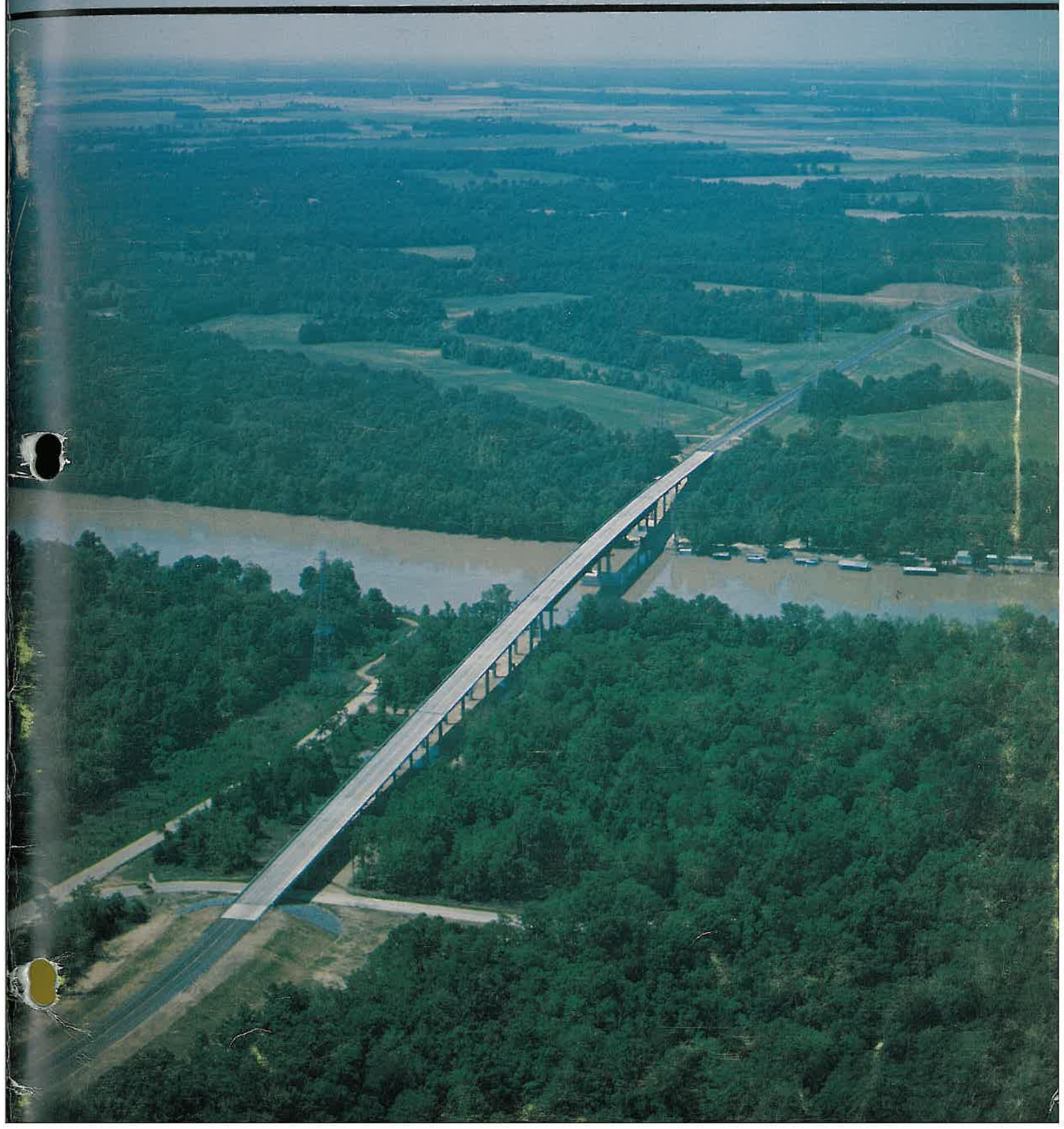


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THE DIRECTOR'S PAGE

Henry C. Gray

A Message from the Director. . .

As Highway and Transportation Department employees, all of you are aware of the pressing problems caused by declining state and federal revenues. You have been directly affected by many of the cost-cutting practices established over the past few years. Undoubtedly, there will be more changes as time goes on.

The entire State Highway System, as well as the county roads and city streets, are in jeopardy because the pay-as-you-go funding system we have proudly used to finance our highways has not been adjusted to reflect economic reality, both at the state and federal levels. Motor fuels revenues continue to decline, and are estimated this year to be about 8 percent below last year's collections.

The Highway and Transportation Department is the only state agency being forced to operate with about the same state revenues it received seven years ago. In 1975, actual state dollars to the department amounted to \$126.5 Million. The projected state income for 1982 is almost exactly the same figure, about \$127 Million.

Each Arkansas driver uses on the average of 81.5 gallons of gasoline per month. That's the highest in the nation. Arkansas is number one in America in dependency on highways, yet we're 28th in the amount of state road-user revenues paid in to build and maintain our State Highway System.

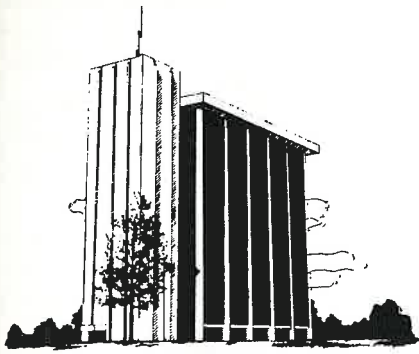
Federal revenues are also dropping, from the present four-year average of \$107 Million per year to \$52.2 Million in 1983. According to the proposed four-year Administration Bill for 1984 through 1987, Federal Aid will average about \$58 Million to \$59 Million. The proposed highway bill also drops most of the funding categories, leaving only four; Interstate, Primary, Bridge Replacement, and Safety.

The State Legislature will eventually have to address this problem because there simply are not enough funds available under the present funding sources to get the jobs done.

As custodians of the Arkansas Highway Tax Dollar, we are charged with the responsibility of utilizing the money effectively. We must make the maximum use of all funds available.

It is a mind-boggling task, but it must be done if we are to continue to protect our \$3 Billion investment in the 16,100 mile State Highway System.

Henry Gray
Director of Highways and Transportation



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BACK COVER — State Highway 309 on Mount Magazine in Logan County. Photo by Johnnie Gray.



Use of Left Lane on Interstates Being Encouraged

In an attempt to equalize pavement wear on the Interstate highways in Arkansas, the State Highway and Transportation Department is encouraging heavy trucks to use the left lane.

Large signs requesting trucks to use the left lane were placed at all weigh stations in Arkansas in March.

It is reported recently that Arkansas' rural interstates were among the worst in the nation with more than ten percent experiencing pavement deficiencies due to age and wear.

Studies conducted by the department show that eighty-one percent of the heavy truck traffic uses the right lane on the interstates and this is

causing the right lane to deteriorate at a faster rate than the left lane.

By encouraging heavy trucks to use the left lane and equalize wear, some of the burden being placed on the right lane will be relieved. With the current funding limitations the department is not able to repair or reconstruct the highways at the rate necessary, so by equalizing the wear, major repairs and reconstruction can be delayed and the funds can be spread over a longer period of time.

As far as the department is able to determine, Arkansas is the only state encouraging heavy trucks to use the left lane on the Interstate highways.

Jane Wilson Is New Personnel Officer

Jane Wilson became the Personnel Officer in charge of the Personnel Section, April 28. She replaced Hugh Murray who rejoined the Internal Audit Section as Assistant Chief. Murray has 12 years experience as an auditor.

Ms. Wilson has experience in Personnel Management, Office Management and Public Relations. She received her BA degree from the University of Central Arkansas in 1960. She has been in the Personnel Section since June 1981, in the capacity of Assistant Personnel Officer.

Kay Cornish has become the Assistant Personnel Officer. She has been with the department, in numerous secretarial and administrative positions, for the past 14 years. She has been Personnel Analyst for the past four years.

Becky Finney, who has been



Jane Wilson, Kay Cornish and Becky Finney.

Departmental Training Representative since April 1980, is the new Personnel Analyst. She will be responsible for the departmental training programs and continue to

function as Training Officer, in addition to her new duties. She received her BA degree from Lincoln University in Missouri in 1976.

AHTD Participates In Business Conference



Al Sacco (far right) and Hubert Holland (second from right) discuss contracting and procurement procedures with minority business representatives at conference.

The Highway and Transportation Department joined several other public agencies, May 12, for the Governor's Conference on Small and Minority Business Affairs held at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

The primary purpose of the conference was to improve the relationships between government and small and minority businesses in Arkansas. The conference consisted of a series of discussions and briefings on the small and minority business sector of the economy.

Workshop topics included Marketing; Bonding and Insurance; Contracting; and Planning, Financing, Legislation.

AHTD representatives at the conference were Hubert Holland, Federal Aid and Contracts Engineer and Al Sacco of Procurement.

