-workers dropped in to wish her the best and help celebrate the occasion. Chief Counsel Robert L. Wilson presented Regina with her service pin and expressed his appreciation for her dedication. Punch, cake, nuts and mints were served to the guests from a table decorated beautifully in green and peach. Regina was presented with several tokens of appreciation and affection.

We celebrated a somber occasion by surprising Mark Whitmore, Staff Attorney, with a black cake honoring his 30th birthday. Mark's office was also decorated with reminders of this milestone in his life.

The Legal Division has several graduating seniors this year. We wish them all the best of luck in whatever endeavors they attempt.

Regina L. Wilson, daughter of Chief Counsel Robert L. Wilson and his wife Hazel, will graduate in May from Parkview High School. Regina plans to attend college this fall, possibly at the Baylor campus. She has been very active in the school and Academy Orchestras and plans to continue those extracurricular pursuits along with her academic ones.

Ronnie Moren, son of Joanne and Bob Moren, is graduating this year from J.A. Fair High School. While attending J.A. Fair, Ronnie has been active in Computer Club, Math Club, Safety Club, Science Club and the Spanish Club. Ronnie served as FBLA President and was a member of Mu Alpha Theta. He also spent some of his free time on the tennis and track teams. Ronnie received such honors as the Chemistry Award, Regional Science Fair, and the Honor Roll. Ronnie was also selected to participate in

the UALR Summer Science Institute. He plans to pursue a degree in Engineering by attending UALR in the fall.

Latonya Clay and Katherine Davidson, COE students from McClellan High School will graduate in May. Both are planning to attend UALR in the fall.

MATERIALS DIVISION

Another turkey season has ended and the excuses are just now getting flushed out. Seems Bernard Mize and Bob Gossett went, but did not get turkeys.

Keith Powell and Scooter each made fishing trips to Lake Fork in Texas to land some of the "big ones". The lake is known to have big bass. Unfortunately, the big ones weren't biting or were too wily to be landed.

The Division was planning on having turkey and/or fish at our next potluck lunch, but it looks as if we're going to have to settle for spam or tuna salad.

Mr. Burks is driving another new truck; his 1973 model was getting dirty.

Rodney Mazander has returned to work in the Chemistry laboratory after a three week absence recovering from a work accident. We're glad to have him back.

Tim Cobb, the son of Lois and Norman Cobb, is a 1993 graduate of Joe T. Robinson High School. He will be attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville this fall. Norman is District Materials Supervisor in District 6.

"Nina" Snider has returned from a three week visit with her family in Venezuela.

Sonny Lofland's daughter, Lisa, helped the Plainview High School girl's basketball team get to the Class B state playoffs. Ms. Lofland is definitely not a chip off of the old block.

Jake Clements and Jon Annable were the Department's hosts for representatives to the Southwest Geotechnical Conference held April 19-21 in Little Rock. State DOT representatives from the southwest U.S. as far as California were present. Jake said that he did a real nice job and that Jon learned a lot.

Marlin Powell, father of Keith Powell, and a retired Planning and Research employee, passed away in February. John Storey, a retired employee of the Department and a long time member of the Materials Division passed away in April. Our prayers and thoughts are with the families of both of these men.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION

Congratulations to Carl and Joanne Bennett on their marriage April 3. We wish them many years of happiness. Carl is a field technician for Technical Services Section.



Carl and Joanne Bennett

We have had several people on vacation. Laura Moore visited New York City in March and really enjoyed the "Big Apple." James Marshall was forced to take an extended vacation in the Caribbean to use all of his annual leave that could not be carried over. I am sure we can all sympathize with him regarding this problem. James Sanders treated himself to a vacation by sending daughter, Laura, to Winter Park, CO skiing during spring break. Darrol Sitz and his wife enjoyed a trip to Washington, DC, visiting his son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. While there they took side trips to Annapolis, Maryland, and Lancaster, PA and attended a Baltimore Orioles baseball game.



Laura Moore in New York City

Jerry Heffington, who is an accomplished pen and ink artist, has presented his work at many of the local craft shows throughout Arkansas, Missouri, and Mississippi. He has enjoyed becoming friends with many interesting people.

Research wishes to recognize its newest member, Jack "Buck" Wheat, who transferred from Finance and Economics in October. Chuck Sitton, who now calls himself the Staff Research Hunter, had another successful season of deer hunting by filling all of his tags. Chuck bagged two bucks, a doe, and several stories of what

could have been if he had been ready. Good hunting Chuck.



Chuck Sitton and 5-point buck

Congratulations to Debra Schneider for 20 years of service; Chuck Sitton for 10 years; and Jim Kauffman, Jack Wheat and Tim Mahan for 5 years of service each.



