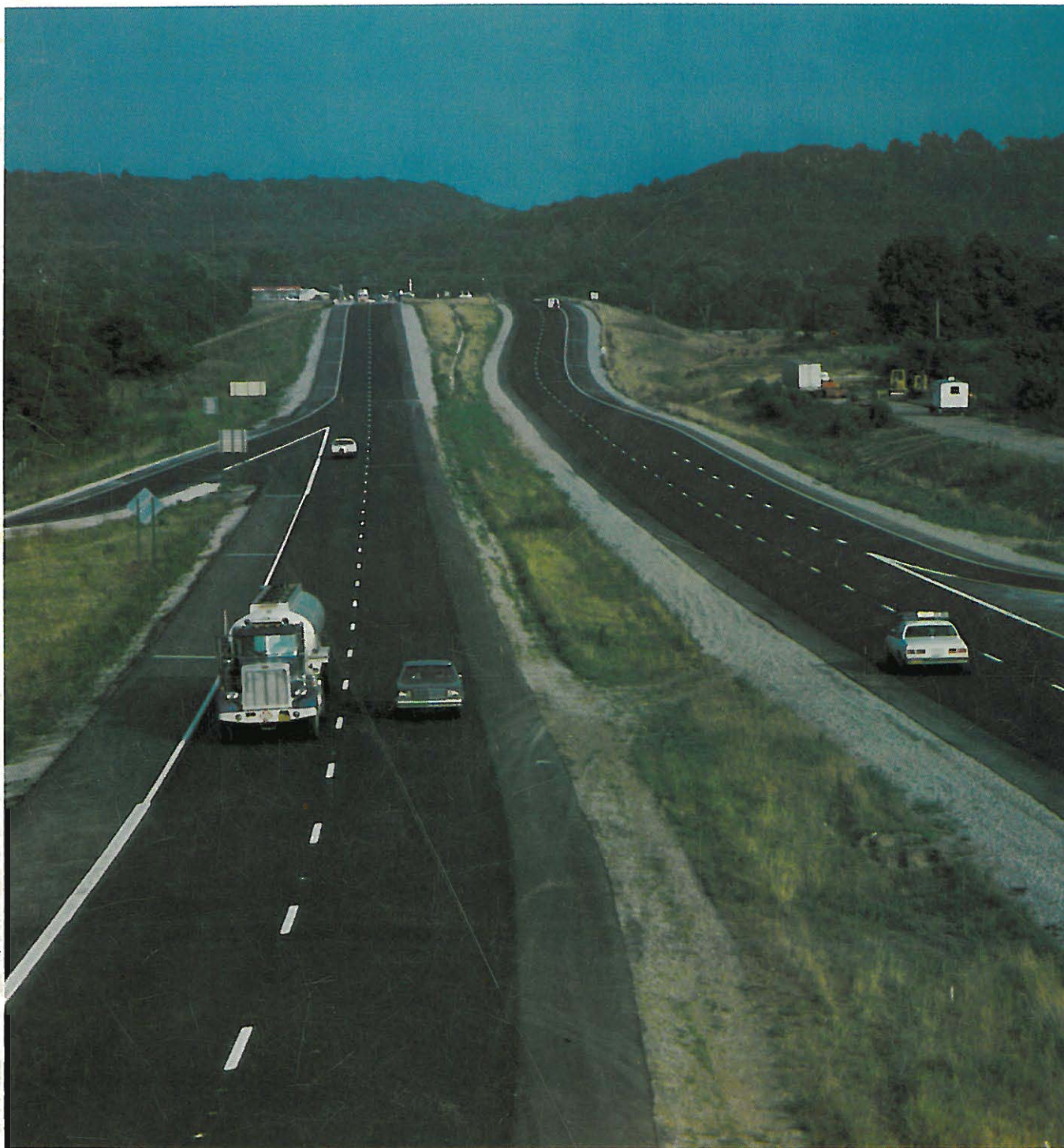


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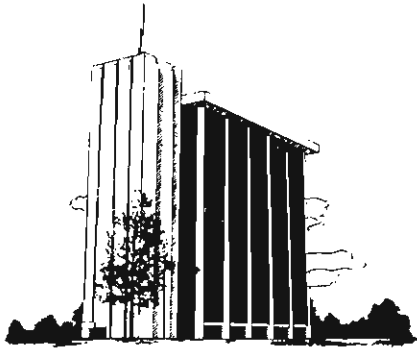


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THE DIRECTOR'S PAGE

The recently completed Federal Highway Cost Allocation Study shows that heavy trucks are not paying their fair share of highway taxes.

This detailed report was ordered by Congress in 1978, and is the most comprehensive study on this subject ever undertaken by the Department of Transportation.

According to their study, big trucks should pay for 41% of all highway costs; however, they have been paying only 35% nationally. In Arkansas, heavy trucks are paying only about 30% of highway costs, which is \$38 million less than the recommended 41%.

Expected growth rates of travel in the study show that the sizes and weights of heavy trucks have increased while those of automobiles have declined. This simply means that large trucks should be responsible for a greater share of highway costs than automobiles and should, therefore, assume a larger share of taxes necessary for highway construction and maintenance.

The matter of increasing truck weights to 80,000 pounds in Arkansas will again be a major issue when the State Legislature begins in a few months. The Highway Commission and the Department has fought this battle in the past and is prepared to fight it again. We strongly believe it is time the trucking industry pays its fair share for roads and repairs.

The Commission's position will not change. They will continue to be against increasing truck weights as long as the trucking industry is being subsidized by the motorist and refuses to pay its fair share.

At the recent National Transportation Public Affairs Workshop, increased truck weights and highway damage were among the major topics of discussion.

Other states which have allowed 80,000-pound trucks are now fighting a fierce battle with rapid highway and bridge deterioration. Most of these states have already had to increase highway user fees to meet the growing demand for major repairs.

Because of this, the automobile owners are paying more than the truck owners and, unless the fees are changed to eliminate the underpayment by heavy trucks, the costly increase in taxes for highway maintenance will continue to be levied against the automobiles.

The most logical solution to the crisis we face is some form of weight-distance tax for trucks.

A weight-distance tax would mean that major carriers would pay their fair share of highway costs; no more, no less. It is a fair approach and has been so recognized by several other states and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Study and similar studies conducted by other states calling for heavy truck weight-distance taxes, points the way to a sensible highway program.

Remember, one 80,000-pound truck does as much damage to the highways and bridges as 8,725 automobiles.

Henry Gray
Director of Highways and Transportation

Environmental Design Committee Meets in Arkansas

The Landscape and Environmental Design Committee of the Transportation Research Board held its 1982 Summer Meeting in Hot Springs, July 25-28. The 50th Anniversary meeting was held at the Arlington Hotel and was sponsored by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

The overall objectives of the Committee are to solicit research problem statements from transportation organizations engaged in landscape and environmental design, review and prioritize the collected statements, encourage organizations to conduct highest priority research projects and advise interested organizations on relevant research being conducted or completed.

Most of the meeting time was devoted to presentations on roadside development programs by the various states represented. These presentations included discussion on the effectiveness of noise barriers, wetland mitigation, historic and scenic roads, vegetation management, and rest area programs.



In addition to group discussions, a field trip to the Waldron Rest Area on U.S. Highway 71 and Queen Wilhelmina State Park was included as part of the workshop.

The Waldron Rest Area is a prime example of land in a highly undesirable state being reclaimed and converted to a scenic and functional public facility.

When the route of the Highway 71 bypass was planned, the old Waldron City dump lay in the highway corridor, necessitating the Highway Department to purchase a 50-acre tract. The dump material was removed and the area chemically treated for sanitation.

The idea of developing a public use area evolved from discussions about what use could be made of the old dump site. It was decided that some 100,000 yards of dirt fill left over from the road construction

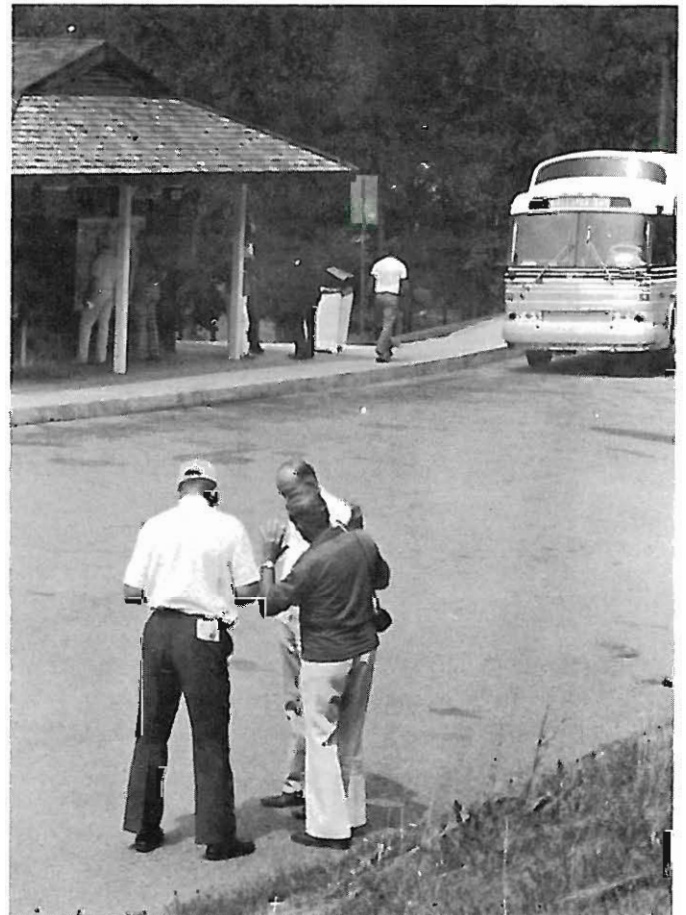
would be used to build a dam to create a lake from a small stream flowing through the property.

An agreement was worked out with the State Game and Fish Commission to stock and maintain the lake, which covers approximately 15 acres and to handle future drawdowns essential to both vegetation and fisheries management.

Work on the project began in August 1972 and was completed a year later, at a cost of \$176,000.

The rest area took first place in the 1975 Department of Transportation Awards competition in the category "Outstanding Safety Rest Area or Information Center."

Queen Wilhelmina State Park is situated along State Highway 88 (Talimena Scenic Drive) in western Arkansas about 13 miles from Mena. The Park is perched high atop rugged Rich Mountain, nearly 3,000 feet above sea level. The workshop participants were able to get a first-hand look at how the numerous scenic overlooks along the highway can enhance the beauty of the drive up the mountain.



Committee members tour Waldron Rest Area

TRIP REPORTS:

Bad Roads in Arkansas Costing Average Driver \$186 Yearly

Bumpy and broken pavement costs the average Arkansas driver \$186 in wasted gasoline each year, according to a study released in June by The Road Information Program (TRIP) of Washington, D.C.

Due to the deteriorated condition of three-fourths of Arkansas' state-maintained roads, the state's 1.5 million drivers waste more than 226 million gallons of fuel per year worth some \$274 million, according to TRIP.

Cracked and broken pavement causes cars to bounce and shudder, resulting in increased fuel consumption because of excess resistance and an inefficient transfer of engine power to vehicle propulsion, the study says.

TRIP recommended a 10-year, \$226 million-per-year program to resurface or rebuild Arkansas' substandard mileage. The total \$2.26 billion program includes \$1.9 billion to rebuild an estimated 6,333 miles, plus \$357 million to resurface 6,136 miles. Estimates are based on current costs and do not account for the uncertain rate of future inflation or further pavement deterioration, TRIP notes.

By comparison the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department plans to spend \$77 million this fiscal year for resurfacing and rebuilding

state roads. TRIP's recommended annual program of \$226 million is nearly three times what the state is now spending.

"The savings in fuel would amount to 154 gallons for each of the state's drivers," said Dr. Silas Snow, president of the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council of Little Rock, which requested the TRIP study.





TRIP is a non-profit research and information agency supported by highway-related industries and other organizations with an interest in better roads.

TRIP's study found that 77 percent (12,469 miles) of the most heavily traveled roads in Arkansas are substandard, by nationally accepted criteria. The state's motorists drive some 23.6 million miles a day on these deficient main roads, TRIP reports.

TRIP says the state's road conditions are likely to get even worse if present funding levels continue.

"With gasoline consumption expected to continue declining because of the wider use of fuel-

efficient cars, revenue from the state's motor-fuel tax also is declining," said Dr. Snow.

"Meanwhile, road repair costs continue to increase due to inflation. So the gap between money available and money needed continues to widen," he continued.

TRIP's study includes only roads maintained by the State Highway and Transportation Department. These 16,091 miles of main roads carry 78 percent of all traffic, even though they account for only 21 percent of Arkansas' total public road system of 76,466 miles.

The study reports that the percentage of substandard road mileage probably would be even higher were it not for the continuing efforts of the state to achieve maximum improvements within extremely limited budgets.

TRIP's findings are based on scientific road tests that measured fuel consumption relative to the physical condition of the pavement in use. Road tests were conducted by Paul J. Claffey and Associates of Potsdam, New York.

Other sources of data included the Federal Highway Administration, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and other government and private agencies.





State and local dignitaries watch as Miss Kim Myers cuts the ribbon officially opening the two highway projects.