New Techniques Employed To Replace Girders

By John Hall
Bridge Maintenance Engineer

When an overheight truck meets headon with a highway underpass structure — something has to give! In most cases it is usually the overheight load. However, the structure itself may not always escape unharmed.

In the majority of cases the steel I-Beam girders will be slightly bent out of line and repairs can usually be made utilizing the art of flame heat straightening. However, in some instances the impact is so great the beams are torn and forced out of alignment to the extent repairs require the beams to be replaced.

State Highway 29 overpass on Interstate 30 in Hope is a recent example of damage to steel beams requiring extensive beam replacement. An overheight loaded truck



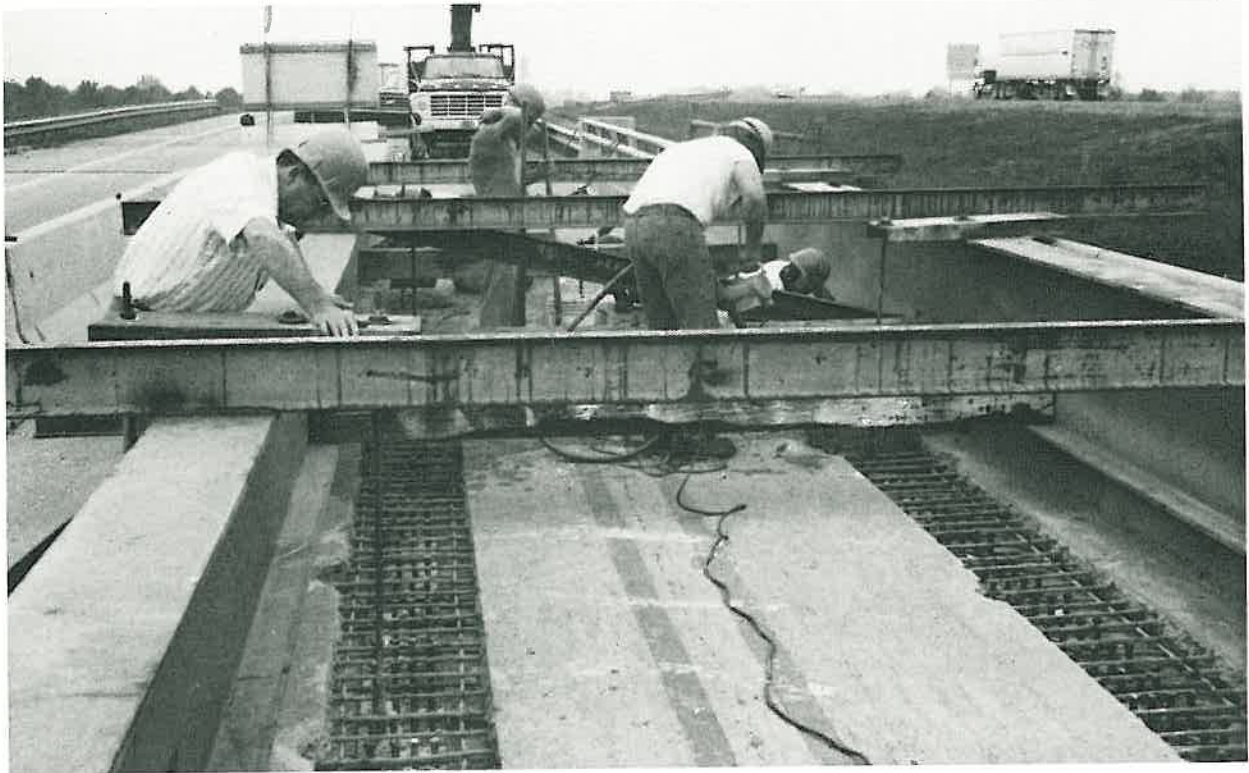
Traffic on I-30 was shifted to one lane while repairs were made.

New technique allowed Highway 29 to remain open to traffic.



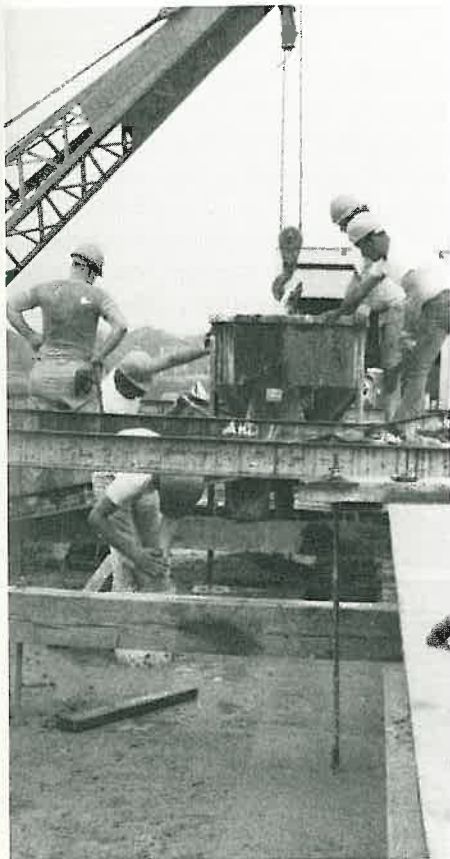
carrying a large structural steel tank attempted to pass under the structure, striking four of the seven I-Beams with such force that two interior beams received light damage and the two nearest the outside of the structure received heavy damage, forcing the closing of one lane of Interstate 30 above.

The Heavy Bridge Maintenance Section was summoned by Charles Mitchell, District Engineer at Hope, to inspect and handle repairs. Upon completion of the inspection it was concluded the two most severely damaged girders would be replaced, the two with lesser damage would be repaired by flame heat straightening techniques and the misalignment of the span would be corrected by jacking the span back into its original position. Normally when girders had to be replaced, heavy timber shoring, to



Maintenance crews work to remove the damaged girders from the structure.

Once the new girders were in place, crews poured concrete to repair the deck.



support the structure, was erected on the route under the structure, necessitating the closing of that route and detouring traffic by way of the nearest route to cause the least interruption to the traveling public. For this particular job, State Highway 29 would be closed approximately a month and a half. However, the closing of State Highway 29 would work a tremendous hardship on all business interest north of Interstate 30 and it became necessary to develop an alternate support system, permitting flow of traffic not only on the structure carrying Interstate 30 but on State Highway 29 below the structure.

The system that finally evolved consisted principally of erecting two steel wide flange beams above and near the beams to be replaced and supported on the adjacent spans. Cross framing was installed and steel rods inserted down through the concrete deck and curb to support that portion of the structure while the damaged beams were cut out, removed, the new beams hung and the deck reconstructed.

Plywood platforms were fabricated and installed below the deck to prevent pieces of concrete and other items from falling onto the traffic below.

The project was begun on March 2 and finished on April 4, 1982, completing the job within 32 of the 35 working days estimated. Considering all the possibilities for potential accidents only one minor incident occurred. A small piece of concrete fell, causing a small crack in one windshield.

Since the technique worked so well at Hope, it was decided to use it again in the replacement of a girder on an overpass structure in the Interstate 40/Interstate 30 interchange in North Little Rock.

Appreciation is expressed to the Heavy Bridge Maintenance Crew, under the supervision of Ralph Buchanan, for being alert to the overall safety of the project, the traveling public and for using ingenuity in completing the job on time. Appreciation is also expressed to District Three personnel for their fine cooperation in helping to accomplish the job.

Highway and Transportation Issues Addressed at Conference

Highway and Transportation Department Director Henry Gray told participants at the department's annual Highway and Transportation Conference in April if funding doesn't improve "a whole industry — the construction industry — is going to suffer dramatically."

"We're not in very healthy shape today," Gray said. "It will probably be the middle of 1983 before we see any light at the end of the tunnel as far as revenues (for highway construction) go," he added.

In his welcoming address, Gray reiterated the problems facing the department. State funds are declining. . . we expect only about \$50 Million in Federal funds next year. . . there will be a very modest overlay program this year, only about ten miles per district. . . the trucking industry is a long way from paying its fair share of highway user fees.

These, and other serious problems must be addressed in the months ahead, otherwise, the whole construction program is going to go down, Gray warned.



Director Henry Gray gives opening welcome address at conference.

One innovative step taken by the department is the establishment of an aggressive Pavement Management Program. Bob Walters, Roadway Design Engineer and Mark Bradley, Pavement Management Engineer, briefed the conference participants on the department's program.

"Our goal is to objectively prioritize the needs and expenditures to ensure that we get the most for our money," Walters said.

Bradley pointed out the program encompasses planning, design, construction, maintenance and rehabilitation in providing an adequate level of service.

Other topics discussed included a report on the department's Railroad Rehabilitation Program; Public Transportation in Arkansas; Wetlands Permit Activities During Construction; Portland Cement Concrete Resurfacing; Asphalt Plant Operations; and Maintenance and its Relation to the Overall Highway Program.

