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Director's Message

Mack-Blackwell Amendment

Employees of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department are fortunate to work under Amendment 42 to the Arkansas Constitution. Commonly referred to as the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, we have enjoyed a stability and security that is envied by many transportation departments throughout the country.

The people of Arkansas have also directly benefited from the system created by the Mack-Blackwell Amendment through a significantly improved highway system. The state highway system has shown continuous improvement since 1953, when there were about 10,000 total miles in the system and 4,000 were unpaved.

Today the highway system is comprised of over 16,367 miles. Of that amount, only 14 miles are left unpaved. These numbers reflect a 63 percent increase in the size of the total system and a 99.7 percent decrease in unpaved miles. It is doubtful we would have seen these dramatic improvements if not for the Mack-Blackwell Amendment.

It is also worth noting that there have been two attempts to update Arkansas' Constitution in the past 30 years. Each time, delegates to the Constitutional Conventions voted to keep the Mack-Blackwell Amendment intact in the proposed new documents. Even though not adopted, it is significant that the delegates drafting the new constitutions looked objectively at the existing provisions and kept those items they believed were beneficial to the State of Arkansas, including the Mack-Blackwell Amendment.

The Mack-Blackwell Amendment has created an environment that has allowed the Department to function with long-range goals in mind, goals that we can attain and actually see the results. We work under a system that is envied by many others around the country and one in which we can take pride.



Paul Flowers
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Carl S. Rosenbaum

Appointed To Highway Commission

Carl S. Rosenbaum of Little Rock was appointed to a 10-year term on the Arkansas State Highway Commission by Governor Mike Huckabee on December 14, 2000. He was officially sworn in Tuesday, January 16, 2001, receiving the oath of office by Supreme Court Justice Ray Thornton at a ceremony held at the State Capitol. He replaces Herby Branscum, Jr., of Perryville, whose term on the Commission expired January 14, 2001.

Highway Commission Chairman John "M" Lipton, Vice Chairman J.W. "Buddy" Benafield, and Commission members Prissy Hickerson, Jonathan Barnett and Herby Branscum joined AHTD Director Dan Flowers and other Department officials at the ceremony.

Rosenbaum, 65, has been an Arkansas businessman since his graduation from the University of Arkansas in 1956. He is Chairman of the Board of the Jonesboro-based



Carl S. Rosenbaum, left, with Governor Mike Huckabee and AHTD Director Dan Flowers

Arkansas Glass Container Corporation. He has served on a number of civic boards including Baptist Health, the Greater Little Rock YMCA, Regions Bank, and the Winburn Tile Manufacturing Company. He is a life board member of Youth Home, Inc.

He and his wife, Martha, have three children: a son Sid and two daughters, Kathryn Rosenbaum Coleman and Carol Rosenbaum Moore. He also has a twin brother, Charles, who is his business partner.



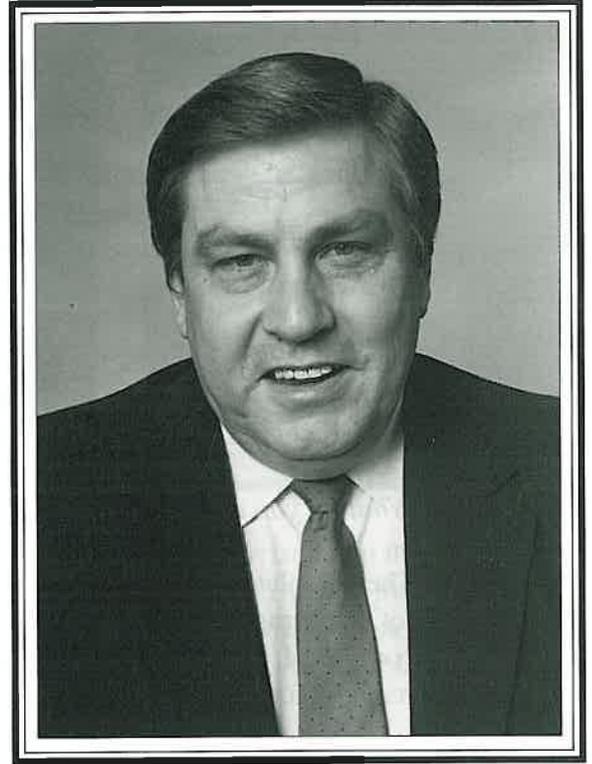
Rosenbaum, center left, and Huckabee, center right, with members of the Highway Commission at Rosenbaum's appointment ceremony



Governor Mike Huckabee, center, with the Rosenbaum family



Final Comments With Commissioner Herby Branscum, Jr.



Herby Branscum's term on the Arkansas State Highway Commission ended January 14, 2001. He was appointed in January 1991 by Governor Bill Clinton to a 10-year term and has served as Chairman and Vice Chairman. A native of Stone County and a resident of Perryville, Branscum reflects on the progress and accomplishments of the Highway and Transportation Department during during an interview with Public Affairs Officer Randy Ort.

Ort: *Congratulations on a memorable 10 years. What highlights stand out in your mind?*

Branscum: Every day has been a highlight, but most memorable were the passage of the 1991 Highway Improvement Program and the 1999 Interstate Rehabilitation Program. In addition, traveling across the state in 1998 for the 16 Regional Meetings stands out in my memory. I attended 15 of those meetings to hear what the people of Arkansas had to say about highway needs. Another highlight occurred shortly after I went on the Commission when we had a groundbreaking at Highland and then went to the Hardy Bridge for a ribbon cutting on Highway 412. Those are just a few of the highlights that stand out in my mind.

Some personal highlights include the establishment of a scholarship fund at University of Central Arkansas in my name. Also, the establishment of a scholarship at the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville honoring Billie Jo and me. Those were extremely gratifying to me personally.

Another highlight has been serving with some outstanding people on the Highway Commission. These people are willing to devote their time, energy and resources for the good of the state. All of these things are major highlights to me.

What I am most proud of is the fact that in my 10 years on the Commission we were able to increase the revenues to the Highway Department significantly on two different occasions. The 1991 Highway Improvement Program, which included the settlement of the Weight/Distance Tax, increased revenues to the Department by \$48 to \$50 million annually. The 1999 Program, which will be remembered as the Interstate Rehabilitation Program, included additional revenues for the building and maintaining of highways off the Interstate system as well. That is an outstanding program. Of course, when the Interstates are complete and those bonds are paid off, that money will remain existent for other highway purposes.

I guess in my 10 years, we have increased revenues to the Highway Department somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100 to \$110 million annually. To me, to find the legislature, the executive branch, and the people of Arkansas willing to accept those kinds of commitments is extraordinary.

Ort: *What do you consider as some of the major accomplishments during your tenure?*

Branscum: The completion of Interstate 540 from I-40 to Fayetteville was a major accomplishment. That took a lot of courage on the part of the Highway Commission to commit to that effort and see that project completed. That was a greatly needed highway and the benefits of that project will continue to be realized for many years to come.

Another accomplishment that I was personally interested in was seeing Highway 167 from Bald Knob to Batesville completed, some 32 miles of four-laning. That will be a great benefit to North Central Arkansas. The widening of that highway from two to four lanes will be felt for many years to come and be a great economic benefit to that entire area.

Ort: *Have there been any projects not completed you would like to have seen done?*

Branscum: Yes. I think U.S. Highway 65 North from Greenbrier to Harrison is one I would like to have seen completed. We have made some progress on it. That highway has expanded to a four-lane up to





about Damascus. I would like to have seen that finished all the way to Harrison, but that didn't come about. Of course there are a lot of other projects needed in the state that I would like to have seen finished, but that one stands out most in my mind. It would have made a favorable impact economically on the state for that project to have been completed. Hopefully one day I will be able to drive on a four-lane from Conway all the way to the Missouri Line.

Ort: *In your first interview after being appointed to the Commission, you spoke favorably about the Mack-Blackwell Amendment and how the Commission is set up. After 10 years on the Commission, have your feelings changed?*

Branscum: If they have changed they have strengthened in favor of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment (MBA). I still feel like it is a very effective system. It allows us to devise a program and see it carried to completion. I think you have to have a 10-year term to really witness something done meaningfully as far as highway construction.

I still favor the method of appointing Highway Commissioners. I think the 10-year term is a workable number also. As you said I spoke favorably about it 10 years ago, and after serving for 10 years, if anything my feelings are more favorable toward the system than it was at that time. I'm sure it's not a perfect system, but that can be said of any system. I think it was a well thought out system when it was adopted back in 1953 and I think it's still working well today. You only have to look at the results of what has happened in highway construction since the time of the adoption and the effective date of the MBA. I believe we had about 10,000 miles of roads in the system at that time and only 6,000 were paved. Today, some 48 years later, we now have 16,367 miles paved and only 14 miles that have not been paved. Highway building is no longer a fragmented or piecemeal type thing that changes every time we elect a new Governor. We haven't had the makeup of the Commission changed in nearly half a century, and transportation in Arkansas has prospered because of the system put in place by the Mack-Blackwell Amendment. We've had continuity and I think it's a real effective plan for the progress of Arkansas.

Having been an active participant in AASHTO and SASHTO over the past 10 years and talking with members of boards and commissions from other parts of the country, I believe we have an envied system, one that has worked well and effectively. Any change would be a throw back to the past.

Ort: *The trucking industry and others are challenging the Mack-Blackwell Amendment. Part of what is being challenged is the appointment process. One proposal being discussed now would elect Commissioners. Any comments on that?*

Branscum: Yes. I don't like that procedure at all. I know electing Commissioners may sound attractive to a lot of people, but it could possibly lead to exploitation by special interest groups if such an elective system is adopted.

As far as I know there is only one state in the nation that elects Commissioners. I think rather than de-politicizing the system, it will politicize the system.

