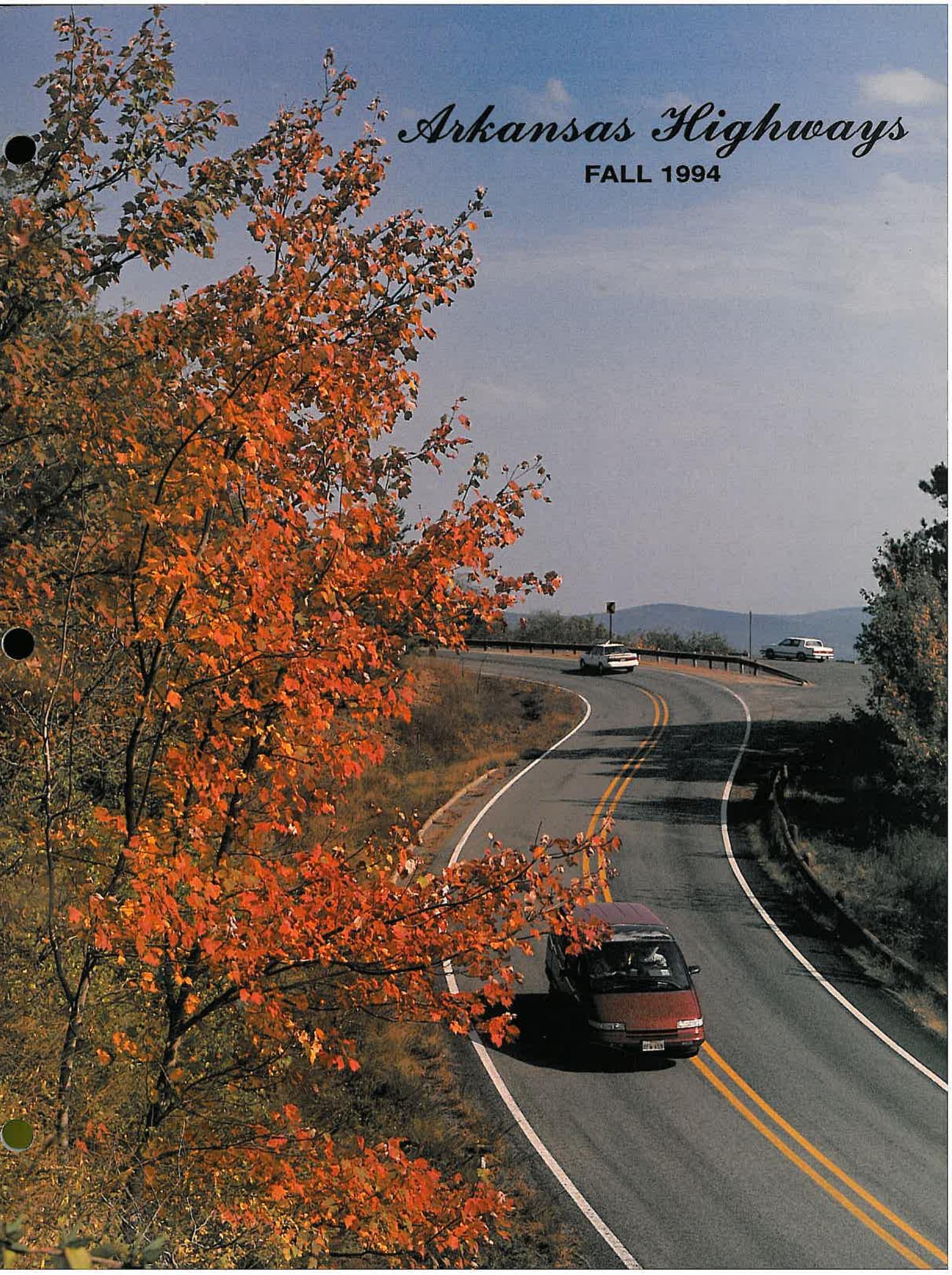


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Director's Message

What kind of people make good neighbors? That's easy. Good neighbors are considerate. They keep their homes clean and in good repair. They're friendly, and always ready to help out. They treat you the way they'd like to be treated.

With Arkansas' network of highways and the Department's statewide responsibilities, we are in essence everyone's neighbor. The people of our state rely on us when they take their children to school, when they drive to work, to church, to the lake. Cities and towns, industry and farms rely on us for their economic survival. The work we do touches every Arkansan.



So how are we doing as neighbors? Very well, judging by the letters in the Mailbag section of this magazine. The humanitarian efforts and quality performance of Department employees receive consistent recognition. For proof, look at any issue of "Arkansas Highways."

As we start each workday, our neighbors will be watching. Will we be considerate? Will our work be topnotch? Do we stand ready to help out? I believe the answer is yes. By all indications, the Department has established a reputation as a good neighbor and we should all work to preserve that image.

DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

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COVER PHOTO: State Highway 88 in Polk County on the way to Queen Wilhelmina State Park
BACK COVER: State Highway 65 south of Marshall in Searcy County
Photographs by John Jackson

AHTD ON THE *MOVE!*

Activities at the Department are diversified and require different types of expertise. Shown are just a few "On The Move" activities of employees and Commissioners.



Wayne Wheeler, Senior Surveys Aide for the Surveys Division, uses technical surveying equipment to complete the data required for Highway 82 west of Garland.



Dot Caburn, Abstractor for the Right of Way Division, conducts title research at the Faulkner County Courthouse.



Herby Branscum, Jr., (far right) Highway Commissioner, and **Dan Flowers**, (second from right) AHTD Director, along with a Lyon College official unveil the new sign on Highway 167.



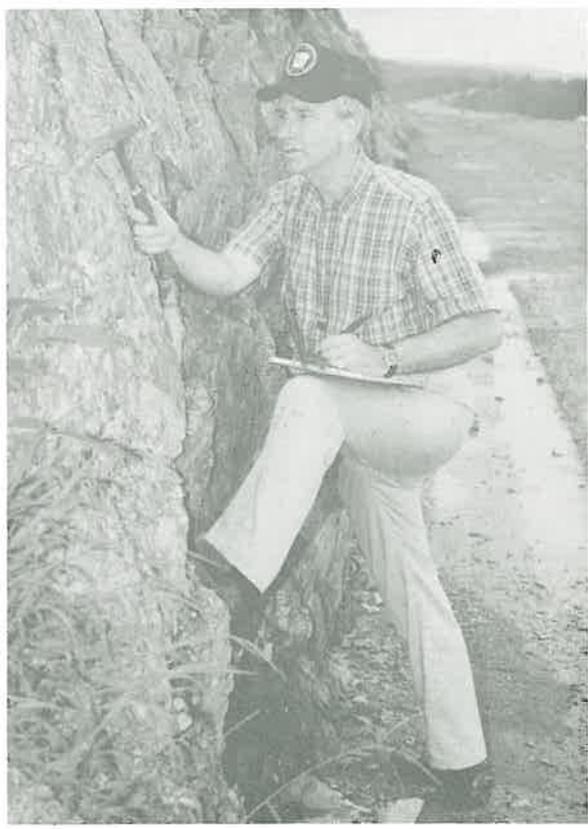
David Poteete, Bridge Repairer I for the District 8 bridge crew, finishes concrete by hand on a segment of Interstate 40 north of Conway.