More than 200 persons, consisting primarily of department civil engineers, staff personnel, private industry and Federal Highway Administration representatives, attended the two day conference at the Central Office auditorium. In previous years the conference was known as the Resident Engineer's Conference, but the name was changed this year to reflect the increased roll of the department in other transportation related areas.



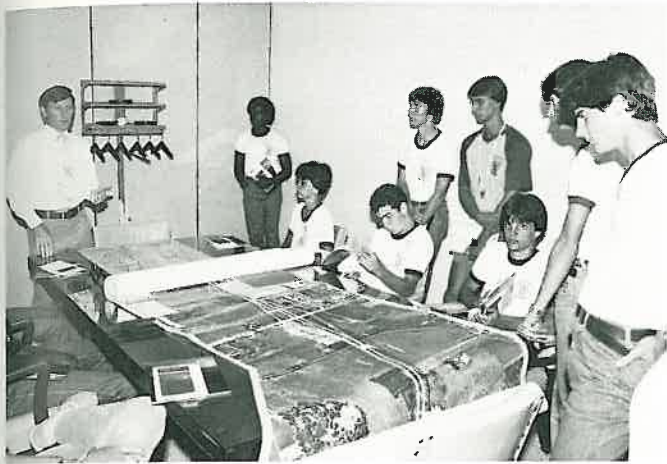
AGC Chapter Manager Jim Martin speaks to conference attendees.

Another speaker at the conference, Jim Martin, Chapter Manager, Associated General Contractors, said involvement is the key to solving the problems.

"We must make a decision to become involved. We see changes in our economy. Unemployment in the construction industry is above 30 percent. This represents taxes and people leaving our state," Martin said.

"Our future problems cannot be solved on the same basis as in the past. We must move forward and get involved. . . we must be innovative," he urged.

BOY'S STATERS TOUR BUILDING



Phil McConnell of Roadway Design briefs delegates on the various functions of the division.

Twelve delegates to the American Legion Boys State Convention visited the Highway and Transportation Department Central Office Complex in Little Rock on June 3.

Each year the delegates to the Convention conduct a mock legislative session at the State Capitol and visit various state agencies in order to receive a better understanding of State government.

The 12 delegates visiting the department were appointed to serve as Highway Commission members and top administrative officials for the day.

The delegates spent the morning discussing highway problems with Director Henry Gray and viewed a slide presentation which details the problems facing the department in light of state and federal fund reductions.

Following the presentation the delegates toured several divisions within the Central Office Complex.

AHTD Grants Land Use Permit

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Director Henry Gray issued a Land Use Permit to the State Game and Fish Commission to operate a boat ramp on highway right-of-way at the abandoned site of the St. Charles Ferry on the White River on Highway 1.

The permit allows the Game and Fish Commission to develop and maintain a public access area to the White River on the Arkansas County side, provided the cost of construction, operation and maintenance of the ramp and access road will be borne by the Game and Fish Commission without expense to the Highway and Transportation Department.

Gray presented the land use permit to Rick Hamilton, Chairman of the State Game and Fish Commission, at its monthly meeting, Monday, May 17.

The permit at St. Charles is just one of several such cooperative agreements the two commissions have entered into over the years. Other boat ramps have been constructed on highway right-of-way on the old section of Highway 9 at Sylamore on the White River, at Norfolk on Highway 5, at Oil Trough on Highway 122, near Rison on Highway 79, at Index on the Red River on Highway 71, Highway 41 on the Red River south of Foreman, and Highway 4 near Warren.

According to the terms of the permit, the Game and Fish Commission may use the property as long as the use does not interfere with highway usage or until the property is abandoned as a public use access area.



Rick Hamilton, right, Chairman of the Game & Fish Commission accepts land use permit from AHTD Director Henry Gray.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Highway 25 Relocation Discussed



Two alternate proposals to relocate State Highway 25 northeast and east of Heber Springs were discussed at a public hearing in Heber Springs, April 6.

Each alternate route is approximately five miles in length and would cost from \$4.3 Million to \$4.8 Million to construct.

The present Highway 25 route passes through the center of town and makes two 90-degree turns in the downtown area. Traffic on the present route reaches as high as 15,000 vehicles per day on the Main Street portion.

If Highway 25 were to be relocated, the new route would carry 2,100 to 2,300 vehicles per day. A large percentage of the traffic would be heavy trucks, which now must travel through the downtown area.

About 100 persons attended the hearing. Some of the downtown business owners expressed opposition to the relocation, saying it would hurt their businesses if traffic was routed around town. Other speakers argued that less traffic would relieve congestion and help business. Some urged the department to move ahead with the project because the congestion in Heber Springs was becoming an increasing problem and it would be many years anyway before the project could be built. One person noted that if Heber Springs continues its present rate of growth, there wouldn't be a street or highway in town to handle the extra traffic. From the standpoint of the future, he said, the bypass is an absolute necessity.

U.S. 67 Proposal Supported at Newport

The department's proposal to extend U.S. Highway 67 twelve miles from the White River to Newport received support from all of those who commented on the project at a public hearing in Newport, May 13.

Approximately 100 persons attended the hearing at the Newport High School and urged the department to proceed with final design. Present plans call for the four-lane divided highway to end at Highway 384. Most of those who commented at the

hearing, however, asked that the highway be extended to Highway 18, about two miles farther north of Highway 384.

No surveys have been conducted in the area between Highway 384 and Highway 18 since that area is currently a part of an overall planning study to determine the future location of U.S. Highway 67 from Newport to the Missouri State Line.

One of those commenting at the hearing, Newport banker Terry Dillion, pointed out the need for

better highways in attracting industry.

"I feel that our efforts to attract more industry to our area might be fruitful once a four-lane Highway 67 gets closer to Jackson County," he said.

Industrial development was also on the mind of Diaz Mayor Blount Hohn, whose town is just north of Newport. He joined the others in asking that the new road be extended to Highway 18 because he said 75 percent of local industry is located in the northern portion of Newport and the Diaz area.

Former U.S. Senator Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., a Newport attorney, said the project is the culmination of many years of effort to expand the area's industrial development.

U.S. Highway 67 is a four-lane divided highway from North Little Rock to Bald Knob. Extension of the highway to Bradford is under construction and will be completed late this year. The White River Bridge near Old Glaize is also under construction.

Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters told the audience, "A project of this size will have to be built in stages, possibly two contracts for grading and structures, and maybe one or two contracts for the surfacing. We would expect to begin on the south end and continue working northward."

Walters pointed out that the construction schedule depends upon the availability of funding. The project would be constructed with 75 percent Federal Primary funds and 25 percent State funds.



Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters (right) explains preliminary plan to Newport area residents.

Highway 63 Design Debated at Trumann

On May 27 a public hearing was held in Trumann to discuss the proposed design of Highway 63 which would extend from Payneway to Trumann.

The hearing, attended by approximately 150 persons, drew mixed opinions about the construction of the proposed 5.1-mile four-lane controlled access highway on new location. Many of the area farmers opposed the proposed building plan because they said it would cut into farming land and also reduce the accessibility to some of the remaining farm lands.



Most of the farmers had alternate plans that they wanted the department to study before the plans are finalized.

On the other hand, many of the northeast Arkansas civic leaders voiced favorable opinions about constructing the proposed project.

Bernis Holt, Mayor of Trumann, told the crowd that the city council had voted unanimously to support the proposed Highway 63 route. Holt added that he and the councilmen thought that this route would be the most advantageous for Trumann and its trade territories.

This segment of Highway 63 is estimated to cost approximately \$15 Million to construct. If the project were to be built it is estimated that traffic flow on this thoroughfare would increase from 8,600 vehicles per day to 18,000 vehicles per day over the next 20 years.

The proposed Highway 63 project is the first segment of a 4-segment plan that will provide a four-lane divided highway from Payneway to the Highway 63 Bypass in Jonesboro. Highway 63 from Interstate 55 near Gilmore to Payneway is already a four-lane divided highway.



Henry Gray, Director, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department signs External Youth Opportunity Agreement as (left to right) Jim Martin, Chapter Manager, AGC/Arkansas Chapter and Bill Belt, Regional Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, look on.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION 1982, ACCENT ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Each summer the Federal Highway Administration encourages States to participate in a nation-wide program designed to provide meaningful work experience in highway construction for the Nation's youth who need work because of economic, educational and/or cultural disadvantages. The program is called the External Youth Opportunity Program.

On March 9, representatives of three organizations signed an agreement to coordinate the External Youth Opportunity Program in Arkansas. The agreement was signed by Bill Belt, Regional Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; Henry Gray, Director, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department; and Jim Martin, Chapter Manager, Associated General Contractors of America/Arkansas Chapter.

The agreement outlines areas of joint responsibility with regard to the administration and imple-

mentation of the program. The overall purposes of the agreement are to ensure that information concerning the program is disseminated statewide and to demonstrate the program has received strong and cooperative support.