I don't hear a great deal of outrage among the people of this state. I know this has been debated every two years since I've been on the Commission. There are people that have tried to tinker with the MBA, but no one has articulated a convincing or persuasive story to me as to what is wrong with the system. The only charge I've heard leveled concerns the autonomy of the Commissioners. Autonomy is good if you have conscientious people working for the good of the state, which we have had. I think in the history of the MBA, Governors have tried to appoint people who have been very conscientious and willing to serve. These people have been willing to give of themselves and have had the best interest of the state and its people in mind. I think you have to look at the facts of what has been done to see that there is no problem with the MBA as it is. The number is a good and workable number. It's a good system in which the employees of the Department seem to have expressed confidence. If you started electing Commissioners you could so politicize the system that our employees, the construction industry, and the public would not have any confidence in the Commission. We have a good system - one that should stay "as is" in my opinion.

Ort: *States are being forced to look at innovative ways to finance highway projects. Arkansas has traditionally been a pay-as-you-go state, but the use of bonds came up three times during your tenure: in 1991 when no action was taken; in 1995 the bond initiative was defeated; and 1999 the GARVEE bond initiative was passed by the people. What is your impression of the GARVEE bond method currently being used?*

Branscum: On specific projects or a series of projects such as the rehabilitation of the Interstates, I think the bonds serve the state well. You are actually only using a portion of your money, the Interstate Maintenance funds and four cents of the diesel tax, to retire those GARVEE bonds.

I said 10 years ago that I didn't necessarily like bonds because I'd been told the cost, by the time you pay them off, was double what you actually financed in the beginning. I have changed my position some in that regard. I think the GARVEE bond program is money well spent. We were somewhat fortunate that we got a good price on the bonds and the market was just right at the time that we did them. Everything worked in our favor on the first issue.

Of course in 1991, that was a program that was approved if we wanted to utilize bonds, but there was not support for that effort at that time. The 1995 program was probably too ambitious for the people of the State of Arkansas. There was a lot of opposition to that program because of the sales tax that was included. I've often wondered where we would be today if we had adopted that. I think we would have met a lot of the people's expectations and a lot of the work would have already been done. Something good came out of that even though the people overwhelmingly

defeated the program. It showed the courage of the executive branch and the legislature at that time for proposing it. I think it helped in passing the 1999 GARVEE bonds. It sent a signal to the people of the needs we have in this state. Anyone that has been following the highway industry in this state knows we have an awful lot of needs.

Arkansas should be praised and the Commission should be credited with the fact that we have been one of the leaders in innovative ways to finance highways. In the construction of I-540 we used a type of funding only two states in the nation have used to this day. We have really been the leader in the GARVEE bonds. From the time I went on the Commission up until my last day of service there have been efforts to try to look at innovative financing methods. We explored tolls, sales tax and other means of financing highways. I believe states are going to be forced to look at more and different ways of financing highway projects. It's coming down to the fact that fuel taxes and auto license fees are insufficient to meet the needs of the people and states are looking at other methods of financing. There may even be some improvement districts of some nature and taxes levied by certain groups.

One of the things I was happy about during my tenure was the local input in helping build highways. The cities were willing to participate with the state in paying for certain needed highways in order to get them done. This is a credit to the Mack-Blackwell Amendment concept and the Commission's approach. We have been willing and have the flexibility to look at innovative financing methods. I think if Commissioners were elected they might be straight jacketed some in that regard.

Ort: *You mentioned other types of innovative financing that are being explored. What do you see in the future in terms of highway finance for Arkansas?*

Branscum: Eventually, the Commission will have to exercise a management and supervisory position in trying to come up with new programs for financing highways. They'll need to continue looking at new methods and exploring utilization of tolls. I've never been opposed to using them on the Interstates. I think that is a method that the people coming through the state help to pay for the wear and tear of the highways they cause while traveling through. We've always relied on so many cents per gallon in this state up until the last 10 years and we've generally developed that mindset. We're going to have to get away from that and possibly be looking at taxes being diverted to highways from accessories and automobiles; such as sales tax, parts, and things of that nature. I certainly think the Commission and Commissioners that I served with were not timid in looking at new ways. I think that's been good for the state.

Ort: *We all know being on the Highway Commission is pretty time consuming. How has your personal and professional life been affected by being a Commissioner?*

Branscum: My term ended a week ago from the time this interview is being conducted and I've had probably 65% more time to devote to my law practice than I've had in the last 10 years. I don't begrudge that, and I don't complain about that because I enjoyed my service on the Highway Commission. But it certainly is a time consuming job. Those people out there who want to criticize public officials need to try it themselves for a while. It is time consuming and you have to really be willing to give of your time, resources and energy to serve in a legislative or executive position. These efforts consume a lot of time and I was able to do it because of my willingness and

because of my proximity to Little Rock and the type of law practice I have. It does affect your life and a lot of personal time. There are a lot of weekends where you have to attend things. People don't take into consideration the time you spend at home with the phone calls you get, the letters you have to write, the things you have to read to stay abreast of what's happening across the state and what's happening in transportation related matters. If you do a good job, you do double time of what is actually seen.

Ort: *If you had the opportunity to do it again, would you?*

Branscum: Not at this time in my life. There were jokes about me being reappointed which were actually in jest. I joked with Governor Huckabee about that, but the truth of the matter is, 10 years is a long time to give. I would not have served again at this time even if I had been asked to. I have to really commend someone like Bobby Hopper who served 16 years. That is exemplary for a person to be willing to serve that long. I'll never regret that I did it. It was very exciting and gave me many opportunities to meet and see people in different perspectives. It gave me the opportunity to work with a department that I really enjoyed working with. The people at the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department are some of the best professionals I have ever encountered and their association has been a delightful one for me. They are very cordial, professional, conscientious people who want to do a good job. I've never been associated with this kind of people that spend the amount of time they do trying to do a good job and be professional, because one mistake on their part reflects for many years to come. I think they are cognizant of this fact. The opportunity to work with people of that professional level has been outstanding, but I guess the old biblical phrase that there's a season for everything applies to me. I would not want to serve another term.

Ort: *Any closing comments that we haven't covered that you would like to mention?*

Branscum: As I mentioned, I have certainly enjoyed working with the people of the Department. But I've really enjoyed working with the people that I've served with on the Commission. Ron Harrod was the Chairman when I went on the Commission. Rodney Slater followed him, who was followed by Bill Clark, and then Bobby Hopper. I was able to serve with John Lipton who brought new dimensions to the Commission from his legislative background and Buddy Benfield who has had a great amount of experience in government in the past. I've enjoyed working with them. Prissy Hickerson came on as the third woman to ever serve on the Commission and as a Republican where I had always served with Democrats before. She is a very effective person and she blended in very well. She brought new dimensions for the Commission. The same is true for Jonathan Barnett. He has exhibited a willingness to give of his time and energy to see that the transportation needs of this state are met in an effective manner. I think that speaks well for the Commission.

One of the greatest programs that we will see for a long time in this state, and hopefully will see many more in the near future, is the 1999 Interstate Rehabilitation Program when we had three Democrats and two Republicans on the Commission, and a Republican Governor. I think we worked very well together. The idea, the spirit, the thought, and the dream of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment was to take politics out of the system, and I think that has been demonstrated. It has been seen in the work that has been done in the last two years in promoting, enacting and taking to the people the GARVEE bond initiative and getting it passed by the people and then carrying

it forward. It shows the existing Commission structure is a strong concept that will survive. It will not only survive, but it will be effective and efficient regardless who is there as long as good, conscientious people are appointed like those that have been appointed since the inception of the MBA.

We have a lot of needs in this state as far as transportation is concerned. Back in 1998 when we traveled across the state and attended 16 regional meetings, we did a study on the needs of this state. At that time, we identified over \$7 billion in needs on the highway system over the next 10 years. We went out across the state and explained to the people what we had identified. Then we asked them what they perceived the needs to be, and they identified an additional \$7 billion in projects they wanted to see done. I think that points out the needs we have in transportation and I hope the system is not damaged, destroyed, or mutilated by late efforts to the extent that those needs won't be addressed in the future. One of the things I always tried to remain cognizant of throughout my 10 years, is the money we are spending did not belong to five Highway Commissioners. It did not belong to the 3,600 employees of the Department but it belonged to the people of the State of Arkansas who paid that money by way of taxes to have a safe and efficient surface transportation system in the state.

There are a lot of things I would like to say in closing. But serving with the other members of the Commission and the professionalism of the Department has made me a much better person and whatever I do in life hereafter will be affected by that always. I'll always reflect back on my experiences while serving on the Commission and I know it will be something I can treasure. I hope that my service to the Commission will be as beneficial to the people of the State of Arkansas as my serving with that type of people has been for me.



Commissioner Herby Branscum, Jr., holding his "Commissioner Emeritus" plaque that was presented to him by fellow Commissioner J.W. "Buddy" Benafield, Prissy Hickerson, John "M" Lipton and Jonathan Barnett

Newly-Elected Legislators Attend Department Briefing

Newly-elected members of the 83rd Arkansas General Assembly gathered at the AHTD Central Office Complex December 21, 2000, to learn first-hand about the State Highway and Transportation Department. Seventeen freshman legislators attended the briefing.

Commission Chairman John "M" Lipton opened the session by welcoming the legislators and introducing the other members of the Highway Commission.

Also present was Carl S. Rosenbaum, recently named by Governor Mike Huckabee to replace Commissioner Herby Branscum, Jr. whose term expired in January 2001.

Lipton turned the meeting over to AHTD Director Dan Flowers who began by introducing administrative staff members. Then Flowers presented an in-depth review of the structure and operations of the Department.

"We're very proud of what we've been able to accomplish here at the Department," Flowers told the group. "We have been able to keep employment levels and administrative costs down despite the fact that the size of the system and our duties and responsibilities have increased in



AHTD Director Dan Flowers, at podium, explains to the legislators the structure and operations of the Department.

recent years."

Participants seemed very interested in the status of the 1991 Highway Improvement Program (HIP) and the more recent Interstate Rehabilitation Program. They were also furnished copies of the latest State Highway Map and brochures explaining the other Department programs such as the Wildflower and Adopt A Highway programs.

