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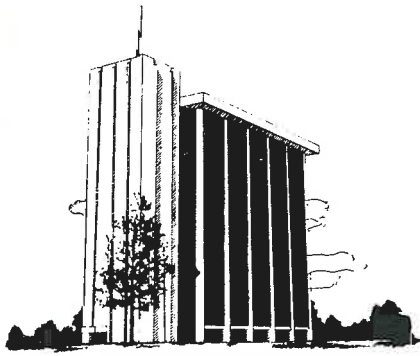
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FRONT COVER PHOTO — Ice capped trees in the Ozark National Forest viewed from Highway 23 in Franklin County. Photograph by Steve Wilson.

BACK COVER PHOTO — Highway and Transportation Department maintenance crews clear ice from Interstate 430 exit ramp. Photograph by David Hunter.



Henry C. Gray

THE DIRECTOR'S PAGE

This hasn't been our best year, mainly because we haven't been in this bad an economic condition in a long, long time. But, in looking back at what we've accomplished, I feel good about this past year and am proud of the way everyone has put forth a little more effort to get the job done to improve and maintain the 16,000 mile Highway System so important to the people and the economic growth of Arkansas. This has been a difficult task this year because of the cutbacks in Federal funds and declining State revenues.

We have reduced many of our programs, such as roadside mowing and litter pickup. Due to the discontinuation of Federal revenue sharing funds to the State, we have practically eliminated the overlay program. In an effort to reduce other costs, our workforce has been reduced through attrition, the 10-hour day, four-day work week was implemented for the spring and summer months and equipment purchases are being reduced.

If economic conditions don't improve and additional highway revenues are not made available, other services such as rest area and roadside park maintenance, mapping services and technical assistance to local governments will have to be reduced or eliminated.

Although the times are tough, we have managed to keep the vital services intact. This is, in a large degree, due to the fact that the Highway and Transportation Department employees are the most dedicated and hardest working group of employees anywhere.

Your dedication to the job has not gone unnoticed by the public you serve. We receive compliments daily from people who have seen firsthand the terrific job you are doing.

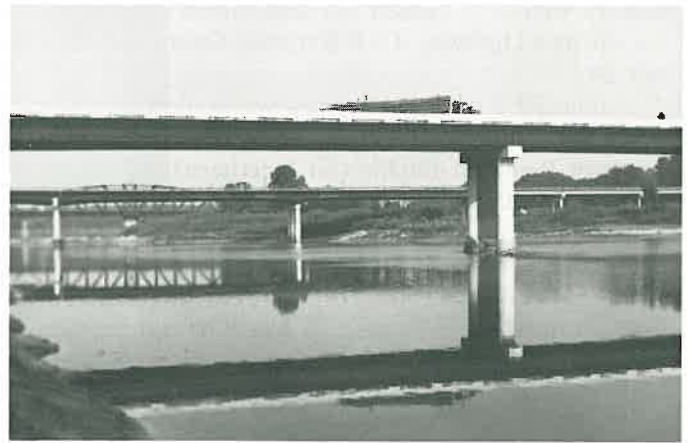
The members of the Highway Commission and I want to thank each of you for your dedication and hard work this past year, and we wish you and your families a happy holiday season.

DEDICATIONS

HIGHWAY 71 AND INDEX BRIDGE OPENED TO TRAFFIC



New construction of U.S. 71 five-lane section north of Texarkana.



New Index Bridge (in foreground) carries northbound traffic.

Highway and Transportation officials from Arkansas and Texas met jointly in Texarkana, September 9 to celebrate the completion of work on U.S. 71 and the Index bridge over the Red River.

U.S. 71 was widened to four and five lanes from I-30 north along the state line for a distance of 1.7 miles at the cost of \$3.7 million. Arkansas and Texas shared in the cost of the project, with Arkansas' portion totaling \$1.6 million. The bridge, which is entirely in Arkansas, was constructed at a cost of \$3.4 million.

The new structure replaces the original Index bridge constructed in 1919 and is the second of two Index bridges serving the U.S. 71 traffic corridor north

of Texarkana. The first structure, a \$5 million project, was completed in 1976 and was a joint project between Arkansas and Texas.

The new bridge, built just east of the first structure, will carry northbound traffic, forming a divided highway by use of both bridges.

Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman James Branyan of Camden and Texas Commissioner Sam Waldrop of Abilene, Texas, were the featured speakers at a luncheon sponsored by the Texarkana Kiwanis Club.

Branyan said the rate of new highway construction and improvements was down and would continue that way because of the decline in revenues from both federal and state resources. He pointed out that highway construction costs are on the rise and revenues collected from the gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees have dropped.

Waldrop echoed Branyan's concern for the future of highway construction.

The Texas commissioner said the decline in fees means the people of Arkansas and Texas are going to have to make some tough decisions in the coming months about what they are going to do about transportation.

Future plans for the U.S. 71 corridor from Texarkana to Ashdown call for widening the roadway to four lanes for the entire 16 miles. A short two-lane section north of Texarkana, which is entirely in Texas, is on the Texas Highway Commission's Five Year Program, according to Waldrop.



Chairman James Branyan (left) discusses highway needs with Texas Commissioner Sam Waldrop.

Railroad Overpass Dedicated at Jonesboro

A parade, led by the Arkansas State University Color Guard and the Jonesboro High School Marching Band and featuring the members of the Arkansas Highway Commission, area legislators and city and county officials, kicked off dedication ceremonies for the new Highway 49-B Railroad Overpass, September 24.

The \$2.2 million overpass was hailed as a long-needed alternate route over the two major rail lines (Cotton Belt and Burlington Northern), which will improve north-south traffic flow and expedite emergency traffic.

Marion Ulmer, manager of Jonesboro City Water and Light and master of ceremonies for the dedication, said tribute should be paid to Joe Martin, long-time chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Streets and Highways Committee, Mayor Neil Stallings, city council members, Joe Heinemann of the Downtown Improvement District, the downtown merchants, the highway department and commission, and the two railroads, for all those individuals' and groups' efforts in bringing the project to fruition.

Highway Commission Chairman James Branyan of Camden, who was the featured speaker, presented a plaque to Heinemann commemorating the event.



Commission Chairman James Branyan presents Joe Heinemann a plaque of appreciation.



(Left to Right) Joe Martin, ASU President Ray Thornton, Highway Commissioner F.H. Martin and former Highway Commissioner Maurice Smith.

At a luncheon following the dedication, Branyan warned that rising costs of highway construction and declining revenues "have been on a collision course."

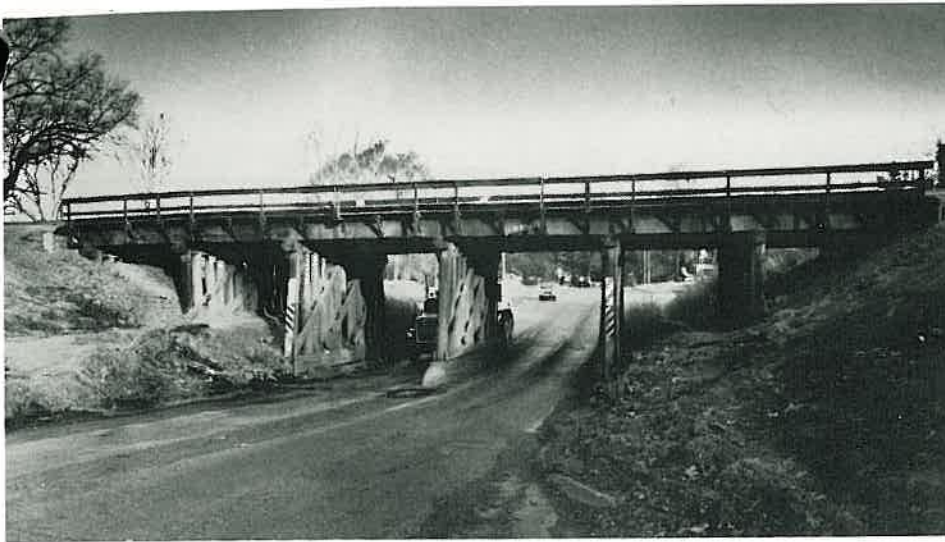
"It will take \$92 million in new revenues just to maintain the system we have," Branyan said.

"I don't know whether you want highways or you don't," he said. "I don't know what you're willing to pay for. . . Arkansas is at a crossroads, and Arkansans must tell their elected officials if they want to pay for continued road projects. Arkansans must say whether we'll go forward or backwards. . . Take a community, put a good highway through it, and I'll show you economic progress," he said.

The dedication ceremony also gave the highway commissioners an opportunity to announce some long-awaited good news. . . the continued four-laning of U.S. 63.

Branyan told the audience that a segment from Payneway north to near Trumann should be ready for contract by "the first of the year," provided the necessary funds are available.

The 6.8 mile section of four-lane highway is estimated to cost about \$17 million to construct.



"BEFORE"
Old Structure Built in 1942



"AFTER"
Newly Completed Structure

Highway 4 Railroad Underpass Completed

Just looking at the "before" and "after" pictures of the Highway 4 Railroad Underpass in Hope is enough to describe the many advantages the new \$1.4 million structure has over the one it replaced.

One dignitary attending the dedication ceremony October 23 even went so far as to express pleasure at hearing the swishing sound of cars and trucks as they drove past the dedication site.

The old timber, two-lane underpass has served Highway 4 traffic since 1942 and local residents were ready for a change.

In late 1976, the city of Hope requested that the S.H. 4 Underpass be added as a top priority for Federal Aid Urban System funding. A public hearing was held by the Highway and Transportation Department in November, 1977 and a contract was awarded in February, 1979 for the construction of the new

structure.

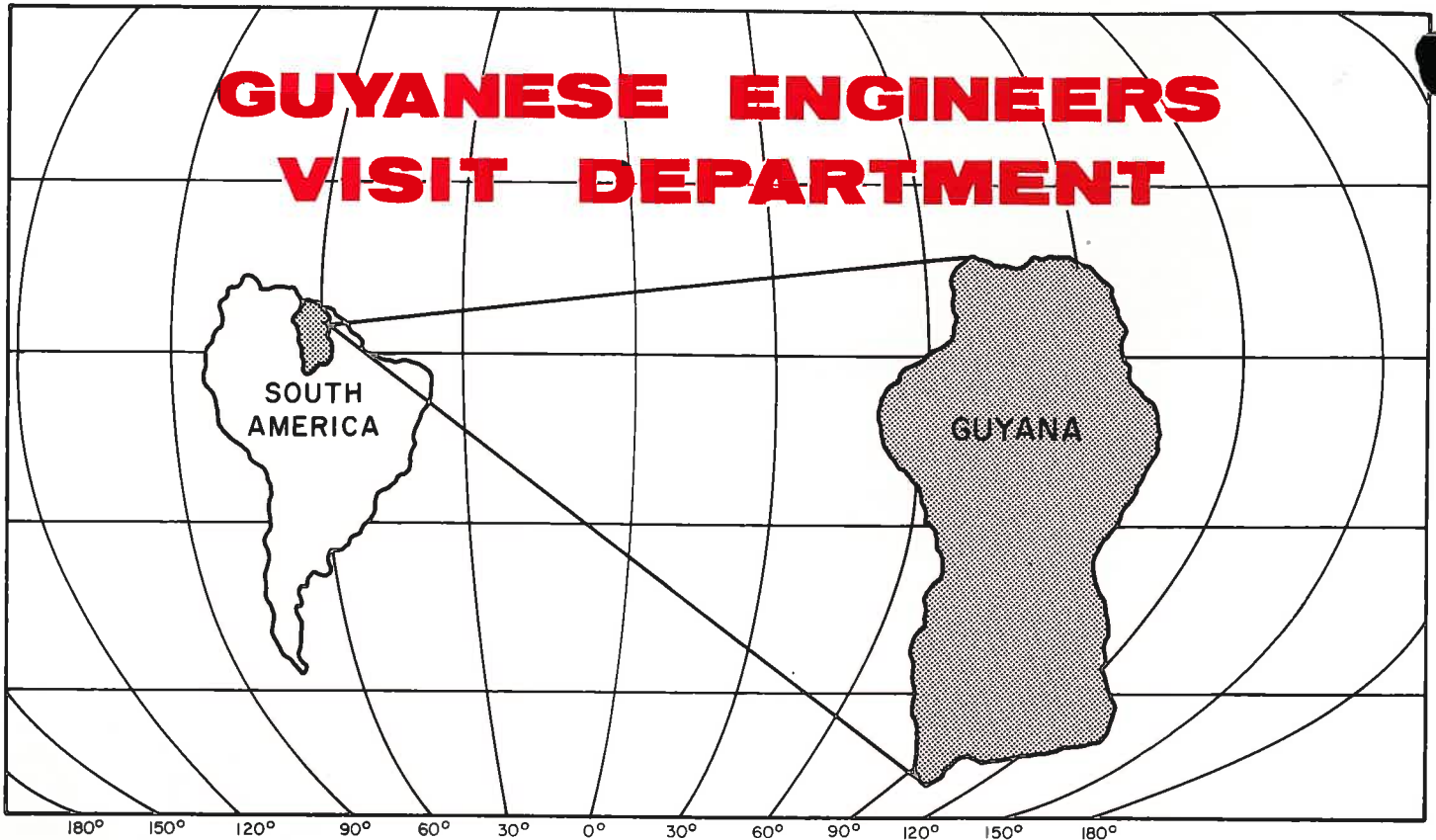
In addition to the underpass, Highway 4 was widened from two to four lanes, from Third Street to Avenue B, traffic signals were installed on U.S. 67 at two locations near the underpass and four intersections were improved along Highway 4.

Highway Commission Chairman James Branyan of Camden expressed his appreciation to those who worked hard to bring the project to a reality.

"We are here today to dedicate this magnificent improvement because the public worked hard to get it built. You never let up in your desire to see this through and I want to thank you for that," Branyan said.

Following the dedication, the Hope Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon at the Hope Country Club.

GUYANESE ENGINEERS VISIT DEPARTMENT



No matter how good you are in your chosen field, there are always ways to improve upon the job you are doing. One way to improve is to take a look at what others are doing and incorporate some of their ideas with yours.

That is exactly what Loris Gordon Smartt and Rockcliff Syoemen Christie of Georgetown, Guyana are doing.

Smartt is the Acting Chief Roads Maintenance Superintendent for the Ministry of Works and Transport in Guyana and Christie is a District Superintendent. Both men spent two weeks in October visiting the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to gather information about our road and maintenance techniques.

The two men came to the United States in July and returned home in November. During that time they visited ten state highway and transportation departments, the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C., and three road construction and maintenance equipment manufacturers.

In comparing this country's road system to his own, Christie said the U.S. system was better funded and the control over the system was better.

Guyana, a country in South America with 850,000 people scattered out over 83,000 square miles, has only about 6,000 miles of what Christie said were "first class bituminous surface roads." The remaining 10,000 miles

Guyanese Engineers Christie and Smartt examine a damaged bridge on Highway 246 over the Cossatot River with Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer John Hall.

or so consists of chip seal, gravel and jungle trails. There are very few concrete roads.

The weather in Guyana creates special problems, according to Smartt. "We have two rainy seasons lasting about two and a half months each. We will get 70 to 100 inches of rain during this time and drainage is a big problem. Many of our roads in the hilly part of the country wash out completely each year," he said.