In an effort to publicize the program, letters were sent to secondary schools in the state urging them to advise their students to pursue employment in the highway construction industry during the summer.

Contractors and material suppliers placed 219 youths in 1981. The earnings gained enabled many of them to return to school in the fall. Others developed marketable skills through this work experience and some eventually became permanent employees.

At the conclusion of the 1982 campaign, Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to the top three employers of the State's youth.

New Computer System Saves Time and Money

Although it may not seem possible... the Computer Services Division is now able to do more work, more efficiently, in less time and in less space than previously.

It all came about in late March when the Division replaced the IBM 370/145 computer system with an IBM 4341.

The new equipment requires less floor space, less air conditioning, and less electrical power. The old Central Processing Unit (CPU) required 48 square feet of floor space and had a height of 5 feet. The new CPU requires 21 square feet of floor space and has a height of 39.5 inches. Both air conditioning and electrical requirements are 35-40% less on the new system.

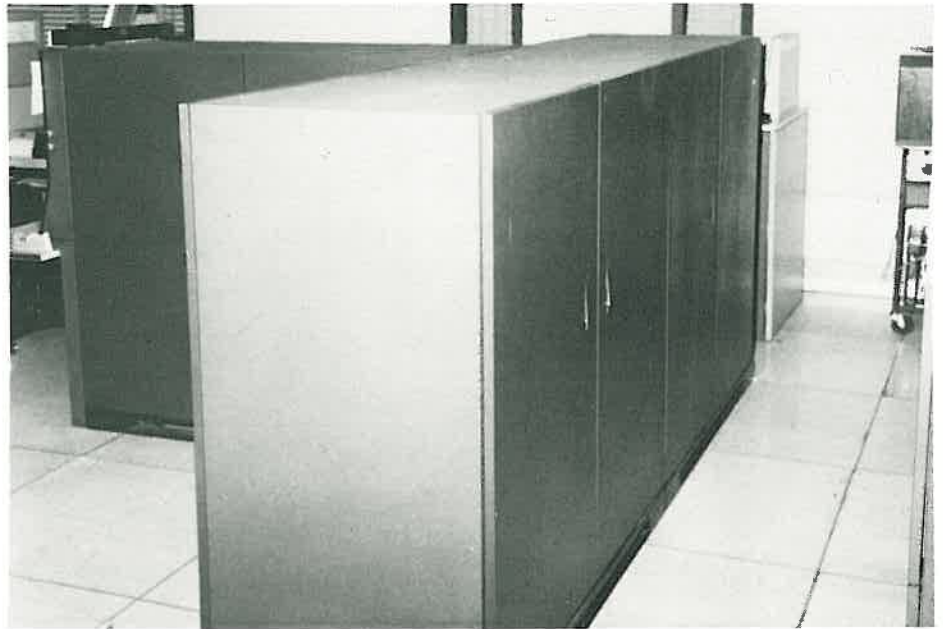
Even though the physical characteristics of the 4341 computer system are less, the amount of memory is eight times more, 4 million characters. The internal processing speed is 3-5 times greater, 800 thousand instructions per second.

There is 50% more direct access storage (disks) in the same physical space with a faster transfer rate and two data paths to the CPU.

The Computer Operator uses a Cathode Ray Tube for the operations of the computer whereas the old system used a typewriter console. This provides faster access and response to jobs that are being processed.

Even though the tape drive looks similar, the new equipment has the capability of recording data on tape at 6250 bits per inch. The old system was 1600 bits per inch. Much more data is recorded on one reel of tape. The data is also transferred to the CPU 6.5 times faster.

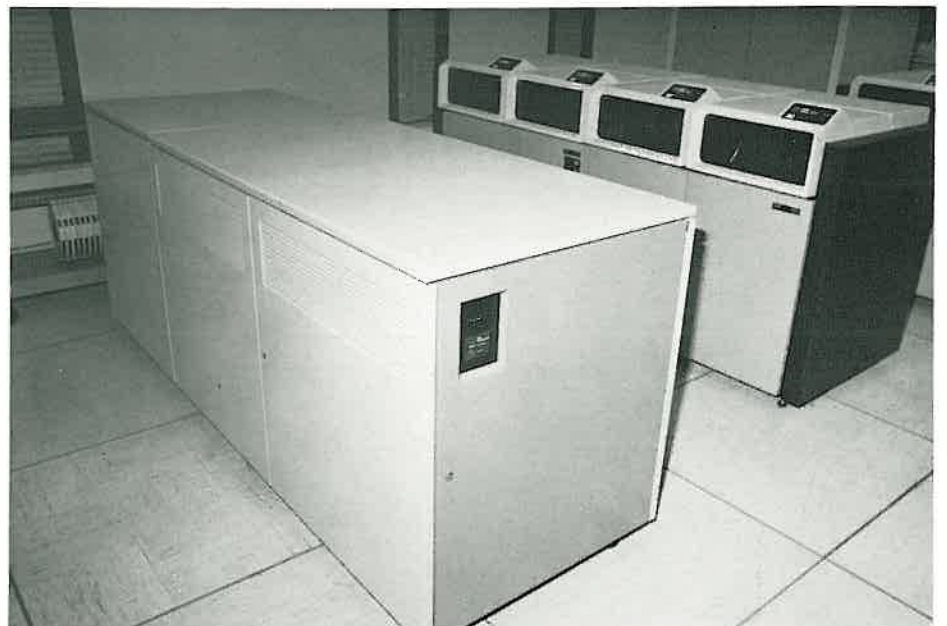
The printer is smaller and prints 10% faster. It does not require a



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CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT

After



paper carriage control tape for controlling the vertical positioning of the forms.

Since card processing has almost been eliminated, a smaller card

reader is used that reads only 600 cards per minute. The old card reader read 1000 cards per minute.

All of this means five batch jobs plus the on-line processing (CICS)

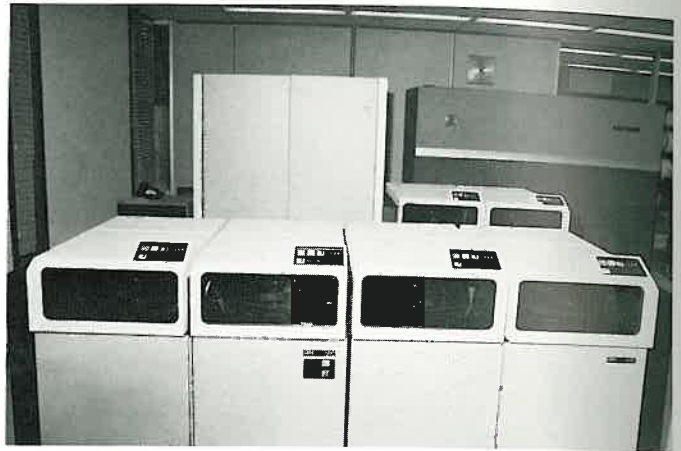
can be done simultaneously and in much less time. Only two jobs were processed on the old system at the same time. The actual clock time now is sometimes more than 90% less.

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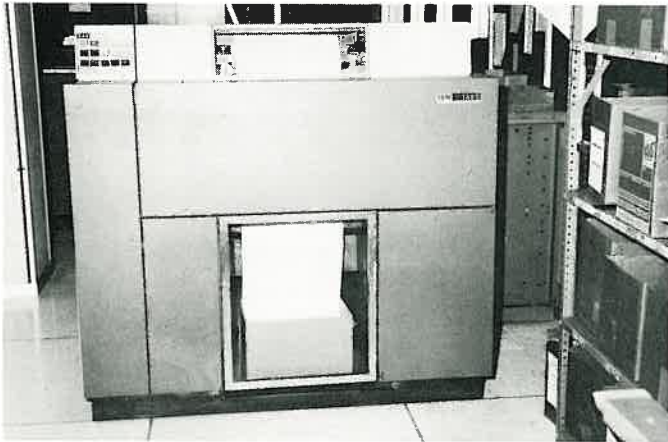


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UMTA Grants Funds For Arkansas Projects



UMTA Administrator Arthur Teele meets with Little Rock Mayor Charles Bussey, North Little Rock Mayor Reed Thompson, UMTA Regional Director Glen Ford and CAT Director John Milligan at the CAT maintenance facility.

During his visit to Arkansas on June 10, Arthur E. Teele, Jr., Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), reported that funding has been reserved to finance 80% of the cost of construction of an up-to-date efficient maintenance facility for Central Arkansas Transit, which operates in Pulaski County. Teele referred to CAT's present facility as "less than adequate" and "clearly deficient."

Teele estimated the cost of the needed facility to run between two and five million dollars. He stressed that the decision to construct the facility rested with the local elected officials and that if the 20% local match were provided, UMTA was ready and anxious to supply the remaining funds.