Chairman Lipton closed the meeting by explaining that communication plays a key role

in operating the overall system as effectively and efficiently as possible. "We rely on you to keep us informed of needs in your respective areas. Consequently, you rely on us to provide the best possible system of highways for your constituents and all the citizens of Arkansas," Lipton noted.

"We've had some great partnerships with your predecessors in the past, and we look forward to forming some new partnerships with each of you," he added.



AHTD Director Dan Flowers with Representatives Travis Boyd and Joyce Elliott



Commission Chairman John "M" Lipton, right, talks with Steve Teague, Bob Walters, and Representatives John Lowery and Tommy Roebuck



Commissioner Jonathan Barnett with Representatives LeRoy Dangeau and Travis Boyd



Commissioner Herby Branscum, Jr., right, with Senator Gilbert Baker and Representative Kim Hendren



Commission Vice Chairman J.W. "Buddy" Benfield with Senator Steve Byles and Representatives Wayne Nichols and Marvin Childers



Commissioner Prissy Hickerson, right, with Lucretia Norris of the Governor's Office and Chief of Administration and Public Affairs Jane Wilson

AHTD Personnel Tackle December Ice Storms

Almost one year after the severe snowstorm of January 2000, which crippled much of the State of Arkansas, Highway Department personnel were again faced with clearing roadways across the state after a winter ice storm.

On December 12 and again on December 25, 2000, major storms struck Arkansas causing severe damage and power outages in most areas of the state. The severity of the storms resulted in 52 counties being declared major disaster areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In an effort to inform the public and prepare for the icy road conditions, AHTD personnel hit the airwaves and began pretreating highways, bridges and overpasses.

Department personnel were in constant contact with media outlets to inform the public of the road conditions while crews worked 24 hours a day to clear the roadways.

Evidence of the time and effort of AHTD personnel during the ice storms is the dollar amount spent clearing the highways. Highway Department expenditures for labor, equipment rental and materials totaled approximately \$7.3

million for the December effort. The effect of the storms has

also been long lasting. Almost two months later, the Department



was still busy working to address clean up of rights-of-way and debris removal along our highways. In addition to the \$7.3 million figure, the Department

has estimated a contract cost of approximately \$3 million to handle removal of storm debris.

The coordination and readiness of personnel during the

latest winter storms proved once again the Department is prepared to tackle challenges during the most adverse conditions.



Interstate Rehabilitation Program Shifts Into Second Year

After a successful first-year introduction to the Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP), the AHTD has now moved aggressively into its second year with 14 new projects scheduled to begin before the end of 2001.

Utilizing \$575 million in GARVEE (Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle) bonds as approved by Arkansas voters, and an additional \$375 million in federal and state highway funds, the IRP has enabled approximately 125 miles of Interstate reconstruction per year compared to just 15 miles previously. As of February 2001 there were 19 bond jobs covering 153 miles of Interstate rehabilitation across Arkansas. The number of miles under construction will continue to increase as new jobs begin before existing ones are completed, and is expected to peak in 2002.

"With so many construction sites on our Interstates, it is more critical than ever to help motorists prepare now for what lies ahead and learn how to cope with the inconvenience of increasing traffic delays," said Dan Flowers, Director of Highways and Transportation. "Staying focused on the end result helps, but the AHTD has developed a statewide public information campaign that



will help motorists stay informed and safe in the meantime," Flowers added.

Due to be unveiled this spring, this educational program developed with the Department's media consultant, Thoma Thoma Creative, will include a website, brochures, public service announcements, an electronic newsletter and a kick-off event to begin an ongoing public relations effort across the state.

Appropriately titled *Pave The Way*, this public information campaign has been devised to appeal to drivers of all ages. Colorful orange and black logos, along with other "warning sign" elements, were designed to coordinate safety reminders with existing construction icons.

As the AHTD's most current and instantly accessible tool within the campaign, Flowers believes "our website is sure to become an invaluable resource for motorists." A subtheme entitled *Think Ahead* will also serve as the campaign's main safety message. "If we can help motorists think ahead about the amount of construction taking place and build extra time into their travel plans, we'll all enjoy safer Interstates during this time" added Flowers.

From its "Traffic Zone" presenting lane closures, construction site locations and daily traffic patterns, to the "Fun Zone" offering a photo gallery, places to visit off the beaten path and an interactive trivia game, the AHTD hopes its www.ArkansasInterstates.com website will get a lot of new and repeat visitors over the next several years. The website will "go online" upon the official kick-off date this spring.

Until then, motorists currently have an important informational tool they can use by clicking on the 'ROADS' button at the existing AHTD website, www.ArkansasHighways.com, or by calling the Public Affairs office during normal business hours.



Bidders Converge on AHTD for Annual Equipment Auction

Over 750 bidders converged on the AHTD Central Shops looking for a good deal on used equipment. The auction, held October 31, 2000 brought in \$750,000 in net sales.

Approximately 450 pieces of equipment were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Outdated engineering equipment, mowers, tractors, trucks, cars and obsolete parts were just a few of the items that went to people

from all over the state and surrounding areas.

Bobby Sanchez, one bidder, said he was looking to purchase equipment that could be used to part out. "People can buy these cranes, take them apart and sell the parts and make a pretty good profit," he explained. "The key is to know which one has the best potential," he added. The highest amount paid for any single piece of equipment was a

1969 all-terrain crane that went for \$19,000.

This year, as in years past, Highway Police units and civilian cars were the hot items, according to Equipment and Procurement Division Head Doug Nielsen. "The sedan's went fast. We had some tractors and bulldozers that went for good money, too. It's just speculation guessing on what you'll get for some of this equipment," he added.

Arkansas Highway Police Receives National Awards for Commercial Motor Vehicle Drug Interdiction

The Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department was recognized for its success in commercial motor vehicle drug interdiction for the year 1999 by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug Interdiction Assistance Program (DIAP).

In a training seminar conducted in New Orleans, Louisiana in August 2000. A plaque was presented that reads: "Drug Interdiction Assistant Program commends the Arkansas Highway Police for continued and sustained leadership and success in Commercial Motor Vehicle Drug Interdiction. The Arkansas Highway Police has contributed significantly to the safety of the traveling public and the success of Highway Drug Interdiction."



Left to right: Sgt. Scott Fraley, AHP District 1 Captain Don Hastings, Pfc. Billy Brown, AHP District 2 Captain Ronnie Anderson, AHP District 4 Captain Gary East, Cpl. Jack Stepp, and Pfc. Nick Phillips

AHP Sgt. Scott Fraley was also named as one of four commercial vehicle drug interdiction officers in the United States for the year 1999. Sgt. Fraley was awarded a plaque denoting the distinction. He is assigned to the Interstate 40-West Memphis Weigh Station and has worked

for the Department for nine years. During 1999, Sgt. Fraley made 21 drug-related arrests and seized 5,123 pounds of marijuana and 4.4 pounds of cocaine. During his career, he has seized over 13,338 pounds of marijuana and 459 pounds of cocaine.



**Department Adds
Toll-Free Telephone Number
For Weather-Related Road Conditions
1-800-245-1672**

The AHTD has implemented a toll-free telephone number for motorists to check for adverse weather conditions on the state's highway system 24-hours per day. The recorded message with highway conditions is updated frequently during adverse conditions.

Dedication and Groundbreaking Ceremony for Highway 167 Takes Place in Pleasant Plains

Highway Commission Chairman John "M" Lipton, Vice Chairman J.W. "Buddy" Benafield, Commissioners Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson, Jonathan Barnett, and Highway and Transportation Department Director Dan Flowers and a host of citizens joined former chairman Herby Branscum, Jr. in a dedication and groundbreaking ceremony in Pleasant Plains for U.S. Highway 167 on Tuesday, November 21, 2000.

Branscum presented a dedicatory address and led the ribbon-cutting ceremony

of the completed four-lane bypass at Pleasant Plains and groundbreaking for the final four-lane phase of Highway 167 from Pleasant Plains to Batesville.

The two jobs represent a combined total of 8.15 miles and \$18.8 million in contract amounts. "The Commission and Department have been working on the widening of Highway 167 since 1988. We have now finally made it to the last section to be improved," said Branscum. The final phase of the widening project estimated completion date is mid-2002.



Highway Commission members, along with other state and local officials dedicate a new section of Highway 167 and break ground for the start of another at Pleasant Plains.



Proposed Great River Road Scenic Byway

Gaining Scenic Byway designation for 320 miles of eastern Arkansas roads was the focus of two public hearings held in West Memphis on October 23, 2000 and Dumas on October 30, 2000.

The proposed Great River Road Scenic Byway includes parts of 16 highways, three city streets in Helena and three county routes in Lee and Phillips Counties. About 40 people were on hand at the two hearings to voice their opinions for the proposed route designation. The 10-county Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas (MRPCA) requested the scenic highway designation for the route. The byway designations were made possible under the 1991 Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

The Parkway Commission has one Commissioner for each of the 10 counties the Great River Road traverses. This Commission is one part of the greater Mississippi River Parkway Commission that represents 10 states and one Canadian province through which the international Great River Road travels.

The Great River Road passes through rich bottomland agricultural area from Louisiana to Missouri. Along the way, travelers cross a portion of the Grand Prairie, an elevated terrace noted for rice farming and duck hunting. The route crosses the White River Wildlife Refuge, a unique remnant of the bottomland hardwood forests that once covered eastern

Arkansas. The road also traverses a portion of Crowley's Ridge through the St. Francis National Forest. This ridge, rising 250 feet above the rich farmland, is a wind-blown deposit formed between the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers approximately two million years ago.

Recreational, cultural and historical opportunities are abundant along the Great River Road. They include Lake Chicot State Park near Lake Village and the Arkansas Post National Monument near Gillett. St. Charles is the site of an important civil war battle and the future home of the White River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Helena is the site of the King Biscuit/Sonny Boy Williams Blues Festival, the Delta Heritage Cultural Center and a series of civil war artillery sites.