The salty air in the coastal area also presents additional problems. "We have to keep our bridges protected," Christie said. "As a result, we have more concrete bridges and we don't use as much steel as you do."

Since the temperature in Guyana remains warm year 'round, the plants are never dormant. "Grass and weeds grow all of the time," Smartt said. "We are constantly mowing the roadsides to keep vegetation down," he added.

Smartt and Christie spent an entire day of their visit in Arkansas studying our chemical vegetation

control techniques. "We don't use chemicals in vegetation control because of the possible harmful effects on the animals. We are very interested in what you are doing and want to find out more about it," Christie said.

In addition to looking at maintenance techniques, the visitors spent a great deal of time studying job training and management systems.

"It doesn't matter how good the highway system is, you have to have the proper training of personnel and effective work scheduling

to keep it good," Christie said.

"You know how to build the roads. You know what it takes in material, in equipment and skills. You can have all of this; but if the people don't have the right attitude, then you have problems," Smartt said.

"We are trying to eliminate these problems. We are looking at the way we control our work. We are trying to be more efficient. The trip to your country and state has been very helpful. We have learned a lot," he added.



Smartt and Christie at bridge site.



Guyanese engineers review bridge plans with AHTD Heavy Bridge Engineers.



Assistant Public Affairs Officer Bill Stanton, right, listens to a resident's comments pertaining to the proposed location of Bankhead Drive.

LOCATION HEARING HELD AT COLLEGE STATION

More than 150 College Station residents attended the Department's location public hearing on the proposed Bankhead Drive in eastern Pulaski County, September 1.

The proposed project would provide an improved connection between the East Belt Freeway (Interstate 440) and Frazier Pike. A combination of federal, state and county funds would be used to construct the project.

Four alternate locations were discussed at the hearing. Each one is approximately one-half mile long. The new street would be 45 feet wide and have curbs and gutters. It is estimated to cost approximately \$450,000 to \$470,000.

The Highway and Transportation Department was asked by Pulaski County to begin preliminary

work on the project in April, 1980 as part of the State-Aid County Road Program.

County Judge Bill Beaumont told the audience that the new street is to be named for Annie Mae Bankhead, a well-known College Station community leader. Beaumont also pointed out the new street would have an advantage over the present connection from College Station to Little Rock.

"We believe that this is tremendously important because of safety features, so that you no longer will have to cross a railroad track and all of the hazards associated with that, to get to your community," he said.

Once a location for the new route is selected and approved, design on the project will begin and a Design Public Hearing will be offered.

Redesignation of US 165 Provides Better Continuity

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department received approval in October from the Route Numbering Committee of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to extend U.S. 165 from Dumas to North Little Rock.

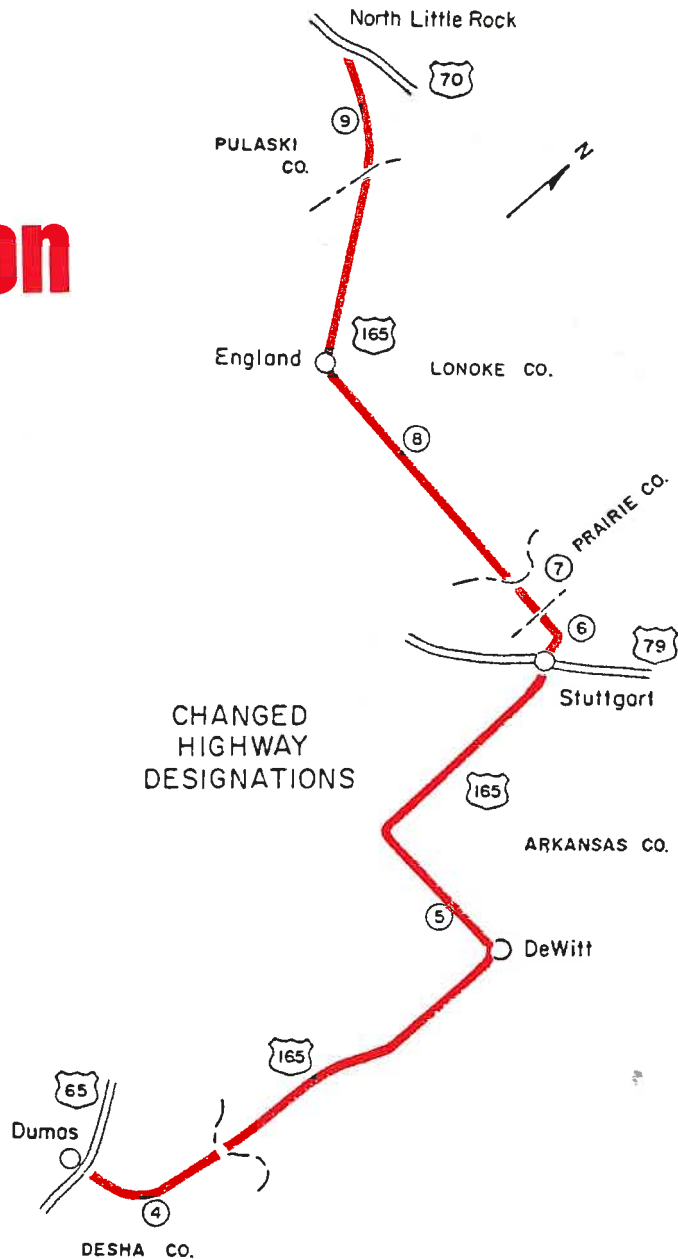
The new highway designation is along State Highway 54 from Dumas to State Highway 1, along State Highway 1 across the Arkansas River through Gillett and DeWitt, where it then follows State Highway 152 and State Highway 11 to Stuttgart and then along State Highway 130 through England and ending in North Little Rock. The redesignated route is approximately 110 miles long.

U.S. 165 begins near Lake Charles, Louisiana and proceeds through Alexandria and Monroe before entering Arkansas just south of Wilmot.

The Pendleton Bridge across the Arkansas River between Dumas and Gillett completes a continuous route through the Arkansas Delta from Louisiana. The route provides for multimodal interstate and international transportation of commodities such as rice and soybeans. This route is the key link between the Little Rock area's urban high-density route (Interstate 440) serving ports and railheads, and the crop-producing land north of the Arkansas River. This extension will also carry part of the Great River Road route from Dumas to DeWitt.

The route extension was requested earlier this year by State Representatives Wayne Hampton of Stuttgart and Bill Foster of England, and was supported by city and county officials in the five counties affected by the change.

The Highway and Transportation Department has replaced approximately 360 highway signs along the route.



SKID CALIBRATION PAD WILL SAVE TIME AND MONEY

By Earl Kirkpatrick, Research Engineer

The Federal Highway Administration's Safety Program requires the Department to monitor the skid resistance of highways throughout the State. The Technical Services Section of the Planning Division conducts a program for the continuing skid testing of the State's highways. This program requires the full time utilization of one skid unit and a two man crew to travel constantly around the State. Materials and Research Division has a skid unit available which is used primarily for

monitoring Research projects but is also often utilized to perform skid tests on highways at the request of various Divisions or Districts within the Department.

Periodically, the skid units must be tested on a control surface and be re-calibrated; this is to assure that both of the systems will produce reliable and consistent skid data. This re-calibration procedure is normally required on an annual basis. Previously, only two facilities available to the Department had the

equipment necessary for the re-calibration. The closest facility was in College Station, Texas, and approximately \$10,000 was required to send each unit and a crew to Texas for the procedure. The Department has for several years considered ways of reducing this cost for maintaining the units.

Recently, the Department completed construction of a skid testing pad at the District 2 Headquarters complex at Pine Bluff. This pad and



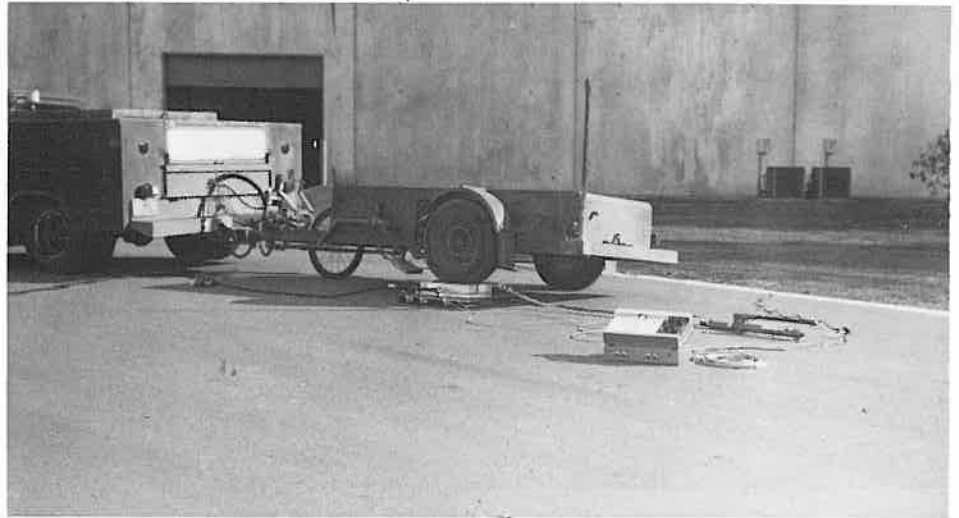
Skid pad provides different surface textures for calibrating the units.

Calibration equipment was funded by the Arkansas Highway Safety Program and the Department. The pad is an "L" shaped, 1700 foot section of roadway constructed of asphalt cement hot mix surface course. The installation was designed by the Research Section and constructed by District 2.

Each skid unit is composed of a truck and trailer. During a test run a trailer tire is "locked up" and the forces acting upon this tire are electronically measured. These forces are an indication of a highway's skid resistance; the larger these values, the more resistant the pavement is to skidding. Skid values will vary, depending upon the surface type and the condition of the pavement. Low skid numbers help to identify pavements that may require some type of rehabilitative measures.

The skid pad contains a widened segment approximately 300 feet long which is used in the actual calibration of the units. This segment is divided into three sections with each having a different surface texture. One of these sections has been painted by a striping crew from the Department's Sign Shop, the second section has a single bituminous seal coat (placed by District 2 personnel), and the third section has the surface course with no additional treatment. These three sections will provide a wide range of skid resistance values that are necessary in calibrating the units. The remainder of the pad is used for acceleration of the units (tests are run at 40 mph normally) and for deceleration and turnaround.

The skid pad will allow the Department to re-calibrate the skid units, not only on a yearly basis, but will also enable the units to be constantly updated and thereby assure reliable skid data. This makes the skid pad a valuable asset in monitoring the State's highway system and insuring the safety of the motoring public.



Skid unit wheel rests on device used to statically calibrate unit.



Ron Small operates hydraulic pump to exert pressure on skid unit wheel as Ray Gauer records data.



Ron Small enters data into skid unit computer prior to a test run.



Iwo Jima Memorial Stops in Arkansas

Motorists traveling on I-40 and I-30 in Arkansas, October 8, probably did a double-take as they passed the ten-truck convoy carrying the dismantled sections of the plaster cast of the Marine Corps' Iwo Jima Memorial.

The magnificent work of art, standing six stories tall and weighing 130 tons, has been donated by the sculptor, Dr. Felix deWeldon of Newport, Rhode Island, to the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas. It was dismantled and packed in 78 crates for the trip, which represents one of the largest fine arts movement operations since the London Bridge was moved to Arizona a few years ago.

The convoy made a stop at the Texaco Truck Stop near the intersection of I-30 and I-430 in Little Rock for a brief ceremony that included local officials and the Catholic High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC drill team.

The plaster cast is the original hand-sculpted piece from which the bronze statue in Arlington National Cemetery was cast. It is valued at \$3.5 million. The bronze statue is valued at \$15 million.

The memorial portrays six Marines placing the United States flag on Mount Suribachi on February 19, 1944, during World War II. It is considered a symbol of the heroism of American fighting men and the determination of free people throughout the world.





I-630 Bikeway Wins Commendation for Design

The Interstate 630 Bikeway in Little Rock is one of 52 projects nationwide selected for a Commendation for Design Achievement from the Design for Transportation National Awards Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Endowment for the Arts. Eighteen other projects were given Awards for Design Excellence.

Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman James Branyan accepted the award at the ceremony held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials held in Chicago, October 6.

During the planning of I-630, which cuts across Little Rock from east to west, planners saw a major opportunity to create a trunk line for a network of urban bikeways.

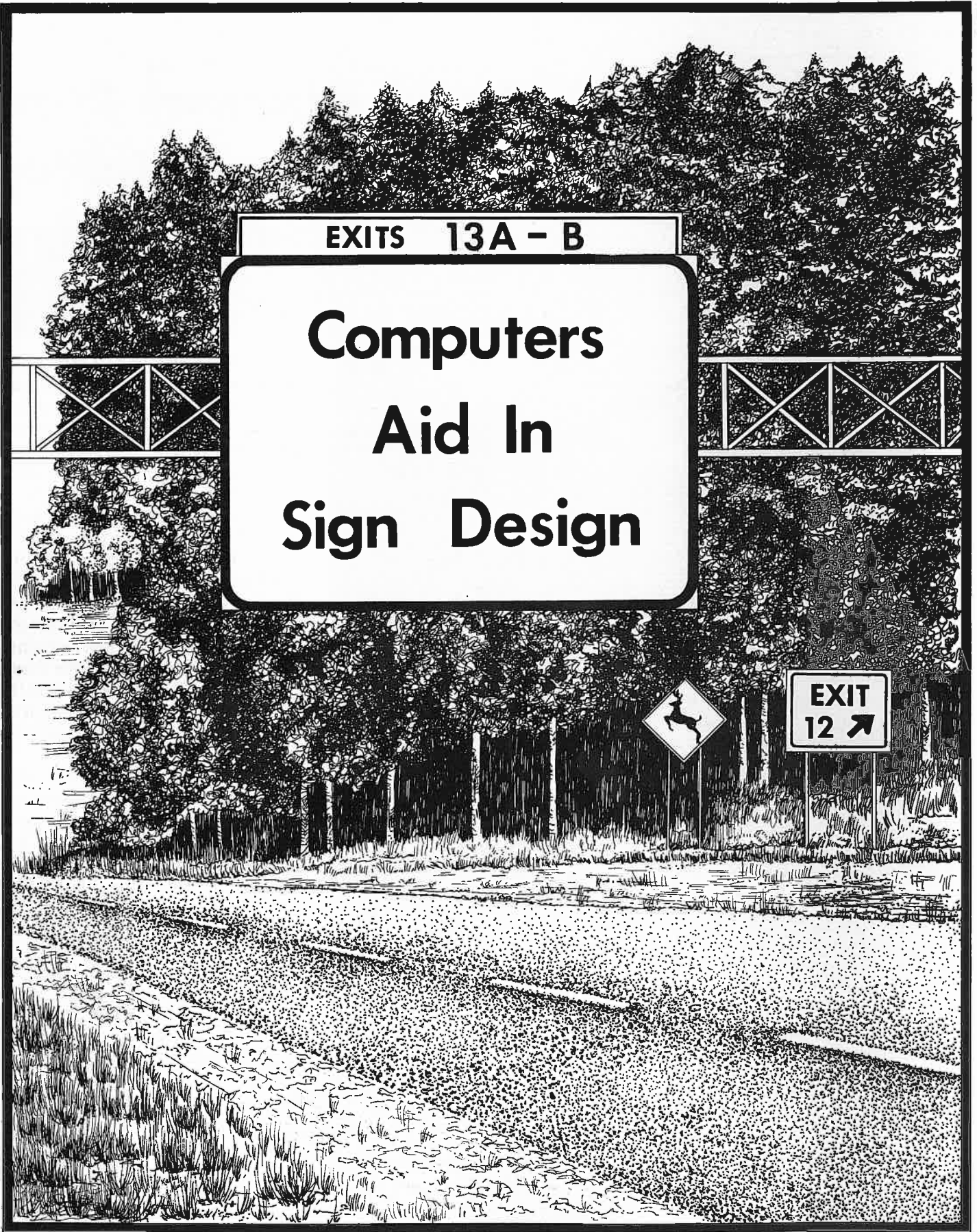
After discussions with city planners and engineers, the state included a bicycle arterial in its construction contract for the Interstate.