Bryan Davis and Debra Schneider



Alan Meadors and Chuck Sitton



Roy Walden and Jim Kauffman



Tim Mahan and Don Finkbeiner

Rick Sneed finally got his new truck out of the shop after loaning it to his daughter. She is now in search of other means of transportation. Richard Mills traded in his "bomb" for a S-10 pickup. Finance and Economics immediately revised its revenue forecast downward after this event.

Alan Meadors finally moved into his new house. Three days later a birthday party for his oldest daughter was held there. There were 22 children under the age of six at the party. Repair of all the damaged areas should be completed soon!

PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTS DIVISION

We would like to congratulate Brandy Lynn Dixon, daughter of Jerry Dixon, who graduated this year from North Pulaski High School.

We would also like to congratulate Virginia Standard, daughter of Debbie Barclay, who graduated from Sheridan High School. We wish them both well in their future endeavors.

RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION

Division Head Bobby Parker is extremely proud of his wife, Judy, and the Benton High School Quiz Bowl team. They won the State AAA Championship on April 19, then won the State Overall Championship by defeating Alpena, Fort Smith Northside and Berryville on April 24. They now advance to the Nationals which will be held in Chicago in May. Judy also

ches the Benton Junior High Quiz Bowl and Future Problem Solving teams. We congratulate these young people and their coach for their effort and success.

We would like to introduce you to Fred and Nina Williams' grandson, Mitcherson Edward Williams, who was born in the Doctor's Hospital on January 3, 1993. The proud parents are Kyle and Denise Williams. Congratulations to both the parents and the grandparents.



Mitcherson Edward Williams



Louise Mills

Congratulations to Louise Mills on receiving her 5-year pin and certificate. Louise started out in the Administrative Section of Right of Way as a Title Technician and was promoted to Right of Way Negotiator in September 1991. Her office treated her to lunch at Red Lobster on her special day.

Wayne Willis killed these two gobblers in Newton County on the second day of the season with one shot while hunting with Eugene Villines, Newton County Judge. We mentioned who he

was hunting with to let you know that he had a witness to this almost impossible feat.



Wayne Willis

Congratulations to Shirley Shelton and Allan Holmes who were married April 14. Shirley is a Title Analyst in the Administrative Section of Right of Way and Allan is the Division Head of Construction and Maintenance.



Allan and Shirley Holmes

Marilyn Huddleston would like to introduce you to her grandson, Adam Parker Huddleston, who was born November 19, 1992, in New York City. The parents are Lisa and Chip Huddleston. Chip is an opera singer and recently performed in two operas at Wildwood Park for the Performing Arts in Little Rock.



Adam Parker Huddleston

ROADWAY DESIGN DIVISION

Congratulations to Josh Green, son of Bob Green, who has been notified by the Director of the Donaghey Scholars Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock that the Admissions Committee of the Program voted to offer him a place in the Fall 1993 Scholars' class. The Scholars Program, one of perhaps 25 around the nation, has its own core curriculum which replaces the university core and also provides two months of study abroad during the sophomore year summer. Josh plans to major in computer science with a minor in math.

In extra-curricular activities, Josh has been active in 4H for four years, where he was recently designated a State Teen Star and a delegate this summer to Citizenship...Washington Focus in D.C. He has developed a new project book in Computer Science that the State 4-H is in process of publishing. Currently, he is also maintaining his involvement in Boy Scouting beyond the Eagle rank by serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster to Troop 253 of Quapaw Council.

We would like to welcome Angie Landers who will be working in our office as CADD technician for the next few months while Cindy Webb is on maternity leave. Angie enjoys spending time with her two children, Lauren and Blake. She also enjoys all outdoor sports.



Angie Landers

STATE AID DIVISION

A new "Grandbaby" has arrived in the State Aid Division.



Brianna Paige Oldham

Brianna Paige Oldham was born March 23 and weighed 6 pounds, 3.7 ounces. Barbara, Division Secretary and her husband Ben, are proud grandparents. George and Annette Cardinal are also proud grandparents of their daughter, Georgianna's, first child. Caution, they all carry pictures.

Brianna Paige is the daughter of Johnnie and Georgianna Oldham, Barbara's #1 son and daughter-in-law. They are both employed by Wal-Mart where Johnnie is a department manager and Georgianna works in the health and beauty aids department.

Johnnie Gray, retired staff photographer with AHTD, and his wife Elyeene, are the great-grandparents.

SURVEYS DIVISION

Pictured are those who killed an elk at the October 1992 Elk Hunt in Colorado. They are Jim Butler (Surveys), Tony Mesa (District 5), Don Cheatham (Surveys), Doye King (Surveys), Scott Qualls (District 5) and Sam Durham of San Antonio, Texas. Also attending the hunt but not pictured are Tony Wooldridge (Surveys) and Wayne Willis (Right-of-Way).