The St. Francis National Forest has two recreational areas - Storm Creek Lake and Bear Creek that offers camping, boating and fishing. West Memphis is the home of Southland Greyhound Park and provides easy access across the Mississippi River to Memphis. The Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge and Visitor Center is in Turrell and Hampson Museum Park is in Wilson.



A concerned citizen voices his opinion during the public hearing at Dumas.

Highway 63 Payneway to Interstate 55

A public hearing on the proposed upgrading of U.S. Highway 63 between Payneway and I-55 brought out over 40 people to the Delta Technical Institute in Marked Tree on September 28. Discussions centered on the proposal to bring 14.6 miles of Highway 63 up to Interstate standards.

The project, when completed, would create a completely controlled access, Interstate-style highway with overpasses and frontage roads where economically feasible.

Converting the existing facility to full control of access will require the conversion of four at-grade intersections to full interchanges and the recon-

Two New Interstates Designated in Arkansas

Interstate 555 will be the official designation for a section of Highway 63 from I-55 at Lake David to U.S. Highway 49 (Southwest Drive) in Jonesboro. Also, Loop 245 in Texarkana will become I-130. Both designations will become official once Interstate design modifications are completed on the routes.

The 26-mile portion of Highway 63 from Payneway to Highway 49 (Southwest Drive) in Jonesboro is already constructed to full Interstate standards with the remaining 18-mile section from Payneway to Lake David scheduled for upgrading in the future. Loop 245 in Texarkana will require similar modifications.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department requested the designations from the Special Committee on Route Numbering of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials in the Fall of 2000. AHTD officials were notified later that year that the request had been approved.

Signs designating the two highways as "Future I-555" and "Future I-130" are in place until the routes are completed to Interstate standards. "Progress is continuing to upgrade these highways to a fully-controlled access facilities," explained

struction of the existing U.S. Highway 63/Interstate 55 interchange.

Federal funding in the amount of \$10 million is included in TEA-21 for work to upgrade the four-lane facility to freeway standards. U.S. Highway 63 has been previously upgraded to freeway standards between Jonesboro and Payneway.

The proposed project is extremely important to the City of Jonesboro. The city is one of the fastest growing retail, industrial, educational and agricultural centers in the region. The improvements will greatly improve regional connectivity by connecting Jonesboro to I-55 with a freeway facility and improving accessibility to the important St. Louis and Memphis markets.



Standing beneath the newly-erected "Future I-555" sign are Cari White, Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce; Commission Vice Chairman J.W. "Buddy" Benafield; Henry Jones, Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce President; Dan Flowers, AHTD Director; and Joe Barnett, AHTD District 10 Engineer.

Dan Flowers, Director of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. "The designations as 'Future I-555' and 'Future I-130' are important steps in establishing Interstate status to those corridors," Flowers added.

Letters to the Department



TO: Carl Bachelor
District 10 Maintenance Engineer
Paragould, Arkansas

Mr. Gene Dunn and Mr. Harold Foxx happened by my blowout early today and helped me fix the tire. They refused compensation for their help and were very courteous and helpful. I could not have changed the tire by myself.

I want to thank you for hiring such great people.

Kent S. Larson
Associate General Agent
Lutheran Brotherhood
Memphis, Tennessee



Harold Foxx, Single Axle Truck Driver
and Gene Dunn, Area Maintenance Supervisor



Kit Core
Carroll County Area Maintenance Supervisor

TO: To Each Of You At The Highway Department

We want to sincerely thank each of you for your excellent communication regarding a real need (at least as far as we were concerned).

The communication itself was above just the standard ho-hum we often find in today's world. The promise to take care of our ditch in front of our pasture actually was fulfilled. A thumbs up on promises made and promises kept.

Sometimes, we the public don't take the time to thank people who make a difference in our lives and we should. You all work hard; each of you honestly do make a difference; positively in any driver's daily drive on our highways.

Our most sincere thanks and appreciation to each of you.

Archie and Dixie Seitz
Highway 103 South

TO: Mr. Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

I want to tell you about a wonderful experience we had last Friday. We (five people who drive cars for an agency) were just outside of West Memphis coming west when one of our driver's had a tire blowout. We all stopped and had not been there long when one of your AHTD "Angels" stopped. She called another fellow who was there in less than ten minutes and got us help. They were wonderful. Why can't that highway service be all over the state? It would surely be a wonderful thing. Please bring it on to Hot Springs and all points west!

Lorille Dollar
Hot Springs, Arkansas

TO: Mr. Terrell Watts
Materials Geotechnical-Soils Supervisor

Thanks so much for hosting the July 20 visit to your laboratory of the eight graduate students enrolled in GAGF 5420, "Engineering and Construction of Aquaculture Facilities." I had expected knowledgeable and professional personnel and was not disappointed. The students really appreciated the friendly and courteous reception they received. The "hands-on" activities were excellent and we all learned a lot. You really have a great group of people and many thanks to you, Harold Banks, Reggie Cobb, and Steve Ward, Materials Technicians; and the others that helped teach the class.

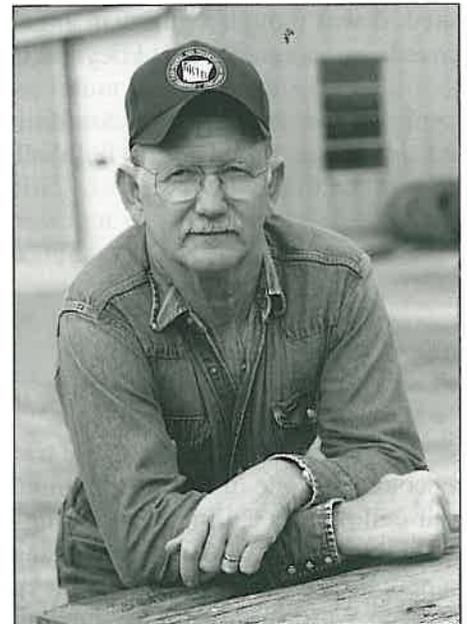
Nathan Stone, Ph.D
Extension Fisheries Specialist
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

TO: Mr. Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

On the night of July 20, Mr. Bill Callicott, Nevada County Area Maintenance Supervisor, assisted in the rescue of two elderly gentlemen on Lake Millwood. The two men, Mr. Buddy Woods (my father) and Mr. Johnny Reyenga had overturned in their boat around two in the afternoon. We were able to locate them around 12:30 a.m. With the help of Mr. Callicott and other, the two gentlemen are both fine and ready to go fishing again. The world is a better place because of people like Bill who are always ready to help others. Your department is lucky to have him as an employee.

Thank you for your attention and time.

The Woods Family



Bill Callicott
Nevada County Area Maintenance Supervisor



Pfc. Anthony Lewis

TO: Mr. Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

I would like to take this opportunity to give one of your Highway Policemen a pat on the back. Yesterday, October 17, there were three desperados who came through Mena and stopped at our new Sonic Drive-Inn. They ordered, but when they got their food they decided to take off instead of paying, almost running over the waitress. Sonic called 911 and a broadcast was put out. Your officer, Pfc. Anthony Lewis, Unit 374, was working on U.S. Highway 71 north of Mena. He copied the broadcast, stopped the vehicle, and took the subjects into custody. The vehicle is presumed stolen and the subjects have extensive criminal records.

This is just one instance where a little thank you is in order. Thanks for your time.

Ray B. Stanley
Polk County Judge

TO: Chief Ron Burks
Arkansas Highway Police

I would like to bring to your attention the service rendered to me by one of your officers. On the afternoon of August 17, 2000, my automobile broke down on Interstate 20 outside of Colorado City, Texas. Lt. Joe Upton and his wife were traveling to El Paso to visit an ailing aunt. They were so kind to stop and assist me. I am a 74-year-old widow and it was over 100 degrees in the shade. Their kindness and generosity was very much appreciated. It was though a guardian angel had dropped by. I hope he is recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Marian E. Stone
Midland, Texas



Lt. Joe Upton

TO: Chief Ron Burks
Arkansas Highway Police

On June 18, 2000, while traveling Interstate 30 eastbound, Kimberlee Bassa and myself, Shawnte' Jackson, encountered one of the most common mishaps of driving; we had a tire blowout! As we sat aside the highway on our cell phones calling and praying for help, our prayers were quickly answered when Cpl. Mark Willis stopped to render his services. He kindly changed the flat and offered to follow us to the nearest store where we could purchase a new tire. Then suddenly the unexpected happened. The donut tire went flat! Cpl. Willis offered us a ride to the Benton Wal-Mart where we purchased a tire. He then took us to the nearest service station to get the tire mounted on the rim. Finally we headed back where Cpl. Willis placed the new tire on the car and gave us some words of inspiration.

We both would like to thank this God sent man for helping us in our time of need. Indeed, he proved to be an outstanding person and an outstanding officer of your department. Cpl. Willis went over and beyond the call of duty by truly being an officer and a gentleman.

Sincerely,
Shawnte' Jackson and Kimberlee Bassa



Andrew Washington
Construction Aide III

TO: Mr. Gordon Hite
District 7, Camden, Arkansas

I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Andrew Washington for providing me with roadside assistance last Wednesday, July 12, 2000. I was quite anxious when my car lost power several miles south of Hampton. I did not have my cell phone with me and felt helpless. Much to my relief, Mr. Washington stopped to help me. He sought assistance from the State Police, and stayed with me until he knew a mechanic from a garage in Hampton had been located.

I will always remember his kindness and helpfulness. He is definitely an asset to your agency.

Gayle Ingram
El Dorado, Arkansas

TO: Mr. Leonard Hall
District 6 Engineer, Little Rock

Last Monday, September 18, 2000, my wife and I were driving to Hot Springs. On the way we stopped at the rest stop on Highway 70. I tripped and fell on the sidewalk and received some minor cuts and bruises.