Fred Doles, South Pulaski County Area Maintenance Supervisor, records data for use in field inventory.



Valera McDaniel, Administrative Assistant II in the Human Resources Division, enjoys a lesson with students in the Summer Reading Program at Washington Magnet School in Little Rock. The Reading Program is part of Community Involvement Program.



David Lumbert, Geologist for the Planning and Research Division, inspects deleterious materials along the Highway 270 bypass construction in Hot Springs.



Steve Cornett, District Bridge Inspector, takes a look at the structural steel of the Highway 70 DeValls Bluff Bridge over the White River.



Bobby Skaggs and **Marshall Jenkins**, Single Axle Truck Drivers and **Milton Collier**, a seasonal employee of the Interstate maintenance crew, complete touchup repairs to the Otter Creek Overpass sign.



Bill Richardson, Assistant Division Head of the Environmental Division, at a public involvement meeting.



Frank Russenberger, Assistant District Six Engineer, explains to a citizen the emergency reconstruction of the Otter Creek Overpass.



Dorothy Rhodes, Design Engineer for the Roadway Design Division, conducts an on-site inspection at the Big Creek project on Highway 79.



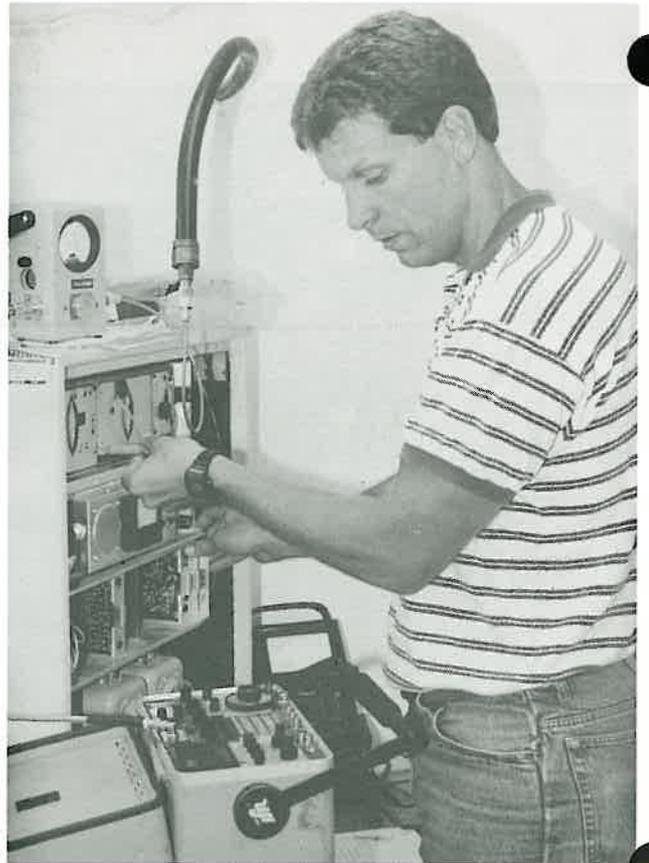
U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers (center) with Highway Commissioners **Bobby Hopper**, **L.W. "Bill" Clark**, **John "M" Lipton** and **J.W. "Buddy" Benafield** at the Pink Tomato Festival in Warren.



Gerald Schwartz, Pat Taylor, Bob Shelton, David Anderson, Robert Cox, and Odean Garner, Highway Data Collectors of the Technical Services Section of Planning and Research, conduct an origin and destination study along Highway 21 at Clarksville.



John Fleming, Environmental Scientist I of the Environmental Division, examines flora in the Rixie Bayou wetlands along the route of the North Belt Freeway.



Pat O'Bannon, Communications Maintenance Specialist of the Maintenance Division, checks the power of the repeater at the Mt. Nebo radio tower.



Michael Creamer, Geotechnical Drill Operator for the Materials Division, uses a machine to take core samples of the river bed below the White River Bridge at Augusta.



J.W. "Buddy" Benafield, Commissioner, addresses the participants of the Jonesboro Leadership Conference.



Linda Gunn, Civil Engineer I of the Roadway Design Division, explains to Greenbrier area residents the widening process of Highway 65 at an open forum public hearing.



Pfc. Wayne Campbell and Sgt. James Boyce, of the Highway Police Division, weigh a log truck south of Curtis.

Orientation Program Gives Interns Inside Look At Engineering

The Highway and Transportation Department hasn't seen the last of Lyle Jenkins—he hopes. Jenkins, a 24-year-old civil engineering major at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, was among 82 engineering interns participating in the 1994 Engineering Intern Orientation Program July 21-22.

"I've got 15 months experience with the Highway Department that I wouldn't have had otherwise," said Jenkins, who is completing his second summer with the AHTD. "It's going to be really beneficial when I start the job search. I hope I can work here."

This is the fourth year for the Orientation Program, developed in 1991 as part of the Program for Recruitment and Retention of Civil

By David Mabury
Public Affairs Office



Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Roger Almond moderated the two-day event.

Engineering Professionals. Since that year, nine interns have gone on to full-time employment with the Department.

This year's program, moderated by Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Roger Almond, allowed interns and staff engineers to exchange ideas, questions and comments on the roles engineers play. Interns also toured the Department and enjoyed dinner at the Little Rock Hilton Inn with Department officials.

AHTD Director Dan Flowers opened the second day of the program with comments about his experiences as an engineering intern at the Department. He "hacked bushes in the woods" at first, but soon earned more challenging assignments. "I showed an interest and wanted to do more, and my supervisor responded," said Flowers. "If you show interest, they will do everything they possibly can to make it challenging for you."

Intern Craig Johnson, a civil engineering student at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, spoke to the group on the importance of their experience this summer. "We know the sequence of construction, how things are built, and we can produce more reasonable, economical plans," said Johnson. "We will be more desirable to employers after graduation."



Alan Meadors, Staff Research Engineer for the Planning and Research Division, briefs the engineering interns during their Department tour.



Valera McDaniel, Administrative Assistant for the Human Resources Division converses with Craig Johnson, an engineering intern.

Speakers on the first day included Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning Steve Teague, Assistant Chief Engineer for Design Bob Walters, and District 6 Engineer Leonard Hall. They spoke to the young colleagues on the importance of Planning, Design and Operations in the workings of the Department.