An asphalt bikeway was built within the highway's right of way; it includes crossings under the highway at two points and a bridge across Rock Creek near Kanis Park. It also connects with bikeways being constructed by the city.

Two miles have been built and another two miles proposed. The eventual goal is a system of bicycle paths that will connect all parts of Little Rock, with the Interstate 630 segment as its major artery.

EXITS 13A - B

Computers Aid In Sign Design



The Computer Services Division recently acquired a system, or series of programs, from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that designs and plots highway signs. This system, called the Highway Sign Sizing System, actually consists of five (5) major programs.

The first and most important program, written in Cobol, designs the horizontal and vertical spacing for the legend, sizes the sign, establishes post lengths, and designs the footings. The other programs, written in Fortran, take the information and create a plot tape to be plotted on the Calcomp 748 flat bed plotter located in Computer Services.

The plots created include a large scale, small scale and cross-section plot of the sign and terrain with dimensioning.

The design program was originally written in Texas and modified by Louisiana. The plotting programs were also added by Louisiana.

Greg Newkirk of Computer Services and Rick Henriksen of Traffic Division have been modifying and testing the system for the past few months to meet the requirements of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. Some of these changes include the implementation of the Arkansas State Shield, advance turn arrows and rescaling the plot programs in order to have the plotter create a finished plan sheet.

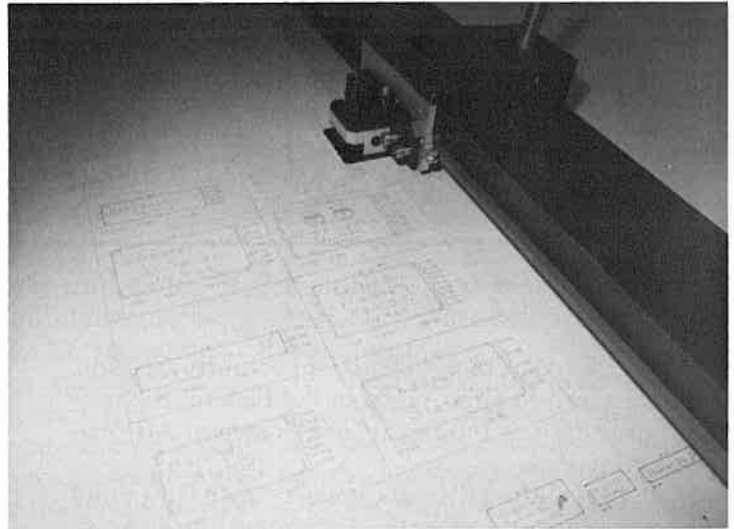
The Bridge Design Division has also contributed to the programs modifications. Ed Fain and Dallas Vire re-wrote a structural routine in order to have the system design the sign footings.

Although far from being totally finished, the system has already shown its potential as a tool when the Traffic Division was recently confronted with a large interstate signing contract with a relatively short period of time in which to be completed. Due to the speed and flexibility of the program, the deadline was met.

Much time and effort have gone into the implementation of the system; however, the savings far outweigh the costs. The ultimate goal is to have the system design the signs and then have them plotted (from a tape created by the programs) onto a plan sheet.



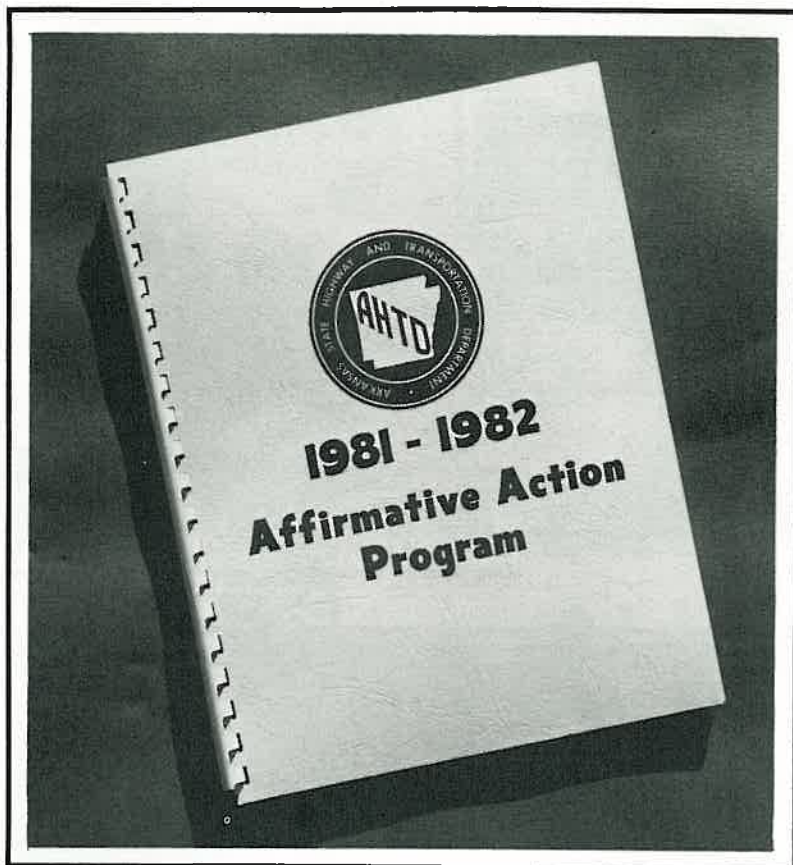
Greg Newkirk of Computer Services loads tape program on Calcomp 748 flat bed plotter.



The Calcomp 748 flat bed plotter draws highway signs plan sheet.



Rick Henriksen of the Traffic Division reviews finished plan sheet from flat bed plotter.



EEO Distributes New Guidelines for 1981-82

The Equal Employment Opportunity Section recently received approval from the Federal Highway Administration of the Department's revised Affirmative Action Plan.

Part II, Internal Employment, has been bound into a booklet and recently distributed throughout the state.

Although it is not economically feasible to furnish each employee with a copy of the plan, Melba Shepard, Internal EEO Coordinator, stated that each District, Division and Independent Section has been provided a copy, which is available for any employee's use.

There have been several modifications and additions to the plan. One area which merits clarification is the complaint/grievance procedures. There are two avenues available within the Department by which an aggrieved employee can register dissatisfaction. When an employee feels that any condition affecting his or her employment is unjust, inequitable or creates a problem, but is not discriminatory in nature, the employee may elect to file a grievance. Employees who have cause to think they have been treated unfairly due to discrimination on their present job or as a result of application for another job within the Department, may elect to file an alleged discrimination complaint, she said. The EEO Section does not be-

come involved in grievances, but only in complaints that are of a discriminatory nature. In either case, all employees are urged to first contact their immediate supervisor and discuss the situation prior to filing a grievance or complaint. Many times problems can be resolved at this point.

The Department feels strongly that communication of EEO matters must be a continuing process and not just a one-shot affair. Therefore, the EEO office has established a practice of keeping employees informed through memos to supervisors and articles in the Employee Newsletter and magazine.

Communicating Department policy is essential to any effective affirmative action plan. For any program to work, participants must be aware of management's commitment.



Where will it go from here?

Throughout the years Arkansas has been able to take advantage of several special federally funded highway programs. These programs have enabled the highway and transportation department to make many improvements that otherwise would have been a long time coming, if at all.

One of these special programs, the Great River Road, may be on the way out if efforts by department officials and the state's congressional delegation fail to persuade the administration or congress to continue funding past this year.

In October, \$25 million in deferred Great River Road funds were released and Arkansas received approximately \$2.2 million. The Great River Road program has not been included in any of the proposed highway acts for the future.

Arkansas' two senators, David Pryor and Dale Bumpers, joined with senators from the nine other states benefiting from the Great River Road program in urging the administration to reverse its position and release the funds.

The beginning of the Great River Road dates back to 1936 when Missouri's Governor Lloyd Stark authorized the Missouri State

Planning Board to conduct a recreational survey which recommended that a parkway be established along the west bank of the Mississippi River. It was also recommended that the Board meet with its immediate neighboring states to discuss the possibility of extending Missouri's parkway plan to the other Mississippi River states.

Interior secretary Harold Ickes reacted favorably to the concept and suggested that the governors of each state name a ten-member commission to represent their state on the Mississippi River Parkway Planning Commission. These ten State

Parkway Commissions now form the National Mississippi River Parkway Commission. (The ten states involved in the Great River Road program are: Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Wisconsin).

Hearings on the proposal were held in 1939; however, further action was delayed as America became involved in World War II.

Following the war, congress authorized funds for a feasibility study of the proposed Mississippi River Parkway, which was completed in November, 1951. The re-



The Great River Road exits Arkansas across the Mississippi River into Mississippi on Highway 82.

The Great River Road on its continuing path along State Highway 1 in Arkansas County.



port concluded that developing a national parkway system on an entirely new location along the Mississippi River was not advisable primarily for reasons of land acquisition and construction costs, and duplication of existing highways. Instead, it was recommended that a plan for a scenic route should be developed by the states and administered by the various state highway departments by improving suitable existing highways to parkway-like standards.

The Federal Aid Highway Act of 1954 included an appropriation of \$250,000 for Phase I Mississippi River Parkway planning. The Phase I reports recommended that each of the states should determine one specific route within its boundaries for the Mississippi River Parkway.

Phase II planning studies on the specific features of the Mississippi River Parkway route began shortly after Phase I studies were completed. Funds for initial development of Phase II studies were provided from the remaining portion of the \$250,000 continued in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1954 for Phase I planning, combined with an additional \$250,000 for Phase II planning provided by Congress in the Federal Aid Highway

Act of 1964. These detailed Phase II planning studies were developed throughout the next six years and provided recommendations with regard to land acquisition, scenic easements, and controlled access.

With the completion of Phase II reports in the early 1970's, the States had reached the point where actual development was ready to begin. Congress then took further action to realize and implement the objectives of the Mississippi River Parkway program, soon to be known as the National Scenic and Recreational Highway (Great River Road).

Legislation to fund the development of the Great River Road was first included as part of the Federal Highway Act of 1973. This measure was approved by Congress in April, 1973 and later signed into law by President Richard Nixon. The Act authorized \$90 million for Great River Road development projects.

President Nixon later impounded all Federal highway construction funds in 1973 for anti-inflationary reasons and the \$90 million was not released.

A change in the Administration brought with it a new delay in the obligation of Great River Road funds. President Gerald Ford did not include funds for the de-

velopment of the Great River Road in the fiscal year 1975 budget because of the lack of cost data for the formula used to apportion the funds among the ten Mississippi River states.

Early in 1976, Congress voted to release and distribute the \$90 million for Great River Road development, based on obtaining the necessary cost data.

In addition to providing the funds contained in the 1973 Federal Highway Act, Congress authorized additional funds for the development of the Great River Road in 1976. Arkansas Congressman Bill Alexander and Minnesota Congressman James Oberstar worked to include an authorization of \$78.75 million for Great River Road development in the Federal Highway Act of 1976.

During Congressional action on the 1976 Federal Highway Act, the concept of the Great River Road was clarified. Specific language was adopted and approved stating that "the Great River Road is not meant to be a major roadway along the entire length on both sides of the Mississippi River. It is to be one road that criss-crosses the River several times." Congress also reaffirmed that the existing roadbed

along the Mississippi River "should be used feasibly except where there are significant breaks in continuity in the Great River Road."

In the summer of 1978, a proposed four-year authorization of \$140 Million for the construction and reconstruction of the Great River Road was included in the Federal Highway Act of 1978.

Specifically, the Act authorized from the Highway Trust Fund \$25 million per year for fiscal years 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983 for construction or reconstruction of roads on a Federal-aid Highway System. The 1978 Federal Highway Act also authorized from the General Fund \$10 million per year for fiscal years 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983 for construction or reconstruction of roads not on a Federal-aid Highway System.

With the authorization of funds by Congress for the development of the Great River Road, implementation of the program began. Over \$300 million has thus far been authorized to implement plans that were initiated over 40 years ago for the development of a Mississippi River Parkway System.

The Arkansas portion of the Great River Road enters the state at West Memphis across the Interstate 55 Bridge and leaves the state through Shives on Highway 82 across the Greenville Bridge. The 254 miles of Arkansas Great River Road includes 220 miles of main line existing roadway, 22 miles of new location, and 34 miles of spur routes.

So far to date Arkansas has received an allocation of \$25.35 million for an average of \$4.23 million per year over six fiscal years.

Arkansas has utilized Great River Road funds for a number of highly successful road and amenity projects. However, two projects are particularly notable: the St. Charles White River Bridge and the Lake Village Tourist Information Center.

The St. Charles White River Bridge, a project first suggested in 1953, became a reality with groundbreaking ceremonies on November 6, 1979. The bridge and approaches, to be completed early in 1982 at a cost of a little over \$10 million, will replace a White River ferry that is frequently out of operation due to high water. Without the ferry, local

people and tourists alike have to extend their trip an additional 50 miles to reach the other side of the river. The new White River Bridge will eliminate detours and inconveniences, while saving energy.

The Lake Village Tourist Information Center is a unique \$419,633 structure built of wood and glass on pilings over Lake Chicot. The Tourist Information Center is a solar heated building that allows the visitors to see how the solar energy equipment operates. The Tourist Information Center was dedicated July 17, 1980, and provides information to travelers entering Arkansas from both Louisiana and Mississippi. The Center is staffed with personnel from the State Department of Parks and Tourism.

In November the Highway Commission awarded a contract for the completion of approaches on State Highway 1 using the funds that were just released.

Another top priority is the improvement of U.S. 165 (formerly S.H. 1) north from the Pendleton Bridge over the Arkansas River to near Gillett. The road is in a low-lying area and becomes flooded



Junction of State Highways 50 and 147 in Crittenden County, south of West Memphis.



Lake Village Tourist Information Center on U.S. 65 was constructed with Great River Road funds.

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U.S. Highway 65 at Lake Village looking north.



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Pendleton Bridge over the Arkansas River on U.S. Highway 165.



St. Charles White River Bridge under construction on State Highway 1.



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Gray Selected "Boss of the Year"

Highway and Transportation Director Henry Gray has received another honor to add to his list of accomplishments. Gray was selected "Boss of the Year" by the Interdepartmental Relations Committee at its annual secretarial seminar in Little Rock, November 4. Gray was selected from over 30 other nominees from the various state agencies. The presentation of the award was made by Attorney General Steve Clark. Isabelle Psalmonds, District Secretary at District 10 in Paragould was one of the five finalists for "Secretary of the Year".