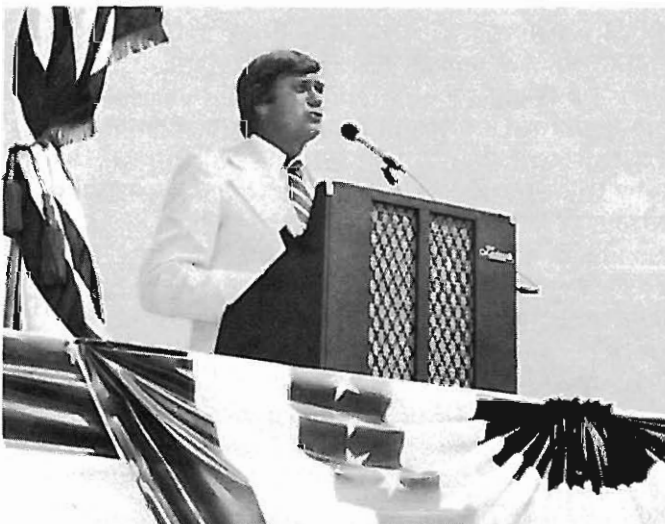
Two Highway Improvements Dedicated at Camden

Although the completion of improvements to U.S. Highway 79 and the relocation of State Highway 7 at Camden were reasons to celebrate, the occasion was also one in which warnings were issued about the uncertain future of the State Highway System.

Speaking at the dedication ceremony August 20, Highway Commission Chairman James Branan warned that Arkansas could be "in serious trouble" if people are not convinced of the importance of highways.

Stressing the importance of highways to the state, Branan called them "our most important resource."

U.S. Representative Beryl Anthony, Jr., of El Dorado, applauded the Federal government's efforts



U.S. Representative Beryl Anthony delivers dedicatory address.

to reduce expenditures, however he said highway programs needed more funds than what was proposed by the Administration.

According to Anthony, the House Subcommittee studying highway funding had told the President he was not recommending enough money for federal highway development.

"There will be a battle on the floor," Anthony predicted. "The committee says the states need federal help and the President is conscious of the budget".

"We need a close relationship," he added, "it's going to be a tough fight."

The Highway Commission awarded a \$5.2 million contract to Madden Contracting Company, Inc., of Minden, Louisiana and L.J. Earnest, Inc., of Bossier City, Louisiana, in August 1978 to widen 6.5 miles of U.S. Highway 79 from State Highway 4 to Eagle Mills.

The Commission awarded a \$3.8 million contract to T.L. James Company, Inc., of Ruston, Louisiana in June 1979, to relocate 2.8 miles of State Highway 7 south of Camden.

U.S. Highway 79 was widened to five lanes, which includes a continuous left turn lane from the intersection of State Highway 4 to Harmony Grove Road. The section from Harmony Grove Road to Eagle Mills is a four-lane divided highway.

State Highway 7 is being relocated and widened to a four-lane divided highway from Camden to Smackover. The initial project, beginning at the intersection of State Highway 376 and stretching a distance

of approximately 2.8 miles south, has been completed.

Three additional projects are presently under construction from Tate to the Union County line, a distance of approximately 7.8 miles, for a total cost of \$5.7 million.

Both the U.S. Highway 79 and State Highway 7 projects were funded with Federal-aid Primary funds.



Arkansas State Highway 7



U.S. Highway 79

Commuter Lot Serves Dual Purpose

The state's ninth commuter parking lot opened to the public following a brief dedication ceremony, July 12.

The facility, located in the southwest quadrant of the Interstate 630/University Avenue Interchange in Little Rock, serves a dual purpose of accommodating bus passengers and carpool commuters. It is unique in that it is located within the urban area and is the first of several such facilities that are to be constructed along Interstate 630 to serve express buses operated by Central Arkansas Transit (CAT).

Highway Commissioner Patsy Thomasson pointed out that "although the project is relatively small, as highway projects go, it contributes so significantly to the interworkings and integration of our whole highway and transportation system."

Commissioner Thomasson said the commuter lots constructed in Central Arkansas have been well received by the public. She noted that the first one, constructed on U.S. 65 and Dixon Road south of Little Rock in 1979, has since been doubled in size to accommodate the increased demand.

Pulaski County Judge Bill Beaumont expressed his gratitude to the Highway and Transportation Department for the construction of the lot and to the Little Rock Housing Authority for acquiring the property under the Urban Renewal Program.

The five-lane section of U.S. Highway 79 now carries approximately 4,500 vehicles per day and is expected to carry over 6,000 vehicles per day in the near future. The completed section of State Highway 7 now carries approximately 5,000 vehicles per day and is expected to carry 9,950 vehicles per day in the future.

"This is a real sacrifice on the part of the Highway and Transportation Department. The cost of constructing and maintaining highways is going up dramatically and the revenues are going down. But the working together of the public and private sectors is the personification of public spirit," Beaumont said.

The Judge stated that as the price of motor fuel has risen, the ridership on CAT buses has also risen. "Since April 1972, when CAT was purchased by Little Rock, North Little Rock and Pulaski County, our ridership has risen dramatically. CAT carried three and a quarter million passengers in 1981 and drove over 1.9 million miles," Beaumont said. CAT operates 26 regular routes and 8 express routes.

The parking lot was constructed at a cost of \$374,226 by Concrete Fabricators, Inc. of Little Rock and APT Construction Co. of North Little Rock. Federal Interstate funds were available for 90 percent of the cost of construction since the project is an integral part of the Interstate 630 corridor development.

There are 88 parking spaces available at the lot with three spaces designated for the handicapped. Two transit shelters have also been erected at the parking facility.

Bankhead Drive Discussed at Public Hearing

There was no opposition expressed by College Station residents who attended a public hearing August 3 on the proposed design of Annie Mae Bankhead Drive.

The new street, which will be approximately eight blocks in length, will connect the recently completed Interstate 440 (Eastbelt Freeway) with Frazier Pike.

The 45-foot wide street, which will be constructed under the State Aid County Road Program, will have two traffic lanes and a 10-foot wide paved shoulder on each side for parking. It also will have curbs and underground drains where practical.

State Aid Engineer John Kizer told the audience that federal funding for the \$400,000 project isn't available at this time but may be at the first of the next federal fiscal year. The project is a cooperative effort by the county, state and federal governments.

Although there was no opposition to the pro-

ject, State Senator Jerry Jewell and State Representatives Grover Richardson and W.H. Townsend said the construction of Bankhead Drive should be used to provide job training opportunities for minorities. Senator Jewell also asked the Department to arrange a "joint venture" that would allow black contractors to help build the project.

Kizer said it was the Department's policy to always encourage participation by all qualified contractors, including minorities.

A location public hearing was held in September 1981 and four alternative routes were discussed at that time.

The route of Bankhead Drive will follow Gray Street a short distance and then be on new location before joining back with Gray Street.

Kizer said this route was selected because it featured fewer adverse effects for residents.

Minorities Being Encouraged to Seek Employment in Highway Construction

The Department's Equal Employment Opportunity Section was recently invited by The Watershed, Inc., a non-profit agency in College Station, Arkansas, to discuss employment opportunities in the highway construction industry with interested minorities.

External EEO Coordinators Roosevelt Morton and Henry Droughter met with the group in May and presented information on the Summer Employment Program and permanent employment within the highway construction industry. A slide presentation on the subject was also presented.

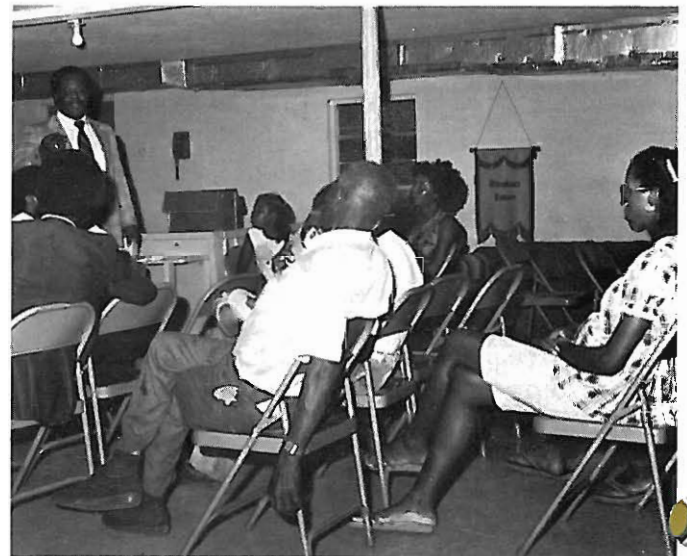
Mr. Joel Maltbia of the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs presented an overview of that agency's responsibilities with regard to contractor compliance. Those attending the meeting were furnished the names and addresses of contractors and material suppliers active in highway construction in the Pulaski County area and were encouraged to seek employment with these companies.

The Watershed is dedicated to the philosophy of self-help and offers free professional assistance and referral counseling for the College Station and surrounding communities.

The agency was founded in 1977 and its initial thrust was job placement for community residents. Since that time, its services have been expanded to include personal counseling, career planning, a community exchange shop, a library, alcohol and drug

counseling and clinical help referral.

The work of The Watershed represents an outreach ministry of the Mount Nebo African Methodist Episcopal Church which is also located in the community. Reverend H.D. Stewart is the pastor of the church and Marsha Stewart, his wife, is the director of The Watershed.



Roosevelt Morton discusses summer and permanent employment in the highway construction industry.



Archeological Mitigation on the Highway 71 Corridor

by Burney McClurkan
Staff Archeologist

The discovery of a historic archeological site in the corridor for the new Highway 71 in Benton County has kept archeologists busy this summer searching through the area for artifacts.

Known as the Moser farmstead, the site was discovered during the archeological survey of the proposed highway corridor. Since the exact nature of the site was not known at the time, a limited testing program was carried out by the Arkansas Archeological Survey.

Although the buildings which had been associated with this farm had long since been torn down, the land owner, Mr. Kenneth Keenen, pointed out the shallow depression in the ground where a cellar once was. Along with the archeological testing, county records in Bentonville were checked. Archeologists were also fortunate to find that there were two people still living in the vicinity who had actually lived in the old house. Oral interviews with Mr. Dallas Moser and Mr. Sid Chastain have been invaluable in helping to reconstruct not only the layout of the house and out buildings but also the life-style of the turn of the century in the Ozarks.

The tests at the site showed there was quite a bit of material associated with the house cellar, and Mr. Moser said there were some other features at the site where material would be found.

The site was determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and because of this eligibility it was necessary to formulate a mitigation plan for the removal of the artifacts and information which it contained.

This spring the Arkansas Archeological Survey was given the go-ahead to do the mitigation work at the Moser site. This field work began in July and extended into August. The work is being directed by Dr. L.C. Stewart-Abernathy. The Moser farmhouse was built probably in the 1870's and the cellar was excavated under the house sometime after that. In addition to the cellar there was also a cistern and a well, both of which would probably contain artifacts.

This mitigation project is sponsored jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and the Highway and Transportation Department, and coordinated by the AHTD Environmental Division. Historic sites archeology is not all that common an activity and the results of this work will be described in a report. It will give a view of Ozark farm life at the turn of the century which would otherwise not be available. It will also afford a collection of artifacts and physical data which will be the first of its kind in Arkansas which will be valuable as a research resource in the future for other projects of this nature.



Self Defense Training Offered to Female Employees

by Fred Burnside

Anyone who reads daily police reports in a local newspaper is aware that the ability to defend oneself against a would-be rapist or robber is becoming increasingly important. With this in mind, the Taiho-ryu Karate Club, based in Pine Bluff, has begun offering courses in basic self defense training to women employees in the Highway and Transportation Department.

The first session began in July 1982 and continued through August. Nineteen women from the Central Offices and District 6 attended seven sessions

during this time. Another course will be offered in September for 16 other employees.

Many think of self-defense as being the ability of a person to get out of a bad situation by using some type of force. Or, the term "self-defense" brings thoughts of the last Chuck Norris karate movie they saw. Self-defense could be these things for a person having years of training in the martial arts but, for the average person, it means taking a slightly different approach. Self-defense is 80% knowing how to stay out of compromising situations and the other 20% is knowing what to do if you find yourself in one.

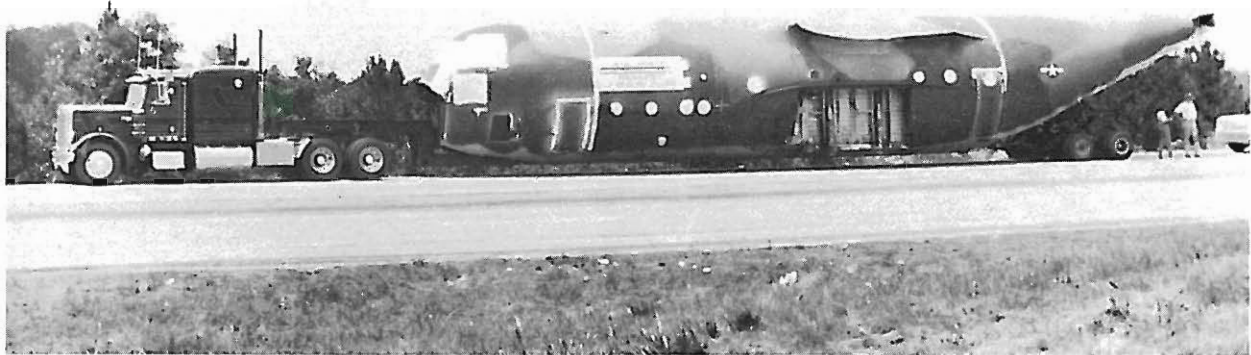
The class was trained in the skill of staying out of trouble. In each class session, situations as reported by police departments concerning robberies, rapes, and other crimes on women were analyzed. This, coupled with a program presented by the Little Rock Police Department on rape and home security, made participants very aware of how to protect themselves by not being an "easy target".

A number of physical techniques were taught to allow the women to possibly take control of a bad situation. Some of these techniques were basic blocking, breaking holds (such as chokes and arm grabs), strikes and punches to vulnerable parts of the body, and common weapons available to them (not firearms).

Hopefully, this course will make life safer for class participants and give them a little more confidence in their ability to protect themselves.



Air Force Tows Plane Through Arkansas



The C-130 fuselage rests on trailer outside of Malvern.

Motorists traveling through central Arkansas are used to seeing low-flying C-130 aircraft from the Little Rock Air Force Base, however, many motorists were probably startled June 30 when they saw a wingless C-130 being towed along Arkansas' highways.