CAT has been leasing its maintenance facility, which constitutes a yearly operating expense. Teele pointed out that the better alternative is a one-time expense that would meet present and future needs. Teele, who came to Arkansas to make an on-site review of regional operations, reported that UMTA is "committed to meeting the needs of public transit in Arkansas" and in view of proposed cuts in the federal budget, the emphasis will be placed on "more bang for the buck."

In a meeting with Arkansas Governor Frank

White, Teele said he had "an open heart and pocket-book for the citizens of Arkansas," and that the UMTA agency is willing to help with the State's transit problems.

Teele also toured the Arkadelphia/Benton/Malvern area to survey transit need and the proposed route structuring of city transit systems.

A transit system is being planned for the city of Arkadelphia by joint effort between Central Arkansas Development Council and the Public Transportation Unit of the Highway and Transportation Department. UMTA has committed discretionary funds to help initiate and develop the system. South Central Arkansas Transit will operate two fixed circulator routes. Each of the routes will have two transfer points in order to provide efficient transit coverage for the central business district and portions of the residential area. Three buses will be used for the six-day-a-week transit service. Travel orientation and information stations will be set up at selected stops to inform the public of transit alternatives. Service in Arkadelphia is expected to begin in August.

Administrator Teele expressed satisfaction with the CADA operation and indicated his desire to return to the area to observe the new transit system.

DEDICATIONS

Dream Comes True for St. Charles Residents

For the people of Arkansas and Monroe counties, the day they had been waiting for, finally arrived April 23. After many decades of keeping a dream alive, more than 2,000 persons turned out to take part in the ceremony officially opening the Highway 1 White River Bridge at St. Charles.

It was also a special day for Mrs. G.B. Deane, 87, of St. Charles and Elmer Ferguson of DeWitt. The ceremony represented the fulfillment of Mrs. Deane's late husband's dream 61 years ago - to get the people across the river. Deane would hire someone to run a ferry

at St. Charles when the water was down. He told his wife he was doing it to keep the idea of a full-time crossing alive. Deane, a former St. Charles mayor, later suggested a bridge crossing in 1953.

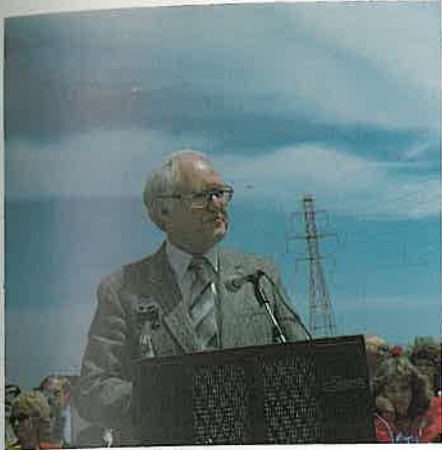
Ferguson, a DeWitt banker and farmer, also became interested in a bridge that year and later helped organize the White River Bridge Association. In 1966 he became a member of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission and continued the struggle to obtain Federal funding for the 2500-mile Great River Road, which generally parallels the Mississippi River through

10 states and two Canadian Provinces.

The Mississippi River Parkway Commission unveiled a plaque naming the bridge after Ferguson in honor of his untiring efforts to obtain funding for the structure. (The State Highway Commission does not name bridges, however, and will continue to refer to the bridge as the Highway 1 Bridge).

The private toll ferry at St. Charles which operated only a few months a year, was abandoned in 1945. In February 1955, the ferry was reopened by the Highway Department as a free ferry.





Highway Commission Chairman James Branan



U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers



Governor Frank White



Gladys Kennedy reads tribute



Elmer Ferguson



Mrs. G.B. Deane



Crowd enjoys fish fry following the dedication ceremony.

Federal legislation to fund the development of the Great River Road was approved in 1973, however, it was 1976 before the funds were released.

The river crossing at St. Charles was the only broken link in the entire Great River Road. Once environmental studies were completed and the public hearings held, the Highway Commission awarded a \$10.2 Million contract to Jensen Construction Company of Des

Moines, Iowa in September 1979 to construct the 2300-foot long structure.

In his dedicatory address, U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers reminded the audience that there is still a great deal of work to do on the Great River Road in Arkansas and the future doesn't look bright.

"The Great River Road is not going to be completed anytime soon," Bumpers said. "As a matter of fact, the President has asked for

the de-authorization of the completion of this road. This is a time of restraint and limited spending, and I'm not falling out with the President about this, but I had hoped to live to see the day that at least the approaches to this bridge and this great road will be finished," he said.

Governor Frank White praised the people of the area for their hard work in keeping the dream alive. "I commend and appreciate the Highway Department and the Commission for what they've done to bring this about, but most importantly, I commend the people of this community. There have been so many times when there wasn't money for this project over the past 20 years, we probably couldn't count them on both hands," he said.

The Governor also pointed out the importance of the new economic opportunity for Monroe and Arkansas counties. "As I see what the agricultural sector means to this area, then I'm sure that this is going to offer us a great opportunity in the future, to, in fact, see the continued economic expansion of the area."

Other speakers included U.S. Senator David Pryor, U.S. Representative Bill Alexander, Highway Commission Chairman James Branan, State Senator Paul Benham, and Sharon Marrs and Porter Young, both members of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

The Daughters of the Confederacy dropped a wreath into the river to commemorate those who died in the Civil War battle at St. Charles in 1862.

Miss Arkansas, Micki Petrus of Hazen, cut the ribbon for the opening. Following the dedication ceremony, the large crowd gathered at the White River Wildlife Refuge for a fish fry. Members of the Highway Commission, the Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission, and the Mississippi River Parkway Commission were among the honored guests.



Volunteers cook fish for the fish fry held after the dedication ceremony.



Micki Petrus, Miss Arkansas; Governor Frank White; David Solomon, Congressman Bill Alexander; Elmer Ferguson; Patsy Thomasson and James Branan in ribbon cutting ceremony.



EASTBELT FREEWAY DEDICATED FOR

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK



Nearly four years after the first bridge contract was awarded, business and civic leaders in Central Arkansas gathered on top of the Eastbelt Bridge, spanning the Arkansas River in Pulaski County, to dedicate the \$40 Million structure, May 21.

Although the bridge isn't scheduled to open until July, it was dedicated early to coincide with National Transportation Week.

The bridge and the 10-mile long Interstate 440 Eastbelt Freeway will play an important role in the overall transportation network for Central Arkansas.

Frank Lyon, Jr., President of the Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, said the bridge, along with the nearby airport and the Little Rock Port's adjacent water and rail facilities, provides a unique multi-modal transportation facility

that would attract business.

The celebration started at noon with a luncheon at which representatives of the various transportation modes spoke of the importance of the new freeway and how it will aid expansion of the airport, river port, and rail facilities.

Following the luncheon, the guests boarded chartered buses for the short drive to the dedication site on top of the bridge. Nearly 250 persons turned out under bright skies to get a first hand look at the structure and listen to several speakers elaborate on the importance of the bridge to the area.

Highway Commission Chairman James Branyan called the bridge the "final link" in making Little Rock one of the most unique markets in the country because the downtown area would be so close to rail, air,

water and highway transportation. "Industries now need to look at this area more seriously," Branyan said, adding, "with the completion of Interstate 440 and Interstate 630 (Wilbur Mills Freeway), Little Rock was going to have one of the best transportation systems of any city its size in the country".

Although it was a day to celebrate the accomplishments of the past and present, Branyan pointed out that hard times are here today that will drastically affect the future. "We have reached a crossroads in the area of new road construction, he said, "because new construction is about to come to an end due to the uncertainty of funding."

"I would hope that each of us would renew our dedication and our effort to a total highway and transportation system that would be adequate for the economic growth of this state for many years to come. . . we cannot afford to go backwards," he said.

Arkansas Governor Frank White commended local business leaders for their hard work. "We talk about all the difficult times ahead, but I don't know of any time in our history when I've seen more enthusiasm and more things being done by people who said it couldn't be done," he said. "I want to commend Highway and Transportation Department Director Henry Gray and the Highway Commission for their commitment to get this built. Transportation is important. Its critical for the continued economic development of this state. . . I don't think this is the end. . . I think we're going to find a way to finance roads," White said.





Upper Left Photo – Approximately 250 persons showed up to take part in the dedication of the Eastbelt Bridge shown in the middle photograph.

Lower Left Photo – Arkansas Governor Frank White delivers the dedicatory address.



Ninety percent of the project is Federal Funds, that were authorized in 1974. Only three projects in the National Interstate Highway and Transportation Act were under way in record time compared to

The Pulaski Area Transportation Study based on a projected 1990 average study also recommended a plan calling for the south interchange of Interstate 30 and the additional river crossing east of the centerline easterly to intersect with Interstate 40

The section of highway from Interstate 30 to Interstate 40 was opened in December 1980. The North Little Rock section was opened in August 1981.