Pictured in the Graduate section is Lorrie Payne, daughter of Patty Anthony. Lorrie was selected State Student of the Year in April, through the GCEA Program. She is in Who's Who Among High School Students and the National Honor Society. She is very active in FHA, Beta Club, All-Star Club, GCEA Club, and many church activities. Lorrie plans to attend UCA in the fall.

Terry Gaither of Photogrammetry recently celebrated his 10-year anniversary with the Highway Department. We honored Terry on the occasion by serving cake and chip and dip. Congratulations, Terry.



Terry Gaither and Farrell Adams

Sue Walls, Secretary in the Photogrammetry Section, received a beautiful flower arrangement from Section Head Farrell Adams, in honor of Professional Secretary's Day. As you can see by the photograph, she was very pleased.



Sue Walls and Farrell Adams

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Congratulations to Danny Moore, Senior Traffic Investigator in our Traffic Engineering Section, on his recent selection, promotion, and appointment as Command Sergeant Major of the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion, which is an element of the United States Army Special Operations Command. CSM Moore served more than 9 years as First Sergeant of the 431st Civil Affairs Company, which received federal activation notice in December 1990, for duty in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait City, Iraq, and Turkey during Operations Desert Storm and Provide Comfort. As part of a Special Operations Force (SOF), his unit conducts year round training missions in various world theaters. The unit's primary focus is presently in Central and South America.

Congratulations to Jon Waldrip, Traffic Safety Specialist, on his 15 years of service with the Department. Jon is pictured below receiving his certificate from Mike Selig.



A warm welcome to Sandra Anthony and Gerald Koonce who work in the Safety Section of the Traffic Division. Sandra transferred from the E.E.O. Section of Human Resources Division. Gerald came from outside the Department but doesn't his last name sound familiar. It should his mother is Pat Koonce who retired from Fiscal Services Division a couple of years ago.

Congratulations to Scotty and Teresa Hesselbein on the birth of their first baby William Bradley, who was born January 9, 1993 and now weighs 16 pounds in this picture taken at 12 weeks old. Scotty is the Sign Layout Supervisor in our Services Section and Teresa works in the Fiscal Services Division. Brad is also the grandson of Retiree Charlie Hesselbein of District 10. Scotty and Teresa would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns when Brad was in ICU for ten days, just after he was born. As you can see, he is as happy and healthy as he can be.



William Bradley Hesselbein

Service awards were presented to Ron Johnson, Sign Layout Specialist, with 15 years of service and Jerry Webb, Sign Erector II, with 5 years of service. Congratulations guys for your years of dedicated service.



Allan Loring and Ron Johnson



Tony Jones and Jerry Webb

A little golf trivia for all you golfers in the Department. Jim Barnett recently scored a "Hole in One" while playing at Hindman Park.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. Valarie White is the daughter of Rev. Houston and Bobbie White. Bobbie works in Traffic Safety Section and Valarie, as a COE works in Personnel Section. She attends McClellan High School. She is a member of the Spanish Club, Teachers of Tomorrow, Future Business Leaders of America and was a member of the Pulaski County 4H Club where in 1989-92, she won first place in the talent contest and went to state three years in a row. Some of her hobbies include playing the piano, going to ballgames, talking on the phone and singing in the church choir. In the fall Valarie plans to attend UALR.

Jamie Denise Moreland, daughter of Don and Ruth Ann Moreland, is a senior at Robinson High School where she is active in FBLA, Beta Club, COE, and National Honor Society. Jamie has a grade point average of 3.75. Her hobbies include hunting, fishing, swimming, playing pool, and going to I-30 speedway. Jamie is currently working in the Traffic Safety Section through her COE program at Robinson High School. She plans to attend UALR in the fall.

Steve Herbert Broadnax, is the son of Sandra Anthony who works in the Traffic Safety Section. Steve attends Parkview Arts Magnet School where he has a 3.57 grade point average. He is active in the Concert and Jazz Band and lead vocalist for the Jazz Band. He proudly serves as the Drum Major of the 1992-93 Marching Band and is a member of the Choir (Lab Singers). Clubs he is involved in are the Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Parkview Players (a theater organization), and the Key Club.

Steve's accomplishments are best actor awards for musical and nonmusical, the Walt Disney film "The Earnest Green Story". He attended Boy's State and was selected as an alternate for Governor School. He has received numerous awards at State and National speech tournaments including Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Luckily, Steve has landed lead roles in all five plays he has been in at Parkview. Steve will attend Webster University School of Theater Art in St. Louis, MO.

DISTRICT ONE

Our blood drive which was held early in the year netted 79 pints of blood with 97 employees trying to donate. This means we did reach our goal of 75 with a little to spare. This is a much needed service and something we might all need sometime during our lives. If you have not donated in the past, think about it for next year. The next person needing blood could be you.