The hulk of a C-130 transport was being towed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base near Tucson, Arizona to Hanson Air Force Base near Lexington, Massachusetts.

The plane arrived at the Hope Weigh Station the evening of June 29. After receiving the necessary permit, which designated its route and time of travel, it moved across the State the next day.

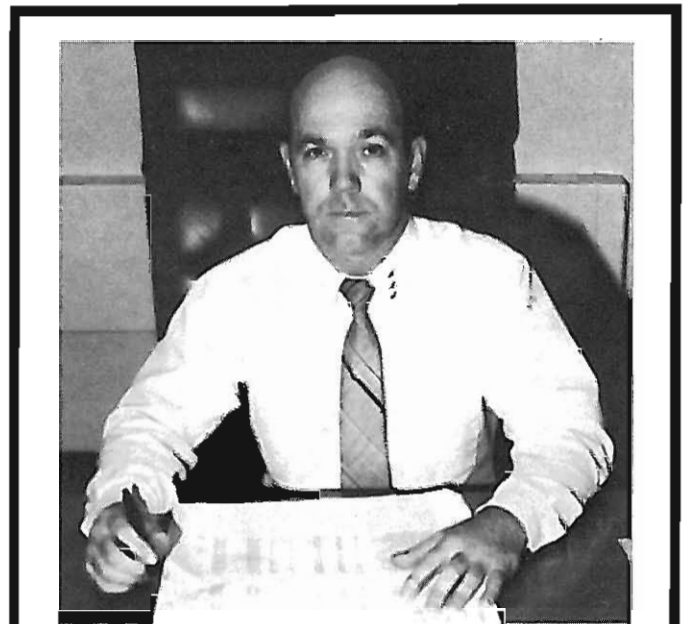
Because of construction work on six bridges near Benton on Interstate 30, the oversize load had to be routed on Interstate 30 to Malvern, then on U.S. 270 through Sheridan and Pine Bluff and on

U.S. 79 to Stuttgart. It then went along State Highway 11 to Interstate 40 and on to Memphis, Tenn.

The plane, which is 109 feet long, 14 feet, 8 inches high, and 14 feet, 3 inches wide, is one of 12 being recycled for training use by Air Force Reserve Units.



It was a tight fit, but the huge aircraft made the turn in front of the Malvern National Bank and continued its journey along U.S. 270.



Effective August 19, Mr. Jerry Stussy, Data Processing Manager in the Computer Services Division was promoted to Division Head of Computer Services. Mr. Stussy replaces Mr. Dale Carter who recently resigned. Stussy is a graduate of William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri having received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964. He has been with the Department approximately 13 years.



The Arkansas State Highway
and
Transportation Department
proudly presents its
1982 high school and
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Lisa Bagley
Benton High School



Lauri Belknap
Wynne High School



Jamie Brandon
Fordyce High School



Graham Briley
Harrison High School



Jo Anne Brisco
Harrison High School



Steve Brown
Greene County Tech



Coy Scott Campbell
Fairview High School



Susan Candelaria
Arkansas High School



Connie Clark
Hope High School



Tim Dart
Rogers High School



Paula DeBusk
Robinson High School



Gary Lyn Duncan
Arkansas High School



Tina Escarre
Benton High School



Lisa Estelle
Mount St. Mary's



Roger Fenton
McClellan High School



James M. Garrett, Jr.
McClellan High School



Ronnie George
Wynne High School



Danny Grubbs
Manila High School



Dana Dale Head
Sheridan High School



Denita Ann Herrington
Rison High School



Tim Hodnett
Harrison High School



Elisha Hudson
Lee Senior High



William Jennings
Valley Springs HS



Jo Margaret Johnson
Bryant High School



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Valley Springs HS



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Lewisville High School



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Russellville High School



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Wynne High School



Penny Pillow
Greene County Tech



Pamela Rae Perry
Conway High



Sarah Richards
Mills High School



Karla Kay Shepard
Benton High School



Richard Smith
Western Grove HS



Monique Watts
Northeast High School



Tara Wesson
LR Central High



Sandra Williams
Sylvan Hills High



Charles A. Vance
Camden High School



Letters Commend Good Deeds

July 13, 1982

Arkansas Highway Department
Batesville, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

Today the ditch and right of way in front of my house was mowed. I am writing you in appreciation of this work. I am a retired school teacher and several of the men working for the Highway Department were my pupils. They do a good job! Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Vernon L. Pyles
Judsonia, Arkansas

June 28, 1982

Arkansas Highway Department
Forrest City, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

Just a short note of thanks and praise for a very helpful, generous employee, Mr. Robert Day. On June 7 my friend and I broke down in the midst of your sweltering summer heat and for all intents and purposes were helpless. Mr. Day graciously took his valuable time, and after being unable to start our truck, saw to it that we were taken to the local Chevrolet dealership to rectify the problem. This was my first driving trip through Arkansas and it will be remembered as a most pleasant experience because of Mr. Day's hospitality and the beautifully maintained rest stops we enjoyed.

Thank you again,
Gregory E. Borrelli
San Rafael, California

August 3, 1982

Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Sirs:

Yesterday, August 2, a very hot day, my daughter, granddaughter and I were taking my great grandson to Arkansas Children's Hospital for physical therapy following a bad bump earlier in the year, when just outside of Searcy, we had a flat! And, we were in big trouble, no spare. Nobody had screamed yet, but we were just about ready to run up and down the scale of four generations, when an Arkansas Highway Department van pulled over and stopped and very courteously helped us get another tire. If all our Highway Department folks are as nice as this young man, then our state highway employees are an asset to the good state of Arkansas.

Just in appreciation,
Paul Wallace
Bradford, Arkansas

Mr. Charles Lature
Striping Foreman
Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for a good samaritan, Steve Spurier, who works in your Department. I had a blow out in the 100 degree weather about three-fourths mile out of Newark. My car had a new jack in it that I have never seen before and certainly didn't know how to use. Mr. Spurier saw I was having trouble and he graciously stopped and offered his assistance. He helped me in my hour of need as I had a heart attack about this same time last year and was on the verge of the way I felt, to have another. Thanks again for helpers like your Mr. Spurier as no one has time to stop and help today it seems.

Your pal,
Joe Chumley
Batesville, Arkansas

August 15, 1982

Mr. Jim Francis
Roadside Development

Dear Sir:

My husband and I have just returned from a western trip. We made a practice of stopping at the rest areas for lunch in every state we passed through. We want to express our appreciation for the rest areas in Arkansas. They were always attractive and well maintained - the best of any state we visited.

Mrs. Edward Peele
Norfolk, Virginia

June 23, 1982

Chief Roy Johnson
Arkansas Highway Police

Dear Chief Johnson:

Officer James Brian Head, was selected to be a Squad Leader in the Basic Police Training Course 82-B which was conducted at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (March 1 through April 16, 1982). Officer Head is commended in the exemplary and professional manner in which he accomplished the duties and responsibilities as Squad Leader.

On behalf of the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy and my staff, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation for the efforts and dedication of this officer.

Sincerely,
Paul C. Hamilton
Deputy Director
Arkansas Law Enforcement
Training Adademy
Camden, Arkansas



SERVICE AWARDS

JUNE 1982
35 Years

Charles H. Tullos Construction

30 Years

Troy Henderson Construction
Calvin L. Rawls District 2
Verlon W. Roberson District 5
Ervin C. Widner District 9

25 Years

Donald A. Embry District 3
John E. Livingston District 7
Calvin E. Rushing District 9
Edward L. Slaughterbeck District 4

20 Years

Austin L. Coles District 5
Loyd V. Foster District 10
Joseph E. Gardner District 6
Charles H. Hesselbein District 6
L.D. Hopper District 7
Chester G. King District 5
Claude C. Parton District 7
John M. Shastid District 4

15 Years

Clyde G. Bridges District 8
Franklin L. Parr District 4
Herbert L. Underwood District 8

10 Years

Dale W. Anderson District 3
William E. Campbell District 4
Jerry F. Clemence District 4
Larry D. Elder District 4
Freelon A. Fowler District 2
John L. Fry District 10
James E. Gossett Surveys
Danny P. Grigg District 9
Sammy L. Hutton Traffic
Claudie C. Johnson District 4
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E.W. Lindley District 1
Carl E. Lindstrom Hydraulics
Burnin D. Morgan District 10
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Brent E. Watkins District 10
Jim D. Young District 9

5 Years

Paul O. Banzhaf District 4
James H. Brown District 1
Donald C. Chenevey Henderson Ferry
Johnnie O. Cooper District 8
Jimmy R. Gates District 7
Leroy D. Goodwin District 7
Virgil D. Gray District 7
Gordon R. Hawkins District 7
Bill W. Hutchens District 4
Edward J. Linneman, Jr. District 2
Jerry Don Mantoath District 4
Rebecca J. Sebren Prog. & Sched.
Joe F. Parker District 8
E.D. Randall Construction
Robert S. Sparrow Traffic
Lake W. Starling District 6
Tracy N. Zuber District 6

JULY 1982
30 Years

Emil Pete Benetz, Jr. Planning

25 Years

Kenneth D. Kidd District 3
James E. Thomas District 10

20 Years

Bennie B. Edwards Construction
Coy C. Ellison District 4
Spencer Y. Land District 5
George O. Martin, Jr. District 8
Walton C. Wilson Right of Way

15 Years

Jimmie D. Davis Henderson Ferry
Jesse M. Doughty District 10
Verner W. Dumas Permits
Cecil A. Garrett District 8
Charles W. James Henderson Ferry
A.E. Johnson, Jr. Chief Engineer
Verlin G. Richardson Henderson Ferry
Clarence D. Roper District 4
J.T. Sisk Henderson Ferry
William O. Vance District 10
Betty G. Wiggins Public Trans.
Robert W. Wray Henderson Ferry
James A. Golden District 4

10 Years

Laverne T. Arledge District 3
Charles R. Dachs District 10
Lee V. Earnheart District 5
Eddie M. Erwin District 7
Olga Estell District 6
Otis W. Fowler District 1
Donald E. Griffin District 4
Johnny C. Hamilton District 7
Regina W. Laidler Legal

5 Years

Joseph K. Bentz District 6
Charles R. Boyd Surveys
Price W. Brown District 5
William H. Cole District 10
Buryl K. Dunlap Surveys
Jerry R. Easley District 10
Ed T. Flanagan Planning
Janice D. Forbis District 10
Patricia L. Sowell Materials
Gregory B. Graishe Construction
Harold M. Grimsley District 6
Raymond A. Gruver Research
Bobby M. Harris District 1
Victor N. Harris District 6
Sammy G. Howell District 9
George W. Mason District 2
Kenneth D. McJunkin District 9
Larry R. Moore District 6
Bobby H. Reed District 4
Carrah L. Sandage Construction
Ray Shackelford District 9
David A. Spinks District 5
Marshall R. Syre District 1
Elmer R. Thompson District 7
David M. Walker Roadway Design
Rick R. Widner District 9
Robert L. Wilson Legal
Bill S. Wright District 10

AUGUST 1982

35 Years

Virgial H. Shassere District 1
Mildred A. Stacy District 1

30 Years

Vernie Berry District 9
Bobbie S. Wright District 1

25 Years

George Weatherley Heavy Bridge

20 Years

Arthur H. Cole District 1
Edward A. Fears, Sr. District 3
Neal A. Magee Surveys
Jimmy D. South District 1

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15 Years

John Alls District 1
George L. Anderson District 6
Don L. Cox District 9
Lawrence Edwards District 1
William D. Jackson District 10
June Mayne District 10
Charles J. Pollard Highway Police
Olin R. Ridge District 10
Harold D. Smith District 2
Orvel H. Thomas District 4
Hugh Vance District 1
Floyd D. Ward District 3

10 Years

Allen G. Bullock District 2
Danny R. Foster District 7
James D. Gaither Environmental
David D. Neighbours District 5
Thomas W. Nowlin District 1
Vernon L. Stormont District 8
Abram R. Wylie Bridge Design

5 Years

John W. Alford District 1
David L. Bishop District 5
Billy J. Black District 8
Don E. Crain Safety
Charles R. Ellison District 10
Jeffie R. Gillihan District 5
Lloyd S. Owen District 2
Edward J. Shipman District 6
Gary D. Sisson District 4
J. Scott Stevenson District 6
William S. Stormont District 8
W.C. Tichenor District 2
Lyle D. Ward Safety



RETIREES

MAY 1982

Alfred J. Courtney District 5
Arthur G. Owens District 3
A.L. Rice District 10
Lawrence Turner District 8
Jack Wallace District 7

JUNE 1982

Alvin L. Biggers District 9
Althea M. Campbell District 7
Cliff C. Gilbert District 4
Tom H. Hubbard District 3
Jimmie L. Rogers District 10
L. Kate Brasel Planning

JULY 1982

Wendell G. Williams Materails
Johnnie W. Ball District 1
Waukeen Bateman District 10
Joe H. Bradshaw District 7
R.C. Chisom District 2
Hershel F. Harwell District 7
Janet P. McElduff District 1
Howard S. Madsen Highway Police
James A. Cheatham District 7

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

COMPUTER SERVICES

Computer Services held their annual picnic Saturday, July 10 at Cook's Landing on the Arkansas River. We had a good turnout with a total of 60 people present. A horseshoe pitching contest created a lot of interest even though some of the contestants had never thrown a horseshoe before. The competition was fierce. Congratulations to the winners John Quarti and Mary Green. Also, to add to the festivities of the occasion, Floyd Pharris had his video camera along with him. The weather was hot and humid but luckily there was a nice breeze. Everyone had a wonderful time. Lets keep up the tradition and do it again next year!



We were sorry to lose two of our programmers, Mike Delozier and Charlene Chance, in July. Mike accepted other employment and Charlene married and moved to another area.

Shirley Barnes is our newest grandmother in Computer Services. On June 13, 1982, Lea and Steve Hamblen became the proud parents of Stephanie Leanne Hamblen.