In her letter of nomination, Gray's secretary, Ann May, said: *"His genuine concern for employees is reflected by the avenues he makes available for progression of employees within the Department. He has appointed a coordinator and committee to assess training needs for the development of future manpower resources and determine areas where the need is greatest for training that would qualify our employees to advance to higher classifications. He recognizes that every employee represents thousands of investment dollars and is, therefore, anxious that our "people investments" pay off in the form of happy, productive employees. In an effort to acquire views and suggestions from all areas of the organization, he established an Employee's Advisory Committee. Many of the ideas from this committee have been considered advantageous and have been implemented.*

Those who work closely with my boss never cease to be impressed by his fair-minded, positive approach to all situations. The responsibilities, demands and pressures imposed on him would overwhelm most people. I am amazed that through it all, he still maintains a sense of humor and still finds time to be thoughtful of others.

One of the things I admire most is that, even though he has the top position in a large organization, he does not flaunt his authority. He seeks out the advice of his aides in formulating decisions. He does not run a "one-man show."

My work experience has taught me that a carbon copy is never quite as good as the original. My boss is nobody's carbon copy. He is a unique, one-of-a-kind, super individual. That is why I would enjoy seeing him receive the honor of "Boss of the Year".

The Interdepartmental Relations Committee is made up of representatives from each of the various state agencies. The committee meets monthly at a different agency in order for each member to be familiarized with the various agencies' duties and responsibilities. Ferol Jones of the Public Affairs Office is the AHTD Representative.



Secretary Ann May and Director Henry Gray



Attorney General Steve Clark presents Mr. Gray his "Boss of the Year" plaque.



Letters Commend Good Deeds

August 25, 1981

Arkansas State Highway Dept.
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

I am sending this letter to tell you about a supervisor and his crew from Springdale, working on Highway 59 north of Natural Dam. They are the SAFEST minded men I have ever come in contact with. At times, they leave as many as nine different types of equipment in my yard. The area is always kept clean. I have also noticed that they care about their equipment because they practice preventative maintenance.

I feel that Mr. Jennings and his crew deserve to receive a commendation for their precision-like manner in which they accomplish their work.

It has been a pleasure to know Mr. Jennings and his crew. The improvement they have done by adding the extra skirt on Highway 59 has enhanced the road and the extra skirt will also improve the safety record of the road as well.

Very truly yours,
Jack E. Gustavson
Natural Dam, Arkansas

P.S. Again I want to stress the outstanding job which they have done and are finishing up on. Also, I want to stress the synergism within the crewmen and the supervisor as a group.

July 15, 1981

Mr. Charles Mitchell
District 3 Engineer
Hope, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

On June 15th while we were vacationing in your State, one of your men, driving pickup No. 5946, stopped to assist us when we had car trouble. We were eight miles south of Delight and he was good enough to follow us into Hope in the event our shredded fan belt did not hold together. He advised us where the motels and Ford place was in Hope.

We did not find out his name in our excitement and wanted to thank him again in this way. He is a credit to your department and to the State of Arkansas. I trust that our people in Texas will be as courteous as this man was, as we know what a risk you take when you stop to offer assistance.

Again, we appreciated his help so much.

Yours truly,
Ruby Hudson
Rusk, Texas

Editor's Note: The AHTD employee was Thomas Smith, dozer operator-finish in the District 3 Maintenance Crew.

October 8, 1981

Commissioner James Branyan
Highway & Transportation Department

Dear James:

Since I do not know any of the supervisors for the Highway Department in this part of the country, I wanted to relay this story to you.

In July my billfold was stolen from the store. Needless to say, I was most distraught as it is quite an ordeal to have credit cards cancelled, new driver's license made, etc.

This past Monday I received in the mail an envelope containing all my cards, etc. from Mr. Charles Dale Moise, an employee of the Arkansas Highway Department at Alma, Arkansas. He had found all of this in a hamburger sack and took the time and expense to mail all this to me.

Just wanted you to know what thoughtful employees you have and how refreshing it is to know we still have some honest people around. By the way, I had a signed blank check in these papers! I am mailing him a little reward.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Herrington
Russellville, Arkansas

A.L. Holmes
District 4 Engineer
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Holmes:

On Friday afternoon, August 7, my children and I were crossing the Van Buren-Fort Smith bridge on Interstate 540 and a back tire blew out.

Jim Carroll, from the Arkansas Highway Department, stopped and changed it for us. I did not get his address, so I want to take this means to thank him for his kindness and consideration. My family and I are very grateful. It was a very dangerous position to be in because we were on the bridge.

Another Highway Department employee parked his truck at the top of the hill to help avoid an accident. I did not get his name, but also want to thank him.

Again, I want to express my appreciation to Mr. Carroll.

Sincerely,
Linda Moody
Mulberry, Arkansas

Highway & Transportation Dept.
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

October 1, 1981

While traveling west from Florida this past month we were so glad to find such nice rest areas all through the state of Arkansas. The one between Dermott and McGehee between 65 & 165 was near perfect. So clean and the park attendant C.D. Davis was so helpful and friendly.

Thanks again,
William R. Jones
Adelando, California

Arkansas Highway & Transportation Dept.
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

We have just returned from a trip through the Southern States. The states are beautiful and we enjoyed our trip very much.

Among the things that makes for beauty and enjoyment were the well kept and comfortable rest stops. One of the most beautiful and well kept was the rest stop between McGehee and Dermott, Arkansas. It is outstanding and we asked the park attendant his name. It was C.D. Davis. We think he deserves recognition for a job well done.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wright
Hutchinson, Kansas

September 28, 1981

Mr. Hurley Perkins
District 6 Engineer
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Perkins:

I want to thank you for the splendid job you are doing around the State Capitol. Many times one of your employees, Mr. Fred Doles, has come by this office to see if we have problems on the capitol streets. It is this attitude of cooperation which makes me and other Arkansans appreciate the great job Henry Gray, Bill Cooper, you and others are doing.

When we have asked for traffic signs, striping of parking spaces, or anything which your department handles, I have been amazed at the prompt service. Jim Barnett, Bill Looney, Charlie Hesselbein have also been a great help to this office.

Again, thanks for the job you are doing. If I can be of assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Norton Wilson
Director of Administration
Office of Secretary of State
State of Arkansas

Mr. Jack Coleman
Resident Engineer
Van Buren, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Coleman:

We take this opportunity to say we are very pleased with the road just completed in front of our house.

We commend you and all highway personnel for a job well done. Especially, Mr. Johnson for the extension of his friendship and integrity toward doing what we consider a good job. To the general contractor whose crew worked steadily, was courteous and caused us as little inconvenience as possible.

Again, thanks to all for a road to be proud of.

Sincerely,
Jim and Mary Simmons
Ozark, Arkansas

Editor's Note: This was job number F-24-2 (Ozark), the contractor was R&E Excavating, and the inspectors were Buck Johnson and Bob James.

District 3
Hope, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to commend a Highway Department employee in the Hope-Texarkana area - one Bobby Calhoun.

He gave us his very kind (and much needed) assistance when I was having car trouble on Interstate 30.

It is good to know we have men like him working for our State.

Sincerely,
Sharon Lasiter

Arkansas State Highway Dept.
Highway 79 - District 2
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Ref: Rest Area Parks

As I travel the beautiful State of Arkansas I regularly visit the rest areas provided for my convenience. One in particular near Pine Bluff is kept by my friend known only to me as Mr. Joe. I continue to stop for it is the cleanest I have found. No bottles or paper litter his park, no dirty language in rest rooms. We appreciate people like Mr. Joe who really help to make Arkansas beautiful. He is to be commended for a job well done.

A frequent visitor
Sincerely,
Betty Aldridge



SERVICE AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 1981

30 Years

Omel L. Fields District 9
 Robert G. Joshlin District 1
 Leonard C. Keeling District 8
 Jewel D. Kuykendall District 4
 Billy F. Prince Surveys

25 Years

Leonard B. Ingle District 6
 Don L. Potter Hydraulics
 Jimmy D. Wynn District 7

20 Years

Fred D. Boutwell District 5
 Olen Brooks, Jr. District 4
 Alvin C. Cunningtom District 6
 Orville G. Elumbaugh District 5
 Don E. Finkbeiner Planning
 Joe D. Fulmer District 3
 Albert C. Jackson District 2
 Gary D. Williams District 2

15 Years

Cletus N. Cravens District 8
 William T. Garner Right of Way
 Dairl D. Hyde District 10
 Herman F. Pierce District 4
 Richard E. Siegler Roadway Design
 Amos O. Zimmer District 4

10 Years

James E. Alexander District 7
 David H. Becker District 4
 Alan D. Carmack District 3
 J.R. Davidson District 9
 Calvin J. Douglas District 10
 Wilburn F. Dycus District 6
 Dennis R. Farmer Surveys
 Elmo L. Fennell Materials & Research
 Jerry L. Hunsucher District 4
 Melvin R. Polk Highway Police
 Ronnie F. Risley District 9
 Eileen D. Taylor District 6
 Ray Wren District 8

5 Years

Robert S. Bradley Surveys
 James A. Campbell District 9
 Arland Y. Carlton, Jr. District 9
 Billy T. Cater District 2
 Danny M. Dennie District 6
 Albert C. Dismuke District 3
 Wanda J. Earnheart District 5
 Earl L. Ezell District 5
 James W. Goff District 4
 Joey A. Hipp District 5
 Philip F. Hutchison District 4
 Leigh H. Johnson District 6
 Donald R. Kingston District 10
 Alfred Kisner District 6
 Eugene C. Martin District 9
 J. Gary Martin Fiscal Services
 Vickie L. Martin Fiscal Services
 Reggie K. McAlister Materials & Research
 Reba M. Pettus Computer Services

James L. Ramsey, Jr. District 1
 Alfred B. Stanfield District 7
 Annette Stanton Construction
 Earnest Wells District 10

OCTOBER 1981

30 Years

Donald R. Jennings District 4
 Joyce D. Spencer Director

25 Years

Joe R. Fowler District 9
 Vernon J. McMahan District 6
 S.R. Pyeatt District 9

20 Years

Utah G. Graddy District 8
 J.B. Havener District 8
 Ezra Horton District 9
 Melvin S. House District 3
 James L. Pounders District 10

15 Years

Jimmy F. Austin District 8
 Clifford C. Brewer District 3
 Al J. Duvn Records & Reproduction
 Robert L. Hamaker District 7
 Claudie R. Lovell District 2
 James L. Reeves District 2
 Bennie J. Robbins Chief Engineer
 Thomas V. Woods District 1

10 Years

Edward W. Cummings, Jr. District 9
 Charlie M. Enlow District 7
 Calvin R. Lassiter Traffic
 Roy D. Lee District 6
 Jessie U. Meabon Planning
 Milton D. Patton District 4
 Johnny D. Sprayberry District 7

5 Years

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 Romosha D. Bridges District 6
 James C. Carter District 4
 Glenn R. Creamer District 9
 Joe M. Davis, Jr. Highway Police
 Oretta L. Fleming Construction
 Arthur L. Huggins District 2
 David E. Jackson District 6
 Kenny W. Keeter District 9
 James R. Leggett District 5
 Timothy J. Mangrum District 10
 Charles E. O'Neal Construction
 William O. Quinn District 6
 Gerald Lynn Teague Construction
 Brenda K. Walden Planning
 Billie C. Ward District 9
 Bernard W. Washington District 6

NOVEMBER 1981

35 Years

Lonnie E. Tilley D-9 Henderson Ferry

25 Years

Berlin E. Hill District 5
 Veral Pinkerton Bridge Design
 Jerry L. Stacks Materials & Research
 Pat Thompson Roadway Design

20 Years

William M. Johnston District 4

15 Years

Leon B. Holland Surveys

Doye D. King Surveys
 Cecil B. Lewis District 10
 Dequince Lewis District 2
 Johnnie K. Marley District 4
 James E. Reynolds Materials & Research
 Everett M. West District 1

10 Years

Raymond D. Ball District 5
 Herman H. Belk Roadside Development
 James L. Brown Surveys
 Ann Harrell Construction
 Francis M. Jones District 8
 Thomas E. Simmons District 2
 Conway A. White Construction

5 Years

Ben E. Brewer District 5
 Franklin L. House District 6
 John H. Howell Final Estimates
 Murry E. Linam District 6
 Jack C. Ray District 6
 Maxine Shaff Equip. & Proc.
 Kathy Upchurch Environmental



RETIREES

MAY 1981

Cecil C. Bennett District 10
 Truman K. Einert District 8
 John T. McCarley District 2
 George Powell District 10
 George T. Tabler District 4
 Deb Yocham District 9
 Earnest M. Howard District 6
 Delbert J. Hoover District 3
 Clifford P. Hulan District 3
 Ronald N. Brown State Aid
 James C. McLaughlin District 9
 Ben H. Green Maintenance
 Wayne Foresee District 9

JUNE 1981

Troy B. Cook District 5
 Wesley W. Fairchild District 2
 Adrain McKim District 6
 Louie C. Parker District 2
 Calvin D. Shaw District 7
 Charles B. Thomas District 8
 Hugh G. Treece Roadway Design
 Lloyd Williams District 1
 John P. Hart District 3
 Arl Allen District 9

JULY 1981

Talmadge O. Snow District 3
 Russell O. Winton District 3
 Warren A. Bledsoe District 6
 George L. Foster District 1
 Fred M. Freeman District 9
 Elzie W. Owens District 8
 John Tallant Materials & Research

AUGUST 1981

Alton A. Beck Planning
 Howard L. Besett Highway Police
 Dewitt T. Cheek District 1
 James W. Flowers District 8
 James Henderson District 2
 John R. Hume V Planning
 O.S. Langford District 8

Betsy G. Morrison Planning
Willis G. Thomason District 7

Elmer Jordan District 9

Oscar B. Shelton District 9
Sidney E. Johnston District 8
Cleodius H. Minor District 3
James A. Williams District 6

SEPTEMBER 1981

Thomas C. Faubus District 9
Eugene A. Ashcraft Computer Services

OCTOBER 1981

Billy W. Wood District 7
Lewis T. Jones District 1
Jeff D. Guynes District 2

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

CONSTRUCTION

Congratulations Mr. Peevy on your promotion to Division Head of the Materials and Research Division. We sure are going to miss you in Construction.

Congratulations to Bobby Joe Parker, Freeway Engineer, who completed 20 years of service with the Department. Luci framed a baby picture of B.J. that appeared in Arkansas Highways in 1973 as one of the "Guess Who" features; needless to say, the picture was a real surprise to B.J. Coffee and cake were served to celebrate the recognition of Bobby Joe's 20 years of service.



Bobby Joe Parker and Dan Flowers

Joe Barnett brought his big smile and winning personality with him when he was promoted to State Construction Engineer and moved to the Construction Office. Thanks, District 2, and eat your heart out!

Ron Price and family vacationed in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida where they rented a beach house and spent the week enjoying Florida sunshine. Ron went deep sea fishing and is already planning a return trip next year to catch the one that got away!

Las Vegas was the destination for Patti Robinson and her friends, Pam Fry and Billie Boyd. At that time the air controllers had just begun their strike, but the girls managed to return home with only minor difficulties. They had a great time - the most exciting event - TOM JONES' show!

Doyle Carson and his family vacationed in Colorado for two weeks; they toured the state enjoying the mountains. Upon his return we had a coffee honoring Doyle who completed 20 years of service with the Department.