The first contract for construction was awarded in 1974. Since then, a total of 24 projects have been completed totaling \$142.9 Million. Right-of-way, utility relocation costs totaled \$9.3 Million. Upon completion, the project cost \$152.2 Million.



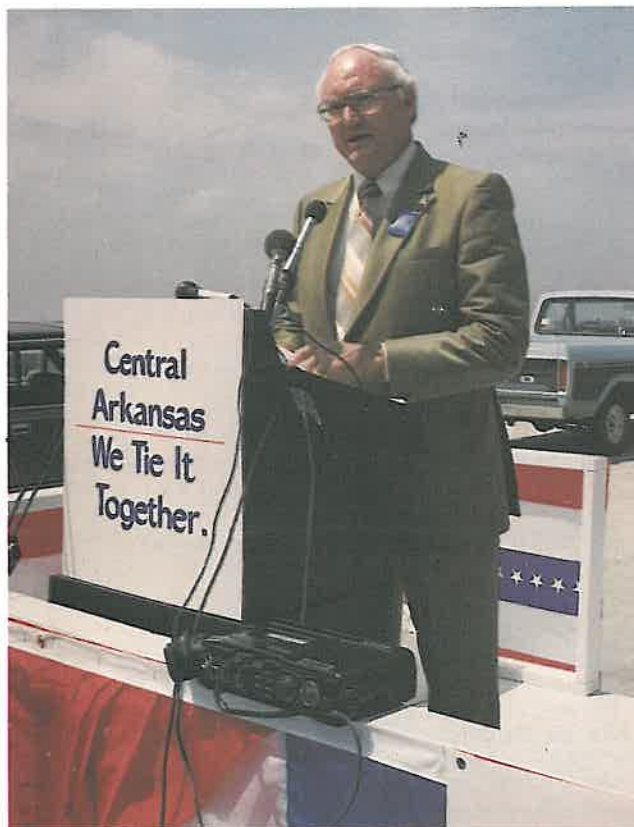
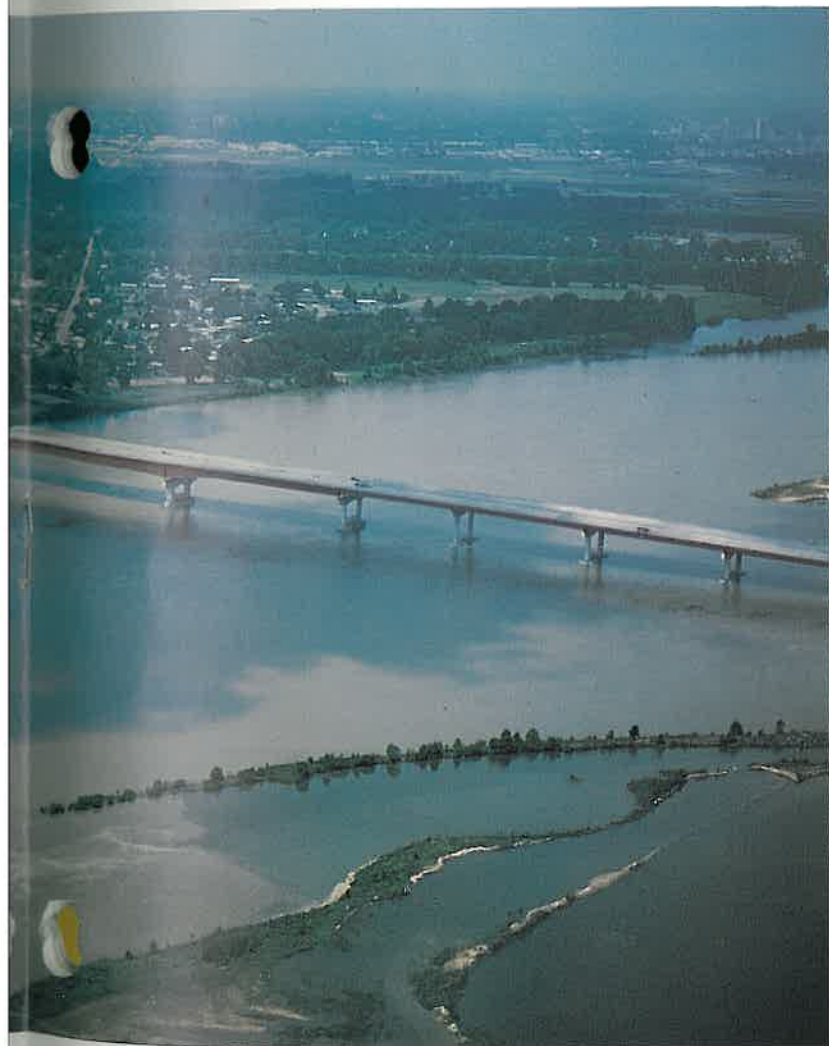
being funded by Special Urban High Density
 the Federal Highway Administration in April
 were approved for this funding category and
 the Department was able to get work
 other projects of this type.
 study identified the critical need for this free-
 daily count of 54,000 vehicles per day. This
 for a continuous freeway facility eastward from
 with U.S. Highway 65/ 167 to provide an
 area of the city, and to continue north-
 east of North Little Rock.
 State 30 to Fourche Dam Pike opened to traffic
 section from Interstate 40 to Highway 165

of the freeway was awarded in July 1976.
 been let to contract to 18 individual contractors
 preliminary engineering and utility adjustment
 ion, the entire project will cost approximately



Upper Right Photo — The U.S. Coast Guard Barge "Dogwood" and the Little Rock Fireboat "Harry L. Hastings, Jr." blew their horns and sprayed water high into the air as the ribbon was tied.

**Lower Right Photo — Highway Commission Chairman James Bran-
 yan addresses crowd.**





Letters Commend Good Deeds

February 16, 1982

State Highway Department
Highway 23
Ozark, Arkansas

Dear Friends:

I am writing to express my deep appreciation for the fine service which you have given in the care of Route 219 South during the past snowy and icy period. In order to reach Citadel Bible College, Route 219 going up Manitou Mountain is the main way of travel and despite its steepness it is the best way in snowy and icy weather. Your care of Route 219 with plowing and cindering has been a great help to us. This route is the one traveled by many students and also our source for supplies and other needs; in addition to that, from time to time, we need to travel that hill for emergency purposes and it is so good to know that you care about our being able to travel on the road with at least some degree of safety.

We deeply appreciate your consideration and very fine service.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
Paul Brownback, President
Citadel Bible College
Ozark, Arkansas

March 1, 1982

Mr. Lyndal Waits
District 10 Maintenance Supervisor
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Waits:

We would like to commend and thank the Highway Department for such a good job that was done on the highways this winter. The snow plows and sand trucks were on the job the best we have ever seen.

Thanks again for a job well done.

Sincerely yours,
Helen and Darwin Goehring
Paragould, Arkansas

March 4, 1982

Mr. Norman Pumphrey
Arkansas Highway Department
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Pumphrey:

The Corning School District appreciates the work done by your maintenance crew on school bus routes this past winter.

Their dedication to their job has made school transportation safer for students, less expensive to the school district and on some occasions has allowed schools to open when normally they would have been closed. We would appreciate your giving those responsible our thanks.

Sincerely,
Jimmy L. Kimbrell
Superintendent
Corning Public Schools

March 18, 1982

Arkansas Highway Department
District 6
Little Rock, Arkansas

To All Department Personnel:

On March 17, 1982 we went to our mail box and found my billfold that had been stolen from me at the Burn's Park exit reststop.

The billfold contained all my personal belongings that could not be replaced. A "special thanks" to someone who found my billfold and returned it back to me.

Once again, thank you very much A.H.D. personnel for the honesty of your staff.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Russell
Conway, Arkansas

Editor's Note: Rest Area Attendant Pat Smith found and returned the billfold.

April 8, 1982

Arkansas Highway Police
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

It was brought to my attention that one of my fleet vehicles broke down in the state of Arkansas recently. The driver was aided by a Cpl. Fred Wade, No. 217 of your patrol. He was extremely courteous and helped the driver find a capable repair facility.

I want you to know how much we appreciate Mr. Wade's efforts. He made himself and the Arkansas Highway Police — a fine organization in our eyes.

Sincerely,
Gerald L. Rousseau
N.C. Fleet & Garages Mgr.
Perdue Incorporated
Lewiston, North Carolina

April 29, 1982

April 20, 1982

Mr. Larry Hodnett
District 9 Maintenance Supt.
Harrison, Arkansas

Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Dear Sir, Miss, Mrs.:

We would like to express our gratitude for the excellent co-operation we received from the Arkansas Highway Department recently. Mr. Ed Cummings and his crew were very pleasant to work with and did a very nice job of moving our Blue Star Marker for us.

Just a note - we have been in many rest areas in many States - but have found the State of Arkansas to have the best and the best kept rest areas! We were particularly impressed by the courtesy shown by Edward Small at the Lonsdale Rest Area.