Stephanie Hamblen

Mary Green's daughter, Patty, a first-year band student, plays the flute. She was honored as being chosen "Best Musician" of her class at a banquet in May. Patty also plays the piano.



Patty Green

Four of our employees, Mary Green, Judy Akers, Guy Sims and Brenda Haley were attracted to Branson, Missouri this summer, of which three went to Silver Dollar City. Mary Green's vacation extended into going on to St. Louis to show her husband and children where she was raised; lots of memories and lots of fun! Brenda Haley's highlight of the summer was going back home to West Virginia to be with her family she hadn't seen in two years.

CONSTRUCTION

Dan L. Flowers, State Construction Engineer, attended an AASHTO Sub-Committee meeting on Construction in Hershey, Pa. for a week in July. We were hoping he had time to go through the Hershey factory and bring back lots of samples.

Congratulations to Ben Edwards upon his completion of 20 years of service with the Department. Dan Flowers presented him with a service certificate and afterwards coffee and donuts were served.



Ben Edwards

We also send congratulations to Clara Huie's husband, Jerry, who graduated from UCA with a degree in Business Administration. Also, her son, Danny, has just transferred to Hawaii with Ford Aerospace Corp. and you can bet they are saving up for a trip to visit him and see all the sights.

Margaret Roy, daughter of Vershall Roy, was chosen to attend an Employer Scout class at UAMC this summer and her picture appeared in the Arkansas Democrat. This program is to provide laboratory experience to young people who may be interested in entering the medical field after graduation.

Elaine Smart and family drove their new van (which is Razorback Red) to Navaree, Florida for a vacation. Since son Jon has just received his driver's license, he helped with the driving.

Once again Patti Robinson was on a team that competed in the Chili Cookoff and although they did not win a place to compete in the national cookoff, they had fun and are already planning for next year.

Doyle Carson and family decided to see

Arkansas first and visited Magic Springs, camped out on Sylamore Creek and then drove to Petit Jean State Park and camped out again.

This is Faro, Luci Dishongh's St. Bernard, who now weighs 195 pounds. His cutest trick is to put his head through the door built for her poodle and "ask" to come in the den.

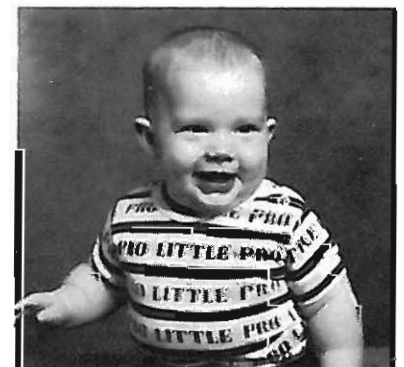


ENVIRONMENTAL

Many happy events are happening in Environmental. Burney McClurken took a week's vacation in Texas and came back rested. Mike and Theresa Harris have a new daughter, Valerie Rene Harris, born October 15, 1981, weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces. Lynn and Debbie Malbrough have a new son, Mark Garrison, born October 6, 1981, weighing 8 pounds and 2 ounces. Fred and Carol Burnside have a new son, Jason Lee, born in March 1982. Elaine Sullivan is expecting a new baby around the end of August. We wish all our new parents the very best.



Valarie Harris



Mark Malbrough

Marion Butler has been coaching a girls softball team this summer and he is looking forward to the end of the season. Jim Gaither, Bill Richardson, Pat Gee and Wendy Welch are still here.

Janet Kirkpatrick is working with us this summer. She is a senior at the U of A at Fayetteville and will be attending law school next fall. We wish her success and know she will make a great lawyer.

Bob Tyler had a birthday, his 36th, and he doesn't look it. John Isom and Gary Bulloch have gone fishing recently. John caught 5 bass, each weighing 2-4 pounds. Gary went with his brother and friends and caught 43 trout: the largest was 5 pounds, 1 ounce, and the majority of his catch weighed around 3 pounds each.

Larry Long bought a new boat and took it to Lake Ouachita on his vacation. Lola Latta spent a week at Fairfield Bay and really enjoyed her vacation. Al Collins and his wife went to Lake Hamilton and had fun swimming and fishing; he caught a 6 pound catfish.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Ann Johnson's daughter, Jo Margaret, graduated this year from Bryant High School with honors. She plans to attend UCA this fall and has chosen to major in Computer Science. Congratulations, Jo Margaret, and best wishes for the future.

We are glad to announce that Annette Swift now has a brand new baby boy named Jarrett Ryan. He arrived on July 31 and both Jarrett and mom are doing fine. He has a headful of hair and is really cute according to mom. We can't wait to see him.

To take Annette's place while she is gone is Teresa Seals. She is a summer employee and we have really enjoyed having her. She will go back to UCA this fall as a Junior where she is majoring in Radiology. Shown with her in the picture is her brother, Walter Seals. He plans to join the Army this fall. Best wishes for the future.



Teresa and Walter Seals

Carla Wright, another one of our summer employees, got married on July 9 to Michael Hill. We have seen her pictures of the wedding and she was a lovely bride. We were glad to have her with us this summer and wish the new couple the best of luck in the future.

FINAL ESTIMATES

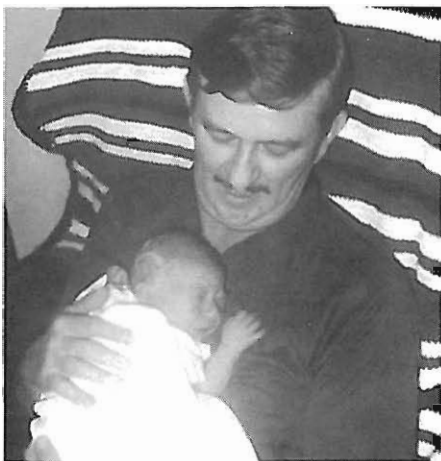
The Final Estimates Section has been hard at work over the past few months to cut the case load to less than half of what it was last year. We're holding our own now, thanks to the help of Rick Ransom, Harold Parsley, and Mike Hammond who have returned to the field. Ben

Edwards, another "old field hand" has joined us to help reduce the load. Welcome aboard Ben. Thanks also for Tim Baber's help. He left us to work in the Hot Springs RE office. That just leaves engineers Steve Peebles and Steve Heye looking for a way out. Good luck, guys.

Those joining the ranks of Happy Grandparents the past few months are Annette Stanton and Stanley Garver. Annette's daughter, Gayla, and son-in-law Steve Hodges are the proud parents of Heather Diane, born on March 13. Stanley's son, John, and daughter-in-law Tammy gave birth to Jonathan Andrew on July 19. Not to be outdone, John Howell's two grandchildren, Josh and Sarah visited Grandpa and Grandma this summer. Josh, age 4 and Sarah, age 1, are from Colorado Springs, Colorado. Needless to say we have not had a shortage of baby pictures.



Heather Hodges



Stanley Garver & Jonathan Andrew



Josh and Sarah Boice

The hard work has not stopped the travel bug in us. Florida has lead the top of the list for places to go. Stan Garver and family took in Disney World and central Florida. Steve Peebles and wife, Suzie, visited the panhandle coast, as did Carrah Sandage on her vacation. Steve Heye returned to Nebraska last May to visit family. While there he stopped in Roseland, Nebraska, which, according to Busch, consumes more Budweizer per capita than any other city on earth. Steve had a tough time driving to Lincoln the next day as he did his share to keep Roseland No. 1.

Larry Payne and family win the trophy for the biggest trip. The Payne's took in a good portion of the east visiting West Point, the Catskill Mountains, New York City, Washington, D.C. and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Larry said he could have spent all two weeks in D.C. and said next year he just might.

In other news, Paula Adams made the Dean's List for the Spring Semester at UALR. She is working on a degree in Engineering Technology. Carrah Sandage's son, Cullan Bryant, will attend the Manhattan School of Music in New York City this fall to further his piano studies.

Reta Fleming and her family moved into a new house in Cabot. Maybe she's planning to raise another Miss U.S.A.

Ann Harrell has caught the rodeo bug and has been training her horses in pleasure and barrel racing. Her daughter, Lucehia, has a way to go to match mom's skills, but she's still proud of her new pony.



FISCAL SERVICES

As you can well see by the picture, our Fiscal Services premature baby has grown up to be a big boy. Zachary Barnes, son of Ronnie and Toni Barnes, now weighs 17 pounds, has two teeth and says "DaDa".



Zachary Barnes

We have three new employees to welcome to Fiscal Services, Kay Smith, Diann Gwatney, and Doris Tracy. We are glad to have you working with us.

Doris replaced Deana Conner who is now Deana Lavender. She married Tom Lavender on May 7 and they are now making their home in Memphis. We wish Deana and Tom the best of everything.

Joanne and Toni would like to thank all the districts and divisions for a job well done in clearing out the 81-82 fiscal year business. A special thanks to Olga in District 6 and Carolyn in District 7 who were the first two districts to completely clear their files.

HYDRAULICS

Carl Lindstrom received his 10 year pin and service certificate in June. To celebrate the event we had cake and punch. Congratulations Carl!

Mike Churchwell will be attending UALR this fall to work toward a degree in Civil Engineering. He can still be seen around the Department on a part-time basis. We wish you luck Mike!

INTERNAL AUDIT

We would like to say Congratulations to Vicki Lowry and Jon Haydon who were married May 28 at Second Baptist Church. Vicki is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lowry of Little Rock. Her husband, Jon, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Haydon of Little Rock. Jon is an auditor for the Motor Fuel Tax Section of the Department of Finance and Administration and enjoys golf, camping and restoring antique automobiles. The wedding was very beautiful and many from our section were there to share in this special occasion. After a trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, Vicki and Jon returned to their home in Little Rock. We wish them many years of happiness.



Mrs. Jon Haydon

Our secretary, Shirley Wesson, and her sister, Karen Gardner, enjoyed a nice vacation visiting with their oldest sister and her family in El Paso, Texas. The trip was a very long but safe one. While there, they were able to go across the border to Juarez, Mexico where they saw little children begging for pennies, while their mothers just sat along the streets, men standing on the street corners just loitering, congested traffic because there were no traffic lights, a Mexican guy being escorted back across the bridge by

the Border Patrolmen because he tried to escape and many other sites. They bought a few souvenirs from the shops and said that the trip was really an experience for both of them and made them both really appreciate the United States.

LEGAL DIVISION

Several employees in our division were honored in March with cake and punch for outstanding service with the Highway Department. Herman Schmidt has been with the Department 20 years; Philip N. Gowen, 15 years; and Ted Goodloe, 5 years. Congratulations to each of you for your dedicated service to the Highway Department.



Ted Goodloe and Tom Keys

A few people in our office took advantage of the spring and summer seasons by taking various trips this year. Charles Johnson visited friends in Washington, D.C. in May. He was able to tour many places including the White House, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, and Mt. Vernon. Laverne Thompson was lazily laying on the beach in June when she went to Ft. Meyers, Florida. In July, Karen Gardner visited her sister, Brenda Banks, who lives in El Paso, Texas. Karen was also able to see some of the sights in Mexico when she went shopping for a day near the border. Karen's son, Eric, had fun visiting with his cousins.



Eric Gardner

The grandparents in our division have been enjoying their grandchildren this summer. Chris Ashcraft is the grandson of Philip N. Gowen. Nine-year old Chris spent a few days with his grandfather in July. Chris is the son of Phil's oldest daughter, Mary, who is from Shreveport.

Betty Schmidt has been spending lots of time with her two grandsons. Aaron Michael Stanley is one and a half years old and is the son of her oldest daughter Regina, who lives in Little Rock. Adam Ray Copeland is eleven months old and is the son of her youngest daughter Melanie, who lives in Virginia.



Chris Ashcraft



Aaron Stanley



Adam Copeland

The last, but certainly not the least bit of news we have is the addition of our temporary employee Kim White. Kim has been efficiently helping us with the workload this summer. She is married to Dale White, who works as a foreman for Pickens & Bond. We have enjoyed working with Kim.

MAINTENANCE

First things first -- Our very own Patrick J. Sullivan is now a Registered Professional Engineer! Pat worked long and hard for this auspicious title, and we all want to congratulate him.

Jim Tucker's son, Captain Chris L. Tucker, had a close call experience in May. Chris was the instructor pilot on one of the two 10A Bronco reconnaissance planes from Osan AB, Korea, that collided in midair over southwestern Japan and crashed in mountainous terrain. Chris was one of the two missing. He spent a night in the mountains alone and was found

the second day in satisfactory condition. The fourth crewman did not survive the crash. An investigation of the accident showed that Chris' plane was hit in the tail section and that the entire tail was cut off. Chris was cleared of all responsibility for the crash and was returned to all former duties and assignments.

Mr. Rownd's daughter, Carolyn, was married to Lee Francis on July 4, 1982, in the home of Ed and Bonita Rownd. Best wishes to the new couple.

Darrell Gaskin of our Heavy Bridge Maintenance section transferred to District One. Darrell was recently married and decided staying at home nights was a lot better than traveling statewide. We'll miss Darrell but wish him lots of luck at his new job.

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

Sarah Richards, granddaughter of Helen and Howard Bledsoe, graduated from Mills High School in May. She was an honor student and received the Quill and Scroll award, which was one of 33 presented in the nation. Sarah plans to attend UALR this fall.

Terrell and Louise Watts are the proud parents of Monique Watts who graduated June 2 from Northeast High School in North Little Rock. She was active in Key Club, Y-Teens, Quill and Scroll and the Northeast Chargers Drill Team. She was involved in Young Life. Now she is anxious to start college at the U of A in Fayetteville to major in Journalism.

R.C. Turney is awaiting a visit from his son Douglas. Doug and his family will be arriving from Germany for a 3-week visit.

Mike Sebrn enjoyed a summer vacation visiting Dallas, Houston, AstroWorld and Ringling, Oklahoma. He and wife, Becky, had a very good time.