Deepest sympathy, Doyle, in the loss of your father.

Margaret "Marty" Oliver is recuperating from surgery. We miss you "Marty" and hope you have a speedy recovery.

COMPUTER SERVICES

A reception was held in June for Floyd Pharris, Jr. commemorating his completion of 25 years with AHTD. Art Johnson presented him with a 25 year pin, and friends and co-workers helped celebrate the occasion.



Floyd Pharris, Jr. and Art Johnson

On July 29, a retirement party was held for Gene Ashcraft who retired upon his completion of 35 years with the Department. Art Johnson presented him with a pin along with best wishes for a happy retirement, and friends and co-workers came by to wish him well and give him their best regards. Congratulations Gene, and best of luck from all of us.



Gene Ashcraft

Brenda Haley was presented her pin and certificate by Dale Carter in July upon completion of 5 years with the Department, and in September, Reba Pettus completed 5 years and was presented a pin and certificate by Art Johnson.



Brenda Haley

In September we were sorry to lose Paula Eford and Linda Hardin. Paula left to go to Med School where she is studying to be a Radiology Technician.

During the week of September 13-18, Dale Carter attended the National Highway and Transportation Management Conference in Stowe, Vermont.

Several of the co-workers and their partners got together and helped Rita Hardcastle celebrate her birthday in September. We won't say what year she celebrated but they all had a good time with hamburgers and the trimmings, and then a good time at the local Country Western Club!

Pictured here is Michael Jason Wynn, grandson of Rita Hardcastle. He was born on June 22, 1981 to Mary Ruth and Tony Wynn.



EEO SECTION

You may have noticed a new name in the EEO Section - not a new face, just a new name. On Friday, August 14, Ruth Sanders became Mrs. Joel Edmondson. Ruth's father, Rev. Daulton Hutson, performed the double ring ceremony. For their honeymoon Ruth and Joel toured the Ozarks. Joel is employed by General Electric.

Pictured here is Lance Corporal Paul Shepard, Jr., son of Melba Shepard, Internal EEO Coordinator. Shepard is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and is stationed at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Ceremonial Drill Team where he participates in welcoming ceremonies for foreign dignitaries, funeral ceremonies and other ceremonial occasions.



Lance Cpl. Paul Edward Shepard, Jr.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Al Sacco had a nice visit from his parents in August, who traveled here from Omaha, Nebraska. We had the pleasure of meeting his dad and we all enjoyed it. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Al and his family for the loss of his sister, Penny, who passed away in July.

We would like to welcome our new COE student, Lisa Roberts. Lisa is a senior at Mills High School and works here from 12:30 to 4:30 everyday.

Lewis Wade was honored in June with his 25 year pin and certificate. To celebrate the event we had cake and punch and then took him out to lunch to the Pizza Planet. Congratulations Mr. Wade!



Maurice Head and Lewis Wade

Our secretary, Sue Fuller and her husband, Marshall, are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Susan, to Mr. Brent Franks, on August 15. The ceremony was held at the Second Baptist Church in Jacksonville. The lucky couple honeymooned in Jamaica and are now living in North Little Rock. The girls in the office got together and gave Susan a wedding shower a couple of weeks before the wedding. Congratulations to a lovely couple!

On July 10 we had a baby shower for Nikki Harvey and just in time, too, because on July 14, 6 pound, 14 ounce, Aimee Nichole arrived to greet the world. We have had a few visits from Mom and Aimee and we're proud to report that she is a real beauty. We are sorry to say Nikki won't be coming back to work but Aimee doesn't care what we think, she wants Mom at home!



Aimee Nicole Harvey

Karen Rankin is proud to announce the birth of her niece, Sara Michelle Fletcher, on June 5. Sara only weighed 2 pounds, 1½ ounces when she was born and she's had quite a few problems but she's a feisty little thing and now things are going well and she is up to 3 pounds and 7 ounces and still gaining. It won't be long until she is home giving everyone trouble! Congratulations!

Lorie Merrick is also a new aunt. Her sister, Kim Stephens gave birth on September 4 to Jennifer Michelle Stephens.

Bernie Cox is enjoying football since he has two sons who are coaching this year. One is at Central High School and the other is at El Dorado High.

Ann White's son, Gary, graduated with a tuition scholarship from Mills High School last May. He is starting his freshman year of college in September at UALR and plans to major in Computer Science.

Ann Johnson had an exciting vacation in August. She and her family went to Colorado so they could see what they saw last year when they went snow skiing, only this time without the snow. They went to quite a few places but the climax to their trip was driving to the top of Pikes Peak. Ann claims there is a permanent groove in the pavement caused by her foot applying the brakes on the way down (and Harvey was driving).

Patsy Downing took a couple of weeks vacation in August. She and Eulen went to visit relatives in Iowa and took in the Iowa State Fair while they were there. They also went to the Downing family reunion which she enjoyed thoroughly.

Karen and Jerry Rankin went to Branson, Missouri to see Silver Dollar City, Shepard of the Hills and to catch a little horseback riding.

Otis Barker received his five year pin and certificate October 9. We celebrated the event with cake and punch. Congratulations, Otis!



Otis Barker

FEDERAL AID & CONTRACTS

This Division held a Service Awards dinner at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Friday, October 2 to honor employees who have worked for the Department many, many years. A 35 year pin (it has a diamond in it!) and certificate was awarded to Raymond Jones. A beautiful red and white cake reflected the actual years of service for Raymond Jones, 35 years; Dub Looney, 32 years; Bob Andrews, 30 years; Hubert Holland, 28 years; Jim Garrett, 22 years; Lonnie Parson, 22 years; and Millie Houston, 18 years (plus 2 years with another state agency). Jo Summers received a 5 year pin and certificate. That's a grand total of 194 years among 8 persons. That's a pretty good record!

Mr. Holland called on Dub Looney, who lives in Russellville, to very proudly announce the return to Arkansas and coming schedule of



Left to Right: Raymond Jones, Dub Looney, Bob Andrews, Hubert Holland, Lonnie Parson, Jim Garrett, Millie Houston and Jo Summers.

appearances of the new Miss America, Elizabeth Ward of Russellville.

All in all, it was very satisfying to be able to get together for this enjoyable outing while acknowledging the accomplishments of employees who have reached these milestones in their careers with the Department.



Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Staton held a showing of their new 1981 Monte Carlo in the parking lot immediately following the service awards dinner. All were in agreement, this couple has good taste. The car is truly beautiful.

Other news from this Division - Martha (Mrs. Hubert) Holland is recovering nicely from her surgery earlier this month. Mike Parson (Lonnie's son) is now back to school and on the mend following a traffic accident. Ken Rounsavall and Judy Everett have boys playing on the same football team. Millie Houston's youngest son, Pat, is enjoying his first year at ASU at Jonesboro, as is Jim Garrett's daughter, Sarah, who is in her second year at ASU. One newcomer in this office (only 2 years) Shirlene Downing, has a darling three year old named Josh, who we enjoy seeing on occasion.

INTERNAL AUDIT

By Shirley Wesson

A new addition to our Section is Phyllis Calhoun who came to work as an Internal Auditor on August 20. She is single and a native of Hot Springs. She graduated in May from Henderson State University with a B.S.B.A. degree. Before coming to the Highway Department she worked as a Cash Control Clerk, Trust Operations at First National Bank in Little Rock. Welcome to our office Phyllis!



Phyllis Calhoun

HYDRAULICS

By Chris Robinson

Don L. Potter, Engineer of Hydraulics, was presented a 25 year service award by Charles Venable, Assistant Chief Engineer, on September 10. A host of co-workers and friends were present at this occasion. Congratulations, Don on your 25 years of dedicated service from the Hydraulics Section.



Don Potter and Charles Venable

MAINTENANCE

Curtis Pangle is flying high these days - he's a grandpa for the first time. His son, also Curtis Pangle, and daughter-in-law, Barbara, had a baby girl on August 5. Megan Marie weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20½ inches long. Curtis promised to bring a picture for the next issue.

An open house celebration was given in honor of John E. Hall, Bridge Maintenance Engineer. John celebrated 30 years of service with the Department, and when you're around that long, you deserve a party. Mr. Jim Lowder, Assistant Chief Engineer, reminisced about old times and presented John with his 30 year pin. He will be presented his certificate in December.



Jim Lowder and John Hall

Bob Fulton of Roadside Development also shared in the celebration that day. Bob has in

15 years with the Department, and we think that's deserving of a party too. Mr. Rownd presented Bob with his 15 year pin and certificate. Congratulations to you both, John and Bob!



Bert Rownd and Bob Fulton

Heavy Bridge Maintenance also had a service award. Darrell Gaskin received his 5 year certificate from Don Brown, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor. From what I hear, Darrell is a pretty good hand when it comes to repairing bridges, and his bosses will want him to stay around a lot longer. Congratulations, Darrell.



Darrell Gaskin and Don Brown

We also have some sad news this time. Judy James, Roadside Development's secretary and Jim Francis' right arm, left the Department on October 28. Her husband, Don, was transferred to Dallas and to our dismay, he's taking her with him. We will all miss her very much but can see where she might want to go with him.

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

We would like to welcome four new employees to Materials and Research: John Hancock, Calvin Collins, John Annable and Ron Small.

John Hancock is a graduate of Hendrix College with a degree in Chemistry. He was previously employed by the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology. He is single and enjoys sailing and experimenting with sound and light mixing.

Calvin Collins transferred to Materials from Mail and Supplies and we are glad to have him with us.

John Annable is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and holds a BS in Civil Engineering. John's home town is Wilson, Arkansas but he presently lives in Little Rock. He enjoys hunting, fishing, golf, and woodwork.

Ron Small is an electronics technician in our Research section. He attended the Arkansas College of Technology and has an associate degree in bio-medical instrumentation. Ron en-

joys hunting, fishing, the outdoors and all sports!

We were sorry to lose Karen Tuggle and Emma Senior. Emma, after two years of service to the Department, left to join the ranks of a psychiatrist at the University Hospital, but Karen however, is going to the big state of Texas, in the small town of Odessa, hoping to strike it rich.



Emma Senior

Mike Sebrén has recently returned from a trip to Silver Dollar City - he said he had a great time!

R.C. Turney has returned from a one month visit to Germany and Belgium. He visited his son and wife Georgette's family. They visited the coast of Belgium which proved to be beautiful.

Terry and Liz Pearson are patiently awaiting the arrival of the stork, hopefully around the end of March. Congratulations.

We are glad to see Wayne Casteel back after a week's stay in the hospital in early October for minor surgery.

Congratulations to N.C. Roach who recently completed 30 years of service with the Department. Neil was presented a certificate of service award by Joe Magness. Cake and punch were served for the occasion.



N.C. Roach

Dale Gossien was presented his service certificate and pin by M.C. Peevy for 15 years of service to the department. A party was given in honor of Dale.



Also congratulations to Reggie McAlister for 5 years of service to the Department.

We would like to give a special thanks to Bob Shelton for his great talent and imagination of personalized cards for special occasions and events around the Division. Thanks Bob!

Jim Reynolds has been selected to serve on the Advisory Board of the Otherway Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center. The Board is being organized to help promote the program and its purpose and to help in its quest to better serve those that are in need of drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

PERSONNEL

The Personnel Section is happy to extend a warm welcome to Jane Wilson, Administrative Assistant. This section, as well as the Department, will benefit by her professionalism. Jane is a native of Conway and a very competitive tennis player. She has 2 daughters, Darby and Mary Kay.

We are also proud to have with us Lisa Estell. She is our COE student from Mount St. Mary's and the daughter of Olga Estell of District Six.

We are sorry that Margaret Harper and Bob Lyford have left us. Both Bob and Margaret assisted Becky Finney with the CETA Summer Program. Margaret was one of the few people who could keep up with Emma's wit.

Jackie Wallace was honored in May with a party commemorating her 35 years of service with the Department. Assistant Director Gip Robertson presented Jackie with her service pin while many of her friends gathered around to help celebrate the outstanding accomplishment.

Sherri Jones, daughter of Kay Cornish, was chosen Miss McClellan Optimist for 1982. On October 3, Sherri competed for the title Miss Arkansas Optimist at the District meeting held at Queen Wilhelmina State Park. She was chosen first runner-up. Sherri is a senior at McClellan High School, a member of the National Honor Society, Highlander Concert Choir, Lionette Drill Team, and secretary of her senior class. Congratulations Sherri.



Sherrie Jones

Emma Galyean's beautiful daughter, Becky, was married on October 3rd to Jody Gathright. (Becky is employed in the Planning Division.) Both mother and daughter were going in circles for months with wedding preparations and attending showers. How fitting the title of "Mother-in-law" should now be Emma's. As we all know (and love) she keeps every one in line with her "quick tongue quips" - so necessary with the mythical image of a mother-in-law. With the newlyweds

honeymooning, Emma and her husband, Clifton, decided to enjoy a weeks trip and visited Gatlinburg, Tennessee and on to Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Everyone in Personnel would like to extend best wishes to Jody and Becky.

Winter weather has arrived with the obvious sniffs, coughs and sudden chills that have been appearing throughout the Department. Sue Dean is almost scared to touch the sick leave cards. Perhaps last July's memories of how fresh the air is in Lake Tahoe keep flashing across her mind. Sue's husband, Carl, would remember it best by the "near poverty feeling" brought on by Sue at the black jack table. With all kidding aside, both had a fantastic time and Sue had her usual string of good luck.

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

We were deeply saddened by the death of Larry Sandage on August 8. Larry was the life of Photogrammetry. He was always playing a prank on someone to brighten up an otherwise dull day. There are no adequate words to express how much he will be missed. He will live in our memories of him, though. We will never forget Larry deLane Sandage.



Larry deLane Sandage

Mike Schiffel was promoted to Aerial Photographer, and Kathleen McKim has been hired to replace him in the Lab.

Kathy is the wife of Richard B. McKim, and is a member of the 123RTS Air National Guard Unit. Her hobbies are photography, gardening, and home interior decorating. Kathy, with her bright smile and pleasing personality, is a welcome addition to Photogrammetry. Welcome, Kathy!



Farrell and Tina Adams have recently changed their address. They are property owners in Sardis now. Farrell says he really likes living out in the country. Ask him sometime about how much fun he had getting his utilities hooked up.

Bob is running again! This time it was the Busch Half Marathon. There were about 600 runners and Bob finished in two hours. Pretty good for an "old codger" like Bob. Congratulations!

Margaret Hudson is going around bragging about being grandma again. Her reason is a little girl named Jennifer Michelle, born September 4, at St. Mary's Hospital in Russellville. The proud parents are Kim and Marc Stephens. Kim was a summer employee for two summers in Personnel. Congratulations to "Motney".



Jennifer Michelle Stephens

PLANNING DIVISION

We have a new employee in the Administrative Section of the Planning Division. Her name is Becky Gathright, formerly Becky Galyean. Becky was married October 3 to Jody Gathright at Lifeline Baptist Church. For those of you who missed it, the wedding was just beautiful. After a trip to Eureka Springs, the couple returned to their home in Maumelle. We were happy to have Becky back from her trip, but we think she preferred staying home with Jody than being with us. You would think she would be more dedicated to her work. We want to wish the best to a great couple.