Frank Gregory

We welcome to District 1 Carl Bachelor, Resident Engineer in West Helena, who comes to us from Little Rock. Carl replaces Claude Dunne, who retired in March after 29 years of service. We hope Carl likes eastern Arkansas and wish Claude many happy retirement years.

Bobby Alford, Crew Leader in Crittenden County, shows off his latest granddaughter, JoAnn Reed, born to his daughter Debbie and her husband, Joe Reed.



JoAnn Reed

Although she said she would never act silly over a grandchild like some people do, Fuel Clerk Ann McMickle has had to eat her words over her first grandchild, Page, who is a red headed doll. Page is the daughter of Ann's son, Larry and his wife, Janet.

Taylor McDaniel, Lead Person in St. Francis County, is very proud of his daughter Cynthia who graduated in May from Henderson State University with a B.A. in Sociology. Cynthia was a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and a recipient of Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities Students Award.

Our receptionist, Jan McElroy, had two to graduate this year. Her daughter, Jana, graduated from Ouachita Baptist University with a degree in Psychology and son, Andy, graduated from Wynne High School.

Another very proud grandmother is Juanita South, our Stock Clerk, whose only grandchild is Cody Lane Adams. Cody is the son of Juanita's daughter, Sheila and her husband, William Adams. The worst part is that they are currently living in Werzburg, Germany where William is stationed and which is a mighty long way from Arkansas and much too far for grandmother.

It's just amazing how all of these grandchildren are the prettiest, smartest, cutest, etc., since all of the grandparents tell you the same thing about theirs.



Cody Lane Adams

DISTRICT THREE

We would like to congratulate all of our graduates in District Three and we start with Tanya Clayton, daughter of Karen Clayton, Office Technician in Resident Office #34, who graduated from Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia.

Keri Potter, daughter of Otto and Shirley Potter, graduated from Hope High School. Otto is Resident Engineer in Hope. Keri has been offered several academic scholarships.

Melony Kaye Lummus, daughter of Darlene Lummus, Deck Hand on the Spring Bank Ferry, graduated from Bright Star High School.

Shawn Stueart, daughter of Debbie and Van Stueart graduated from Nashville High

School. Debbie is Crew Leader for Howard County.

Charles R. Garner, Jr. graduated from Mississippi State University. He is the son of District Maintenance Engineer Ronnie and Annette Garner.

Congratulations to Susan Martin, District Office Manager, who became Susan Monroe on March 13. Susan and Jerry Monroe were married in a home wedding with family and friends attending. We wish them a happy life together.

Congratulations also to Clint Martin, son of Susan Monroe, who recently was awarded the National English and Math Merit award. Clint was also selected as an All-American Scholar. Clint is a ninth grade student at Yerger Middle School.



Clint Martin

Congratulations to Charlie Rogers, Construction Helper II, of the Texarkana Residency. He was married to Tammy Dial on March 13 at Beech Street Baptist Church in Texarkana. Charlie's new wife is a nurse at a local hospital and he is one of her patient's right now, since a tree fell on him and he suffered multiple fractures. We wish him a speedy recovery.



Charlie and Tammy Rogers

We have had several service awards presented in the past few months. Fifteen year awards were presented to Ala Mae Flenory, Sammie Holton and Michael H. Jester.

Ala Mae is the District Bookkeeper and Sammie is Area Foreman for Miller County. Michael Jester is Construction Party Chief in the Resident Engineer's Office in Nashville.

Sammie Holton presented Richard Lowe his 5-year service award and Jimmy J. Black, Single Axle Truck Driver, Montgomery County, was presented his 5-year service award by Jim Rhodes, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent.



Ala Mae Flenory and Sammie Holton



Ken Harris and Michael Jester



Richard Lowe and Sammie Holton



Jim Rhodes and Jimmy Black

DISTRICT FOUR

Jack McLaughlin, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, killed this 6-pt. buck. Pictured are Jack's sons, Justin and Aaron.



Justin and Aaron McLaughlin

Randal Barnett, Const. Instrumentman at Waldron, took this turkey in Scott County. It weighed 20 pounds and had a 10-inch beard.



Randal Barnett

Casey Turner, son of Buddy Turner, District Bridge Inspector, killed this turkey. It had a 10-inch beard. Dad didn't even have a chance to get into the woods.



Casey Turner

Congratulations to Dean and Debbie Nichols on the birth of their son, William Devan Nichols, born March 11, weighing 8 pounds and 5 ounces. Dean is the Resident Engineer at Waldron.



William Devan Nichols

Cristin Newsome, daughter of Brenda and Bill Cullum graduated from Pleasant View 6th grade this past May. Brenda is General Laborer at Ozark.