My first thought was what am I going to do now? It seemed like out of nowhere, Jon Redwine was helping me to sit up and was self-confident about his position as a caregiver. He dressed my left arm, which was a mess, and helped us to get on the road again. It is not very often people, such as Mr. Redwine, ever get really thanked for the services they render above their job description. With this note I trust he will know that we do appreciate him for the giving of his time and talent, and someday, he might receive the reward he is due.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Griffith
Sherwood, Arkansas

TO: Mr. Bob Myers
Resident Engineer, Camden, Arkansas

On October 4, 2000, while working on AHTD Job #RX0030 in Jefferson and Cleveland Counties, I became very ill and my heart stopped beating. My special thanks to God and to Mr. Rusty Lynn, Construction Project Coordinator for the Highway Department. With his experience and training as an EMT, Rusty recognized the



Rusty Lynn
Construction Project Coordinator

emergency and moved quickly and calmly to stabilize my condition.

Because of Rusty's prompt action and knowledge, my pacemaker and I returned to work on October 30, 2000. Once again, my heartfelt thanks to Rusty.

Leonard Hankins
Graves & Associates, Inc.
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

TO: Rusty Lynn
Construction Project Coordinator
Camden Resident Engineer's Office

On behalf of all of us at Graves and Associates, we would like to express our appreciation for your quick action and skill in using CPR on the RX0030 job site in relation to the incident with our employee, Leonard Hankins.

Your knowing just what to do saved the life of our friend and co-worker. Your calmness and professionalism are much admired. From all of us a special thank you.

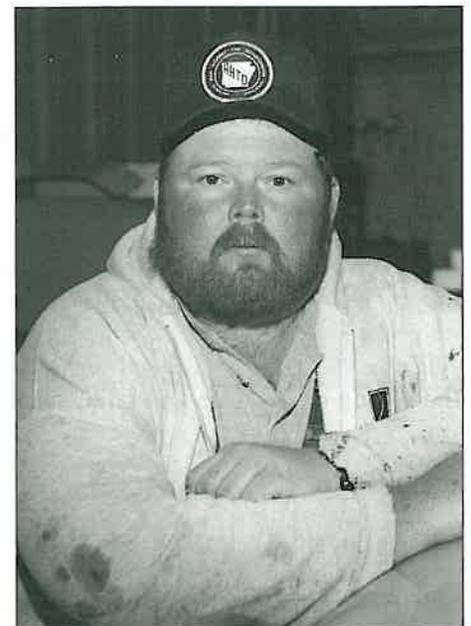
Graves and Associates
Ron, Marsha, Shirley, and Donnie

TO: Ray Woodruff
District One Engineer, Wynne

In September a group of ladies were going to lunch and I had set my purse on the back of the car and forgot to pick it up. As a result, the purse fell off on Highway 163 north of Levesque in Cross County. When we realized the purse was missing we returned to look for it, but were unable to find it.

On October 6, my daughter received a call telling her that one of your employees, Michael Ghar, had found the purse as he was mowing right of way. Freddie Andrews, the Area Maintenance Supervisor, brought the purse to me. Please convey my thanks to these men for all the extra steps they took to return my purse. I appreciate them so very much. The world is still full of great people.

Mable Davis
Wynne, Arkansas



Michael Ghar
Motor Patrol Operator/Finish

Letters and Emails Received Regarding Ice Storm

The AHTD received numerous letters and emails commending the Department and employees for their work following the ice storm that inundated Arkansas in December 2000. Below is a sampling of comments received.



TO: Governor Mike Huckabee

This letter is to comment on the level of service that was provided by the Highway and Transportation Department during and after the recent ice and snow storm.

I reside in Oakland and our only link to civilization is State Highway 202 in Marion County. I made one telephone call to the Mountain Home office and explained that Highway 202 was ice covered and was assured that it would be taken care of, and it was. The quality of work, in a difficult time, was excellent.

The only purpose of this letter is to recognize the timely and quality service provided by this Department and hope you will recognize it also.

Joseph Didden
Oakland, Arkansas

TO: Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

Thank you for your generous contribution to the American Red Cross of state highway maps. Your donation to the ice storms was a magnificent expression of compassion and concern for local residents of Arkansas who were affected by this disaster. We appreciate your willingness to put your caring and concern into action through the American Red Cross.

A.W. Haggerty
Operations Director

TO: Arkansas Highway Department
Searcy, Arkansas

HHC (-), 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry would like to express our appreciation to the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for its employee support during Operation Iceberg 2000. This operation required many guardsmen from a number of employers to help the citizens of Arkansas in need. One employee of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, Gregory Hellman, was vital in helping stranded or injured motorists. He provided water, coffee, blankets, and assisted emergency vehicles in crisis situations. The Department's dedication to duty in providing employee(s) to fulfill their guard duties is deeply appreciated. The community is richer due to employers such as you.

Franklin D. Powell
MAJ, ARARNG
Executive Officer

TO: Dan Flowers, Director of Highways and Transportation

Please express our thanks to your many workers in Northwest Arkansas. Hopefully, we are about to end one of the worst winters we've seen in many years. Mr. Harold Beaver and Mr. Ralph Fulton have some great employees that spent many hours working the roadways in Troop L. I want to send a special thanks to Larry Thornburg and two of his employees, Murray Butler and Tim Henretty. These two men went out of their way to blade, sand, and sweep the parking lot of the Arkansas State Police Headquarters here in Springdale.

If I can be of assistance to you and your Department, please feel free to call.

Captain Winford Phillips
Arkansas State Police - Troop L - Springdale

TO: Ralph Fulton, District 9 Engineer

I wanted to drop you a note and let you know what an outstanding job the District 9 personnel did during this past snow and ice storm. I know that your personnel gave up holiday time with their families and spent many long and cold hours on the highways.

They opened up the major highways so quickly it was hard to believe the job they accomplished. Thank you and your personnel for a job well done.

Captain G.B. Harp
Arkansas State Police - Troop I - Harrison

Emails Received:

The AHTD did a superb job on the roads. Please pass on my compliments and appreciation. The local folks here in Hot Springs were very helpful with information and resources.

Gregory Asbell, Entergy

My family recently traveled through Arkansas going from Texas to Tennessee and back on I-30 and I-40. It was just a few days after the bad ice storm. I was impressed at the way the roads were cleared of ice, snow and trees that had broken and fallen. I just wanted to thank all of the crews for working so hard in such bad conditions. We were able to travel safely through your entire state.

Shellie Fairless, Fort Worth, Texas

I would like to commend the men and women who worked so hard on Christmas evening during that terrible ice storm. My husband and I were traveling home to Shreveport, Louisiana from Memphis on Monday and, like many other families, realized too late how terrible the road conditions were. Traveling I-40 and I-30 was frightening, but I was encouraged to see the salt trucks, snow plows, state troopers, and other emergency vehicles on the roads with us. We were fortunate to make it home safely, but I've seen on the news this week how difficult it has been for Arkansas residents as a result of the storm. Again, I appreciate the work of the fine employees from the Highway Department who were quick to clear the roads on Christmas.

Lindsey Duckworth, Shreveport, Louisiana

Just wanted to say that your Department did a great job on the roads between Murfreesboro and Arkadelphia during the ice storm. I had to travel these roads twice during the ice and both times the roads had been sanded and salted and were in good shape.

Gloria Markus

I am writing on behalf of myself and my family to express our gratitude for your crews and their snow and ice removal job on December 26. My family and I were visiting relatives in Fayetteville over Christmas and left to return to Kansas City on December 26. The weather conditions were horrible at best. Fortunately, your crews were manning the main roads to ensure the safest possible roads for travel. Please extend our appreciation to your crews for a job well done, especially those in and around Fayetteville and the stretch of Highway 71 north to the Missouri state line.

Tim and Kim Kobe
Prairie Village, Kansas

Congratulations and thank you for your "excellent" web site and information regarding road conditions. Indeed, you have herein a "resource" for other states to emulate.

William Davidson
Austin, Texas

IN MEMORY

ACTIVE EMPLOYEES

Gary W. Roberts
Materials
died October 4, 2000

Odean Garner
Planning & Research
died December 5, 2000

William Peter Dunn
District 8
died December 11, 2000

Donald Tackett
District 1
died January 19, 2001

RETIREES

Jurl Wofford/District 1
died February 12, 2000

Roy C. Glasco/District 10
died July 24, 2000

J.C. Collins/District 6
died July 27, 2000

Johnnie L. Bolden/District 1
died July 31, 2000

Montie H. May/District 5
died July 31, 2000

Norman D. Ross/District 9
died August 5, 2000

Wing C. Tichenor/District 2
died August 8, 2000

Robert L. Gilmore/District 10
died August 15, 2000

James C. Chalk/District 2
died August 19, 2000

John T. McCarley/District 2
died August 19, 2000

Saragosa "SA" DeLeon
Computer Services
died August 30, 2000

Charles T. Anderson/District 7
died September 9, 2000

Ollie R. Gann
Highway Police
died September 15, 2000

Jess M. Woods/District 1
died September 15, 2000

Kenneth Jones
Surveys
died September 20, 2000

Lewis M. Wade
Equipment & Procurement
died September 21, 2000

Douglas B. Waters/Construction
died September 25, 2000

William O. Johnson/District 7
died October 2, 2000

R.G. Burge/District 5
died October 7, 2000

Joseph E. Evans/District 9
died October 8, 2000

James B. Karnowski
Construction
died October 9, 2000

Walton Robinson
Roadway Design
died October 31, 2000

William L. Moore/District 1
died October 14, 2000

Ulis L. Cline/District 9
died October 20, 2000

Stanley Fulbright/District 5
died November 11, 2000

Troy B. Cook/District 5
died November 15, 2000

Hubert E. Drummond
District 7
died November 15, 2000

Ralph W. Davis
Materials & Tests
died November 17, 2000

Billie W. Slaughter
Highway Police
died November 19, 2000

Richard L. Sneed
Planning & Research
died December 4, 2000

Madge Livingston
Maintenance
died December 14, 2000

William F. Denniston/District 5
died December 29, 2000

Billy G. Gilbert/District 7
died December 29, 2000

Kenneth O. Carpenter
District 5
died December 30, 2000

Around the Department

BRIDGE

The Bridge Division welcomes Claire Rita Rockwell, Chris Hanning, and Steven Thomas. Claire Rita, Structures Inventory Technician, transferred from Roadway Design. She is working in the Bridge Inventory Section. Chris, Bridge Design Engineer, returned to this Division from District 6. Steven, Civil Engineer, began in January after graduating from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro with a degree in Civil Engineering. He is from Texarkana.