Presentations on the second day offered interns a realistic view of public involvement sessions, featuring "actors" from the Environmental Division. A humorous look at the trials and tribulations of Construction personnel overseeing the pouring of a bridge deck was presented by a group of District 6 personnel led by Steve Peeples, Assistant Resident Engineer.

Interns also examined preparations for a new bridge and approaches on Highway 65 north of Greenbrier, guided by John Sage of Bridge, John Mathis of Road-

way Design and Jim Fooks of Right of Way.

The scheduled program closed with a slide show of interns in action—digging, surveying, inspecting concrete, and operating CADD systems—prepared by Valera McDaniel of Human Re-

sources, who coordinated the Engineering Intern Orientation Program assisted by personnel in several sections and districts across the state.

Dani Hoyt, a civil engineering major at Arkansas State University, was among those featured. She spent her second year in the intern program at the Resident Engineer's office in Yellville, surveying jobs. Her favorite memory: seeing a little girl riding her bicycle down newly paved Highway 206 near the community of Ralph.

"Having fun?" Hoyt asked the girl. "Yeah," she replied. It was the first time the little girl had gotten to ride her bike on a blacktop road. It was a lot more fun, she said, and much easier on the knees when she fell.

"I got a warm fuzzy," Hoyt said. Her future plans are undecided, but they may very well involve the AHTD. Little Arkansas kids need somewhere to ride their bikes.



Steve Morgan, Emanuel Banks and Elizabeth Mayfield enjoy the evening banquet.

A Wider Pike Avenue Dedicated In North Little Rock

Fifteen months after watching North Little Rock Mayor Pat Hays break ground with a bulldozer to signify the beginning of the Pike Avenue (State Highway 365) widening project, a crowd again gathered to celebrate the completion of the five-lane roadway. "Not only do we have a safer road, but those of us here today are safer because the Mayor isn't behind the controls of that bulldozer," quipped Highway Commission Chairman L. W. "Bill" Clark at the ceremony.

The event was sponsored by the City of North Little Rock and took place Monday, June 27. Approximately fifty people attended the ceremony, including all five

members of the Highway Commission, Director Dan Flowers, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Roger Almond, Mayor Hays, and State Representatives James Dietz and Carol "Coach" Henry.

"I am extremely proud that this project became a reality during my tenure on the Commission," Clark continued. "When I came on the Commission in 1987 this was a top priority for the City. I had numerous conversations with local and state officials and all of them showed a willingness and desire to see it completed as soon as possible."

The project was first envisioned in the mid-1960's by



North Little Rock Mayor Pat Hays addresses the attendees at the dedication as Commission Chairman L.W. "Bill" Clark looks on.



Mayor Pat Hays and members of the the State Highway Commission ride in a military vehicle to break through a banner officially opening the widened stretch of Pike Avenue.

former Mayor William F. "Casey" Laman as a divided expressway. As needs and priorities changed over the years, so did the original conception of the project. A contract was awarded in February 1993 to make the route a five-lane undivided facility. E.C. Rowlett Construction Company of Guy completed the 1.3-mile stretch of roadwork under a \$2.5 million contract.

As an interesting twist, ceremony participants rode in HUMVEE military vehicles supplied by Camp Robinson to break a banner stretched across the highway to officially open the roadway.



District 4 Engineer Harold Beaver discusses the Highway 309 scenic byway designation with area citizens at the public hearing.



State Representative Frank Willems

State Highway 309 State's Second Scenic Byway

State Highway 309 from Havana to Webb City has become the second highway in the state to achieve scenic byway status. The State Highway Commission took action at its July 13 meeting to make the designation official.

The Commission's decision affects 44 miles of Highway 309 beginning at the Highway 22 intersection at Havana in Yell County and extending to the Highway 23 intersection at Webb City in Franklin County. Highway 309 takes travelers over Mount Magazine, the highest point in Arkansas and the highest point between the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachians.

A public hearing was held June 21 in the Paris High School Auditorium to discuss making Highway 309 a scenic byway. Bryan Davis, Division Head of Planning and Research, explained the Scenic Byway Program to the people attending and spoke about possible impacts. Davis pointed out that this hearing was the necessary first step before the Highway Commission could formally implement the designation and qualify Highway 309 for the program.

Representatives of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, U.S. Forest Service, and Mount Magazine Partners Association

made presentations supporting the designation.

"You've just seen Arkansas at its best," said State Representative Frank Willems of Paris, referring to a video of a drive over Mount Magazine. "It may not be the grandest mountain, but it is the most beautiful in the country. I believe very strongly that we need to designate Highway 309 as a scenic byway."

Highway 309 joins Highway 7 from Arkadelphia to Harrison as the state's only official scenic byways.



Cpl. Doyle Crouch, left, officer-in-charge of the Ashdown patrol unit receives Top Shooter award from Captain George Coffman.



Second Lieutenant Jerry Booker, left, Hope Weigh Station Supervisor and District 4 Team Coach, receives First Place Team trophy from Capt. Coffman.

AHP District Four Wins Division Pistol Match Cpl. Doyle Crouch is Top Shooter

Pistol matches were held May and June by the Arkansas Highway Police to determine which officers would represent their respective districts during the Division match. On June 27 five teams came together at Camp Robinson for the competition. Officers were required to use issued duty weapons, ammunition and standard uniform equipment.

District 4 (southwest Arkansas) won the team competition and Cpl. Doyle Crouch, a District 4 team member, won the Top Shooter recognition. Other team members were 2nd Lt. Jerry Booker, Cpl. Billy Smith, and Ptl. Joe Haney.

District 3 (northwest Arkansas) placed second in the team competition. District 3 team member Sgt. Howard Bessett placed sec-

ond in the Top Shooter competition.

The district and division matches serve as an excellent train-

ing tool for law enforcement officers and provide an incentive which encourages officers in their efforts to master handgun skills.



Acting Chief George Coffman (standing) briefs the Commission, Director and Deputy Director & Chief Engineer on the needs and day-to-day working situations of the division during a lunch break at the pistol match.

Highway Police Seize Large Loads of Marijuana

Recent efforts in commercial vehicle drug interdiction have paid off twice for officers of the Highway Police Division. In both cases, large quantities of marijuana were discovered and seized as officers conducted roadside inspections of the vehicles.

Pfc. J.B. Ketchum was patrolling Interstate 40 March 14 in the Lonoke area. He observed a rental truck being operated in violation of traffic laws and stopped the vehicle. Cpl. Randy Peek, Sgt. Bob Scott and the AHP's drug dog, Hrom, were called to the scene. The possible presence of a controlled substance on the vehicle was immediately detected. The driver of the truck con-

sented to a search of the vehicle which led to the discovery of more than 2.5 tons of marijuana, with a

This was the second largest marijuana find under the Drug Enforcement Administration's Operation Pipeline/Convoy, which is a nationwide drug interdiction program involving state law enforcement agencies.