Cristin Newsome

Congratulations to Joe Downs, Crew Leader in Polk County, upon his retirement from the Department on March 31. A potluck dinner was

held for Joe on his last day of work. He was presented a bandsaw from the crew. We wish him a happy retirement.

David Williams, son of Terry and Nan Williams, District Payroll Clerk, has been appointed by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service as one of two State 4H Program Assistants. He will be working at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4H Center near Little Rock. During his appointment at the 4H center he will be working with State 4H Staff to coordinate and plan the camps and activities held at the center. Nan's other son, Darin has been chosen as a 4H Teen Star. He will receive this award in June when he attends the Teen Leader Conference. Darin also received the Beef award and Star Chapter Farmer Degree at the Mansfield FFA Banquet. Darin has served as Student Advisor in his FFA Chapter.



David Williams



Darin Williams

Congratulations to John Sharum, Resident Engineer and Lonnie Bearden, Sebastian II Crew Leader, upon their receiving 15-year service certificates.



Harold Beaver and John Sharum



C. Peters and Lonnie Bearden

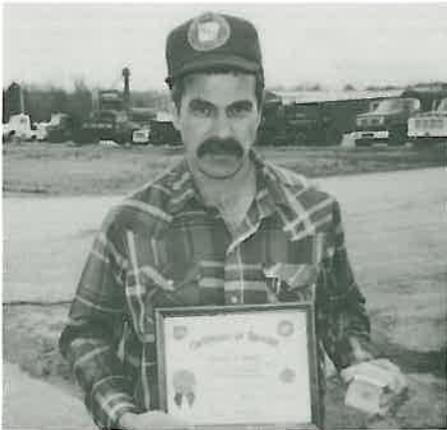
Congratulations to Suzy Pennington, wife of Steve Pennington, Construction Materials Inspector at Springdale, upon her graduation from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education.

DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to all our employees who received Certificates of Service. Those pictured are: Kenneth Mathis, Senior Inspector in the Searcy Residency, 35 years; Tom Inman, Independence Area Headquarters Attendant and J.W. Tracy, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator on the Sealing Crew, 20 years each.



Kenneth Mathis



Tom Inman



J.W. Tracy

Larry Duncan, Vegetation Controller for the Heber Springs Area Headquarters, was named Arkansas Emergency Medical Technician of the year at the 23rd annual Arkansas Emergency Medical Technician Conference held in Little Rock. The award is based on the quality of services provided, number of continuing education hours earned, and community service projects. Larry began as a volunteer for the Quitman Ambulance Service in 1983, which was named the Arkansas Basic Support Service of the Year for 1992. He has served as director of the service for the past four years.



Larry Duncan

On April 24 District 5 was represented in the Independence County March of Dimes WalkAmerica Walk-A-Thon by 20 employees and their families. One of our teammates, Fuel Clerk Brenda Taylor, had to be assisted with a golf cart due to a broken foot. Over \$30,000 was raised in Independence County. We're glad to have been a part of this endeavor.



Clayton Tyler Mack was born January 7 weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces. He is the son of Billy and April Mack. Billy is a Sr. Construction Aide in the Rice Residency at Batesville. We hear that he is a typically proud father. Looking at this picture, we agree that he's justified.



Clayton Tyler Mack

Another little cutie is Jordan Paige Weber, age 10 1/2 months. She is the daughter of Todd and Tonya Weber. Todd works for the A. E. Lee crew in Searcy.



Jordan Paige Weber

Keith Skelton and Anthony Mesa were successful in their turkey hunts this past season. Keith killed his turkey the first day of the season in Sharp County.

Anthony's 19+ pound turkey was killed in Cleburne County April 10 and had a 10 5/8" beard.



Keith Skelton



Anthony Mesa

DISTRICT SIX

Cindy Davenport, daughter of David and Nadine Davenport of Lonoke, will be part of an international photography exchange between the United States and Russia. Her father is a Vegetation Controller for the Lonoke County Maintenance Office. University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service announced last month that Cindy's photo, called "Florida Sunset," is the only one from Arkansas selected for the tour. Her photo, of sunset over a dunegrassy Gulf beach, was most recently displayed in the National 4H Photography Exhibit. Judges selected 30 pictures from here for the exchange between the United States and the Commonwealth of Independent States. The picture was selected as "Best of Exhibit" in the 4H Rose Photography Contest in 1992. Cindy is Arkansas' Southeast District vice president for 4H, a 4H ambassador and a Teen Star. Congratulations Cindy!



Cindy Davenport

Carrie Thompson, daughter of James L. and Diana Thompson, graduated from Pine Haven Elementary School at Bauxite from the sixth grade in May. Her Dad is the Area Headquarters Attendant for the Saline County Maintenance Office. Hang in there Carrie you're half way through!