Buffalo Bob Gossett took a 3-day float trip around the first of June from Pruitt to Mt. Hershey. They fished and enjoyed the scenery until his wife and son, Brian, turned over when a tree jumped in the river in front of them. All survived and returned home safely.

Janice Johnson is very proud of her two girls, Cindy, age 5, and Jennifer, age 3. The two girls just competed in their first gymnastics meet in Benton at Turn & Tumble against Hot Springs. Cindy received a 5th place in floor exercise and Jennifer placed 6th.

Congratulations to Patty Fry and Duane Sowell who were married Saturday, June 5 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. E.M. Fry of Malvern. The couple plans to make their home in Malvern.

Jerl and Ellavonne Burks announce the marriage of their daughter Tammy Sue to Ronnie Steel of Bryant. The wedding was held July 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Avilla Baptist Church in Benton. They honeymooned in Northern Arkansas and plan to reside in Bryant.

PERMITS

Congratulations to V.W. "Buddy" Dumas who celebrated 15 years with the Department in July. An office party was held in honor of this occasion. Assistant Director Gip Robertson presented Mr. Dumas with a pin and a Certificate of Service.

Terry Nanny's 5-year old daughter, Christine, was in a dance recital on June 20, entitled "Stars of Tomorrow".



Gip Robertson and Buddy Dumas



Christine Nanney

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Several of our employees spent their vacations in our own beautiful state this summer. Farrell Adams and his family went camping at Petit Jean for a few days. He said it was very enjoyable. Margaret Hudson and her family spent part of their vacation fishing, swimming, and relaxing at Mountain Harbor on Lake Ouachita. They also spent a day at Old Washington Historic State Park and took some time to camp at Buffalo State Park and do some floating on the Buffalo River.

Roy Walden and his family are planning a trip to northern Arkansas for Labor Day and have spent some of their vacation camping on Lake DeGray.

Sue and Buddy Walls are planning a trip to Michigan to try out their new red Cougar. It sure is pretty; and Sue loves to drive it, that is, when she can get Buddy out of it.

Bob and Lea Barnett took their vacation in Hawaii this summer. We tried to get Bob to let one of us go in his place; but, evidently, we didn't make him an offer he couldn't refuse. He brought back some neat stuff and a lot of beautiful pictures.

We have two in our group who defended our country this summer. Roy Walden spent two weeks in Austin, Texas with the National Guard; and Michael Schiffl spent his two weeks at Adams Field. We feel so safe when we know they are out there protecting us.

Randy and Alena Boyd took their son, Jerah, to Six Flags Over Texas this summer. Jerah is 4-years old, so he really had a good time and daddy had someone to go on the rides with him.

Doobie Kesl is back at work after having so much trouble with his broken arm. We're glad to have you back, Doobie.

Richard and Roseann Finkle have been going to obedience school. That is, they have been taking their german shepherd and pekinese to an obedience school offered at the Boy's Club in Benton. Richard really has been acting a lot better lately.



Ricky Finkle and Baron

We had our annual Photogrammetry picnic at Cook's Landing this year. There was plenty to eat; and some of our past employees came by to join us. They were: Randy Jones and family; and Randy Crossland and family. We played Bingo and softball, and some got chigger bites, but everyone had a good time.

Larry and Marilyn Fenton's son, Ronnie, was married to Kim Moore on July 23 in Gethsemane Baptist Church in North Little Rock. Congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom.

Roger Fenton, Larry's youngest son, was a May graduate of McClellan High School. Congratulations, Roger.

Randy Boyd was presented a certificate and a 5-year service pin in July. We have enjoyed having Randy as a fellow worker. He is one of our stereoplotters operators.

The little fellow in the Razorback hat is Margaret Hudson's reason for being a Grandma. Tim is 18 months old and the apple of Motney and Papa's eye. Tim's mom, Lorie, works in Procurement.



Tim Merrick

Bob Barnett's daughter, Pam, presented him with a 9 pound, 12 ounce grandson on July 26. His name is Christopher Lee Robbins. His father, (Bob's son-in-law) John Robbins, works in District 6. Congratulations to Bob, Pam and John.

PLANNING DIVISION

The Safety Section would like to congratulate Duane Sowell for finally talking Patty Fry into tying the knot.

During the summer the Safety Section had several anglers testing their skills on the top and bottom sides of the nation. James Mansfield went deep sea fishing off the coast of Florida. Charlie McGrew spent a week fishing the lakes in the wilderness of Quentico Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada. Charles' prize catch was a 13 pound lake trout that was almost 3 feet long! By far the biggest fish he has ever hooked.



Charlie McGrew

Lyle Ward acquired himself a motor home early in the summer. He used it most every weekend all summer traveling to parks in and out of the state.

Jim Dancy saves his summer activities for fall and winter fun with the Razorback football team. We can't remember him missing one game, in or out of state, including bowl games.

Don Crain has established himself as an expert on White River Rainbow trout. He has done considerable damage to the trout population on his several outings up and down the White River, below Bull Shoals Dam.

The next "tall tales" these guys in Safety will be telling will be after deer season!

Finance and Economics would like to welcome Carl Harrell who transferred from Technical Services. Little does he know that once he has been in this office, he will never be the same. Of course we think he made a move for the better and we are happy to have him with us. We would also like to congratulate Carl and his wife, Linda, on the birth of their son, Ryan Thomas, on July 16. He weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long. Ryan's

brother, 5-year old Michael, was very excited to have a little brother to take care of. We wish this happy family the best. Carl claims that little Ryan has been sleeping all night since the first night they brought him home and we believe him but we can't figure out why he keeps buying so many bottles of sleeping pills.

Statewide Planning would like to welcome James Lee to their staff. He was a spring graduate from the U of A at Fayetteville with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. A native of Pine Bluff, James is single and enjoys sports.

Kelly Langston worked with us this summer before going to the U of A at Fayetteville this fall as a freshman. She plans to major in geology and was a real help to this office as she took various responsibilities which alleviated some of the work load from the fulltime staff.

Van and Leslie Hale are soon to be proud parents, sometime in February or March. Congratulations.

Dave and Lee Conner "reluctantly" returned home after a fabulous European vacation in June. They are both ready to go again, anytime!

Mapping and Graphics gave a retirement party in honor of Katie Brazel on June 23. After almost 37 years with the AHTD, Katie is really enjoying retired life and doesn't know how she ever found time to work! Everyone wishes her the best.



Katie Brazel

Pete Benetz was also the focus of attention when he was given a party on July 23 for his 30 years of service. He celebrated the occasion with his fellow employees and family. It is times like these that we look back and remem-

ber old friends and times spent together. The Mapping Section has enjoyed these times and is proud of the fact that we have accumulated 215 years of service at AHTD.



Pete Benetz

Charles Frazier recently vacationed in Colorado for two weeks with his family.

Joe Lovell returned from a 3-week vacation in Germany with beautiful pictures and good stories.

Kathy and Steve King are expecting a new arrival in February. They already have a daughter, Tinika, who is 2 1/2 years old.

Stella Christman has been boring us to tears all summer bragging about her 7 1/2 year old son, Lee, and his baseball team. It's Lee's first year to play and his team, the T-Shirt Factory, finished the season with a record of 16 wins and no losses. Lee's team finished in 1st place in the Bryant Round Robin and placed 1st and 2nd in several tournaments throughout the summer. We all agree, with a record like that, Stella has every right to be proud!



Lee Christman

PROGRAMMING & SCHEDULING

Chuck Freeman is feeling especially proud these days over the birth of his first grandson, Cortney Van Freeman. Cortney was born July 17 and tipped the scales at a healthy 8 pounds and 11 ounces. We're waiting on a picture of him to see if he has the same good looks as big sister Megan, age 2.

Verna Higgins' husband, Randy, graduated in July from Arkansas College of Technology with an Associate Degree in Applied Electronics. Gale Littleton, wife of Tommy Littleton, graduated from UALR with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Both Gale and Randy worked very hard completing their educations and we want to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Laura DeBro and Becky Sebren were our only real travelers this summer. Laura went to Knoxville and the World's Fair and did some sightseeing in the Smokey Mountains. Becky and husband Mike visited friends and relatives in Texas and Oklahoma with a side trip to Astroworld in Houston.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Congratulations to Betty Gene Wiggins for completing 15 years of service with the Department. Betty began working for AHTD on July 17, 1967 with the Urban and Traffic Studies Section as an Urban Planner. In 1973, she transferred to the Transit Section which is now the Public Transportation Unit.



Betty Wiggins

John Bodiak, his wife Tina and their children, Michael and John Paul had an enjoyable vacation in June. They visited the World's Fair, Washington D.C., the New York City area and West Virginia. John remarked that the kids held up quite well considering the 3000 miles traveled. It was a different story for John and Tina, they are still recuperating!

John did manage to relax one day and went deep sea fishing off the coast of New Jersey. Here is John with one of his prize catches. We're told it is called a "fluke" fish which is a member of the flounder family.



REPRODUCTION

Summertime, time for vacations, summer camps, gardens, camping, insects, snakes, hot weather, etc. Our summer is passing so quickly.

Reproduction was glad to have 3 summer employees working with us. They were: Larry Dunn, Ron Barrentine and Karel Norwood. Ron operated the Diazo machine and Larry and Karel worked in our Microfilm Section. Larry will be attending UA Monticello as a sophomore majoring in Business Administration. Ron is a sophomore at the U of A in Fayetteville majoring in Computer Science and Karel is a senior at Sylvan Hills High School. She plans to attend the U of A when she graduates. We have enjoyed having them in our section this summer and wish them much success in their future school years.

Some of our employees made trips this summer: Dick Godfrey spent some time in the Houston-Galveston area; Al Dunn spent a week in Destin, Florida; Debra Allen made a trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado; Frank Knowles and family visited Magic Springs and Patsy Roling spent some time in Hot Springs.

Doris Hunter is our new employee in Map Sales. She is single and available. She attended Capital City Jr. College for 2 years and has an Associate Degree in Secretarial Studies. Her hobbies are volleyball, basketball and bowling. At present she is recuperating from surgery, but we look forward to having her back with us real soon.



Doris Hunter

Tommy Daniels' 6-year old dog, Max, part lab and part shepherd, won the State Championship in the Canine Frisbee Contest held at Interstate Park in Little Rock on June 25. He won a beautiful trophy. Tommy is planning to enter Max in the Regional Contest held in Kansas City. If his dog wins, they will be able to go, with all expenses paid, to the National Contest, held September 12, in Chicago. We think Tommy and Max can win and wish them both the very best of luck!



Congratulations to Sherri and Ron Henderson, their little bundle of joy will arrive sometime in November.

Congratulations to all our graduates: Pete Escarre's daughter, Tina, graduated from Benton High School; Pat Latson's daughters, Vaneesa, graduated from UALR and Tareesa graduated from Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas; and Frank Knowles' daughter, Andrea, graduated from Benton Preschool Academy.



Andrea Knowles

RIGHT OF WAY

A reception was held on July 19 for W.C. "Butch" Wilson to celebrate his completion of 20 years of service with the Department. Out of those 20 years Butch worked the first two years in Surveys, the next six years in Mail and Supply and the last 12 years in Right of Way. Special guests at the reception included his wife, Ruth, daughter Cindy, and grandson Eric.



Ruth and Butch Wilson

Glendol Jackson has really had a busy summer. During the month of June he, along with his wife, Geraldine, son Jerry and his wife's parents, made a trip to the World's Fair and other points of interest in that area. Then, about two weeks later, he, his wife and son along with daughter Karen and two grandchildren, Holley and Clay, went to Florida and visited Disney World. Also, on July 31 Glendol's son, John, was married and the Jackson's had a Luau in their back yard for the rehearsal dinner. They had to set it up between showers and the ground was a little wet but it turned out real nice and everyone had a great time.

A.C. Ledbetter and his wife, Frances, traveled in their motor home to the World's Fair and, along with some friends who were also traveling in a motor home, made a tour of the Oak Ridge Museum and spent several days in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

We really enjoyed having Jo Johnson work with us this summer and would like to wish her the best as she starts to school this fall at UCA.

ROADWAY DESIGN

We would like to congratulate several of our employees. First, Jim Patrick and David Walker on their service awards. Jim completed 10 years of service in May and David made his 5 years in July.



Jim Patrick

David Mayo received his Professional Engineer's Registration Certificate in June and Charles Rain received his in July. Congratulations on this milestone.

If you see Jim Plunkett and Frank Allen wearing big smiles, it is because of the new additions to their families. Jessica Erin Plunkett was born July 29 weighing 7 pounds and 1 ounce. Sarah Bethany Allen was born June 28 weighing 7 pounds and 2 ounces.



Jessica Plunkett

All of Roadway Design, as well as all of the Department, was saddened by the death of Frank P. Hutchinson. Frank, age 62, died June 23, 1982, at his home in Little Rock following a lengthy illness. He retired from the Department in February 1982 with over 34 years of service in the Roadway Design Division. Since 1964 Frank had served in the capacity of Design Section Head. Frank is survived by his wife, Betty, and a son, Phil, of Monroe, Michigan.



Frank Hutchinson

TRAFFIC

Traffic bids welcome to five new employees in our division and shop. They are: Ricky Hoskinds, Robert Sturd, William (Sonnyboy) Henry, and John Gorton. Sue Clowers transferred to us from District 6, where she worked on the road crew. We are happy to have all of you with us.

We were surprised and happy when we received a visit from James Carvell, a retired Traffic technician. We hope he comes back to see us soon.

Eddie and Rhonda Robinson are the proud parents of a baby girl. Tayler Suzanne was born on June 22 and weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. Congratulations Eddie and Rhonda.

Sandy Williams and Jim Day have been away from our shop for medical reasons. Sandy had triple bypass surgery and Jim had surgery on his hand. We are happy to report that both are doing well and will be returning to work when possible.

In our last magazine article we wrote about Lee Gibbons meeting with Brownie and Girl Scout Troops to explain the significance of our different signs. Gale Greene, an accountant at our shop, finally uncovered the pictures.