Congratulations to service award recipients Ken Glover, Structural Detailing Specialist; and Ed Fain, Bridge Engineer, who received 30-year service awards.

This Division once again held its annual Christmas luncheon that was attended by family members and retirees.

Mike Coogan, Staff Bridge Engineer, finally awarded the long awaited Snow Prediction Champ trophy to the past three winners in Bridge Division. The traveling trophy is awarded to the person who comes closest to predicting when the first one-inch snow is recorded each year by the National Weather Service in North Little Rock. Tom Ballard was the first contest winner in 1986. He held the trophy for 15 seconds before it was awarded to the 1987 winner, Chuck Sherwood, and then it was passed to this year's winner (the contest was revived this year), Linda Bryant, Office Administrative Assistant V.

CONSTRUCTION

The Construction Division welcomes Darlene Wilson, Office Administrative Assistant I, and Ron McInturff, Estimates Technician. Darlene comes to us from the Department of Finance and Administration and Ron transferred from Permits.

We also have working with us Andrea Thomasson, who is a COE student from McClellan High School.

Congratulations to Steve Peeples, Staff Construction Engineer, who received a 20-year service award in January.

David Henning, Civil Engineer IV, and wife Kim, are hosting an exchange student this school year. Martin Szwajkajzer, from Warsaw, Poland, is living with the Hennings and attending Catholic High School.



Alexis Nicole Danai Phillips was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2000. She is the granddaughter of Allen and Alice Phillips. Allen is Advanced Estimates Technician in Contract Estimates.

HIGHWAY POLICE



Cpl. Billy Smith, center, received a "Life Saving Award" from Commissioner Prissy Hickerson, right. Cpl. Smith is assigned to AHP Unit 482 in Hempstead County. Chief Ron Burks, left, holds the Life Saving plaque to which Cpl. Smith's name will be added.



District 1 Commander Captain Don Hastings, right, presents a 20-year service certificate to 2nd Lt. David Quast.



District 1 Commander Captain Don Hastings, right, presents a 15-year service certificate to Pfc. Dan McArthur.



1st Lt. Jeff Davis, left, receives a 15-year service certificate from Captain Gary East.



Cpl. Doug Jones, left, receives a 15-year service certificate from Captain Gary East.



Pfc. Jay Thompson, left, receives a 10-year service certificate from Captain Don Hastings.



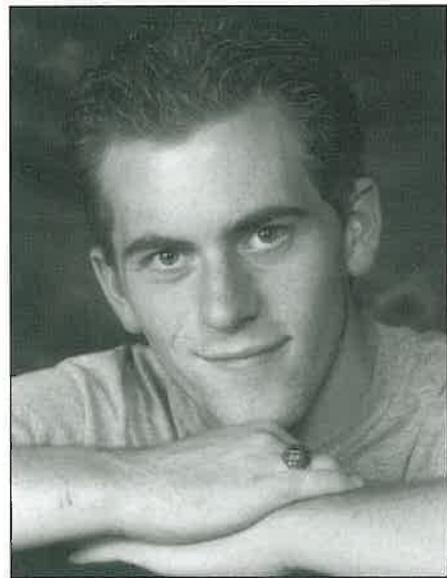
Pfc. Brad Perkins, left, receives a 10-year service certificate from Captain Don Hastings.



Mike Mitchell, left, Permit Technician, receives a 20-year service award from Terry Nanney, Permits Section Head.



Terry Nanney, left, Permits Section Head, presents a 5-year service award to Kari Reid, Permits Technician.



Brian Daniel Vines graduated from Benton High School and is the son of Colleen McClure, Highway Police Bookkeeper.

HUMAN RESOURCES



William "Will" Clark Cole, born June 29, 2000, is the son of Human Resources Officer Crystal and David Cole.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Congratulations to Shirley Wesson McElroy, Office Administrative Assistant IV, who received the "2000 Secretary of the Year Award" at the Interdepartmental Relations Committee's Executive Secretarial Seminar on November 9, 2000. This is Shirley's second time for this distinction as she received this same honor in 1987. She was nominated by her boss, Bill McDorman, Chief Auditor.

Since the IRC's inception of the awards in 1985, the AHTD has won Secretary of the Year three times and Boss of the Year four times.



Internal Audit New Employees
Left to right: Alicia Garrett, Sr. External Auditor; Qiwei Li, Internal Auditor; Dale Schimmel, External Auditor; Freida Thompson, External Auditor; and Edwina Briggs, External Auditor



Internal Audit Service Awards
Left to right: Bill McDorman, Chief Auditor; Vicki Haydon, 20 years; LeAnn Edminson, 5 years; Carl Connors, 5 years; Robert Simmons, 5 years; Johnnie Parks, Assistant Chief Auditor

LEGAL

Shown below are the children of William Wharton, Staff Attorney. Jessica, a seventh grader at Joe T. Robinson Jr. High, was recently nominated for promotion to the 9th-grade concert band after playing the clarinet only four months. She also placed on the semester academic honor roll. Lewis, a sixth-grader at Robinson Elementary, scored a perfect score on his Algebra I semester test. Lewis also enjoys tennis and Harry Potter books.



Jessica Wharton



Lewis Wharton

MAINTENANCE



Garland Land, Jr., left, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, presents a 15-year service award to Paul Baty, Crew Leader.



Garland Land, Jr., left, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, presents a 15-year service award to David Boutwell, Statewide Bridge Inspector.



Ben Winkler, left, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 5-year service award to Blake Piker, Bridge Repairer I.



Doug Huckaba, left, Communications Section Head, receives a 30-year service certificate from Jim Barnett, State Maintenance Engineer.



Ed McLaughlin, left, Communication Maintenance Specialist, receives a 35-year service award from Doug Huckaba, Communication Section Head.



James Marchese, left, Telecommunications Operator, receives a 10-year service certificate from Doug Huckaba, Communications Section Head.



Chuck Bishop, Communications Maintenance Specialist, receives a 15-year service certificate from Doug Huckaba, Communications Section Head.



Milton Sullivan, left, Senior Design Technician, receives a 25-year service award from Danny Keene, Facilities Management Section Head.



Dana McClellan, left, Office Administrative Assistant III, receives a 5-year service award from Danny Keene, Facilities Management Section Head.

PLANNING & RESEARCH



Hilda Harris, Highway Performance and Needs Analyst II, receives a 30-year service pin from Division Head Tom Harrell.



Bruce Elliott, left, Data Collection Supervisor, receives a 20-year service certificate from Division Head Tom Harrell.



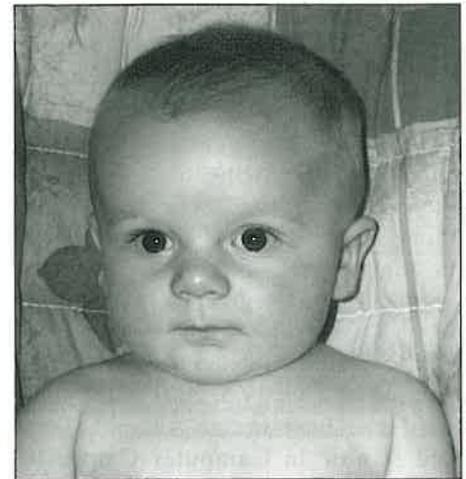
Dorothy Rhodes, Adv. Research Study Engineer, presents a 10-year service certificate to Jennifer Jackson, Office Administrative Assistant III.

PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTS



Rachel Marie Duncan, born October 10, 2000, is the daughter of Karla Duncan, Safety Program Manager.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS



David Preston Taylor, born September 15, 2000, is the son of Public Affairs Administrative Aide IV LynAnne and David Taylor. Preston also has a big sister Lyndsey.

RIGHT OF WAY

This Division welcomes several new employees: Glenda McPeak and Martha Vestal, Abstractors; Don Bearden, MaryBelle Jackson, Steven Means, and Charles Phillips, Realty Appraisers; Robert Arman, James Wiggington, and Marty Bevans, ROW Plans Designers; and Amy Pearce, Administrative Aide I.

Mary Dry, Negotiator, was married on January 20, 2001 to Robert Graham.

Our annual service awards presentation was held December 11, 2000. Receiving awards were Mary Dry, Negotiator, 30 years; Felix Thompson, Negotiator, 20 years; Bob Colford, Appraisal Section Head, 15 years; Lisa Duncan, Administrative Assistant I, 15 years; Dot Coburn, Closing Agent, 10 years; Greg Davis, Realty Appraiser III, 10 years; and Dale Hodges, ROW Plans Designer I, 5 years.



Dallas Christopher Colford, born October 24, 2000, is the grandson of Appraisal Section Head Bob and Pat Colford.

ROADWAY DESIGN

Congratulations to the following personnel receiving service awards: George Gray Major, Roadway Designer, 35 years; Charles Clements, Assistant Division Head, 25 years; John Mathis, Senior Design Engineer, 15 years; and Steve Moore, Roadway Designer, 10 years.

Carson Wade Moore, born October 5, 2000, is the first grandchild for George Gray Major. Also, George's son, John Gray Major, completed Air Force basic training on January 5, 2001 at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and is now in Computer Controller school at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.

This Division welcomes Rita Haynes, Senior Design Technician, who transferred from State Aid.



June Booher, Roadway Designer, retired January 24, 2001, with 24+ years of service. He is shown with his grandson Bryton.