For those of you who missed the "premiere" of the box office smash "Our Fishing Trip to the Gulf", really missed a great home movie. The cast consisted of Tom Lorenzo, John Haynie, Tony McArthur, Jim Gilbert and Lynn Malbrough. Filming was done by Jim Gilbert, with narration provided by Tom Lorenzo and John Haynie. It was a good show, but unfortunately there won't be many awards won for acting. We never saw any fish caught except for the 20-minute battle between Tony and a croaker that weighed about one pound. Of course their story was that they ran out of film just as they were reeling the big ones in. Rumor has it that the fish boxes were filled up before they got on the boat. They used all their production money to pay for the fish.

We want to extend our congratulations to the Planning Division's bowling team. Their bowling hasn't been the best, but they certainly have given it their best effort. Every team can't be number one so they need a team to be last! Rumor is that John Haynie didn't play on the team this year because he was too embarrassed after last year's record. We know that they will

be victorious in the end. Good luck, guys!

We have a new face in the Finance & Economics Section. We want to welcome Laura Moore to our staff. Laura graduated last May from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a Bachelor's Degree in English. We are happy to have Laura with us and for all you guys that are anxious to know - she is single and very attractive so be sure to say hello!

Technical Services would like to say "Welcome Back" to Polly Cloud. Polly worked for the Department for 9 years and after staying at home for 4 years, she decided to rejoin us. Glad to have you back, Polly!

Paul Edwards, of Mapping & Graphics, is the proud father of a baby girl. Ashley Mechelle was born October 1, weighing 7 pounds. Paul hasn't stopped grinnin' yet.

Pete Benetz was the winner of the color division in the Arkansas Democrat Photography Contest. His entry has gone to International Competition in New York, being judged by Kodak International. Good luck, Pete!

Marlin Powell sure does like his new Plymouth Reliant Stationwagon. Marlin's wife says it is sure handy to carry the golf clubs in - maybe that's why we've only seen Marlin drive it to work once!

Welcome back to John Millican. John was in the hospital for several weeks for surgery on his leg. He's doing fine now and we're glad to have him back.

Stella Cristman recently moved to Bryant where she purchased property for her mobile home.

Van Hale, of Statewide Planning, took a day off on October 16, to get married! He and the former Leslie Morris, of Memphis, were married in Memphis.

Statewide Planning also welcomes their new secretary, Kathy Upchurch, who transferred from Environmental. Kathy is taking Anita Woodall's place whose husband accepted employment in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Eric Phillips, the all-sports athlete, turned 30 in October and took a vacation on the Gulf Coast to recover.

PROGRAMMING & SCHEDULING



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Higgins

We want to congratulate Verna Hackney on her marriage to Randy Higgins in September. The ceremony was beautiful and Verna and Randy were a very handsome couple. Several people from the office attended the wedding and our secretary, Becky Nichols, was Maid of Honor. The entire office wishes Verna and Randy a long and happy life together.

Programming and Scheduling extends a warm welcome to our newest employee. However,

this latest addition is not new to the Department. Jerry Dixon has transferred to our office from the Technical Services Section of the Planning Division. We are extremely pleased to have Jerry working with us. His wit and easy-going personality have made him an enjoyable addition. Jerry and his wife, Pat, have three children, Audrey, Jerry and Brandy.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Congratulations to Mary Day Wilson on 20 years of service with the Department. Jim Head, Public Transportation Administrator, presented Mary her pin on July 6, the anniversary of her first day with the Department. Mary began her career with the Department in 1961, as Assistant to the Public Information Officer. In 1968, she took on the responsibilities of editor of "Arkansas Highways" magazine. In 1973, Mary transferred to Public Transportation to handle the 16(b)(2) Program for the State of Arkansas. This program provides transportation to elderly and handicapped citizens.

Since beginning her work with the Department, Mary has experienced a "continuing education". The 16(b)(2) Program, in which she is presently involved, has given her great rewards along with an equal amount of frustrations. Mary says, "The reward is helping provide mobility to people who would otherwise be without - the frustration is the awareness that so many others still lack transportation."



Mary Day Wilson and Jim Head

The staff of the Public Transportation Unit has covered quite a few miles this summer. John Bodiak and son, Michael, spent an enjoyable week on the East Coast visiting relatives and sightseeing. Michael, age 6, especially enjoyed his visit to New York City where he rode the Staten Island Ferry and toured the Statue of Liberty. Upon his return, Michael had a lot to share with his 3 year old brother, John Paul. While we're on the Bodiaks, Tina and John celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving. Congratulations!

Doris Griffin and her husband, Butch, went to the Bahamas. They had a great time, of course, and Doris is still speaking to all us peons.

Mike Webb traveled to Arcata, California for the Fifth National Conference on Rural Public Transportation for eight days. Representatives from all states attended to share current transportation management techniques.

Brenda Kirkpatrick and her husband, Paul, went to Las Vegas. Brenda lost her shirt, but they did manage to make it back home.

Shery and Dan Telford, Donna Barbee and family, and Sheila Baugh all went to Fort Walton Beach, Florida. However, it was not a mass exodus, they all went at different times.

RADIO SECTION

By Evelyn Kiernan

Richard Moix, our evening radio operator, recently was awarded his 5-year Certificate of Service and pin. Richard attends UALR and will graduate next year with a B.A. degree in chemistry and geology. We are very proud of Richard and congratulate him on his work and educational accomplishments.



Richard Moix

We are pleased to welcome Charles 'Chuck' Onyett to our Radio Section. The Onyetts - Dona, his wife, and children, Lee, age 17 and Rebecca, age 10, live in North Little Rock.

Chuck worked in Saudi Arabia for Lockheed teaching aircraft radio, equipment operation and repair before coming to the Department. We feel fortunate to have him in our section.

RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

We welcome Larry Foreman back after being on sick leave recuperating from an injury to his hand.

Debra Allen is now driving a 1981 Rabbit Diesel with gray exterior and blue interior. She says the gas mileage is great!!!

This section helped Al Dunn, our Section Head, celebrate his birthday with a delicious potluck which was enjoyed by all. On October 14 Al was presented his 15-year service award and pin by Assistant Director Gip Robertson. Congratulations Boss! Refreshments were served to Reproduction Section employees and former employees who have transferred to other sections within the Highway Department.



Al Dunn and Gip Robertson

Vonda Shell recently pulled a ligament in her ankle but it is much better now. They say something good comes from everything. She did get some new steps to her trailer.

Carolyn Bryant's son, John David, is playing trombone in the school band. Practice makes perfect but is sometimes noisy. He is also playing football this year.

Jerry Heffington displayed 50 pen and ink drawings in the annual Arkansas League of Artists exhibit at Burns Park. Over 200 artists and craftsmen had displays. Results of this showing were encouraging. He plans to have an exhibit on November 21 at Otter Creek.

Tommy Daniel entered the 13-mile Anheuser-Busch half marathon on October 13. His wife, Barbara, has joined the Air National Guard. She just returned from basic training at Lackland AFB and is now in on-the-job training in Personnel at Little Rock AFB until December 14. She will then return to her job at the VA Hospital and hopes to get a job in Personnel there to use the training she has received during this time.

Two of our employees are in a bowling league this year. John Jackson, Larry Foreman, Shirley Hutson, Steve Teague and Nell Teague make up the team. They are doing real good. They have high game so far this year.

RIGHT OF WAY

By Shirley Childress

Congratulations to Vic Winchell, Closing Agent in the Administrative Section, upon completion of 15 years of service. Vic received his pin and certificate at an office luncheon on August 17.



Vic Winchell and A.C. Ledbetter

The Right of Way Division's annual fish fry was held this year on September 11 at Murray Park. Good food and good fellowship was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to our cooks Glendol Jackson and Nathan Garrett who outdid themselves again this year in preparing and cooking the food. A very special thanks to Nathan's wife, Juanita, for cooking the beans. They were delicious.

Special guests at the fish fry were Brooks Nichols, Gip Robertson and wife Patsy, Billie Boyd and husband Vance, and two retirees, Bryan McArthur and wife Billie and Fred Sloan and wife Lillian. We are always happy to see our retirees and really missed Charlie Scott and wife Allena, who usually attend but had already made plans to go to Fayetteville to attend the Razorback game.

Thanks to everyone in Right of Way who attended and made this the best fish fry in several years. I'm sure everyone will agree that the food was good, the fellowship was good,

the weather was good, but the mosquitoes were BAD!

A.C. Ledbetter and wife Frances attended the Razorback game at Fayetteville on September 12 and visited their son, Steve, who is a student at the U of A.

Congratulations to Willard Holt in his recent marriage to Shirley Wright. We wish both of you much happiness.

Jim Moody, his wife Margaret, and son, Don, had a nice Arkansas vacation. They attended the new "Grandpa Jones Dinner Theatre", visited Bull Shoals Cavern, and spent a couple of days in Eureka Springs where they saw the Pine Mountain Jamboree.

ROADWAY DESIGN

In September, three employees were honored for their years of service with the Department. Dick Siegler and Bill Duncan were presented 15-year awards and Gary Sipes received his 20-year certificate. It was an "unforgettable" moment for these three - just ask them!



Dick Siegler, Gary Sipes and Bill Duncan

We welcome two new employees. Charles Rain is now working as a Design Engineer and Ron Cofer has transferred from Final Estimates. Both men work in the Urban Design Section.

October was the time for the Roadway Design "Chili-Fest". Bill Duncan received the "Golden Award of Excellence" for the best chili among the 10 entrants. The topic of conversation though was "watch out for entry number 6".

STATE AID

By Barbara Croswell

Carroll Shoaf, who was with this Division for five years resigned in September. We will miss you Carroll and hope that you come back to see us.

We would like to welcome Dale Roach to our Division as Assistant Section Head. Dale has been employed in Roadway Design and transferred to use his abilities in helping all of us to keep State Aid Roads branching out across this great State of ours.

State Aid Engineer John Kizer, accompanied by his wife, Maxine, and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Looney attended the annual SASHTO Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia September 26-October 1. Mr. Kizer is on the SASHTO Secondary Roads Committee. The ladies activities included a tour of the governor's mansion and Stone Mountain State Park. Other highlights included a tour

of the Interstate 85 Freeway reconstruction in downtown Atlanta and a view of the city from the top of the 70-story Peachtree Plaza Hotel.

Johnnie Oldham, 8 year old son of Barbara Crosswell, and his stepfather, Ben Crosswell, attended a Pinewood Derby race on Saturday, September 26. This race was with Cub Scout Den No. 1 and is sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Den is made of 6 boys and is watched over by Denmother Carolyn Ducret who is doing a wonderful job with the boys. The Pinewood Derby is a father-son activity in which together they carve from a block of wood a race car. A race is held which is a family event where parents can enjoy the achievement's of their sons and cheer each of them to win. Johnnie and Ben won 1st Place with the fastest car, 2nd place was Chris Ducret and 3rd place was won by Shayne Gray. Honorable mention was given to Malcolm Brant and Steven Holland. Mention also should be made that Johnnie Oldham and Shayne Gray are the grandsons of AHTD Staff Photographer Johnnie Gray.



Johnnie and Ben

TRAFFIC DIVISION & SIGN SHOP

By Laura Lee Pifer

We would like to welcome four new employees to the Traffic Division's Sign Shop. James Hastings transferred from the District Three Office in Hope and began working here on June 25. James has a 2-year Associate Degree in Commercial Art Advertising from college, and puts this to use by painting and doing commercial advertising signs in his spare time. He says he enjoys working here, but that Little Rock will take a little getting use to.

John Santoro resides in Oak Grove and began working for AHTD on July 6. He enjoys playing basketball and in addition to playing it, he also coaches a sixth-grade basketball team.

Tony Jones, a previous AHTD employee, began working here again on July 9. Tony enjoys hunting and fishing, but while at work enjoys driving a striping truck.

Ronnie Barrett, a recent graduate of L.R. Central High School, began working here on August 6. He is the son of Jean Barrett in the Right of Way Division, and he enjoys listening to music and attending concerts.

Welcome once again to all of you.

On September 24, Earl Hillis was honored with a party celebrating his 30 years of service with the Department. Jim Barnett, Traffic

Division Head, presented Earl with a diamond pin for his 30 years. Congratulations, Earl!



Earl Hillis and Jim Barnett

Here's a note for all you envious golfer fans. Lee Gibbons, Jim Barnett, Dave Conner and Don Martin were playing a normal game of golf when a very unusual thing happened. While playing at War Memorial and reaching the fourth tee, Lee chose a wedge for his first shot. After striking, the ball went into the air, hit the green, bounced once and rolled into the hole. After the shot, Jim, Dave and Don all had to start looking in their pockets for pennies to pay up. Lee hit the jackpot with his first hole in one! Congratulations Lee!

We would like to offer our best wishes to Louise and Terrell Watts on the expectancy of their first child. Little Jr. or Little Miss is due in January, and both Louise and Terrell are anxiously awaiting the arrival.

Congratulations are in order for Betsy and Mark Kimmel on the birth of their first child. Mark Jacob Kimmel was born on August 18, and weighed 8 pounds and ½ ounce. Congratulations Betsy and Mark.



Mark Jacob Kimmel

We would like to offer our best wishes to two employees who recently left the Sign Shop. Julia Grooms, employed with AHTD for 4½ years, left on October 1 to start work at the Baptist Medical Center as a unit clerk. We will miss her.

John Garver, son of Stanley Garver in Final Estimates, left us on October 2 to attend Arkansas College of Technology to study electronics. John wants to specialize in Bio-med Instrumentation. If you can figure out what that is - you're doing better than I am. Good luck John!

Congratulations to Stacy Jester, who re-

cently graduated from Glenwood High School. She is presently attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Stacy is the daughter of Chester Jester, Supervisor of Signs.



Stacy Jester

DISTRICT ONE

District One honored Maintenance service award recipients and retirees on October 1 at the District Headquarters with cake and punch. Gene Burns, Permit Officer, and Shelby Hudson, Lee County Area Foreman, were our 25-year employees. Gene was unable to be present, but District Engineer Bill Mulhollen presented Shelby with his pin and service certificate for his years of service to the Department. Loyd Williams, who retired with 16½ years of service, was acknowledged by Mr. Mulhollen. Loyd's fellow crew members presented him with a gift.

Lewis T. Jones, retiring nightwatchman, was presented with a gift from the office force and his 10 years of service were recognized. G.L. Foster, from Monroe County, retired in June and was unable to be present, but Mr. Mulhollen gratefully acknowledged his 27 years of service as a mower operator, truck driver and leadperson. Due to the Construction Division workload at this time, the 25 and 30 year award employees in that division will be recognized at a later date.

In addition to the above, those with 20 years service were: D.W. Armstrong, M.I. Markham and H.H. Shuberte; 15 year awards were presented to Jimmy Smith, Kenneth Brazile, Jimmy Goad, M.K. Perry, Norwood Smith, L.F. Shafer, Billy D. Morgan, J.H. Woodard, E.M. West, G.D. Pierce and T.V. Woods.

The table, centered with a fall arrangement of silk flowers, was covered with the AHTD tablecloth and placed in front of Omaha orange signs showing the names of the honorees.



Mr. and Mrs.
Loyd Williams



Mr. and Mrs.
Lewis Jones



D. King



S. Hudson



D.W. Armstrong and H.H. Shuberte



15 Years Service Award Recipients

New babies in District One are James Todd Montgomery, son of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Montgomery of Forrest City. Todd weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long.