Lee Gibbons and Brownie troop



We wish to congratulate Bob Stithem and Steve Sparrow for completing 5 years of service with AHTD; Sam Hutton for 10 years and Charles Latture, our striping supervisor, for 20 years of service. Howard Stroebener, Sign Shop Supervisor, completed 35 years of service in May. Jim Barnett, Chief of Traffic, presented Howard with a diamond pin at a party held in his honor.



Howard Stroebener

Glenwood Church of the Nazarene was the setting July 2 for the wedding of Stacy Nanette Jester and W.A. Russell, Jr. They both attend Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia. Stacy is the daughter of Chester Jester, our Sign Supervisor.



Stacy and W.A. Russell, Jr.

Would like to mention that Steve Sparrow, our striping zoner, received a complimentary letter from Mr. Joe Chumley, in Batesville, for a good deed performed while on duty for AHTD.

We were sorry to lose Robert Braasche, Ronnie Barrett and Anthony Taylor but want to wish them all the best out of life.

DISTRICT ONE

It was a time of laughter, and a few tears as we said goodbye to Janet McElduff, District Secretary, at a luncheon on July 7. Janet was employed as District Secretary for 22 years, working first for Charlie Matthews, and then for Bill Mulhollen. Approximately 40 AHTD employees enjoyed barbecued chicken and all the trimmings. Special guests present were Janet's daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Mike Fisher. Other out of town guests were Joe Barnett, Ralph Hall and Ray Woodruff, all of whom had been Resident Engineers in District One in the past. Janet is shown receiving a cake in the form of a typewriter from Mr. Mulhollen. The cake was made by Darlene Belknap, wife of Assistant DE Gene Belknap. After telling a few funny stories on Janet, Mr. Mulhollen admitted that she was a top notch employee with her only fault being that she made a bad pot of coffee occasionally. Janet will be greatly missed by all of us, and we wish her many happy years of retirement. We would like to thank Yvonne Mulhollen, Darlene Belknap, Jeanette George and Jerri Vickers, our bosses' wives for providing the desserts for the affair.



Janet McElduff and Bill Muthollen

Congratulations to Billy McGuire and his wife, Joyce, on the birth of their second son, Brian Christopher. Brian was born May 10, 1982 and is shown in the picture being held by his big brother, Mickey, age 4. Although Brian had his days and nights mixed up for awhile, they have decided to keep him after all.



Mickey and Brian McGuire

The happy couple pictured cutting their wedding cake is Richard Spain and his bride, the former Shelby Fikes, who were married April 9, 1982. Richard is a truck driver for the Cross County Maintenance Crew. We wish them many happy years together.



Although we are a little late getting this in (this year), Charlie Ball, a retiree, is no less proud of the 8-point buck he killed while hunting last fall. Congratulations Charlie!



Charlie Ball



Pictured from left to right is the District One Office staff about to partake in their favorite hobby; eating, Janet McElduff, Secretary; Mona Dallas, Payroll Clerk; Vella Williams, Receptionist; Mildred Stacy, Office Manager; Lynda Thomas, Bookkeeper, and Ann Griffin, Fuel Clerk.

Joe Jarrett, motor patrol operator, is the proud papa of Ginger Elaine, 3-months old. We are sure Ginger must be the center of attention at home, and very special to her three big brothers, Tony, 15; Glen, 14; and Michael, age 8.



Ginger Jarrett

Congratulations to Elisha Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Hudson, on her graduation in May from Lee Senior High School. She plans to attend Phillips County Junior College in the fall to study nursing. Her father is the

area foreman in Lee County.

Vella Williams, receptionist at the District One Headquarters, is very proud of daughter Venetta, pictured here all dressed up for her graduation from Head Start. At age 5, Venetta is our youngest graduate.



The family of Bobby Alford, Crew Leader in Crittenden County, would like to thank the employees of District One for their prayers and good deeds for Bobby while he was recovering from injuries received in an accident in May. We are glad to report that Bobby is back at work and doing okay.

On July 20, the employees of the West Memphis Resident Engineer's Office surprised Virgial H. Shassere with a retirement party. Several past employees were invited, as was his daughter, Suzanne Percer, District One Engineer B.D. Mulhollen and some associates from Wynne including Janet McElduff. We were especially glad that District 2 Engineer M.S. Smith of Pine Bluff; Jim Tucker and Ralph Hall from Little Rock and O.R. "Curly" Evans, ATHD retired, from Walnut Ridge could attend. We were sorry that time would not permit these fellows sharing more of their past experiences when they were co-workers with Virgial.

A beautiful and delicious cake, baked by Pam Owens, was a highlight of the party, and a camera with accessories was presented to Virgial.



Virgial is retiring from the Department after 35 years of loyal and dedicated service. He will certainly be missed by all, but we do wish him the best and hope he will enjoy his retirement to the fullest.

His hobbies are fishing and hunting and he has a full schedule planned. He had two young grandsons who will no doubt help him enjoy his hobbies.

We are looking forward to working with G.R. Owens, Jr. who is the new Resident Engineer for this office. Rick has been with the Department for 7 years and takes over with our best wishes.

DISTRICT TWO

Lots of folks around here have been enjoying vacations this summer. Among those places visited have been Alaska, Houston, Greens Ferry, California, Chicago and several have been to tour north Arkansas. It is always good to get away for awhile.

Congratulations to all the crew members winning the Maintenance Certificate. Winning for the month of April is the Ashley County Crew under the supervision of Area Foreman Gerald White. Winning for the month of May is the Arkansas County Crew at Stuttgart and Area Foreman Scarler Lyons. June's winner is the Lincoln County Crew and Area Foreman Richard Morgan. This is an honor to receive the Maintenance Certificate and we are proud of all the efforts shown and especially the winners.



Richard Morgan and M.S. Smith



Scarler Lyons



Gerald White

Mr. and Mrs. Scarler Lyons announce the marriage of their daughter, Scottie, to Mr. Rodney Ellis Persons of Stuttgart. The double-ring ceremony took place at the First Assembly of God Church in Stuttgart on July 17. The bride and groom are graduates of Grand Prairie Christian Academy. The bride is also a graduate of DeWitt Rice Belt Vo-Tech and is employed by Stuttgart Memorial Hospital. The groom is employed by Davis Cash Lumber in Stuttgart. The father of the bride is the Area Foreman in

Arkansas County at Stuttgart. Best wishes to this fine couple.



Mrs. Rodney Ellis Persons

The First Baptist Church in Pine Bluff was the setting July 24 for the candlelight evening wedding of Melanie Day Owen and Matthew Nolen Vest. Melanie is the daughter of Melanie Owen, Payroll Clerk, and Glenn Owen, Jr. Melanie is a nurse practitioner student at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences and Matt is employed by Gestetner Corporation. The bride wore a gown of white crepe-backed satin with re-embroidered Alencon lace. The long, full skirt swept into a chapel-length watau train hung from the bodis. She wore a chapel-length veil and carried a cascade of white sweetheart roses. Congratulations to the new couple.



Mrs. Matthew Nolen Vest

Kenny Akin attended a Demolay Leadership Workshop at Searcy in July. He was elected Senior Counselor of the Eureka Chapter at Monticello, Arkansas. Kenny's father, Joe Akin, and Reginald Conway obtained their 32nd Degree of the Scottish Rite in Little Rock recently. They are members of the Eureka Lodge of Monticello. Joe and Reginald work in Maintenance in Drew County. Joe is Sealing Crew Job Superintendent and Reginald works in the Drew County Maintenance Crew.



Kenny Akin

Glenda Lyons earned an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing from UALR in Little Rock. She is now employed at Jefferson Regional Medical Center at Pine Bluff.

We are always proud of our grandchildren and O.Z. McGee has the sweetest grandson. Joshua celebrated his first birthday in July. O.Z. is the station attendant at the Star City Headquarters.



Joshua McGee

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following people on their years of service with the Department: R.Z. Price, L.A. Johnson and D.W. Anderson for 10 years; G.W. Rosenbaum for 20 years and Donald Embry and R.E. "Buddy" Calhoun for 25 years.

We want to welcome Vicki Turner to the Highway Department. Vicki has recently been employed in the Nashville Residency as Field Clerk.

Yelonda and Tarrar Flenory, daughters of our District Receptionist, Ala Mae Flenory, and her husband Cecil, just recently competed against girls from all over the State of Arkansas

at the convention of Confederation of Women and Girls meeting, which was held in El Dorado on June 4-6. Both of them took second place trophies, Tarrar in Vocal ages 9-12 years old and Yelonda in piano, ages 13-15. Also accompanying his sisters was 8-year old Marcus, who really enjoyed himself being surrounded by all the beautiful girls at the meeting.

Congratulations to Emmett and Gail Barrett, who are the proud parents of Stephanie Gail, who was born January 14, 1982. Emmett is a Senior Inspector in the Texarkana Residency.



Stephanie Gail Barrett

The cast and crew of "Real People", an NBC weekly television series, were in our area recently and Pam Mitchell, daughter of District Engineer and Mrs. Charles Mitchell had the honor of being chosen to be a hostess for the watermelon feed that was given for the TV stars. Pam was really excited about getting to meet the TV stars, especially "Skip".

We want to congratulate our graduates who are as follow: Susan Teresa Candelaria, daughter of Glorinda Candelaria, Field Clerk in the Texarkana Residency, graduated from Arkansas High School at Texarkana on May 27, 1982. Susan served as Counselor at Girls State and Summer Band Camp at Henderson State University. She also received a Choral Scholarship from Henderson State University.

Connie Clark, daughter of James and Betty Jo Clark, was a 1982 graduate of Hope High School. James works in the District Wide Construction Crew. Connie was also recently married on June 12 to Donnie Adams at the Oak Grove Baptist Church. Congratulations on both of your special occasions.

Gary Lyn Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Duncan, graduated from Arkansas High School at Texarkana on May 27. Gary recently participated in computerized business games sponsored by AP&L and the University of Arkansas at Monticello and took first place in all categories. Gary's father, Bryan, is the Office Technician in the Texarkana Residency.

Pam Mitchell, daughter of District Engineer and Mrs. Charles Mitchell, graduated from Hope High School on May 25, 1982. Pam was on the majorette line and played trumpet in the band for six years. She was elected to be a member of the Junior and Senior Beta Club and also to serve on the National Honor Society. She was a member of the Leo Club, President of the Spanish Club, a member of the 1981-82 Homecoming Royalty and also an honor graduate. Pam will be attending Ouachita Baptist University this fall.

Our Assistant Stock Room Supervisor was recently married. Joey Randal Waddle and Julia Ann Murphy were married on March 13, 1982 at the Mt. Moriah Church at Laneburg, Ark. Congratulations, Joey and Julia and much happiness.

Gerry Holt and Shelia Embry were united in marriage on June 12, 1982 at the Oak Grove Methodist Church. Gerry is the son of our District Secretary, Vinie Holt and he also is employed in the Hempstead County Area Crew. Shelia is the daughter of Donald and Joann Embry. Donald is a District Wide Operator.



DISTRICT FOUR

Its summer time and those hazy, lazy days are here and the fishing is easy. Jason McDowell, District Bridge Foreman, certainly proves the point. He is shown holding two real nice bass and had a string of crappie he couldn't tote.



On June 4th Jack Coleman's Residency had a party for some 7 service award recipients. Allan Holmes, District 4 Engineer, presented the awards to: pictures left to right: Roy Williams, 25 years; Mike Neal, 15 years; Fay Barber, 30 years; Sterlin Bramlett, 20 years; Tommy Berna, 20 years; Bob Mainer, 25 years; not pictured is Nick Mings, 25 years. That's a total of 160 years of dedicated service to the Department.



John Carr, of the District Wide Bridge Crew received his 5 year Certificate of Service this month. The sun was so bright and the weather was so hot that the camera film melted, so we took John inside, dried him off, propped him up and presto.



John Carr

Ed Slaughterbeck, Assistant Resident Engineer in the Mena Residency, is shown receiving his 25 year service pin from D.C. Spencer, Resident Engineer. Attending this presentation were Allan Holmes, District 4 Engineer and Carl Sanders, Assistant District Engineer. Ed also received a certificate thanking him for finally retiring from the game of slow pitch softball.



Ed Slaughterbeck and D.C. Spencer

Bob Gack, Equipment Operator on Ralph Goodson's crew, is shown with a super nice string of bass. He's so secretive about his fishing though, that he waited til summer to brag about the fish he caught in the spring.



Both Mack Rose and Jim Barker, the Stewart Pioneers of Polk County, ambushed this 9½ inch bearded turkey gobbler last April. I'm told that this is their first in season bird!



The Springdale Residency was proud to have so much help this summer from Charles Ashcraft, Wesley George, Stan Glover, Debbie Gross, Renee Inlow, Butch Luhrsen, Mike Schneider, Travis Trumbo, and Tyler Trumbo. We would also like to welcome Steve Reeves to this office.

Congratulations to Earnie and Susan Westfall on the birth of their first child, Polly Damara, on June 18, 1982. She weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Earnie is a construction project supervisor. There are some of us who hope, in a few days, to be fully recovered from the cigars Earnie

handed out. Don Griffin, District Materials Supervisor, tells me that Ernie had those cigars curing on the dash of his truck for nine months.



Polly Damara Westfall

Our best wishes and congratulations to John Lowe, Construction Helper, who was married to Beverly Nickey on May 15, 1982. They were wed in a beautiful garden ceremony at the home of the bride's parents in Memphis. After a honeymoon in Washington D.C. and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, they are at home in Fayetteville.



Beverly and John Lowe



Dennis Benson, son of Ken Benson, Civil Engineer III, entered the Air Force last summer and received his first promotion, to Airman 3rd Class, in December. He is a fighter aircraft mechanic at Shaw AFB in South Carolina. Another son, Barton K. Jr., was promoted to Staff Sergeant in February. He is at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Ken also has a nephew, Mike, who worked in this office as a summer employee for

two summers. Mike joined the Navy as an ensign in December, 1981. Mike is now in training in Rhode Island and will have civil engineering duties at the Memphis Naval Station this summer. Ken was given the privilege of swearing Mike into the Navy, and Mike's dad, Jimmy D. Benson, pinned his bars on him.