We hope to have a dedication of the marker in the very near future and again thank you for your help in this matter.

Keep up the good maintenance of the rest areas.

Sincerely yours,
The Garden Club of Rogers
Rogers, Arkansas

Sincerely,
R. Gabel
Tecopa, California



SERVICE AWARDS

MARCH 1982

30 Years

Virgil J. Butler, Jr. District 5
Arnold E. Gill District 7
J.W. Hancock District 7
Mayo L. White. Planning

25 Years

John W. Adams State Aid
J.L. Barnes. Equip. & Proc.
Glen D. Bolden District 10
Glendol Jackson. Right of Way
Dallas S. Smith District 7
Ralph Vickers District 1

20 Years

James R. Chaney District 5
Johnny R. Cline. District 9
George E. Smith, Jr. M&R

15 Years

John W. Baldridge. District 10
Jerry W. Cook District 10
Billy G. Gilbert District 7
Calvin L. Griever AHP
J.C. Keen. District 1
Nelson R. McCutcheon. District 9
Jackie L. Pharis District 9
Billy J. Robins. District 10
Hermit Vestal District 3
Robert H. Walters. District 6
Harry Williams. District 6

10 Years

Fred E. Austin. District 9
Fred Belin District 7
Nathaniel Brown District 2
Billy W. Callicot. District 3
Hershall W. Casteel M&R
Randal G. Clark District 9
Henry Droughter EEO

5 Years

Eddie L. Adkinson District 10
James H. Barkimer District 7
James A. Belcher District 1
Richard L. Boyd Environmental
James M. Churchwell Hydraulics
Jimmy D. Condrey Surveys
Dorothy D. Dolan. District 2
Mark W. Frazier. Planning
Ted Goodloe. Legal
Willis Hampton AHP
James D. Hatchett Right of Way
Wilbur G. Hayden. District 2
Gene A. Hobbs District 1
Glen W. Holley AHP
W.C. Holman District 1
Dennis R. Johnson District 6
Mitchell Love District 1
Charles T. Martin District 2
Jerry E. Miller District 5
Roy E. Norman District 9
James N. Parnell. District 9
Brenda S. Pearson. District 5
Earl L. Peeler District 1
Donald R. Pipkin District 6
J.B. Rankin District 6
Chester L. Smith District 2
Herman L. Smith District 6
James Smith. District 6
Robert R. Smrt District 9
Robert O. Swaby District 1
Tommy W. Willcockson Planning

APRIL 1982

30 Years

Ellis Dean Ferguson. District 8
S.J. Huckabee District 3
Dallas Vire. Bridge Design

25 Years

Vard Carpenter District 4

Roy L. Johnson. District 2
Bill W. Pierce District 6
Ralph Smither. AHP
Carol D. Tutt District 7

20 Years

Roy G. Brasel District 9
Curtis W. Graham District 2
Lyndy D. Holland. District 4
Dale D. Lively District 9
Charles H. Mitchell District 3

15 Years

J.H. Henley District 5
H.R. Robinson District 9
Jimmie L. Rogers District 10
Eddie L. Smith District 1
Thurman E. Vines. District 5

10 Years

Jackie L. Allen District 8
Paul H. Anderson District 5
Lee Roy Baker District 6
Carl E. Boerner District 6
David K. Carson. Surveys
Glenn T. Cross. AHP
Jerry L. Dixon. Prog. & Sche.
Virgel L. Greer District 9
Walter A. Harrison District 4
William G. Langley District 1
James D. Martin District 9
James F. Norton District 10
Bobby J. Reynolds District 8
Huston M. Sage District 7
Beverly A. Vick District 8
David L. Washam District 10
Robert H. Watson. District 7

5 Years

David B. Bartlett District 8
Clifton L. Beavers. District 4
Bobby L. Burns District 10
John R. Carr District 4
James D. Cotter Henderson Ferry
Sue Dean. Personnel
Wilburn D. Eldridge. District 10
Gary J. Fletcher. District 2
Jack W. Hart. M&R
Willard J. Henson District 9
Deborah A. Holmes. Right of Way
Timothy L. Isom District 1

Jimmy L. Jackson AHP
 Hubert G. Jones District 3
 Steve A. Malcom District 6
 Elton F. McGriff District 2
 James L. Morgan District 10
 Carl C. Murry District 3
 Max Lee Reed District 3
 Jack B. Reich District 6
 Jacky D. Simmons AHP
 Ronald E. Stallings District 5
 Keith D. Weaver District 6
 Terry A. Wildbur District 7

MAY 1982
 35 Years

R.C. Chison District 2
 Howard M. Stoebener Traffic

30 Years

Bernie L. Cox Equip. & Proc.
 Charlie V. Earnest District 2
 Orval R. Glover District 10
 David T. Neighbors District 5

25 Years

Raymond E. Calhoon District 3
 Ray Haley District 10
 Herbert E. Hooten Right of Way
 James Spencer District 1
 Roy G. Williams District 4

20 Years

Tommy G. Berna District 4
 Bobby B. Bolin District 5
 Sterlin W. Bramlet District 4
 Marilyn S. Coffman District 5
 Minor W. Creswell District 5
 Kenneth L. Johnson District 7
 John W. Kizer State Aid
 Charles H. Latture Traffic
 George W. Rosebaum District 3
 Georgia M. Russenberger District 6
 Gene R. Smith District 5

15 Years

Wayne J. Beaton District 10
 Bobby C. Boyd District 8

Allen W. Clayton District 2
 Earnest W. Martin District 5
 George H. McDaniel District 1
 James E. McIntosh District 9
 Norman D. Ross Henderson Ferry
 Alvin R. Shipp District 8

10 Years

Benjamin O. Berry District 6
 Marion Butler Environmental
 Willard I. Crow District 9
 Roy G. Erwin District 6
 James E. Kapales District 10
 Roger L. Long Environmental
 Roy W. McClain District 7
 James E. Patrick Roadway Design
 Douglas J. Pederson District 9
 Danny S. Shrable Henderson Ferry
 Alton Thomas, Jr. District
 Gerald D. Wilkerson District 9

5 Years

Melvin Allen District 2
 David L. Armstrong District 6
 Larry C. Breshears District 6
 James M. Cates District 5
 Michael Dyer District 8
 Willie J. Ellinburg District 4
 John B. Farley District 10
 Michael A. Farrell District 10
 Danny T. Fleetwood District 5
 Billy D. Ford District 8
 William D. Gober AHP
 Byron K. Hanson District 10
 Albert J. Horn District 8
 James A. Joiner AHP
 Willie L. Jones District 1
 Randy M. Lewis Right of Way
 Robert T. Littleton Prog. & Sche.
 James L. Lloyd, Jr. District 1
 Robert J. Massengale District 9
 David R. Mayo, Jr. Roadway Design
 Eddie McCoy District 10
 Jessie W. McIntyre District 7
 Donald L. Nutt District 7
 Robert N. Palmer Right of Way

James M. Pennington District 2
 Bradley R. Porter District 10
 Charles E. Ross District 4
 Carl R. Sawyer Bldg. & Grs.
 Keith L. Smith District 10
 Dennis L. Spear District 4
 Robert L. Stithem Traffic
 Gerald L. Stockton District 4
 Donald R. Ullrich District 4
 Larry L. Woodham District 5
 Roy A. Zuber District 6



RETIREES

FEBRUARY 1982

Johnny E. Ensey Traffic
 Harlan W. Gimlin District 4
 James R. Willison District 5
 Joe M. Johnson, Jr. District 3
 Fred W. Pearce District 5

MARCH 1982

Paul E. Bennett District 9
 James T. Harrell AHP
 Frank P. Hutchison Roadway Design
 Garland D. Pierce District 1
 Dan G. Yates District 6
 Presley D. Blankenship District 9

APRIL 1982

Oliver L. Shirley District 1
 L. Glenn Trammel Roadway Design
 William E. Jesse District 4
 Hurley H. Perkins District 6
 Willis B. Cantrell District 9
 Aubrey L. Harcrow District 7
 Augustus J. Moses District 3
 James E. Lewter Planning
 Mayo L. White Planning

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

BRIDGE DESIGN

Bridge Design extends a warm welcome to Harold McNeely. He has been with AHTD a little over a year in the Materials and Research Division. Harold is a Civil Engineer graduating from Memphis State. He and his wife, Joy, have a son, David, almost a year old. Harold's hometown is Postelle, Arkansas, which is near Holly Grove. We hope you enjoy working in Bridge Design, Harold.

Congratulations to Ross and Vicki Wylie on the birth of the son, Abram Ross, on January 16. Ross has been in Bridge Design almost 10 years. During that time he has only been a listener to the rest of us expounding on the "joys of parenthood." Now Ross can make up for lost time. He tells us "little Ross" has blue eyes and weighs 15½ pounds at 3½ months old. Maybe Vicki will bring him to the office before long.