Cpl. Ronnie Cole, assigned to the Corning Weigh Station, uncovered another sizable amount of marijuana being transported in a commercial vehicle during the early morning hours of April 7.

The tractor-trailer, loaded with onions, was en route to the Chicago area from Hildago, Texas. The marijuana bales varied in individual dimension and

weight, but totaled 4,000 pounds. The driver was arrested.



AHP Sgt. Bob Scott and drug dog Hrom

street value of \$15.5 million, hidden behind stacks of furniture.



The Otter Creek Road overpass on Interstate 30 in Little Rock wasn't closed for long. It reopened to traffic July 18.



A tractor-trailer with an oversized load rammed the overpass June 8, causing severe damage to four of the five steel beams supporting the deck.

I-30 Otter Creek Overpass Damaged by Unpermitted Tractor-trailer Rig



Interstate traffic was rerouted onto the frontage road from July 8 to July 11, allowing quicker repairs.

Highway 65 Discussed at Greenbrier Public Hearing

A new bridge and four-lane segment along Highway 65 north of Greenbrier was the topic of an open forum public hearing held July 28 at Greenbrier Intermediate School. Some 55 area residents attended.

The 3.7-mile job will widen Highway 65 to four lanes from its junction with State Highway 25 to the southern edge of the town of Twin Groves. The project calls for a 1.1-mile segment of new location, including a new 515-foot-long bridge across scenic North

Cadron Creek. The new location replaces a decaying older bridge and its approaches, which are sloping and sharply curved.

Four-lane work from Interstate 40 in Conway to Highway 25 north of Greenbrier is already complete. The new four-lane section will further ease the way for residents, truckers and hundreds of thousands of tourists who stream up Highway 65 to Ozark attractions.

Nearly all those attending the hearing appeared to favor the project, although many were con-

cerned for their homes, businesses and land along the project's path. Department employees guided visitors along a giant map of the route, explaining right of way, cuts and fills, driveway locations and other details. After examining the plans, visitors could fill out comment forms or record their views on audio tape.

"I just didn't know what was going to happen," said one relocatee after attending. "I feel so much better now."

Six Employees Pass Professional Engineer Exam

Six engineers of the Department became licensed Professional Engineers (P.E.) in April by passing the Arkansas Professional Engineer exam.

Scott Edward Bennett is a Blytheville native and a 1989 Civil Engineering graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Tony E. Evans is a native of West Monroe, Louisiana and a 1987 Civil Engineering graduate of Louisiana Tech University.

David B. Henning was born in Launsthul, West Germany. He is a

1983 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a degree in Construction Engineering Technology. He is a resident of Pine Bluff.

William F. Hockaday is a native of Nashville, Arkansas and a 1988 Civil Engineering graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Aileen S. Schubel is a native of Amityville, New York and resides in Little Rock. She is a 1979 Civil Engineering graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

She is also certified as a professional engineer in Texas.

Brad Smithee is a Rockford, Illinois native and a 1988 graduate of Arkansas State University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Smithee resides in Paragould.

"Engineering is a challenging field that demands the highest level of professionalism," said Director Dan Flowers. "Becoming a licensed Professional Engineer is a milestone toward meeting those standards," he commented, "and I congratulate our newest P.E.'s."



Scott Bennett
Planning & Research



Tony Evans
District Six



David Henning
District Two



Bill Hockaday
District Three



Aileen Schubel
Bridge



Brad Smithee
District Ten

AHTD Mailbag

June 1, 1994

To: Dan Flowers, Director of Highways & Transportation

As we were en route on I-630 to a doctor's appointment at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock we had a flat. Two of your employees, Tom Fisher and Roy Clark, stopped to assist us. I wanted you to know they were very kind and we were grateful for their assistance.

Thank you,
Mrs. R.D. Moore
Hope, AR

Editor's Note: The two employees were Roy Clark, Construction Project Supervisor, District 10 and Tom Fisher, Construction Materials Supervisor, District 6.

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To: Dan Flowers, Director of Highways & Transportation

Thank you for the quick response for the reflectors and stop bars at the intersection of Highways 33 and 64. I have already had comments on how much they help.

Again, I say thank you from all of Augusta.

Lenore Whitehead
Augusta, AR

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June 15, 1994

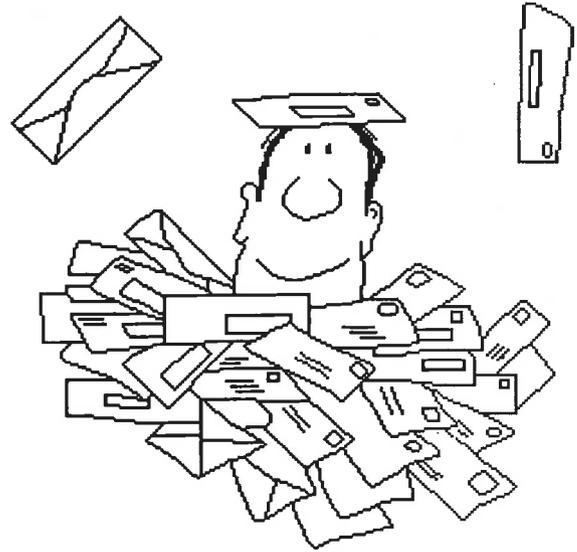
To: Dan Flowers, Director of Highways & Transportation

Thank you and your department on behalf of The American Legion and our Boys State Commission for participating in the American Legion Boys State 1994.

It's by your willingness and through your personal interest that our program continues to have meaning. The Boys State delegates are able to gain greater appreciation for our government by meeting those who are responsible for its operation.

Respectfully,
Ron Stewart, Adjutant
Arkansas Boys State

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June 2, 1994

To: Ray Woodruff, District 1 Engineer

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the assistance given to us with the placement of our day use entrance booth.

The work crew assigned to this project arrived promptly and worked diligently until everything was in place, patched and ready to go.

Please relay my thanks to Mike Gahr, Joey McClanahan, Gina Champion, Bill Cowan and a special thanks to David McFadden for operating the trencher and to Danny Glenn for his assistance with the electrical portion.

Again, I appreciate the assistance given on this project and all the support that has been given in the past.

Sincerely,
Mike Brawner, Supt.
Village Creek State Park
Wynne, AR

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June 15, 1994

To: Jim Briley, District 2 Engineer

On behalf of the City of Sheridan, I would like to thank the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for the recent much-needed improvements to the intersections of Highways 35/167 and 270/167.

The improvements were discussed at our last city council meeting and we felt that it should not go unsaid how much we appreciate the work performed.