Carrie Thompson

We said farewell to our Bookkeeper, Olga Montalvo, on February 17. She retired from the Department with 20+ years of service. We wish Olga the best and hope she has fun traveling the world. We last heard she was on a cruise in the Atlantic Ocean and when she returns she will be heading to Saudi Arabia to visit relatives. Just one adventure after another!

Congratulations to Angela Johnson who was promoted to Bookkeeper and to Deb Dyer who was promoted to Payroll Clerk.

A big welcome aboard to Felicia Beaston, our new District Receptionist, who came to us from the Faulkner County Maintenance Office of District 8.



Felicia Beaston

We have some proud parents at this time of the year in RE 64 Office. John and Peggy Wehunt are the parents of April Wehunt who graduated from Lake Hamilton High School. While in school she was a Cheerleader and Steppin Wolf for three years. April plans to further her education in the fall at Garland County Community College.

Staci B. Morgan, the 9-year old daughter of Steve and Janett Morgan, was crowned the 1993 winner of the Junior Service League's Little Miss Sweetheart pageant on February 13. Congratulations to these special ladies and their parents. John Wehunt is our Senior Construction Materials Inspector and Steve Morgan is a Construction Materials Inspector.



Staci B. Morgan

Jeannie Hays, daughter of Donna McGehee, Office Technician for the RE 65 Office, graduated from Perryville High School. She studied art for 6 years and commercial art for 2 years. She was on the drill team for 3 years and was captain her senior year.

Donna's son, Clark, is serving in the Navy where he is stationed in San Diego aboard the Air Craft Carrier "Trawa". He is in his second year of service. Clark will be home for a visit in November and the family is excited especially Mom, right Donna!



Clark Hays

Congratulations to Tony and Ronda Evans who are the proud parents of a baby boy, Zachary Wade, born March 22. This handsome little man is a special blessing to the Evans' home. Tony is an Advanced Construction Field Engineer for RE 65 Office.



Zachary Wade Evans

I need not explain who these two cute little ones belong to. Jered, age 5, and Jessie, age 1, are the children of Sharon Hooks, Construction Aide for RE 65 Office.



Jered and Jessie Hooks

When this little darling came into the world all bright eyed she caught Grandpa Ray Baker's heart right from the start. She is Katelyn Rae Baker, daughter of Floyd Ray and Jamie Baker of Walls, Mississippi. Katelyn was born January 15, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Grandparents are Ray and Marvilene Baker of Sheridan. Ray is the Station Attendant for Grant County. I don't think Katelyn is going to miss much with those big blue eyes!



Katelyn Rae Baker

Congratulations to Carl Bachelor, the Assistant Resident Engineer of Office 62, who was recently promoted to Resident Engineer at West Helena in District 1. Resident Engineer David Walker presented Carl with a pen set and a name plate from the office crew. Best of luck Carl!



Carl Bachelor and David Walker

DISTRICT SEVEN

Congratulations to Johnny Bloomfield who graduated from Arkadelphia High School this May. Johnny is the son of Larry, Area Headquarters Attendant - Clark County, and Diana Bloomfield. Johnny plans to attend Henderson State University before going to the University of Arkansas (UAMS) to become a Doctor of Radiology.

Judy Dawn Tiner, daughter of Linda Tiner, graduated from Harmony Grove High School in May. Her activities in school included Student Council, Rotary Club, People are Con-

cerned (PAC), French Club, Computer Club, Science Club, Jr. Beta Club, FFA Club, Choir, basketball and cheerleader. She will represent Camden as 1993 "All-Star Cheerleader" in July at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. Congratulations, Judy!

Randy, Union County Area Foreman, and Debbie Gates are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Sydney Alexandra Gates was born February 21, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Sydney has two older brothers, Brandon, age 15, and Garrett, age 11. Needless to say, they are proud of their little sister and participate in spoiling her. Congratulations Randy, Debbie, Brandon and Garrett!



Sydney Alexandra Gates

William, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish, and Janet Hickman are proud new parents of a baby girl. Jacque Elaine Hickman was born on March 2, and weighed 6 pounds, 6.3 ounces. Congratulations William and Janet!



Jacque Elaine Hickman

Billy Wayne, Single Axle Truck Driver, and Gina Word are brand new parents of a baby girl, too! Morgan Elaine Word was born on March 10, and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. She joins her older sister Stephanie who is 3 years old. Congratulations Billy, Gina and Stephanie!



Morgan Elaine Word

Lovely Patricia Robertson is pictured after winning the "Ideal Miss Stephens" title. Patricia is the daughter of Bobby Robertson, Single Axle Truck Driver - District Bridge Crew, and Linda Robertson. Linda is an LPN at Ouachita Conv. Center Nursing Home of Camden. Patricia received an award for "Miss Photogenic" of her division, too. Patricia enjoys swimming, reading, music and, of course, talking on the phone. Congratulations, Patricia!