John Gray Major and Jennifer Anderson were married August 25, 2000. John is the son of George Gray Major, Roadway Designer, and Jennifer is the daughter of Gary Anderson, Right of Way Plans Designer III.



Sebastian James Green, son of Nena De Sousa, Hydraulic Design Engineer, as he plays in the sand on a recent trip to Venezuela.



Anne-Jillian Catherine Clements, born October 22, 2000, is the daughter of Jonathan Clements, Hydraulic Design Engineer, and wife Julia.

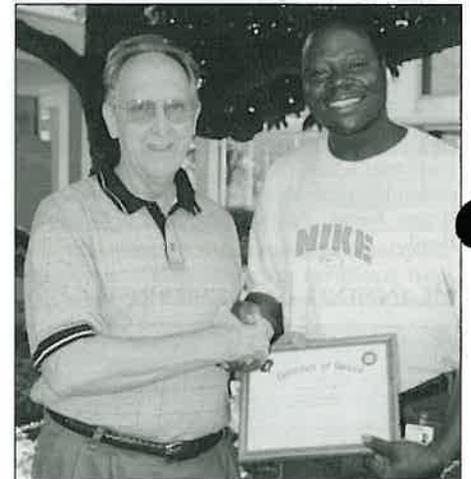
SURVEYS

Kit Carson, Surveys Division Head, was named one of two "Surveyors of the Month" for August 2000. Members of the surveying community are nominated by their peers through SurveyorCentral.com for their significant contributions to their profession or community. Each month, one nominee is selected from each of the regions: East, Central, Midwest and West. To further recognize their accomplishments, a do-

nation is made to the charity of the recipient's choice. Kit chose Arkansas Children's Hospital since it is special to him and his wife for the surgery they performed on their son 21 years ago.



Tony Wooldridge, left, Surveys Aide III, receives a 10-year service certificate from Sam Johnson, Staff Surveys Engineer.



George West, left, Staff Senior Land Surveyor, presents a 5-year service certificate to Evans Ray Scott, Surveys Aide III.

DISTRICT ONE



District One Service Awards
Sandi Kimble, Lee County Area Headquarters Attendant, 5 years; Eddie Tucker, District Caretaker, 10 years; George W. McDaniel, Lee County Crew Leader, 20 years



District One Service Awards
 Donald Tackett, Shop Supervisor, 15 years; Ernest Rose, Jr., Phillips County Maintenance Aide II, 15 years



T.J. Pulley



Alex McClanahan

T.J. Pulley (#68), son of Jimmy Pulley, District 1 Bridge Crew; and Alex McClanahan (#50), son of Joey McClanahan, District 1 Maintenance Crew, are members of the Cross County Falcons football team which went undefeated (9-0) in regular season play and won the overall championship.



New employees to District 2 are Todd Fooke, Construction Helper, McGehee Residency and Bryan Swinney, Construction Field Engineer, Pine Bluff Residency.



Tom Bloesch, Assistant Resident Engineer, receives a 15-year service award.



Breella Aldridge is the one-year old granddaughter of Senior Mechanic Charles and Maxine Aldridge.



Ernie Westfall, left, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 25-year service award to Joey Waddle, Office Manager.



District One 10-Year Service Awards
 Jerry Gorman, St. Francis County Maintenance Aide II; Larry Clark, Woodruff County Distributor/Roller Operator; Ricky Benson, Sealing Crew Dozer Operator/Finish; Eugene Logan, Crittenden County General Laborer

DISTRICT TWO

District Two employees and retirees were saddened by the death of two retirees: Wing Collins Tichenor died August 8, 2000 and J.T. "Mac" McCarley died August 19, 2000.



District One 5-Year Service Awards
 Roy Ferrell, Woodruff County Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr; Joyce Davenport, St. Francis County Rest Area Attendant; Gloris Cox, Phillips County Street Sweeper Opr.; Anthony Lewis, Sealing Crew Multi-Axle Truck Driver



Wing Tichenor, retired District Maintenance Crew employee, died August 8, 2000.



Ernie Westfall, left, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 20-year service certificate to Hellen Kennedy, Storeroom Supervisor.



Ernie Westfall, left, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 15-year service certificate to Ezra McFadden, Chicot County Area Maintenance Supervisor.



Michael Benson, left, Resident Engineer, presents a 15-year service certificate to Joseph Valliant, Inspector.



Robert Thompson, Jefferson County Crew Leader, as he played Santa to the crew's Christmas luncheon.



Saul King, District Maintenance Crew Roller Operator, as he cooks the meat for the crew's Christmas luncheon.



Shown are the members of the Lincoln County Garrett Volunteer Fire Department during one of their Adopt A Highway litter pickups.



Johnny Bond, Jefferson County Crew Leader, retired September 18, 2000 with 15 years service. He is shown with wife Samantha and daughter Maria.



Frankie Spicer



Antonio Spicer

Frankie, age 8, and Antonio, age 9, Spicer are the sons of Felecia and Bruce Spicer. Felecia is the Jefferson County Area Headquarters Attendant.



Brandon Mask, son of Lee Strange, Motor Grader Operator in Jefferson County, played football for the Hickory Ridge "T-Birds."



Sally Lybrand, daughter of District Maintenance Crew Leader and Lisa Lybrand, won the Miss Teen Southeast Arkansas pageant and will compete in the state pageant.



Brittany Vail is a senior at Hamburg High School and the daughter of Ashley County Crew Leader J.D. Vail.



Ty Blue, born April 26, 2000, is the son of Tim and Rochelle Blue. Rochelle is the Assistant Resident Engineer at the Monticello Resident Engineer's Office.



Madelyn Lee Swinney, born October 2, 2000, is the daughter of Wendol Bryan and Kelly Swinney. Wendol is a Field Engineer for the Pine Bluff Resident Engineer's Office.



Charlie Armstrong, Hempstead County Single Axle Truck Driver, retired September 14, 2000, with 15 years service.



District Engineer William Tyler, left, presents a 15-year service award to Kenny Bennett, Texarkana Resident Engineer.



District Engineer William Tyler, left, presents a 15-year service award to Jim Owenby, District Bridge Inspector.



District Engineer William Tyler, left, presents a 10-year service award to Alan Walter, Hope Resident Engineer.



Lonnie Hazel, left, Miller County Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 10-year service award to Darlene Lummus, Multi-Axle Truck Dr.



Lonnie Hazel, left, Miller County Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 5-year service award to Steven Pickering, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator.



Sonny Williams, Hempstead County Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 5-year service award to Terry Small, Multi-Axle Truck Driver.



Sonny Williams, Hempstead County Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 5-year service award to Scott Hatfield, Motor Patrol Operator.



Kelsey Ratcliff, 13-year-old daughter of Fuel Clerk Gail Ratcliff, was named Teen Miss Prescott Public Schools 2000-2001.



Caeley Brynn Callicott, born October 4, 2000, is the granddaughter of Bill Callicott, Nevada County Area Maintenance Supervisor and Pfc. Steve Woods, Arkansas Highway Police.



Nan Williams, Payroll Clerk, is shown with her grandson Justin, at her farewell luncheon.



Chase Arehart, three-year-old son of Kelly Turk-Arehart, Distributor Roller Operator for Little River County, is shown with "Smokey" Border City Bandits hockey team mascot.



William Hockaday, Nashville Assistant Resident Engineer, serves as the Howard County Red Cross Coordinator. During the holiday ice storm he operated the Red Cross shelter from December 26-31. There were 143 overnight stays and 805 meals served. He is one of two SSDA directors appointed to the State Service Council.



Joe Shipman, left, District Construction Engineer, presents a 25-year service pin to Gary West, Inspector with the Van Buren Resident Engineer's Office.



Larry Fraley, left, Rest Area Attendant, receives a 20-year service award from Clinton Isaacs, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



Leon Brewer, left, Springdale Resident Engineer, accepts a retirement certificate from District Engineer Harold Beaver. Leon retired December 15, 2000 with 31+ years service.



Sid Hunt, left, Construction Aide III, receives a 15-year service award from Dean Nichols, Waldron Resident Engineer.



Troy Harris, left, Crew Leader, receives a 15-year service award from Gene Roberts, Polk County Area Maintenance Supervisor.



Peggy Scott, left, Maintenance Aide II, receives a 15-year service award from Gene Roberts, Polk County Area Maintenance Supervisor.



Joe Richmond, left, Construction Aide II, receives a 10-year service award from John Sharum, Mountainburg Resident Engineer.



District Four Safety Awards

Seated left to right: Jonathan Barnett, Commissioner; Gus Young, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Steve White, Crew Leader; Dean Nichols, Waldron RE Office; John Ballard, Mountainburg RE Office; Steve Neff, Sign Crew. Standing: Dan Flowers, Director; Mark Williams, Bridge Supt.; Raymond Lea, Bridge Inspector; Lee Dewey, Storeroom Supv.; Harold Beaver, District Engineer; Buddy Turner, Bridge Inspector



Jason Head, left, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, receives a 5-year service award from Gene Roberts, Polk County Area Maintenance Supervisor.



Lexus Elizabeth Didiuk, born November 24, 2000, is the granddaughter of James and Katie Didiuk. James is the Area Headquarters Attendant in Sebastian County.

DISTRICT FIVE



District Engineer Lyndal Waits with Jessie Hubbard, Senior Body Repairer and Painter, who retired December 27, 2000 with 30+ years service.