Our city's appearance is much improved as well as our capabilities for moving the heavy traffic flow through town. We have also received many favorable comments from the

general public in regards to the two new intersections.
 If I may ever be of assistance to you or your staff, don't
 hesitate in calling.

Sincerely,
 Joe Wise, Jr.
 Mayor of Sheridan

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June 21, 1994
 To: Bob Burns, Area Maintenance Supervisor, D-2

I would like to take a minute to tell you what a good job
 your employees did at an accident I worked involving one of
 your tractors.

On June 21 at 9:28 a.m., I worked an accident on a tractor
 owned by your department. The accident involved an 18-
 wheeler and had the intersection of U.S. 79/79B partially
 blocked.

Without being asked, your employees directed traffic on
 the roadway, set up barriers for a lane that was blocked and
 assured the accident scene did not cause another accident or
 hinder the public's movement in any way. Each and every one
 of your employees was a great assistance and prevented me
 from having to call an off-duty Trooper to help with traffic
 control.

Your employees were on the scene for approximately 1.5
 hours and did a great job. Please convey my thanks to them.
 If I can ever be of assistance to you or your department please
 let me know.

Trooper A.E. Raff, #89
 Arkansas State Police

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June 27, 1994
 To: Melvin Phillips, Area Maintenance Supv., D-2

On behalf of the City of Lake Village I would like to
 thank you and your crew for all the extra work put in during
 the week of our festival. The sweeping and mowing that was
 done was a big help in preparing the city for our annual water
 festival.

I also want you to know how much we appreciate the help
 that is always extended to us whenever we call. If ever the city
 of Lake Village can be of assistance to you, please call on us.
 Once again, thanks for all the hard work.

JoAnne H. Bush
 Mayor of Lake Village

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May 16, 1994
 To: AHP Captain George Coffman

There are so many times officers do not receive the
 recognition, praise or thanks they deserve. In this case I
 would like to change that.

On Monday, May 9 a semi-tractor and trailer was stolen
 from our terminal in Texarkana, Texas. It was reported to our
 local police department. On Tuesday morning we received a
 lead that our truck was near Rogers, Arkansas. I started
 calling area law enforcement agencies.

I contacted Lt. James Baker with the Arkansas State
 Police and explained my situation and he took all my infor-
 mation. He was very courteous and promised to get the
 problem reported. He said he would do as much as he could
 to help locate our equipment. Within one hour, Lt. Baker
 called and said the Highway Police northbound scales called
 and reported that the truck had been through the weigh station
 around 8:30 that morning and was proceeding north. At 12:15
 p.m. Lt. Baker called to tell me the AHP had our equipment
 and the driver in custody.

I talked to Lt. Todd Wetzel and Pfc. Arlis Franklin of
 your department around 12:30 p.m. They informed me they
 had the driver, equipment and information on the load. They
 were both very courteous, answered all my questions and let
 me know when we could pick up our equipment.

I feel we would not have recovered our equipment and
 the load valued at \$124,000 if these officers had not acted so
 promptly and handled this possibly dangerous situation with
 such professionalism.

I would like to thank both of your officers for a job well
 done. My company would like to make a donation to an
 officers' fund or a charity which your department supports in
 their names.

Again, I would like to say thanks so very much for having
 these fine men on your team.

Sincerely,
 Wyvonne Goodwin
 Safety Director
 Keaton Truck Lines
 Texarkana, TX

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June 15, 1994
 To Whom It May Concern:

I would like once again to thank Highway Police Officer
 Calvin Withers and to tell you how kind he was in helping my
 daughter, mother and me the day our car broke down on
 Interstate 30 West.

There were three different patrol cars that had already
 passed us by before Officer Withers stopped. We could tell he
 was concerned about our safety. He asked if there was anyone

he could call for us and stayed until my husband arrived. He let my mother sit in his patrol car so she would be out of the sun and also made the offer to my daughter and me.

There are a lot of policemen and some are not so kind. But Officer Withers is an exception. Thank you again Officer Withers for your help. We won't forget your kindness.

Sincerely,
Donna McCall and family

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June 30, 1994
To: AHP Captain George Coffman

I am writing you today to express my appreciation and thanks for one of your officers whom I had the opportunity to meet on Saturday, June 25.

Our church youth choir was coming from a day at Lake Ouachita State Park when our bus broke down on Interstate 30. After several minutes of wondering what we were going to do, Ptl. Mark Willis arrived and offered his help.

For approximately two hours he stayed with our group trying to find help for us. With 31 people on the side of the interstate it was a comfort to know we had that kind of help.

Once again, I just wanted to compliment a fine officer who went out of his way to help us. I'm sure most of the letters you receive are complaints, many of them unwarranted. Therefore, I thought I would write to you concerning something positive.

Sincerely,
Eric Taylor, Associate Pastor
Elliston Baptist Church
Memphis, TN

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June 21, 1994
To: Governor Jim Guy Tucker

Rick Hickman is one of the best things Arkansas has going for it in the way of public relations. He is certainly one of America's finest young men.

On Sunday, June 12, my husband Bob, age 67, and I, age 62, were returning from our grandson's graduation in Atlanta, Georgia. Just west of Lonoke on Interstate 40, the top radiator hose on our Buick broke. We pulled over and raised the hood. At that time, Ptl. Rick Hickman of the Arkansas Highway Police was traveling east, saw us, turned around and returned to assist us.

If our own son had come to our aid, we could not have been better cared for. This was at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. In one hour we had a new radiator hose and were on our way to Oklahoma.

Officer Hickman made sure we were safe and cared for and would only take a handshake as "thanks." He said, "This is my job and what I am here for is to assist you when you are in trouble." With a final handshake we departed for home.

Rick Hickman has been the center of many stories we have told family and friends. We just wanted you to know Officer Hickman is out there doing the best public relations work you could hope for.

Please be sure Officer Hickman's supervisors know of our appreciation for his kindness and care.

Sincerely,
Edith and Bob Lowder
Guthrie, OK

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May 26, 1994
To: Carol Ward, Human Resources Division

We at the Garland County Maintenance Headquarters want to thank you and everyone else who reviewed and recommended to Director Dan Flowers the approval of Catastrophic Leave for William Dudley Diggs.

We all know that catastrophic leave donations cannot be made for any one individual and that the hours we donate will be deposited in the leave bank.

The Catastrophic Leave Bank policy has proven to be a great benefit to AHTD employees. We donate the following and again we thank you.

Bill Crumpton	1504 hours sick leave
Ed Small	552 hours sick leave
Pat Blair	80 hours sick leave
Eric Paulis	78 hours sick leave
Greg Oliver	40 hours sick leave
Gary Posey	40 hours sick leave

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June 14, 1994
To: Ms. Jane Wilson,
Chief of Administration & Public Affairs

I want to take this time to thank you and your staff for your help with the Catastrophic Leave. Carol Ward was most helpful and patient. She is a real asset to your office.