Patricia Robertson

Andrea Evans, daughter of Deborah Gill, Area Headquarters Attendant in Calhoun County, worked very hard on her science project. She used a stair climber and lifted weights for research of her project in "Medicine and Health". She was awarded second place in the local competition at Hamp Elementary where she is in the sixth grade. She placed third in the South Arkansas Regional Science Fair held at SAUTech in East Camden.

The fair, open to students in grades 3 - 12 in South Arkansas, had a record 516 entries in the regional competition. Andrea, congratulations on your outstanding achievement and lots of luck in next year's competition!



Andrea Evans

Phil Benson, Calhoun County Area Foreman, killed this fine turkey at 7:45 a.m. on April 5. It had a nine inch beard and a one inch spur. Congratulations, Phil!



Phil Benson

Congratulations to Tony Harrington, Construction Material Inspector in the Camden RE office, on his recent marriage to Linda Guess. Tony and Linda were married on April 23. They enjoyed a honeymoon to New Orleans and are making their home in Camden. Congratulations Tony and Linda!

Jason Tiner, son of Linda Tiner, Office Technician in the Camden RE office, received the 1993 National Jr. Beta Achievement Award for Outstanding Character and Scholastic Achievement. Jason is a seventh grader at Harmony Grove Jr. High School. He received the President's Academic Award and is active in the gifted and talented program. He recently won a ribbon representing the track team as Discus Thrower. Congratulations, Jason!



Jason Tiner

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to all of our Service Award recipients. Among those are the 5 year recipients pictured - Brigitte Roberson, Monty Scott, Doug Jones, and Fred Goates.



Monty Scott and Brigitte Roberson



Doug Jones



Fred Goates

Donnie and Jackie Duvall are proud parents of a new baby daughter. Abigail Leanne was born at home on February 5. She has two sisters and a brother. Her brother Jeremy graduates from Atkins High School this spring. Donnie is a Senior Mechanic working out of the District Shop.



Abigail Leanne Duvall

Mark Austin of Russellville and T. Allen Brock of Atkins recently won the team roping title at the First National High School Rodeo Association event at Ozark. The duo is in their second year of competition as a team. Mark will graduate from Russellville High School this spring. He is the son of Bill Austin, who is a Multi-Axle Truck Driver in our Bridge Crew.

DISTRICT NINE

Congratulations to Cristy Bell, an eighth grader at Alpena School, who has been notified that a poem she submitted to the American Academy of Poetry has been accepted for publication. Her poem, "The Seasons", was selected as one of the most creative submissions and has earned a page in the 1993 edition of the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans. That's quite an accomplishment, Cristy, we're proud of you. Cristy is the daughter of Wayne and Carolyn Bell; Wayne is a Motor Patrol Operator-Finish in the Carroll County Crew.



Cristy Bell

This pretty young lady is Samantha June Robinson, born January 22, weighing 5 pounds, 11 ounces. The handsome young man is her 18-month older brother, Thomas Rex. They sure are cuties. No wonder Jerry's so eager to show them off. Jerry and Sandra Robinson are the proud parents, Jerry is Sign Erector I, District 9 Sign Crew.



**Samantha June and
Thomas Rex Robinson**

These next two fellows are Melvin Raney and his son Jonathan. They are showing Melvin's trophies from last deer season when he killed two bucks in one season; he says that's a first for him. The deer Melvin is showing is an 8-point buck he got during muzzle loading season and Jonathan is showing the 10-point buck Dad killed during regular gun season. Good work, Melvin! When can we expect the venison dinner? Melvin is our District 9 Assistant Storeroom Supervisor.

On April 17, 1993, at Forrest City, the Arkansas State Sporting Clay Championship Shoot was held. Ted Weston placed 3rd in "B"

Class and won \$85 and a trophy. His wife, Betty, Area Headquarters Attendant at Garfield, is very proud of him and we also extend our congratulations.



Melvin Raney



Jonathan Raney

We would like to welcome our new District Nine Receptionist, Karen Wasson-Hilton. Karen joined our staff about six weeks ago. She has a 7-year old daughter, Heather, who keeps her busy when she's not at the AHTD.

Kenneth and Judy Booth announce the marriage of their daughter, Tammy Lynn to Scott Raney, on June 5. Both Tammy and Scott graduated May 15 from North Arkansas Community Technical College, where they have majored in business. Congratulations, Tammy and Scott, on both your marriage and your graduations. Sounds like it's going to be a busy summer for the Booth family. Kenneth is our District Nine Station Attendant Supervisor.



Karen Wasson-Hilton



Tammy Lynn Booth and Scott Raney

Earlier this month Duane Sowell and Jim Montgomery, of Training and Safety, presented Safety Awards to several District Nine employees. Those receiving awards were Roy Brasel, Bill Phillips, Jim Barton, Debra Meyer, Jack Brisco, Ted Journagan, J.T. Richardson, and Carroll Johnson. Congratulations to all the recipients.