James Todd Montgomery

Justine Keith Peeler, born August 29, came in at 2 ounces less than Todd but they could run a race as to which one has the most dark hair. Justine is the son of Sherry and Lewis Peeler, and his proud grandfather is J.W. Davis, who works for M.J. Jordan.



Justine Keith Peeler

Goodbyes were said to Carol and Ray Woodruff recently upon their departure for Pine Bluff. Ray, who has served as Resident Engineer

in Wynne for the last two years, is the new Assistant District Engineer in Pine Bluff. This is the second Assistant District Engineer that District Two has gotten from District One so that should tell you something about the good training they get in District One! Ray was honored by his residency employees at a fish fry and at the same time they welcomed their new Resident Engineer, John E. Watkins, who comes to us from District Six. We will miss Ray, but greet John and wish the best of luck to them both on their new jobs.

DISTRICT TWO

By Bettye Carter

The big news this issue is a "big" welcome to our new Assistant District Engineer, Ray Woodruff. Ray is replacing Joe Barnett who after being in District Two for 2½ years was transferred to Little Rock. Being a native of Brinkley, Ray started to work with AHTD in 1972 while attending the University of Arkansas. After graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering he was made Assistant Resident Engineer in the West Helena area. In 1979 he was promoted to Resident Engineer at Wynne. Ray is married to the former Carol Irish of Montrose in Ashley County. We're proud to have Ray in District Two and wish him much success.



Ray Woodruff

Also a big congratulations to our District Engineer Sam Smith and his wife Mary. Their very first grandchild, Melissa Lee Belden, was born August 18 weighing 8 pounds and 1½ ounces. Melissa is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Belden.

A first grandchild was born to Jason Harrison and his wife. Their grandson, Johnathan Aaron Harrison, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Harrison. Jason works in the District at Pine Bluff. Congratulations.



Johnathan Aaron Harrison

Denise Johns and Kelly Slater were married on October 10 at the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. Denise is the daughter of Carol and Bill Johns, Area Foreman of Jefferson County. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Allen Slater of Harrisburg. After a wedding trip to Petit Jean Mountain the couple will be at home in Pine Bluff.



Mrs. Kelly Slater

Service awards were presented recently to the following: 5 years, Billy T. Carter, O.Z. McGee, Jr. and Donald J. Vaughn; 15 years, J. E. Fletcher, Jr., and 20 years, A.C. Jackson and Gary D. Williams.

DISTRICT THREE

By Vinie Holt

Well news is short here in District Three as of this writing but I do want to congratulate several employees on their years of service with the Department. Congratulations to M.L. Giles, C.O. Womack, and A.C. Dismuke for 5 years; A.D. Carmack, J.F. Burnett, K.E. Cowart and H.E. Ogdan for 10 years; C.H. Minor and C.C. Brewer for 15 years; Melvin House and J.D. Fulmer for 20 years; and C.O. "Thomas" Adams for 25 years.

Pictured is Melvin House with his 20 year service certificate. Melvin is an Asphalt Plant Inspector in the Hope Residency.



Melvin House

Congratulations are also in order for two of our employees that have been promoted to supervisory positions. Alan David Carmack was employed in the Montgomery County Crew as an equipment operator. He has since been promoted to Area Headquarters Attendant and most recently to Montgomery County Area Foreman. David has been with the Department for 10 years. Congratulations David!

Donald Glen Cearley was employed in the District Wide Bridge Crew as a Carpenter and has recently been promoted to Crew Leader in the District Wide Bridge Crew. Donald has 7½ years service with the Department. Congratulations Don!

Dale Adams and Christi Bobo were married Friday, October 9, at the Bethany Baptist Church in Spring Hill. Dale is the son of Mr. & Mrs. C.O. "Thomas" Adams. Thomas is our District Equipment Supervisor.

DISTRICT FOUR

Jim and Reesa Carroll are the proud parents of a daughter, Kelly Leigh born September 8. Jim is Stock Clerk at the District 4 Headquarters.



Kelly Carroll

Congratulations to those receiving service awards: Harlon Oliver, Crew Leader on Bridge Crew, 25 years of service; A.C. "Bud" Smith and Merl Bates, both carpenters on Bridge Crew and Jerry "Pud" Hunsucker, Inspector in D.C. Spencer's Residency all received 10 year service awards.



A.C. Smith and Harlon Oliver



Merl Bates



Jerry Hunsucker and D.C. Spencer

We have two very proud Mothers in the District 4 Office and they have reason to be so! Mary Bryant, daughter of our District Payroll Clerk Mary Sue Bryant and Mike Crowley, son of our District Receptionist Carole Crowley are both seniors in Fort Smith and have been named to the Semi-Finalist List by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The students scored in the top 0.5 percent of all graduating seniors in Arkansas. To advance to the Finalists stage, they must make equivalent scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Boards, be endorsed and recommended by their school and document high academic standing throughout grades 9-12. Congratulations to both!

Congratulations to Jeff Clemence, son of Jerry Clemence, Sign Crew Leader in the Springdale area. Jeff had the honor of being a member of the Rogers' "All Star Team" in Little League. Jeff plays center field and hit a home run his last time at bat in his final play for the Little League. Good luck to Jeff in the Babe Ruth League next year.



Jeff Clemence

DISTRICT FIVE

By Marilyn Coffman

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: Keith G. Richardson, Fred Boutwell and Orville Elumbaugh, 20 years; W.E. Hughes, 15 years; William J. Bragg and James F. Hoggard, 10 years; Donnie R. Schmidth, Jimmie R. Smith, Wanda J. Earnheart, Earl E. Ezell, Joey A. Hipp and James R. Leggett, 5 years.

Congratulations to our newlyweds. Gerald Duncan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alson Duncan of Batesville, and Elizabeth Roberts, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Vern Roberts of Mountain View,

were married August 4, in the home of Mr. & Mrs. David Spinks. Gerald is an employee of the Independence County Area Crew.



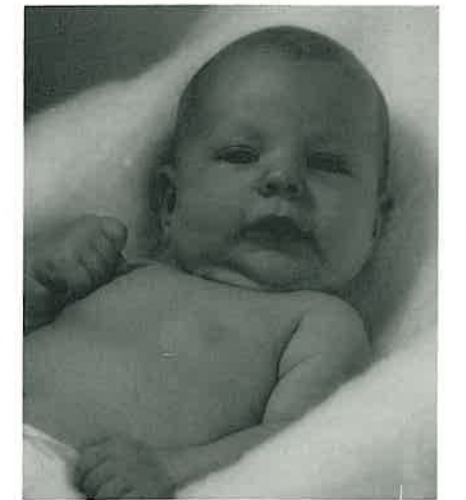
Elizabeth and Gerald Duncan

Gary West, Inspector with the John Ed Smith Residency, would like to share this picture of the turkey he killed. We were unable to get any details.



Gary West

The bouncing baby boy in the picture is Michael Jordan Weaver, who arrived March 22, weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces. The proud parents are Mike and Susan Weaver. Mike is an employee of the Independence County Area Crew.



Michael Jordan Weaver

In the last issue of the magazine we announced the arrival of Matthew Collie Taylor, son of Kay and V.L. Taylor. Here is a picture of the little cutie. All of us in the office feel like relatives. Kay is our district bookkeeper.



Matthew Collie Taylor

The next photograph is dedicated to Grandparents Bobby and Lucille Hughes. Granddaughter Amanda Zelasko, age 23 months, was selected as the "Prize Baby Girl" from 72 entrants at the Independence County Fair and Livestock Show. Grandpa Bobby, District Asphalt Inspector, was beaming with pride while he displayed the picture of Amanda and her trophy. He also had another news item. Amanda has a new baby brother, Stephen Chad Zelasko, who arrived September 26, weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces. The parents of Amanda and Stephen are Angela and Jeff Zelasko.



Amanda Zelasko

Speaking of Grandparents, my grandchildren paid a visit to the office recently. Kristi, age 4, and my new grandson, Jonathan David Parker, who arrived August 21, weighing 8 pounds, 11½ ounces. Our daughter Susan and husband, David Parker, are the parents.

Assistant Resident Engineer Jim Leggett and wife, Mara, announce the birth of a son, Russell Wade, born July 12, weighing 7 pounds and 14 ounces. Russell's sisters, Jenny and Larisa, are enjoying the new addition.



Kristi and Jonathan Parker



Russell Wade Leggett

Our get well wishes are sent to Sally McMillan, retiree, who is a patient in the White River Medical Center in Batesville.

Congratulations to Wanda Jo Earnheart, our District Payroll Clerk, shown receiving her 5 year certificate of service.



Wanda J. Earnheart

We extend our deepest sympathy to the wife and family of Robert C. Conley. Robert, an employee of the White County Crew, recently passed away. He will be missed by his fellow employees.

We would also like to extend our sympathy to Joe Hipp, Paul Matthews, Sammy Davis, Tom Jones and Dick Shelton, upon the recent

death of their fathers; Jack Michell's mother, S.L. Ivy's father-in-law and Karen Moore's grandmother.

We are proud that our graduates shown in the last issue are continuing their education. Bobby D. Hubbard, son of Jackson County Area Foreman Bobby Hubbard, is studying auto mechanics and auto body at White River Vocational Technical School in Newport. Rick McKinney, son of our fuel clerk Norma McKinney, is attending Ouachita Baptist University.

Randy Bolin and Marisa Hampton were recently married in Batesville. Randy is the son of Area Foreman and Mrs. Bobby Bolin and Marisa is a sister of Steve Hampton, Inspector for the H.D. Beaver Residency. Randy is a former employee of the John Ed Smith Residency.

This issue of district news was full of new arrivals. It was hard to decide who did the most bragging. Orville and Betty Gold probably ran a close first with their new grandson Jeffrey Scott who arrived August 27, weighing 10 pounds and 3 ounces. Son Randy and wife Judy are the parents.



Jeffrey Scott Gold

DISTRICT SIX

District Six would like to extend their congratulations to Area Foreman James Welcher of Hot Spring County on the birth of his first grandson, Mark Anthony Davis, born June 26. Another proud grandfather from the same crew is James L. Davidson. His son and daughter-in-law presented him and his wife, Sondra, with a new granddaughter, Brandy Nicole, on September 19. Brandy weighed 7 pounds and 14½ ounces at birth.



James Welcher & Grandson Mark Davis



Brandy Nicole Davidson

Congratulations are also in order for Chervonne Arnold. Chervonne is the daughter of Evelyn Arnold, our Assistant Storeroom Supervisor. She won the top prize in her 2nd grade class for reading the most books in the Easter Seal Read-a-thon.



Chervonne Arnold

There was an Awards Coffee at the District Headquarters on September 24 to honor Al Kisner, A.C. Cunningham and Wilburn Dycus. Al Kisner, our office manager, has been with the Highway Department for 5 years. A.C. Cunningham received his 20 year pin and service certificate. He is with Ralph Hall's Residency in Little Rock. Wilburn Dycus is the crew leader with the District Wide Sealing Crew. He has been with us for 10 years. Our congratulations and appreciation to all of these men.



Al Kisner, A.C. Cunningham, W.F. Dycus

We mourn the passing of W.O. Quinn, a senior mechanic in our District Shop. Mr. Quinn passed away on October 1. He was a valuable employee, a fine person and a good friend to all of those who knew him. Our sympathies go out to his wife and family.

Jim Williams, Assistant Resident Engineer in C.E. Means Residency in Hot Springs, retired August 19 with 32 years of service. Jim was presented a hunting coat from his crew. After visiting with some of his old friends, coffee and cake was served in his honor.



Jim Williams

DISTRICT SEVEN

By Althea Campbell

Congratulations to Director Henry Gray on his election to the office of Vice President of A.A.S.H.T.O. held recently in Chicago.

John Harvey, office manager, had a pleasant trip in Northern Arkansas, including Blanchard Springs with his brother and family.

We are happy to have a new stock clerk, Thomas Harris. Tommy is a graduate of Fairview High School and attended U.A.M. in Monticello. His wife, Teresa, is employed with Data Service Center as a key punch operator. They have one daughter, 9 year old Kerry Ann. Tommy is an avid hunter and fisherman.

We would like to welcome Henrietta McMahan to District Seven as our receptionist. Henrietta was employed for 15 years at First National Bank of Camden. She and husband, Carl, have two sons, Rodney and Stan. We are all enjoying working with "Henri" and are glad to welcome her to our District Office. Carl is employed with International Paper Company and both boys are on football teams at school so much of the McMahan's time is spent in the stadium. Stan, age 16, is a defensive tackle for the Hampton Bulldogs.



The Carl McMahan Family



Stan McMahan

We are very pleased to report that Hurley Loe's son-in-law has returned home after an accident and several months in the hospital.

Little Janda Launius, daughter of Dannie Launius, our storeroom supervisor, has entered nursery school and is very excited over "Kid-die World".

We wish to extend deepest sympathies to Sam Bradshaw in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Bill Bradshaw. Sam is crew leader for Jimmy Hamilton's Maintenance Crew.

Jonathan McMahan, son of Louise and Gene McMahan, recently won first place with a poster for the World Hunger Program at Cullendale First Baptist Church in Camden. Louise is our District Payroll Clerk and Gene is an Inspector for Bob Myers.

Jayce, 4 year old brother of Lindy Amanda Jones are the children of Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Dale Jones of Benton - more important they are the grandchildren of Dell and James Jones, District Signman. Lindy Amanda was born September 2 weighing 8 pounds and 7 ounces.



Lindy and Jayce Jones

Hubert (Red) Drummond, District Shop Mechanic, and Richard Buchanan had an undefeated team - The Women's Bulldog Softball Team - winning 15 games this past season. They won 1st place in the Timesman Softball League, 2nd place in the Junction City Tournament, 3rd place in the El Dorado Tournament, and 3rd place in the District. Coach Red Drummond and wife, Carol Ann, are on the second row at the right end.

Dana Kay Adams, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Homer Adams, and James J. Bergstrom, son

of Teddy Bergstrom, were married August 1. Jimmy is single-axle truck driver/mower for Tommie Belt in Ouachita County. The wedding was performed by Rev. Johnny Brewster of Pine Bluff at Calvery Baptist Church in East Camden. Dana is majoring in Architectural Engineering at Southern Arkansas University-Tech, and Jimmy has a BSE from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia.



Mr. & Mrs. James J. Bergstrom

The Lafayette County Area Headquarters in Lewisville is receiving a new paint surface. Danny Foster, area foreman, and crew were assisted by L.D. Hopper and Hurley Loe from the District Shop Crew. Doesn't it look great! Danny and his crew are to be commended for the attractive and clean headquarters area.



Lafayette County Area Headquarters



The Women's Bulldog Softball Team

Pictured are Shannon, age 7, and Brett, age 11, children of Jerry Waddell, field clerk for A.W. Hardy. They were flower girl and candlelighter recently in the wedding of a friend. Jim Cantrell, inspector in the same Residency, also participated in a wedding when he gave away the bride, who was his daughter. The ceremony was performed in Dallas and Jim and wife, Mavis, spent several days there preparing for the event.



Shannon and Brett Waddell

Tony Harrington, inspector for A.W. Hardy, recently attended the Arkansas-Texas football game and pep rally in Fayetteville.

In keeping with introducing to you our wives of supervisors - this time we would like for you to meet Wanda Huneycutt and Dolores Millican.