My employment with the Department was very rewarding and I enjoyed working in the Little Rock Resident Engineer's Office with Jim Pound and Kenny Bennett. They were very fair and understanding supervisors. Also Barbara Mize was kind, considerate and treated me as a special person, as she does all the other employees.

I regret leaving the Department but due to my medical disability, I must.

Thank you,
Hardy E. Green, Sr.

July 5, 1994
 To: Map Sales Department

Dear Map Salespeople,

Thank you so much for your help in obtaining the county road number maps for Hempstead County for us. They were delivered to the church this morning. My special thanks to Mitzi for her help and assistance. It was certainly nice to have someone take an interest in a stranger over the telephone and help the way she did.

Sincerely,
 Don W. Freel, O.D.
 Hope, AR

Editor's Note: Mitzi Dunn is a Clerk Typist in the Reproduction/Map Sales Section of the Planning and Research Division.

June 7, 1994
 To: Linder Barnes
 Morrilton Rest Area

I am hoping that someday we can meet in person but until then I am writing to thank you and show my appreciation for the good deed you did by letting me know about my billfold and taking care of it for me. I had no idea where I lost it - only that I did not have it.

I am enclosing a check to help pay for your trouble, the telephone calls, etc. Thank you again for your honesty and maybe along the way if you should ever need help someone will do as much for you.

Sincerely,
 Dessie Womack

Editor's Note: Linder Barnes is the Rest Area Attendant at the Morrilton Rest Area along Interstate 40 in Conway County of District 8.

IN MEMORIAM

Employee



Johnny Parks Cheek, District 6
 34 years service, died May 18

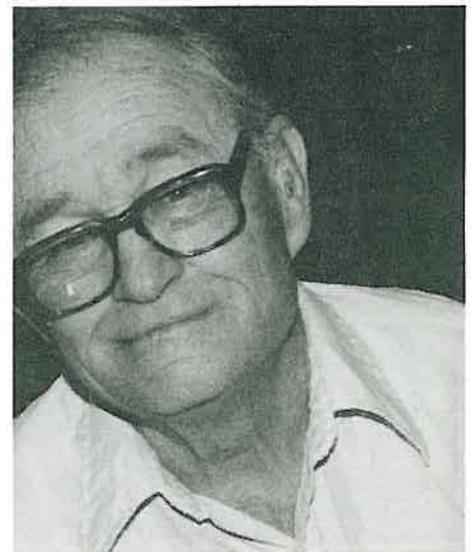


Aubrey Modesta Murphy, District 6
 36 years service, died May 20

Gerald Davis, District 2
 14 years service, died May 30

Francis Drake, District 2
 21+ years service, died June 29

Retirees



Robert Jarboe, District 2
 42 years service, died April 25

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

BRIDGE



Kelly Sumner Stanley, daughter of J.P. Sumner, Structural Detailing Specialist, graduated last May from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Pharmacy with a Doctorate degree. She was selected for the Dean's List and was inducted in the Rho Chi National Academic Society. While President of the National Association of Retail Druggists' (NARD) student chapter, she was one of six in the nation to serve on the NARD National Student Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. She also received a NARD Presidential Academic Scholarship and a Warner-Lambert/Parke Davis Academic Scholarship. Kelly's husband, Scott, received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in May 1993.

CONSTRUCTION



Travis Adams, son of Tina McLain, Advanced Estimates Technician and Farrell Adams, Section Head of Photogrammetry, was married to Lea Broach April 30 at the Bauxite Community Center.

The Construction Division had three seasonal employees this year. They were Marcy McArthur, Daniel Veasey and Elizabeth Lewers. Marcy is a music major at the University of Central Arkansas, Daniel is attending Central Baptist College and Elizabeth is a theater major at Hendrix College.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Congratulations to those receiving service awards. They were: Jerry Stussy, Division Head; Guy Sims, User Support Manager and Gary French, Programmer Analyst II, 25 years and John Daley, Technical Coordinator, 20 years.

Returning for another summer were seasonal employees Keith Hamilton and David Luchin.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This division had six seasonal employees this summer. They were Eric Lamb, Bill Bailey, Sandy Branch, Fawn Doss, Adrian Smith and Clinton Hutchinson.

Eric, a three-year summer employee, is a senior at Louisiana Tech majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Bill is a junior at Henderson State University majoring in Biology. They both worked with outdoor advertising inventory.

Sandy is attending Grambling State University where she is pursuing a degree in Business. She assisted in the clerical work relating to outdoor advertising, logo signing and junkyard programs.

Fawn is a freshman at the University of Central Arkansas majoring in Political Science. She assisted the clerical staff in the division.

Adrian is a sophomore at Texas Southern University majoring in Political Science. He worked in the Special Studies Section.

Clint attends the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville majoring in Agriculture. He helped by the planting and transplanting of trees and shrubs.

Eric Sanders transferred to our division as an Environmental Technician from Materials.

Brad Webb, son of Mike Webb, Section Head of Assessments, graduated from Mississippi State University in May. Brad graduated with a 4.0 grade point average in Chemistry and was recently inducted in the Mississippi State University Scholastic Hall of Fame. He will be entering medical school at the University of Alabama-Birmingham this fall.



Jeff Ingram, Beautification Coordinator, and family traveled to Alaska for vacation. They visited Mt. McKinley and Denali National Park and enjoyed white water rafting on the Nenana River.

HIGHWAY POLICE



Bobby Hayes, left, Permit Technician, receives a five year service certificate and pin from Section Head Terry Nanney.



Elaine Cody English is the daughter of Ptl. Ted and Patricia English of Conway. Elaine was born March 22.



Jackie Ollvo is the daughter of Administrative Aide I Phyllis Allen. She is an eighth grade cheerleader at Southwest Christian Academy. At the end of the school year she received the Kindness and Thoughtfulness Award.

Electronic Data Processing Auditor Don Martin and his wife JoAnn toured Europe in April. They visited their son, U.S. Army Captain Barry Martin and his wife Ingrid in Germany.

Velena McRae resigned from the Department to move with her husband to Dallas, Texas.

Dicki Lunsford transferred to the Fiscal Services Division as a Senior Accountant.

Vicki and Jon Haydon and twin sons have moved into their new home in Alexander. Vicki is a Senior External Auditor.



Meredith Jol Martin is the great-granddaughter of Lt. Jan Weinberg. She was born July 8 to his oldest granddaughter, Brooke, of Picayune, Mississippi. Jan is the Assistant District Commander of AHP District One.

PLANNING & RESEARCH



Robert Cox, right, Highway Data Collector Supervisor, received a 20-year service award from Administrative Officer II Dan Morgan.

INTERNAL AUDIT



Mark Wesson is the eight year old son of Shirley Wesson, Section Secretary. He was named to the scholastic and citizenship honor rolls for his entire second grade school year at Carver Magnet School.