**District Nine
Safety Award Recipients**

DISTRICT TEN

District 10 welcomes Rene' English to the District Office as a seasonal employee. Rene' is working part-time to help fill the gap while our Fuel Clerk, JoAnn Carlise, is out due to surgery. Rene' is a native of Paragould, married to Don English, and they have four children. Don is a owner/operator of R&D Roofing Company in Paragould. Rene's hobbies are motorcycles, exercise, reading, snow skiing, water sports and she loves spending time with her husband. We wish JoAnn a speedy recovery and appreciate the good job Rene' is doing.

Recipients of service awards were honored with coffee and doughnuts at District Headquarters on April 22. Those receiving awards were; December 1992: Keith Allbritton, 5 years; January, March and April 1993: Evelyn Mae Watson, Antonio Aguilar, Tim Eaker, and Larry Floyd, 5 years; Donnie Ray McKinney, 10 years; Glenda Gramling, Bill Currie, and Rex Pierce, Jr., 15 years; George Conway, Jerry Greitens, Elmer Glover and Hollen Jefferson, 20 years.



District 10 Service Award Recipients

Safety Awards were presented by Duane Sowell to Area Foreman Curtis Stokes and Resident Engineer Brent Watkins. Curtis received his award on behalf of the Jonesboro Maintenance Office and Brent Watkins on behalf of the Jonesboro Resident Engineer's Office. We are very proud of these crews for their continued effort to minimize accidents in their work areas.



Curtis Stokes, Duane Sowell and Brent Watkins

The office staff was treated to a fish fry after work on April 6 by the shop personnel. The fish, fries, and hushpuppies were cooked to perfection! We have a lot of good men who

worked hard to bring this about and we appreciate each one of them.

Danny Douglas, Finish Carpenter on the Bridge Crew, bagged this 18-pound turkey with a 9" beard close to his backyard on Highway 351 in Paragould. We have several other hunters in the District that have "turkey stories" but we haven't seen the proof.



Danny Douglas

It was just a little over two years ago that Randy and Brenda Clark and Michael and Lisa Tarry were comparing "Oohs and Aahs" on the birth of their sons. The two children were born in the same hospital just a day apart allowing both sets of parents to be able to communicate to one another. Now they are back at it again, both with girls, only this time Randy got to brag first because his daughter came exactly one month and one day earlier than Michael's.

Randy and Brenda Clark are the proud parents of a baby girl named Kimberly Erin born February 22. Her two-year old brother Ethan was very excited when she arrived home and is pretty protective of her. Mother and baby are doing fine now that Kimberly has learned to sleep all night. Randy is a Construction Project Supervisor and Brenda is the Resident Office Technician both in the Paragould Resident Engineer Office.

Micah Renee' is the daughter of Michael and Lisa Tarry born March 23 weighing in at 8 pounds and 2 ounces. Micah also had an anxious two-year old brother to welcome her home, Joshua Michael, who will also watch over little sister and be a big help to mom and dad. Michael is a Senior Construction Aide in the Paragould Resident Engineer's Office.

These two darling children are the twins of Keith and Jennifer Allbritton. Christen and Caleb were born December 26, 1992, and are now about 6 months old. Keith is a Construction

Helper II in the Jonesboro Resident Engineer's Office. Keith said it really helped during tax time this year to have the extra dependents but now that he's having to buy everything in two's its getting expensive. Its been told that sleep doesn't come easy around his house, you catch it when you can!



Micah Renee' Tarry



Christen Allbritton



Caleb Allbritton

We would like to congratulate all of our graduates from District 10.

Cory Burton, son of Larry and Cindy Burton, and grandson of Leonard and Linda Nelson (Leonard is the Assistant Maintenance Superintendent for District 10), graduated May 24 from Ridgecrest High School. Cory has been active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FBLA., Spanish Club, Business Executive Games, and on the Honor Roll. He lettered in track and five years in football; he was named to the All-Conference two years and has been a volunteer with the Boys Club Football Program. Cory plans to attend Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and major in Accounting.

Jennifer Renae Bragg, daughter of Earl Bragg and Margaret Woods, graduated from Rivercrest High School in Osceola. Jennifer has a GPA of 3.3, is an honor graduate, a member of the Honors Society and plans to attend UAPB in the fall.

Patrick Baine is the son of Connie and Patricia Baine. Patrick has a 3.8 GPA and plans to attend Arkansas State University where he wants to major in engineering or coaching. In basketball he has received awards for all county for 2 years, all conference 3 years, best defense 3 years, and all NEA. Patrick's father, Connie, works in the Paragould Resident Engineer's Office as Construction Helper I.



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