Wanda is the wife of Vance Huneycutt, our District Station Attendant-Supervisor. Wanda owns and operates her own business, which is not unusual until you discover she is a "watchmaker". Wanda learned her trade from her father some twenty years ago; he was a self-taught watchmaker. Wanda has watched the business go from wind-up, lose-a-minute-a-week, to a battery push-button, lose-a-minute-a-year. She is also a collector of watches and clocks; it is no problem to see the time of day around the house.

Wanda is also into jewelry making. Since everyone is aware of the present gold prices, she has made several gold nuggets from old

rings - no two are alike! The nuggets are worn on chains or made into rings. She also finds time to be a member of a bowling team - the same team his been together for 15 years. They have bowled in the National Tournament; never won any money but had a lot of fun. Wanda and Vance have a 15-year old daughter, Laurie, whose many friends and interests keep them busy most of the time.



Wanda Huneycutt



Gina and Dolores Millican

Dolores is the wife of Jessie Millican, Union County Area Foreman. They have a 10-year old daughter, Gina.

Dolores is a graduate of Strong High School and holds a R.N. degree from Warner Brown Hospital at El Dorado. She is presently employed as Office and Head Nurse for Dr. J.P. Ellis at the Area Health Education Center. AHEC-El Dorado is an educational center for the training of young physicians in the field of Family Practice. Medical and nursing students from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences are also trained through the AHEC, and the physicians in the Family Practice Center see the patients there.

Dolores is a member of Diploma Nurses of Arkansas, LPN Advisory Board, Nursing & Social Services Council, ESA Alpha Phi, and East Faulkner Church of Christ. She enjoys cookouts, cards, bunko, camping, traveling, friends and anything in the company of Jessie and Gina.

DISTRICT EIGHT

In the last issue of the magazine, District 4 reported the results of two weekend softball games between District 4 and District 8. The

following is a more accurate accounting of the games: District 4 showed up with a semi-pro team to play a "friendly" game of softball with District 8, whose team consisted of people playing for the first time in several months.

The first game was not close - since District 4 scored first and then in the end District 8 had to substitute freely to prevent a run away. Knowing that District 4 would be embarrassed if District 8 won both games, we let them overtake us in the second game. Playing a third game was considered by both teams, but everyone declined since rain was pouring down and 6 inches of water was standing on the field. District 8 accommodated District 4 by scheduling the game for June 20.

June 20 came and two games were played. Our scorekeeper has the score of the first game as District 8 - 11 runs and District 4 - 3 runs. The second game ended when William Craig broke his leg sliding into third base and being tagged out for the third out of the fifth inning. The score at the end was District 8 - 7 runs and District 4 - 0. We have not seen or heard from the highly touted District 4 softball team since.

The District 8 Annual Softball Tournament was held on August 29 at Shiloh Park in Russellville. This year the tournament was held for the benefit of William Craig of District 4. Winners of trophies this year were: 1st Place, Faulkner County Crew; 2nd Place, Johnson County; and 3rd Place went to District 9. Other entrants in order of finish were Van Buren County, Perry-Conway County, and Russellville. This year's tournament was held minus the extreme heat of last summer. A lot of fun and competitive spirit was enjoyed by all.



C.W. McMillian and 1st Place trophy

Kristin Michelle Keaster was born September 3 to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Keaster. Richard works in the District Wide Crew, but says he is having to moonlight at home by helping out with the 2 a.m. feedings. Kristin weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces at birth and she has a 7 year old sister whose name is Stephanie.



Kristin Michelle Keaster

Kenneth and Karen Buchanan have a new daughter, Jessica Lea, born on August 15. She weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. Jessica has a big sister, Jennifer and a big brother, Josh. Kenneth is our Assistant Storeroom Supervisor.



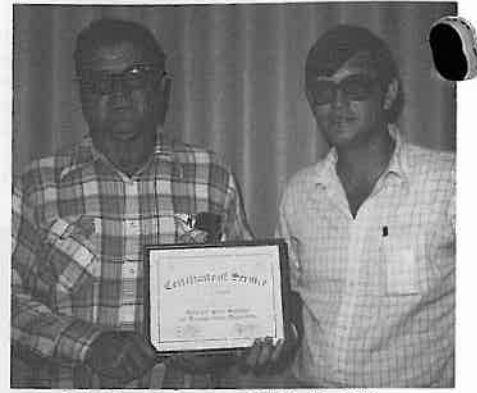
Kenneth and Jessica Buchanan

Aloha, Jean and Frank Blalock. We tried not to be too envious of them for their October vacation in Hawaii. We really are glad you had so much fun at Waikiki Beach.



Jean and Frank Blalock in Hawaii

Congratulations to our service award recipients! In July awards were presented to James G. Teal, 10 years; B.R. McAlister, 25 years and George Duvall, 5 years. August - A.F. Beavers, 20 years; S.L. Evans, 20 years; D.L. Wilkinson, 15 years and Mary Holley, 5 years. In September - Leonard Keeling, 30 years; Thomas F. Kinslow, 25 years; Ray Wren, 10 years and Cleatus Cravens, 15 years. In October - Jimmy Austin, 15 years; J.B. Havener, 20 years and Utah Graddy, 20 years.



Fletcher Brewer and C.W. McMillian



Sam Evans, Bill McAlister, James Teal and Don Wilkinson

DISTRICT NINE

By Shirley Morton

Service awards were presented by District Engineer Jim Selby to the following employees at the September's Supervisor's Meeting: Ellis Stewart, 30 years; J.L. Briley, J.B. Parker, and Arlo Breedlove, 20 years. Assistant District Engineer J.L. Briley presented a 10 year service award to Resident Engineer James House.



J.B. Parker, Ellis Stewart, Arlo Breedlove and J.L. Briley



Jim Briley and James House

Arl Allen recently retired and was given a party by his co-workers. E.C. Widner presented him with an engraved cigarette lighter from the gang. Tasty refreshments were served to his friends and crew. We wish Arl many happy years of retirement.



Buster Widner and Arl Allen

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Nelson McCutcheon who became grandparents on September 3 when 6 pound, 6 ounce Jessica Suzanne, daughter of Philip and Nita Grigsby, arrived in Houston, Texas.



Jessica Suzanne Grigsby

Congratulations of Mr. & Mrs. Bill McMullen who became grandparents for the fourth time. Daughter Diane and Larry Grigg are the proud parents of their second daughter, Rebecca, who was born October 12. Their eldest daughter, Michelle, is two years old.

Joe Bill Wallace and family, Bill McMullen and family and others enjoyed a fish fry at Peel in October. Bill is still telling us how good the fillets were. The gals in the office were unable to participate this year and sincerely hope we will be invited next fall.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Carson who are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy!

Dean Smith, Carroll County Foreman, and wife enjoyed a summer vacation trip to Niagara Falls, Ontario and other points of interest in that area and a visit with relatives in Ohio en-route home. A few weeks after returning to work, Dean entered the hospital for surgery and we are happy to report he recovered in record time and was back at work resuming full duties within a few weeks.

Captain Lionell Owens, son of Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Owens, has received orders to report to the

Judge Advocate General Headquarters at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines on January 12, 1982. Lionell is a graduate of Harrison High School, U.C.A. in Conway, the U. of A. Law School in Fayetteville and was admitted to the Arkansas Bar Association in 1980. He also attended the Military Law School in Montgomery, Alabama and was sworn into the U.S. Court of Military Appeals in Washington, D.C. last February. Captain Owens and his wife, Lila, and 2 sons live in Biloxi, Mississippi where he is stationed at Keesler Air Force Base. They are expecting a third addition to their family in November.

Marion Downs has announced his engagement to Carolyn Martin of Humboldt, Tenn. Wedding plans are set for December 5 in Tennessee with his father, Rev. Curtis Downs, officiating.

Jim Briley has entered and finished several runs and mini-marathons this fall, winning one and faithfully training for future events. Study the routes carefully, Jim, you can get lost in 'them thar hills', as you well know when you and Ann took a leisurely jeep ride on a recent Sunday afternoon to enjoy the scenery and fresh mountain air and got lost - for 2 hours! We hope you do better than this on foot, Jim!

On an invitation from Chip Young of District Eight, the official District 9 Softball Team entered the AHTD State Tournament held August 29 at Russellville. Player-Coach Ronnie Garner took his team through challenging opposition to reach an overall third place finish. After their victory, all players celebrated and dined at the Ole South Restaurant. This was the team's first year of tournament play and they are looking forward to returning next year and becoming Numero Uno.

Wheeler Field at Harrison was the location of the softball game re-match between the Harrison All Stars and the Yellville-Marshall Turkeycats. As usual, the TC's were again up to their old tricks, this time using suspected microwave balls. The All Stars countered by using a platoon pitching staff headed by Jim "Fireball" Selby and by using their flex defense. Since the TC's did not keep an official scorebook, they could not produce a certified score for either of the two games played.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our AHTD friends!

DISTRICT TEN

By Isabelle Psalmonds

The Northwest part of the United States seemed to have special interest for some of the District 10 folks this summer. This reporter and husband attended a family reunion in Los Angeles and then went to Yosemite, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain National Parks. We had a wonderful time and saw some beautiful country. It certainly seemed strange to see snow on the ground in June.

District 10 Engineer Norman Pumphrey and wife went to Mt. St. Helens, Portland, Oregon, where he did a tour of military duty. On their trip they went to Yosemite and up the California and Oregon coasts and then visited Yellowstone Park. They planned to visit Glacier Park, but it was closed because of a snow storm.

Rex Hall, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, and his wife, went through the Dakotas and then to Yellowstone Park and on to Denver for several days.

Bob Faulkner, Assistant District Engineer, and his family went the other direction - Northeast. They visited Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and reported a most interesting trip. It made the rest of us want to go that direction next time.

Ralph Howe, Finish Carpenter, retired in October after nearly 15 years of service with the AHTD. His crew honored him with cake and coffee and gave him a pair of boots, a hunting shirt and a knife. It would seem he might be planning to spend part of his retirement in the woods! We wish the very best for you, Ralph.



Ralph Howe and DE Norman Pumphrey hold cake which was served at Mr. Howe's retirement party. Richard Stuart, Job Superintendent, looks on anticipating a big piece of cake.

Christopher Ryan Hanson, son of Byron and Georgia Hanson, was born on September 14. He is a fine boy and we congratulate them. Byron is a Laborer on the Craighead County Crew.



Christopher Ryan Hanson

John Baldridge, District Caretaker, who keeps our grounds looking so good, recently had surgery at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis. He has come home and seems to be doing fine. We hope that by the time the magazine is printed he will be up and about and back on the job.

We in District 10 were all saddened by the death of Ruby Herren, our Payroll Clerk, who passed away on October 15, at the Arkansas Methodist Hospital in Paragould. She

was a faithful member of the Seventh and Mueller Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell E. Herren; a son, Dennis Herren who is a spreader operator in District 10; two daughters, Beverly McMillion of Paragould and Janet Coy of Jonesboro; her father, Paul Trammel of Alabama; two brothers, Ralph Trammel of Mississippi and Ray Trammel of Alabama; a sister, Ruth Payne of Blytheville and four grandchildren.

Ruby came to work with the Highway Department as Payroll Clerk in July 1971 and has been a faithful employee. She was always willing to go the extra mile in helping other employees with their records and papers. Miss Ruby, as the men in the field called her, was respected and appreciated by all of them as well as by those of us in the office. We have lost a fine employee and a good friend and she will be greatly missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband and children and others in the family.

Isabelle Psalmonds, District Secretary, has been with the AHTD 20 years. We had coffee and donuts and District Engineer Norman Pumphrey presented her with her 20 year certificate and charm.



Isabelle Psalmonds and Norman Pumphrey

G.B. "Duck" Williams, Construction Project Supervisor on Resident Engineer C.F. Russenburger's crew, has been here 35 years. The crew had a fish fry out at Glenda Gramling's home in his honor. Norman Pumphrey presented him his 35 year pin.



Norman Pumphrey and G.B. "Duck" Williams

We have some Grandpas who have been doing a "little" bragging about their lovely granddaughters and brought some pictures to prove their claims. Johnie Mangrum, Area Headquarters Attendant in Paragould, has three lovely granddaughters - Page and Molly Freeman, ages 4 and 1, and Mimi Mangrum, age 1.



Page and Molly Freeman



Mimi Mangrum

James Tritch, Job Superintendent, brought a picture of Tonya Tritch, age 1.



Tonya Tritch

Carla Tyler, daughter of Larry and JoAnne Tyler of Lepanto, was crowned 1981 Terapin Derby Queen in Lapanto by U.S. Representative Bill Alexander. Carla was presented gifts of gift certificates and a bag of half dollars by the sponsor of the event - Museum Lepanto, U.S.A. Carla is the granddaughter of Howard Covington, backhoe operator in Poinsett County.



Carla Tyler

Jonesboro Residency

During the past summer most have been very busy on various projects, and with work resuming on the U.S. 63 Bypass, we anticipate an even busier work season next summer. So, as the days shorten and the leaves take on the warm autumn color, the realization that Jack Frost might open winter's icy door before long is making most of us eager for the slowed pace of the hibernal period.

We were happy to welcome "Corky" Wilson, Les Barrett and Larry Pillow to our office last month. These three are "on loan" to us from the Osceola Residency. (Since we have had the pleasure of working with Corky, Les and Larry, we would like to take this opportunity to inform the Osceola Residency that possession is nine-tenths of the law!) Corky is the Office Technician for the Osceola Residency, and Les and Larry are Inspectors. Again, welcome to the Jonesboro Residency!



This handsome little man is Edward Paul Watkins, son of Assistant Resident Engineer Brent Watkins and wife, Betty. Edward recently celebrated his 2nd birthday and we wanted to wish him a belated - but Happy Birthday. We also wanted to show this cute lad off a bit. We know Brent and Patty are very proud of Edward.



Gray and Thomasson Elected AASHTO Officials



Highway and Transportation Department Director Henry Gray was elected Vice President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials at the association's annual convention in Chicago, October 5.

Gray succeeds John Clements of New Hampshire, who moved up to assume the presidency of AASHTO. Gray will become president of the organization in 1982, a year in which it is anticipated that major federal transportation legislation will be debated in Congress.

He started his career with the Department in 1962. He has held the positions of Chief of Right of Way Division, Assistant to the Chief Engineer for Administration and Realty, Assistant Director - Administration and Realty, and Assistant Director of Highways.

As a member of AASHTO, Gray has served on the Executive Committee, Policy Committee and Standing Committee on Administration. He is past president of SASHTO and immediate past chairman of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Public Affairs.

Highway Commissioner Patsy Thomasson was elected to chair the AASHTO Special Select Committee Conference of Commissioners and Boards for 1982. This will be her second year as chairman. She served as vice-chairman in 1980.

Thomasson was appointed to the Arkansas Highway Commission in January, 1977 by Governor David Pryor. She has worked as a staff assistant in the Washington, D.C. office of former Arkansas Congressman Wilbur Mills and also served as Executive Assistant to Mills in his Little Rock office. She was associate administrator at Doctor's Hospital in Little Rock before resigning to start her own hospital management firm, Southern Management Associates.

The purpose of AASHTO is to foster the development, operation and maintenance of a nationwide integrated transportation system, to study all problems connected with highway transport and other modes of transportation and counsel with Congress on transportation legislation.





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