Jimmie and Mike Benson

DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service with the Department: Virgil J. Butler, Jr., Verlon Roberson and David T. Neighbors, 30 years; Granvie J. Collins, Gerald L. Sneed, James R. Chaney, Marilyn Coffman, Minor W. Creswell, Gene R. Smith, Bobby Bolin, Chester G. King, and Austin L. Coles, 20 years; Thurman E. Vines, J.H. Henley and Ernest W. Martin, 15 years; Randy W. Tomlinson, Lonnie K. Dickey, Charles E. Wheeler, Billy D. Luster, Paul H. Anderson, 10 years; Philip L. Wood, Harold S. Hampton, Brenda S. Pearson, Jerry E. Miller, Ronald E. Stallings, James M. Cates, Danny T. Fleetwood and Larry L. Woodham, 5 years.

Our District Engineer, Jim Chaney, was the honor guest at a surprise party at the District Headquarters in recognition of his 20 years of service with the Department. Jim Lowder, Assistant Chief Engineer, presented Mr. Chaney his service certificate and pin. Mr. Chaney's wife and daughter, Shirley and Kathryn attended the party.



Mr. J.E. Lowder and Jim Chaney

Congratulations to Gina Steward, who was one of three delegates selected by the faculty of Bald Knob High School to represent Bald Knob at the 1982 session of Girls State. The session this year was held on the campus of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. Gina was a citizen of Van Buren City and Faubus County and a member of the Nationalist Party. She was elected to the offices of County Coroner and State Representative. She enjoyed meeting many new friends from all over the State. She

especially enjoyed the trip to the Capitol to fulfill her office in the House of Representatives. Gina will be a senior this year at Bald Knob High School. She is captain of the Auxiliary Units and Flag Corp in the High School Marching Band and will be the Business Manager for the High School Annual. Gina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Steward of Bald Knob. Eugene is the Area Foreman of White County.



Gina Steward

Minor W. Creswell, Single Axle Truck Driver with the Independence County Crew, recently retired with 20 years of service to the Department. Best wishes for a happy retirement were extended to Minor at a party given by his fellow co-workers. We wish him the best.



Minor W. Creswell

James and Ida Mae Patterson are the grandparents of granddaughter Keach Randa Patterson born June 14, 1982 and a grandson, Jonathan O'Brian Patterson, born July 3, 1982. Grandpa James is a mower operator in the White County Crew at Bald Knob.



Jonathan

Keach

Lisa Bolding made the Dean's List at Harding University. She will be graduating in May. She is the daughter of Wayne Bolding of S.L. Swink's Residency.

Ron Stallings transferred from District 2 to S.L. Swink's Residency and we are glad to

have Ron working with us.

Nathaniel Adam Harrington, born August 3, 1982 at Orlando, Florida, is the grandson of Resident Engineer S.L. Swink of Searcy. When he was born he weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20½ inches long. Isn't he cute?



Nathaniel Adam Harrington



Bobby Bolin

Gene Smith



Orville Schales and Granvie Collins

DISTRICT SIX

We would like to congratulate all those receiving service awards at our June 17th Awards Coffee. Lee Roy Baker from Charles Broadway's crew; Orville Berry from Bill Crumpton's crew; Carl Boerner with Ralph Hall's residency; Ralph Hall, Resident Engineer; Roy Erwin from James Welcher's crew; and Jerry Rodgers with Ralph Hall's residency all received 10 year service awards. Robert Walters from Paul Griffith's crew and Harry Williams from Homer Blair's crew received awards for 15 years of service. Honored for 20 years of service with the Department were: District Maintenance Superintendent Charles Hesselbein, District Secretary Georgia Russenberger; Doug Snow, motor patrol operator with Vernon Ellis' crew, and Joe Gardner, Construction Party Chief with Ralph Hall's residency.



10 Year Service Awards
Roy Erwin, Orville Berry, LeeRoy Baker,
Jerry Rodgers, Carl Boerner, Ralph Hall



15 Year Service Awards
Harry Williams and Bob Walters



20 Year Service Awards
Charles Hesselbein, Georgia Russenberger,
D.M. Snow and Joe Gardner

Joe and Lucille Bagley announce the graduation of their daughter, Lisa Lanette, from Benton High School. Joe is a dozer operator on Monte Deakins' crew. Congratulations and best wishes to Lisa Lanette from District Six.

Little Jonelle Baggett, the granddaughter of Benny Baggett from Ralph Hall's residency, was first runner up in the "Little Miss Ozark" competition. We can certainly share in his pride in this little girl.



Jonelle Baggett

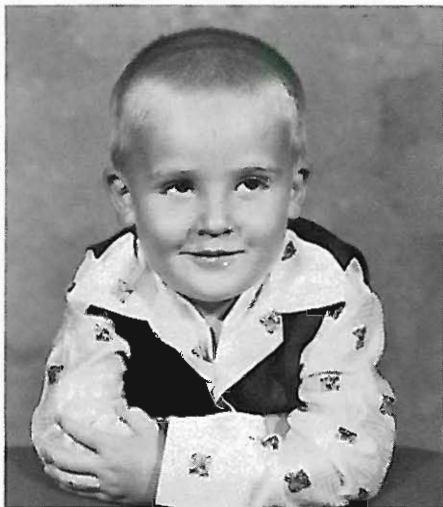
Janice Jackson, from the Sheridan Office, and her husband Tom, said they used to play softball during the summer but now they only have time to watch their two daughters, DeeAnna, age 10, and Michelle, age 8, play softball. DeeAnna plays for Okie T's Exxon and Michelle plays for Grant County Bank.



Michelle

DeeAnna

We would like to welcome a new employee at Sheridan, Hershel Harrison, who was employed as a mower operator on May 3. Hershel is single and has a lovely son Johnney, age 4. Welcome to the crew Hershel!



Johnney Harrison

Ben Franklin, from the Service Station and James Weston from Charles Broadway's crew, along with their team members Hugh Morgan, Jeffery Starks, and Stan Rogers won First Place in the bowling tournament at Pleasure Lanes for the second year in a row.



On July 21, 1982 we were saddened by the news that Mr. Glenn Appleby had passed away. Mr. Appleby was Job Superintendent in District Six until his retirement in August 1976. He had 22 years of service with the Department.

Congratulations to Floyd and Branda Inmar on the birth of their son, David Clay, born July 5, 1982. David Clay weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. Floyd works with Vernon Ellis' crew in Hazen.



David Clay Inmar

LEONARD HALL'S RESIDENCY

On June 24, our office became part of District Six. We are all looking forward to working with Mr. Fulton, Mr. Almond and the staff at the District Six Headquarters.

A big congratulations to David Cook from all of us for passing the Professional Engineer's Exam.

Pictured here is Todd Parsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parsley. Todd was President of the DECA Club his senior year of high school and since graduating has opened his on guitar studio in Sylvan Hills. We know Harold is very proud of him.



Todd Parsley

We have quite a few sportsmen in our office. Lots of fishing stories are coming in along with pictures of weekend outings and summer vacations.

Leonard Hall, David Lambert, Steve Doolin, Brian Wright and Jim Rives enjoyed a weekend outing on Lake Ouachita this spring, however,

the boats didn't fare to well - huh guys. David also enjoyed a fishing and float trip on the White River with the guys from that other Hall's office. The expedition started at Bull Shoals and continued 60 miles down the river to Calico Rock. Brian had some beautiful pictures of the scenery and stories about the fighting pike on his recent trip to Ontario.

Tom Stone had a pleasant vacation to Wisconsin to visit relatives and Derward Ashcraft visited family in Kansas City.

Irving, Texas was the destination of Yankee Dumeny to see his new granddaughter, Kristen Auffet born July 16.

Speaking of grandchildren, Conway White is showing off these darling grandchildren he visited on his recent trip to Louisiana. They are Brooke Jean Rogers, Brandi Michele and Brian Charles Jones.



Brooke Jean Rogers



Brandi Michele and Brian Charles Jones

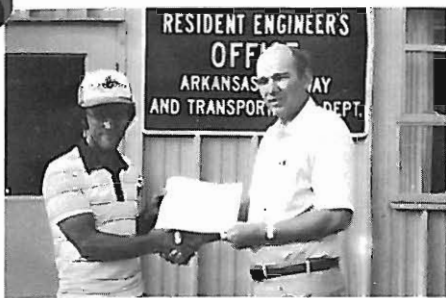
Charles O'Neal has been very busy lately traveling to Louisiana, St. Louis and Pennsylvania singing tenor with his church choir at Greater Trinity Church in Little Rock.

Rick Ranson traveled to Pensacola, Fort Walton, Panama City, Silver Dollar City and Eureka Springs on his vacation this summer. Along with all this traveling, Rick manages to find time to raise beagles for field trials and hunting.

Carolyn Wise is planning a vacation to the northern states this summer. We wish her a nice time and look forward to seeing pictures of the trip.

C.E. MEANS' RESIDENCY

We wish to congratulate James Newcomb, Larry Breshears and Karl Bentz on receiving their 5 year service certificates.



Larry Breshears and C.E. Means



Karl Bentz receiving his award

James Newcomb and his wife, Otty, are the proud parents of a son, Robert Mitchel, born July 13, weighing 8 pounds and 11 ounces. They already have a beautiful daughter Natalie, age 2. James is our Resident Office Technician.



Robert Mitchell and Natalie Newcomb

Our best wishes to Greg Oliver and his wife, Barbara, who were married August 7. Greg has been with the Department 2 years and we feel very fortunate to have him with us. Good luck and we wish this couple a grand future.

BOBBY CORNISH'S RESIDENCY

Retiree John Bland always comes by this office on Thursdays to visit and Barbara surprised him with a coconut cake for his birthday, which was June 16. We are always glad to have John visit us. Joe Floyd also dropped in to celebrate John's birthday and it is always good to see him. We guess that Wallace Cook has just dropped off the face of the earth, as he never comes to visit us anymore. Come see us Wallace.

On Father's Day Bobby Cornish played softball by riding on a donkey for the Mc-

Clellan Optimist Club against Gary Hogan and His Has Beens. If you have never seen a donkey ballgame you have really missed some fun, and it's well worth your time and money. Bob, you looked like a pro out there on the ground! I think Kay and Sherri talked nicer to the donkeys they were riding because they never hit the ground.

Russell Owen had a lot of excitement in the month of May. His daughter Pam and her husband, Bill, came home from Germany for a few weeks visit. On May 15 Russell gave his daughter, Sherri, away in marriage to Keith George. The wedding took place at The Old Mill and a reception followed at the Owen's home. It's almost too quite around the house, but Russell said he thought he and his wife, Franchelle, would survive. His daughter, Rhonda took a nice trip in July to Germany, Turkey, England and Greece, compliments of the Arkansas Democrat. She had lots of fun and saw many exciting things.



Keith and Sherri George

Donna Garrison, our office technician, welcomed a new son, 7 pound Brennan Blain, to the world on July 12. This was Donna and Billy's second child. They have a daughter, Sha, who is 6 years old. Donna will be back to work sometime in September.

Don Donaldson and his wife, Glenda, took a vacation to Panama City during the month of July. They had a real good time but Don was looking forward to getting back to work.

Walter McMillan and his wife, Vicki, took a vacation to the World's Fair and really had an enjoyable, relaxing good time.

We would like to congratulate three of our men who received service awards in the month of June. Left to right is Ed Randall, 5 years; Troy Henderson, 30 years and Harmon Tullos, 35 years. Well, you've almost made it Troy, you can coast the other 5 years and Harmon is so dedicated he believes he will stay on a little while longer.



Ed Randall spent two weeks of summer camp in Darmasted, Germany. He got to see the Frankenstein Castle and went to the Eastwest German Border. I think he was well ready to come home.

DISTRICT SEVEN

We would like to congratulate and give our best wishes to all of our 1982 graduates.

Jamie Arlene Brandon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brandon (Area Foreman, Calhoun County), graduated with honors from the Fordyce High School in May.

Arlene served as Senior Class President and Business Manager of the Redbug Yearbook. She was voted "Most Popular" by her classmates and was selected by the faculty to the Redbug Hall of Fame for her school spirit, club work and all around leadership.

She plans to attend Louisiana Tech University at Ruston, Louisiana this fall.

Coy Scott Campbell, son of District Engineer and Mrs. Coy Campbell, Jr., graduated from Fairview High School in May. He was a member of the tennis and football teams, "F" Club, FCA and was an escort in Fairview's Homecoming activities. He will attend Louisiana Tech this fall where he will be studying engineering.

Judy Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P.D. Morton, graduated from Lewisville High School in May. P.D. is a Lead Person for the Lafayette County Crew.

Lorrie Louise McMahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gene McMahan, graduated from Fairview High School in May. She ranked 4th in a class of 120 seniors. Lorrie plans to attend Southern Arkansas University Tech Branch in East Camden this fall. She was been awarded a full tuition scholarship and will study Computer Science.

Charles A. Vance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vance, graduated from Camden High School. He plans to attend Louisiana Tech in Ruston this fall. His father is a Senior Inspector for R.E. Myer's Residency.

Columbia County Area Foreman Doyle P. Jacks is very proud of his daughter, Sheila, who will finish her Master's Degree in August at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia. She will be teaching Computer Science at SAU, starting with the fall semester. Sheila received her undergraduate degree from SAU.

We were happy to welcome Rhonda Branyan as a summer employee. This is Rhonda's third summer at the Department. We have enjoyed knowing Rhonda and working with her. She is attending Harding University in Searcy and will



graduate in December, 1982 with a degree in Marketing. She was married August 7, 1982, to Randy Stuart of Texarkana, Texas. He, also, attends Harding University and will graduate in December with a degree in Business Management. Following the wedding the couple honeymooned in the Bahamas. Congratulations and best wishes Rhonda and Randy!