35-Year Service Awards

Randy Satterwhite, District Maintenance Superintendent and Tom Jones, Senior Inspector



District 5 Service Awards
 Charles Everett, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20 years; and Ernest Pearce, Senior Inspector, 30 years



15-Year Service Awards
 Terry Bush, Maintenance Aide II; Erma Collins, Crew Leader; Gladis Blount Calames, Area Headquarters Attendant



District 5 Service Awards
 Joe Gilbert, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, 20 years; Angie Cantu, Construction Aide I, 15 years; Bobby Pearson, Construction Aide II, 15 years; Larry Deaton, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 10 years; Ronnie Friddle, Distributor/Roller Operator, 10 years



5-Year Service Awards
 James Griffis, Hydraulic Excavator Operator; Daryl Pitts, Motor Patrol Operator; Glen Melton, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Cavin Hall, Maintenance Aide I; Pam Hays, Field Clerk II



5-Year Service Awards
 Kerry Martin, Distributor/Roller Operator; Ronnie Mann, Single Axle Truck Driver; David Thompson, District Caretaker; Jeremy Matheny, Spreader Operator



Breanna Michelle Williams, age 7 months, is the granddaughter of Fulton County Area Maintenance Supervisor Dennis and Sylvia Williams.



Ali Dene'e Autry, born January 5, 2001 is the granddaughter of Deborah Qualls, Fuel Clerk.

DISTRICT SIX



Bob Petty, left, Prairie County Maintenance Aide II, receives a 15-year service award from Brian Wright, District Maintenance Engineer.



Brian Wright, left, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 20-year service award to Tommy Lacy, Prairie County Maintenance Aide I.



Brian Wright, left, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 15-year service award to Alvin Reeves, Prairie County Maintenance Aide I.



Brian Wright, left, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 15-year service award to Mac Dotson, Prairie County Single Axle Truck Driver.



Mark Crumpton, left, Construction Aide II, receives a 20-year service award from Tim Baber, Resident Engineer.



Tim Baber, left, Resident Engineer, presents a 15-year service award to Eddie Erick, Construction Aide I.



Cordell Carmack, left, Montgomery County Crew Leader, and Brian Wright, right, District Maintenance Engineer, present a 15-year service award to Leonard McCormick, Maintenance Aide II.



Greg Oliver, Inspector, receives a 20-year service certificate from Tim Baber, Resident Engineer.



David Lambert, left, District Construction Engineer, presents a 15-year service certificate to Tim Baber, Hot Springs Resident Engineer.



Sammie Holton, left, Garland County Area Maintenance Supervisor, and Brian Wright, right, district Maintenance Engineer, present a 15-year service award to Bill Jett, Maintenance Aide I.



Kevin Thornton, left Assistant Resident Engineer, receives a 15-year service award from Hot Springs Resident Engineer Tim Baber.



Emanuel Banks, left, Resident Engineer, presents a 15-year service certificate to David Bienick, Inspector.



Tom Fisher, left, Construction Materials Inspector, receives a 15-year service award from Jim Pound, Resident Engineer.



Brian Wright, left, District Maintenance Engineer, and Randy Ray, right, Storeroom Supv., present a 20-year service award to Steve Allen, Storeroom Assistant I.



Brian Wright, left, District Maintenance Engineer, and Gary Golden, right, Shop Supervisor, present a 15-year service award to Joe Childress, Senior Mechanic.



Brian Wright, left, District Maintenance Engineer, and Gary Golden, right, Shop Supervisor, present a 15-year service award to Jarry Rapier, Parts Runner.



Bill Lindsey, left, Inspector, receives a 15-year service certificate from Brad Fryar, North Little Rock Resident Engineer.



Brad Fryar, left, North Little Rock Resident Engineer, presents a 31-year retirement certificate to Mike Hammond, Construction Project Coordinator. He is shown with his granddaughter Darcy.



Brian Fry, son of Pam Westbrook, District Office Manager, graduated from the University of Central Arkansas in December 2000 with a bachelor's degree in marketing.



Sydney Nichole Boswell, born November 13, 2000, is the daughter of Bart Boswell, Inspector in the Little Rock RE Office, and the granddaughter of Jack Wilder, Boiler Operator for the Human Resources Office.

DISTRICT SEVEN



Vicki Turner, wife of Cleveland County Area Headquarters Attendant Bill Turner, with grandchildren Britany Nichole, age 6 and Breanna, age 3.



Cody White, age 8 months, is the grandson of Cleveland County Area Headquarters Attendant Bill Turner.



William Chase Aycock, age 3, is the grandson of Cleveland County Area Headquarters Attendant Bill Turner.



Mary Elizabeth Aycock, age 3 months, is the granddaughter of Cleveland County Area Headquarters Attendant Bill Turner.

DISTRICT NINE



Jeff Barnett, Construction Materials Inspector, retired September 18 from the Yellville Resident Engineer's Office. He is shown with wife Alana.



Tim Young, left, Inspector, receives a 10-year service award from Greg Harding, Yellville Resident Engineer.



Doug Mears, left, Construction Aide III, receives a 15-year service award from Greg Harding, Yellville Resident Engineer.



Jerry Kasich, left, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, receives a 5-year service award from Ronnie Faught, Sealing Job Superintendent.



District Guard Jimmy Ryan holds his granddaughter, Jaci Nichole Ryan, born October 30, 2000.



District 8 Service Awards:
District Maintenance Superintendent Tommy Kinslow, center, presented 15-year service awards to Kenneth Howard, Perry County Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; and Glen Mott, Yell County Single Axle Truck Driver.

DISTRICT EIGHT



James A. "Buddy" Paine, Resident Office Technician for the Russellville Resident Engineer's Office, received a 40-year service award in September 2000.



24-Year Safety Certificate
Russellville Resident Engineer's Office
Seated: Bill Fine, Resident Engineer; Joe Hurst, Inspector; Gail Davis, Resident Office Technician. Standing: Frank Russenberger, District Engineer; Jane Wilson, Chief of Administration and Public Affairs; Herby Branscum, Jr., Commissioner; and Dan Flower, Director.



District 8 Service Awards:
District Maintenance Superintendent Tommy Kinslow, center, presented service awards to Cleo Webb, Faulkner County Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, 15 years; Ronnie Brooks, Pope County Maintenance Aide II, 10 years; William Watson, Pope County Rest Area Attendant, 10 years; and Gary Burnett, Single Axle Truck Driver, 25 years.



Celebrating their 71st Wedding Anniversary are Luther and Ocel Doughty. This family has three generations of AHTD employees starting with Luther who is a retired foreman; son Bill Doughty, retired Perry County Area Foreman; and great grandson Gordon Parham who is a Conway County Motor Patrol Operator. Also shown are Judy Froggatt, granddaughter and Ashley and Kristina Parham, great-great granddaughters.



Jennifer Acerra and John T. Markey IV were married October 7, 2000 in New York. John is the son of Phyllis Leonard, Bentonville Resident Office Technician.



Hanna LaJean Weaver, born August 6, 2000, is the granddaughter of Shirley Gray, Field Clerk I for the Harrison Resident Engineer's Office.



20-Year Service Award
Charles Evans, Senior Mechanic



Tyler Patrick Wilson, born July 30, 2000, is the great-grandson of Edie Korcheck, Office Administrative Assistant V.

DISTRICT TEN



Mickey Kimble, center, Senior Mechanic, receives a 19-year retirement certificate from John Allison, left, Shop Supervisor; and Dale Johns, right, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.



20-Year Service Award
Dale Arnold, Maintenance Aide II



Jim Martin, Construction Aide II, holds his new grandchild, Daphne Dale Martin, born November 21, 2000.



District Engineer Joe Barnett, left, presents a 35-year service award to Bob Faulkner, District Construction Engineer.



15-Year Service Awards
Tim Myrick, District Bridge Inspector Helper and Carl Bachelor, District Maintenance Engineer



15-Year Service Awards
Morris Phillips, Crew Leader and David Cooper, Welder



District 10 Service Awards
Jerry Truitt, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 years;
and Margaret Valliant, Motor Patrol Operator, 15
years



10-Year Service Award
Danny West, Maintenance Aide II



10-Year Service Awards
Shirley Elliott, Crew Leader; Fred Williams,
Maintenance Aide II; Dennis Caldwell, Distribu-
tor Operator



5-Year Service Awards
David Wagster, Asphalt Tank Truck Driver;
Demetra Morton, Maintenance Aide I; Tony
Cable, Senior Mechanic



5-Year Service Awards
Jerry Ladd, Maintenance Aide I; Gladys Hoag,
Rest Area Attendant; Jimmy McKinney, Single
Axle Truck Driver; Doyle McCallie, Multi-Axle
Truck Driver.



District Engineer Joe Barnett, left, presents a 5-
year service award to Brenda Lamb, Single Axle
Truck Driver.



Baleigh Nicole Boling, born September 5, 2000, is
the daughter of Jason and Michelle Boling. Jason
is a Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator.



Brandon Kyle Moore is the grandson of Poinsett
County Area Maintenance Supervisor Gene Dunn
and his wife Delores.

AHTD Outdoors



Terry Gaither, Surveys Photogrammetry Lab Supervisor, with a 6x6 elk taken in Colorado in October 2000.



Ronnie Garner, District 3 Maintenance Supervisor with a 6x6 elk taken in New Mexico in October 2000.



Randy Reed, Right of Way Plans Designer II, with a caribou taken during an Alaskan hunt.



Randy Reed, Right of Way Plans Designer II, with a gray wolf taken during an Alaskan hunt.



David Lambert, District 6 Construction Engineer, with his 11-point buck taken November 26, 2000.



Jered Hooks, son of District 6 Construction Aide II Sharon Hooks, with two deer taken this past hunt. He is shown with his grandfather.



L.V. Blevins, son of Vic Blevins, Randolph County Motor Patrol Opr., with a 9-point buck taken this past deer season.



Mike Wolfe, Bradley County Motor Patrol Operator, with a 9-point buck taken during the last deer season.



Chris Abbott, nephew of Mark Abbott, District 6 Construction Aide II, with a 7-point buck taken on his first deer hunt.



Jimmy Carter, son of Junior Carter, Garfield Area Maintenance Supervisor, with one of two deer taken during muzzle-loading season.



Brandon Mask and Steve Strange, son and husband of Lee Strange, Jefferson County Motor Patrol Operator, with a 16-point buck taken during the last deer season.



James Meadows, Ouachita County Single Axle Truck Driver, with a 25-pound drum caught in the Arkansas River in June 2000.



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