Lt. Weinberg's son, Seth, was a member of the North Little Rock Applebee's Diamonds soccer team who won the Arkansas State Soccer Association's 10 and under State Championship April 24.



Suzanna Cardinal and Jason Magness were married July 2. Suzanna is employed in Reproduction and Jason in Mail & Supply.



Daniel Craig, age 4, and Andrew James Thompson, age 10 weeks, are the grandsons of Technical Services Section Head Jim Head.

Ed Flanagan, Statistician, and his wife Linda traveled to Florida July 2 for the wedding of their daughter Amanda to Carl Hill.

Jodi Prince and Terry Vittitow, Planning Technician II, were married July 29. Jodi is the daughter of Sharon Sullivan who works in the Training & Safety Section of the Human Resources Division.

Travor Lorenzo Collins was born July 8 to Cynthia Collins of Technical Services.

Kory Douglas Sanders was born July 12. He is the first grandchild of Marilyn Boyles, Statistical Analyst in Technical Services.

Planning Analyst Sammye Martinez' first grandchild, Collin Mills Simmons, was born July 21.

Mitzi Dunn, Clerk Typist in Reproduction, and her husband Ron traveled to Shelbyville, Tennessee in July.

Debra Wray, Copy Center Technician in Reproduction, left the Department in July for a position with a private firm.

RIGHT OF WAY



Bob Tyler, Section Head of Utilities, presents Judy Wilson, Utility Coordinator, a 15-year service certificate.



Jennifer Winchell is the daughter of Administrative Section Head Vic and Barbara Winchell. She is 1994 graduate of J.A. Fair High School.

STATE AID



Brianna Paige Oldman is the 15-month old granddaughter of Barbara Crowwell, Division Secretary. She recently won Cover Girl in the Gingerbread State Pageant. Brianna will participate in the national pageant in August in Dallas, Texas.

DISTRICT ONE



Pictured are Edward Jeffrey and Risa Stanback at the Wynne Senior Prom. Edward is the son Personnel Clerk Vella Jeffrey. He is also a seasonal employee working with the District Wide Sign Crew and plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff this fall.



Pictured above is Jan McElroy, District One Receptionist.



The Lee County maintenance crew in Marianna was pleased to have Rodney E. Slater (center in white shirt), former Highway Commissioner and now Federal Highway Administrator, stop by their headquarters during his 15-state tour in March.

DISTRICT TWO



District Engineer Jim Briley presents Resident Engineer Ernie Westfall a 20-year service certificate.



Westfall presents Jesse Pridgeon, Construction Aide II, a 15-year service certificate.



Westfall presents a 15-year service certificate to Rebecca Rinchuso, Field Clerk II.



Westfall presents Ben Novak, Inspector, a 15-year service certificate.



Robert Thompson, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, District maintenance crew, received a 15-year service certificate.



McArthur Phillips, Street Sweeper Operator, District maintenance crew, receives a 15-year service certificate.



Jason Harrison, Bridge Repairer I, District bridge crew, retired with 15 years service.



April Leonard was a seasonal employee in the District Stockroom. She is a graduate of Watson Chapel High School and attends the University of Central Arkansas majoring in Business.



Bill Herrington, Finish Carpenter, District maintenance crew, receives a 25-year service certificate and pin.



Dale McGriff, Crew Leader, Lincoln County maintenance crew, was the recipient of the State Service to the Citizens Award for the month of July presented by the Lieutenant Governor's office. Dale was nominated by his coworker Janice White.

There are two seasonal employees working in the Pine Bluff Residency for Ernie Westfall. They are Dennis Birge, Engineering Intern and Nana Tei. Dennis attends Arkansas State University and Nana attends Louisiana Tech.



Receiving their CPR certification are Kenneth Edwards, McArthur Phillips and Robert Thompson.



Leon Crouch, Mechanic, retired June 24 with 30 years service. He worked most of his 30 years as the Ashley County Area Headquarters Attendant.



DISTRICT TWO EQUIPMENT OPERATORS' ROADSHOW FIRST PLACE WINNERS:
(L-R) Curtis Aud, Tractor/Lowboy; Dave Waters, returning State Champion, Tandem-Axle Dump Truck; S.L. Horton, Tandem-Axle Dump Truck; Larry Fuches, returning State Champion, Single Axle Dump Truck; Dorothy Austin, Single Axle Dump Truck; Edward Jones, Tractor/Mower; M.J. Fox, Backhoe; and Worthy Morgan, Motor Patrol.



John Herrington, left, District Bridge Job Superintendent, is shown with his daughter Monica, who was married July 2 to William King.



Bryon Stove and Jamie Patrick were married July 2 in Pine Bluff. Jamie is the daughter of District Caretaker Martin Geissler and his wife Sue.

DISTRICT THREE

We welcome Kenny Bennett, the new Resident Engineer in Texarkana. He was previously an Assistant Resident Engineer in District Six.

On July 20 a reception was held for Sammie Holton, Miller County Area Maintenance Supervisor, who transferred to District Six as Garland County Area Maintenance Supervisor.

Laverne Arledge, Field Clerk for the Hope Residency, recently won Best of Show with her entry of Shorebird in the Clark County Arts and Humanities photography contest.

Amanda Giles, daughter of Mike and Karen Giles, is a third grader at Union Elementary School and received the President's Physical Fitness Award. She has also been on the "A" honor roll three years in a row. Mike is an Inspector for the Texarkana Residency.

Jodie Rhodes, daughter of Jim and Janet Rhodes, was awarded \$34,000 in scholarships to the University of Arkansas. Jodie was the 1994 valedictorian of Hope High School. Jim is the District Maintenance Superintendent.

Angela Pate, daughter of Receptionist Debbie Pate, a 1994 graduate of Prescott High School, has been chosen for Who's Who of America.

Tamara Staley, daughter of Renee Stearns, a seventh grader at Westlawn Middle School, has been inducted into the Junior Honor Society.

Dean Wilkerson, Construction Field Engineer I in the Texarkana Residency, was married June 6 to Kelly Ayer.

DISTRICT FOUR



Thomas McCormick, left, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives a 25-year service pin from District Engineer Harold Beaver.



O.D. Smith, left, Welder, receives a 25-year service pin from Mr. Beaver.



Mr. Beaver presents J.D. Priddy, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator a 25-year service pin.



Thomas Trotter, left, Parts Runner, receives a 25-year service pin from Mr. Beaver.



Hershel Henry, left, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Steve Arocha, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, Polk County maintenance crew, a 20-year service certificate at his retirement party.



Henry, left, presents Gene Roberts with a 15-year service certificate. Gene is the Crew Leader for the Polk County maintenance crew.