Senior Mechanic Ben Loe and wife, Vernell, are the proud grandparents of a new baby boy, born to daughter Vicky and her husband, Tommy Yocum. Vicky was Assistant Store-room Supervisor for District Seven prior to her husband's transfer to Coushatta, Louisiana. Timothy Glen was born on June 10, 1982 at Bossier Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. This is the first grandson for Ben and Vernell. Congratulations to all! We enjoyed meeting Timothy and visiting with Vicky when they were home for the Fourth of July.



Vicky and Timothy Glen Yocum

We are happy to welcome Sue Huneycutt as our new District Receptionist. She replaces Henrietta McMahan who was promoted to Payroll Clerk. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Rogers of Camden. Her husband, Joey, works for International Paper Company. Sue enjoys cross stitching, camping, water skiing and other outdoor activities.



Sue Huneycutt

We had thirteen employees receiving service awards for a total of 325 years of service. Those receiving awards presented by Highway Commission Chairman James Branyan were: Paul R. Blankenship and Doyle P. Jacks, 30 years;

Harry Castleberry, Hershel Harwell, John Livingston, James Plan, James M. Renfro, William M. Rowland, Jr., Kermit S. Wendell, Jimmy D. Wynn and Carol D. Tutt, 25 years; L.D. Hopper and Claude C. Parton, 20 years. Congratulations men and keep up the good work.



District 7 Service Awards

James Madison "Sunshine" Renfro, Bridge Job Superintendent, retired on July 28, 1982, following 26 years of service to AHTD. We will all miss the ray of sunshine that he conveyed in the office and carries with him where ever he goes. On July 29, we had cake and coffee and other goodies in honor of "Sunshine". We were especially glad to have his wife, Harrie, join us at this time. We presented him with a marine battery, battery box and battery charger as a token of our friendship and appreciation and to help him catch up on his "work". James is shown as he receives a card from District Engineer Coy Campbell. He has a big smile for everyone as he and his wife inspect the cake. He is already planning a fishing trip to try out his new battery.



James Renfro and Coy Campbell



Mr. and Mrs. James Renfro

On July 28, the District Seven Bridge Crew presented "Sunshine" with a rod, reel and new tacklebox filled with baits. We will all miss you "Sunshine" and don't forget to visit us often.

G.R. HITE RESIDENCY

Let us begin by welcoming our summer employees. Clint Hickox, Tommy Smith and Max Koonce all joined our staff in May and have helped relieve pressure on the survey crew during this work season. We will all be sorry to see them leave at the end of summer.

Welcome back to Conrad Sanders, Senior Inspector, who underwent surgery on May 17 in Little Rock. We are all glad to see him back at work and doing well.

Andy Washington, Engineering Aide, is also back at work after recent surgery and re-admittance to the hospital for complications. We hope he continues to improve.

One of our retirees, Bryant Hatridge, has recently undergone surgery in El Dorado. As of this writing he has gone home and is doing well.

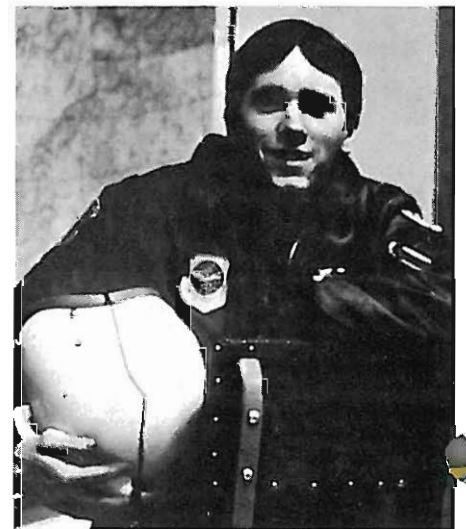
DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to District Eight service award recipients. They are: Jackie L. Allen and Bobby J. Reynolds, 10 years; and Bobby G. Boyd, Clyde Bridges, Herbert L. Underwood, and Alvin R. Shipp, 15 years.

Alison Jean Huie and Lawrence Neal Fletcher were married in a recent ceremony in the Burns Park Hospitality House in North Little Rock. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Huie, Jr. of Little Rock and he is the son of District Eight Engineer and Mrs. Lawrence Fletcher of Russellville. Mr. Fletcher served as best man for his son.

Congratulations to Patricia Ann Moudy upon graduation this year from Russellville High School. She is the daughter of James Moudy, who is a welder in our District Shop. Patricia will attend SAU Tech in Camden on a gymnastics scholarship and will study electronics.

James C. Gipson, who works in one of our District Wide crews, is very proud of his two sons who are in the service. James Calvin, Jr. is a helicopter pilot with the Air Force currently stationed in Japan. Chief Boatswain's Mate William Gipson is currently stationed at the San Diego Naval Station Waterfront Operations. Waterfront Operations provides towing service to Navy ships entering or leaving port. William has the responsibility of a ship's commanding officer which includes the safe operation of the tug and its 10-man crew.



James Calvin Gipson, Jr.



William Gipson

DISTRICT NINE

Congratulations to Danny McMullen and Stacey Lea Beaver who were united in marriage on May 14 at the home of her brother. Families of the couple witnessed the impressive ceremony and enjoyed the reception that followed. After a brief honeymoon, Danny left for an 8 week Army Reserve assignment at San Antonio, Texas and Stacey participated in a summer program at NACC. They plan to live and work in Harrison. Danny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMullen.



Our get well wishes are sent to two of our retirees, E.H. Lawrence and Fayette Robinson. We hope they will soon be well.

Marcia and Joe Holt enjoyed a business and vacation trip to Texas and on their return, assisted their eldest son, John, in opening his new business "Holt's Western World".

V.O. Selby and wife, Inez, drove to San Francisco and other points in California visiting relatives and sight seeing. They had a very enjoyable vacation.

Dennis Jarrett drove to New Hampshire for 3 weeks vacation sight seeing and visiting with friends.

J.T. Richardson and family drove to Pennsylvania for their annual visit with Claudia's family.

DISTRICT TEN

Several of the District crews met early one morning for cake and coffee to honor a couple of men who were retiring and to present Certificates of Service to some others. Those receiving Certificates of Service were Glen Bolden, motor patrol operator, finish, 25 years; Wayne Beaton, Crew Leader, 15 years and B.D. Morgan, dozer operator, 10 years. Best wishes Waukeen Bateman, motor patrol operator, finish, who retired after 35 years of service and to Jimmy Rogers, single axle truck driver/mower operator, who retired after 15 years of service. Waukeen's crew presented him with a fishing tackle box and a rod and reel. Jimmy's crew gave him a set of tools. We wish the very best for Waukeen and Jimmy and hope they will drop in to visit us often.



Leonard Nelson and Waukeen Bateman



Jimmy Rogers and Charles Hopper



Jimmy Rogers and Waukeen Bateman



Glen Bolden, B.D. Morgan, Wayne Beaton

Leland Halcomb, Lead Person in a District Crew, proudly holds his new grandson, Anthony Eugene Halcomb, who was born May 18, 1982. Anthony weighed 5 pounds and 11 ounces. He is the son of Leland E. and Linda Halcomb of Millington, Tenn. The proud grandparents are Leland and Ann Halcomb. Congratulations to all of them.



Cara Bonnell and Stan Glover were married May 21 at Center Street Church of Christ in Fayetteville. Stan is attending school at the U of A. Cara works in the Registrar's office at the University. Stan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Glover. Bob is our District Materials Supervisor.



Our District Engineer Norman Pumphrey had another tour of duty in Portland, Oregon this summer keeping watch over Mt. Saint Helens. He also vacationed in California and Canada. We are looking forward to seeing all the beautiful slides he has from the trip.

Assistant District Engineer Bob Faulkner and family have just returned from a vacation in North Carolina. He reports that they had a good trip.

Isabelle Psalmonds vacationed in Pennsylvania, Niagara Falls and Canada.

We never cease to be amazed at the abilities and talents of those with whom we work. Our District Maintenance Superintendent Lyncal Wait recently performed in the production "My Fair Lady" presented by the Paragould Fine Arts Council. He had the role of Professor Karpathy and also sang in the chorus. I'm sure he did a fine job. Hope we don't lose him to Broadway or Hollywood. We are proud of our people who take an active part in community activities.

OSCEOLA RESIDENCY

We have neglected to recognize our Resident Engineer Frank Shepherd's new son. Heath Franklin, pictured with his older sister, Samara, age 5, was born on November 13, 1981. As you can see Heath is a handsome lad and I assure you very well liked.



Steven Wayne Kirk, son of Linda Kirk, graduated from Mississippi County High School, West Ridge in May of this year. Steve received the Faculty Award "Best All Around Student", and an Honor Plaque for a 3.5 yearly grade average. Steve was president of the Student Council, Vice President of his Senior Class, and a member of the basketball team, in which he conquered the rebound trophy for the year. He also represented his school in the State Track Meet at Danville in three events of which he placed third in each. Steve plans to attend MCCC at Blytheville for two years and then ASU for a degree in physical education and English.

We would like to take this opportunity to let friends know that Buddy Pounders is recuperating very well from his heart attack and bypass surgery. We have missed him and expect him back in full swing in just a few short weeks. Even with Buddy's disability he has kept busy, we have a picture of him quilting a baby quilt for his grandbaby that is due soon, and he very proudly shows off the finished product.

Cagle Elected To High 40 et 8 Post

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Gene Cagle has been elected Grande Chef De Gare of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux.



Cagle was elected WHAT? In the WHAT?

The 40 and 8 Society, formed in 1920, is an inner group of the American Legion. The Grande (to rhyme with fond) Chef De Gare, the office to which Gene has been elected, is comparable to State Commander of the American Legion. He is well qualified, having held numerous positions in both the Legion and 40 et 8. He became active in the American Legion following his discharge from the Navy in 1960, first in Dumas, and then in Post No. 334 in Little Rock. Since that time he has served as Post Commander of 334, District 15 Adjutant, District 15 Commander and is presently again serving as District Adjutant and the second 5-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of Pulaski Club No. 334. District 15 is made up of five counties and is the largest Legion District in the State.

Cagle became active in the 40 et 8 in 1974 and has held several positions in that organization (all of which have French names). On the local level, he served as Garde De La Porte, Conducteur, Chef De Gare, and Chairman of the train crew since 1979. On the State level, Cagle has served as Grande Garde De La Porte, Grande Drapeau, Chairman of the Box Car Association and in 1980 served as Sous Garde De La Porte Nationale.

Why the French names? In 1920, with World War I just over, the returning veteran's future didn't look too bright. What were yesterday's heroes to do except lean against a lamp post and laugh ironically at themselves and their predicament as they had when soldiers and horses were packed into boxcars which were pressed into service as troop transports to and from the fighting fronts in France. Forty men with field packs and rifles, together with several horses jammed in one car, were so miserable that the soldiers had to laugh to keep from crying.

It was the memory of that wretched time that prompted the small group of Legionnaires to organize "Voiture No. 1 of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Cheveaux" or, Boxcar No. 1 of the Society of 40 men and 8 horses. The idea caught on and very soon expanded to a national organization.

Forty and Eight members are selected after having proven themselves in the Legion. Titles of officers are taken from French railroad workers and officials. Not only have the French words be retained, but members are expected to pronounce them correctly!

Even though 40 et 8 was founded in fun, the organization's service work is no joke. The membership soon saw needs all around and began to develop help programs. The first was a Child Welfare Program for Veterans' children, begun in 1923. An average of 500 registered nurses graduate each year from their nurses training program and through the years, 40 et 8 has contributed to the research, treatment and cure for Hansen's disease.

On the local level, the Pulaski County 40 et 8 operates a locomotive on wheels which is carried to various places and functions as a joyride for children. Gene Cagle doesn't even know how many hours he has logged operating the train for the pleasure of children in the Little Rock area, on his own time during weekends and holidays. Carry on, Grande Chef!

Do you know...

- ➔ The Arkansas State Highway System consists of 16,091 miles.
- ➔ The System covers 21 percent of the 76,466 miles of public roads in Arkansas, but accommodates 78 percent of the vehicle miles of travel, including over 95 percent of all heavy truck travel.
- ➔ The Arkansas State Highway System ranks 15th in the Nation in mileage, and the State ranks 27th in area.
- ➔ The majority of state revenues for the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department are generated under the Motor Fuels Tax Law, the Motor Vehicle Registration Law, and the Special Motor Fuels Tax Law.
- ➔ Current State motor fuel tax rates per gallon are 9.5 cents for gasoline, 10.5 cents for diesel, and 7.5 cents for LPG.
- ➔ As of July 1, 1982, 29 states had gasoline taxes higher than Arkansas.
- ➔ Diesel fuel tax rates are higher in 25 other states than in Arkansas.
- ➔ Fifteen states impose a sales and/or variable tax on motor fuels.
- ➔ Arkansas ranks lowest of the seven surrounding states in State revenue received for state highway purposes.
- ➔ During Fiscal Year 1982, the Department placed under contract \$124.1 million in construction projects on the system, which is slightly less than the amount undertaken in Fiscal Year 1974. This points out the need for increased highway funding.
- ➔ The cost to construct an Interstate-type route on new location in a rural area is approximately \$2 million per mile.
- ➔ The cost to construct a primary two-lane route on new location is over \$700,000 per mile.
- ➔ Depending on the size of the automobile, it costs the average road-user between 18.9 cents and 26.6 cents per each mile traveled to own and operate that vehicle.
- ➔ Of the many costs incurred to own and operate a vehicle, the least is for the construction and maintenance of the highways traveled, only 1.0 to 1.6 cents per mile.
- ➔ Approximately 50 percent of Arkansas' secondary roads are in poor or intolerable condition, while 17 percent of the State's bridges are more than 50 years old.



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