Greg Farris, Bridge Inspector Helper, receives a 5-year service certificate from District Bridge Inspector Buddy Turner.



James Walters, left, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, receives a 5-year service certificate from Area Maintenance Supervisor Jim Carter.



Buddy Turner, Bridge Inspector, was the first place winner in the Bowhunters Division of the Arkansas Field Archery Championship, the Arkansas 3-D Championship and the Southern Sectionals.

DISTRICT FIVE



Ronald Shestrum, Guard at the District Headquarters, receives a 20-year service certificate and pin.



Willis Morehead, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish in the Izard County maintenance crew receives a 20-year service certificate and pin.



James Porterfield, Single Axle Truck Driver in the Izard County maintenance crew, receives a 20-year service certificate and pin.

DISTRICT SIX



The Garland County maintenance crew hosted a retirement party May 19 for Bill Crumpton, Area Maintenance Supervisor, and Ed Small, Rest Area Attendant. Both retired June 29, Bill with 25+ years and Ed with 19 years of service.



Jimmy Paulus is the six year old son of Eric Paulus, Crew Leader for the Garland County maintenance crew. He graduated this spring from kindergarten at England Elementary School.



Alexis Raeann Arguello, the daughter of Robert and Rebecca Arguello, was born June 29. Robert is a Construction Field Engineer II for the Resident Engineer office in Hot Springs.

DISTRICT SEVEN



Crystal Diane Loomis is the daughter of Senior Mechanic Horace Loomis and his wife Linda. Crystal, a 1994 honor graduate of Fairview High School, received a Scholastic Excellence Scholarship to attend Ouachita Baptist University as a biology major.



Allison Lynn Ledbetter is the daughter of Stacy and Aline Ledbetter. She was born January 15 and has two brothers, Daniel and Nathan. Aline is the District Parts Runner.



Ira Ellis Steed, first son of Rick and Mary Steed, was born June 28. Rick is a General Laborer on the District bridge crew.

Claude Parton, Assistant District Engineer, scored a "hole-in-one" on the East Camden golf course June 5. It was on the 15th hole at 160 yards with a seven iron.

John Harvey, District Maintenance Superintendent, his mother Clara, and first cousin Marsha Rowe, vacationed in Washington and Alaska in July.

DISTRICT EIGHT



Jennifer Leonna Pickle is the daughter of Duell "Tad" Fendley, Vegetation Controller, Clark County maintenance crew, and his wife Joanna. Jennifer was married to David Pickle April 15 in Arkadelphia.



Service awards recipients at District Eight (L-R): William Tramel, Vegetation Controller, 20 years; Ronnie Henderson, Single Axle Truck Driver, 15 years; Rick Holbrook, Vegetation Controller, 10 years; Barry Clark, Area Headquarters Attendant, 10 years; James Standridge, Hot Mix Paver Operator, 15 years; Mike Johnston, Hydraulic Excavator Operator/Finish, 20 years; James Rye, Distributor Operator, 20 years; Gary Jordan, Single Axle Truck Driver, 25 years and Jimmy D. Eledge, Lowboy-Float Truck Driver, 30 years.



Jessica Ruth Hunter and John Paul Howland were married June 11. Jessica is the daughter of M.W. Hunter, Lead Person for the Columbia County maintenance crew.



Clinton Littlejohn, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Repairer receives a 10-year service certificate from District Engineer Lawrence Fletcher.



Ryan Neal, son of Rick and Alesia Holbrook, was born May 12. Rick is a Vegetation Controller in the Perry County maintenance crew.

DISTRICT NINE



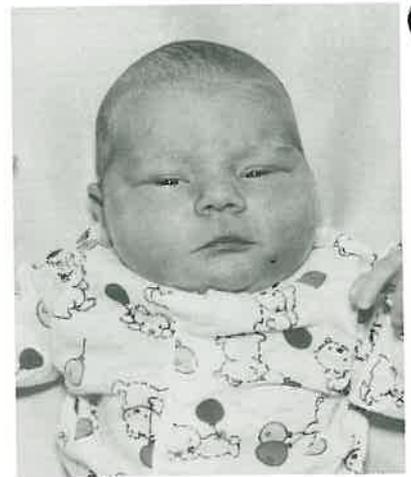
Bill Harblson, left, Benton County Area Maintenance Supervisor at Gentry, was presented the *Pro Patria Award* ("for our country") from the office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense during ceremonies at Fort Chaffee on June 15. Only one of these awards is presented in each state. Harblson was nominated by Cecil Jordan, right, Area Headquarters Attendant at Gentry.



Heather Hilton, daughter of District Receptionist Karen Cotton, is a member of the soccer team who won first place in their local tournament and first place in the state tournament.



Darcee Schultz is the granddaughter of District Secretary Edith Korcheck. She was recently named Princess of Crooked Creek Crawdad Days. The competition involved collecting canned goods for Share and Care and Sanctuary. Over 1,000 cans of food were collected by 57 children and Darcee collected 275 cans.



Quinton Mackenzie Ginn is the grandson of District Permit Officer Glenda Goats. He was born June 24 to Greg and Shawna Ginn.



Emily Brooke Roberts is the daughter of Stock Clerk Billy Joe Roberts and his wife Dena. Emily was born June 22 and has a sister Erin. Her grandfather is retiree Donald Lively of Newton County.



Victoria Ann Wilbanks is the granddaughter of Sealing Job Superintendent Roy Brasel and his wife Carolyn. She was born July 16 to Marsha and David Wilbanks.

DISTRICT TEN



Congratulations to Melissa Evans, age 14, daughter of Sr. Mechanic Charles Evans and his wife Donna of Marmaduke. Melissa was crowned 1994 Junior Miss Liberty Bell during Marmaduke's Independence Day celebration.



Receiving service awards April 7 (front row L-R): Craig Rosten, Sr. Mechanic, 5 years; Jimmie Cone, Guard, 5 years; Elvis Richmond, Construction Helper I, 5 years; and Bruce Street, Assistant Resident Engineer, 5 years. (Back row L-R): Vernon Erwin, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 15 years; Brad Benson, Station Attendant Supervisor, 10 years; Donnie Pfeifer, Single Axle Truck Driver, 10 years; Barbara Parks, Payroll Clerk, 10 years; Jerry Crawford, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, 20 years; Mike Croy, Crew Leader, 20 years and Buck Beasley, Hydraulic Excavator Operator/Finish, 20 years.



Receiving service awards July 14 (front row L-R): James Travis, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 years; Jimmy Dooley, Lead Person, 20 years; Steve Leath, District Office Manager, 10 years; Harold Lady, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20 years; and Joe Riley, Lead Person, 10 years.



Also receiving 5- year service awards L-R): Frank Humble, General Laborer; Roosevelt Adams, Single Axle Truck Driver and C.E. Johnson, Rest Area Attendant.



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