Ross Wylie

Another new Dad is Jim Beatty. He and Karen have a little girl, Jessica Leigh, born on March 6. In April, Jim and Karen took Jessica to visit the grandparents in Fayetteville and Springfield, Missouri for a week.

Mike and Debbie White are new homeowners. They have bought a house in the Heights.

Wayne Major is coaching a girls softball team again this year. Hobarts team is 10, 11, and 12 year olds. Wayne's daughter, Lee, is on the team. Good Luck, Wayne and Lee!

Mike Coogan is on the Blackjack Circuit this year. This is a bike experience, not card skills. He took his bike to Stillwater, Oklahoma to enter an Enduro recently, and won a 5th place trophy. Mike's close associates in Bridge Design report that he is quietly planning a bike trip to Oklahoma, taking only trails.

Ken and Susan Holmes have a cute pet. A beagle puppy named Bell. Ken will now

have a rabbit hunting mate.

Glenn Cheatham and J.P. Sumner have been in strenuous training for the upcoming 10k Pepsi Challenge Race. J.P. and Glenn have been running up to 6½ miles a day, and that is mostly uphill in J.P.'s neighborhood.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Congratulations to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicky Neely, who was voted Miss Photogenic in the Miss Rose City Beauty Pageant on April 10, 1982.



COMPUTER SERVICES

Congratulations to two Computer Service employees upon completion of 5 years of service with AHTD in January. They were Judy Akers and Robert Lee. Also, in March, Marilyn Stewart completed 10 years of service. Dale Carter made the presentations.

Congratulations to Shirley Barnes who recently became a Grandma on April 1 with the birth of Mica Jo Williams, daughter of Evelyn and Joe David Williams.



Mica Jo Williams

Pictured here is Mrs. Steve (Michelle) Baker daughter of Carolyn Bobo of Production Control. Michelle was married April 23 at Alexander First Baptist Church.



EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

We were sorry to lose Kay Smith who was recently transferred to Insurance. She still pops in occasionally so that she and Patsy can catch up on the latest news. Our new employee to replace Kay is Annette Swift. She previously lived in Pine Bluff where she worked for UAPB. We are glad to have her with us.

Ann White had an exciting vacation in March. They went to Las Vegas and stayed in the Flamingo Hilton. Some of us sent a dollar for the slot machine hoping to get lucky but none of us did. On their way home they stopped off at the Grand Canyon and the Painted Desert. Sounds like they had a lot of fun.

Ann Johnson received her 10 year pin and service certificate in February. To celebrate the event we had cake and punch. Congratulations Ann!



Ann Johnson and Maurice Head

HIGHWAY POLICE

On Saturday evening, March 13, the employees and officers of the Arkansas Highway Police Division sponsored a retirement dinner at a Little Rock restaurant for Assistant Chief James T. "Peg" Harrel, who retired effective March 12, with 35 years of service. During the

program, Assistant Chief Harrell was presented with a plaque noting his years of service, a hunting rifle, and an electric trolling motor.

Peg began his law enforcement career with the Division in April, 1949, as a Revenue Agent. At that time, the Revenue Department was responsible for the enforcement of highway, weight and license laws. In July 1953, he was appointed an officer in the Arkansas State Police when the Weights and Standards Division was transferred to the agency, and worked in assignments in weight stations and patrol units. He became an employee of the Arkansas State Highway Department when the Weights and Standards Division was transferred from the Arkansas State Police and was assigned as the District Commander for the Division in the southeast quadrant of the State. He assumed the responsibilities of Assistant Chief of the Division in November 1970.

Assistant Chief Harrell is active in several organizations. He is presently serving as President of the Arkansas Law Enforcement Officers Association, and has previously served as vice president and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Association.

Peg and his wife, Eula, have moved to their new home in Harrell (Calhoun County), where he plans to "catch up" on his hunting and fishing. He will be greatly missed by the members of the A.H.P. Division and co-workers within the Central Office, but he leaves with all their best wishes for a long and happy retirement. We are sure that all the employees of the AHTD join us in those wishes.



AHP Assistant Chief & Mrs. Peg Harrell

HYDRAULICS

The Hydraulics Section would like to welcome a new employee to this section. Phillip Ammons is a graduate from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas holding a BS in Civil Engineering. Phillip is married and enjoys camping and softball.

Thomas Black attended a southwest region American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) conference in Shreveport, Louisiana April 14-16.

Don Potter and Carl Lindstrom ran in the Pepsi Marathon on May 1.

INTERNAL AUDIT

By Shirley Wesson

The young ladies in Internal Audit Section gave a miscellaneous bridal shower for Vicki Lowry on April 23. A lovely arrangement of fresh flowers adorned our table, plus a lovely pink and white cake which are Vicki's colors for the wedding. I believe everyone enjoyed themselves and Vicki certainly received some

real useful gifts - thanks to those in attendance. She will be married on May 28, to Jon Haydon.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Curtis Pangle is again a proud grandfather. In the last issue, he had a picture of his son's new daughter. Well, now we have a picture of his daughter's new baby, Lindsay Renee Carnes. Lindsay was born March 14 and weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces. She's a cutie! But, Curtis, enough is enough. No more babies for at least nine months.



Lindsay Renee Carnes

Charles Carrouth, Heavy Bridge Maintenance crew supervisor, received his 5 year certificate from Don Brown. Congratulations, Charles!



Charles Carrouth and Don Brown

Martin Childers, Heavy Bridge Maintenance crew supervisor, celebrated his 20 years of service with cake and coffee in the Maintenance Division. Martin's crew was able to come and help him celebrate and eat cake. Twenty years is a long time but we hope Martin will stay around for a few more years.

Well, we got rid of another Assistant Maintenance Engineer. Boy, they come through here like we have the plague...or something!! Ralph Fulton has been promoted to District Six Engineer, and we wish him luck in his new position.

Joe Barnett has taken Ralph's place as the new Assistant Maintenance Engineer. They come and go around here so fast we haven't even spoken to him yet for fear of getting

attached. . . just joking! Nice having you, Joe.

Pat Sullivan had a great time skiing in Colorado. All those even vaguely familiar with Pat know all the juicy details of his trip. He certainly had a good time and didn't even break a leg.

We were all saddened by the death of Ron Winkler's mother, Sallie. Ron works as Electrician in the Roadside Development Section.

Radio Section

Johnny Nalley was presented his 20-year service certificate and pin by Section Head Cal Porterfield. Cake and coffee were served for the occasion. Johnny is an outstanding microwave technician and we're proud of his loyal and dedicated service to our section during this short 20 years. Congratulations Johnny!



Johnny Nalley

Charles E. "Chuck" Onyett resigned as Communications Maintenance Specialist to accept employment in Saudi Arabia for Lockheed of Geneva. Chuck plans to return to Arkansas in a couple of years and we would welcome him back to our staff as we consider him an outstanding employee.

Jim Taylor, our Communications Maintenance Supervisor, was married on April 10 to Andrea Cagle. They will reside and commute between Bradford and Alexandria - probably a lot of commuting. Congratulations, Andrea and Jim!

Richard Moix, our evening radio operator, son of Grace and Richard Moix, graduated in May from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a BS in Chemistry, with a minor in geology. Richard's girlfriend, Missy Edmonson, graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. Richard plans to move out west to work - and Missy may, too!

Thomas A. Kiernan III, son of Evelyn and Tom Kiernan, graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering from the U of A at Fayetteville. Tom has begun work on his Master's Degree.

Evelyn and husband Tom also spent a delightful 3-day weekend in New Orleans where they had lived twenty years ago! Once again, they enjoyed a boat trip in the Mississippi, a plantation tour to Oak Alley and Houmas Home, Bourbon Street, visiting friends, eating seafood, and finally, breakfast at Brennan's!

In March, Greg Harrison, son of Bernice and Harold Harrison, who is our daytime radio operator, was married to Diane Rogers. It was a big wedding - Greg is the Associate Pastor at Meadowcliff Baptist Church and Diane is the

organist at her church so they had a lot of family and friends who wanted to wish them well. Harold said they had lots of parties, too - in fact, he had never before been to so many parties nor spent so much money - he finally just gave up and told Bernice to go ahead and buy two of everything! Best wishes to Diane and Greg.

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

Congratulations to Terry and Liz Pearson who are the new proud parents of a bouncing baby girl. Angela Denise was born March 24 at Doctors Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. Angela and Mom are doing fine.



Angela Denise Pearson

Sheila Floyd is the new blushing bride of Howard Neighbors. They had a poolside wedding May 29th in Nashville, Arkansas. They then zoomed off to Lake Greason for honeymoon bliss. Sheila and Howard now reside in Benton.

Larry Williams spent his St. Patrick's Day weekend zipping down the slopes at Taos Ski Valley Resort in New Mexico. He also visited the Red River. No broken bones were reported considering it was his first time.

Jerry and Lucille Stacks are the proud grandparents of Joseph Carroll who was born March 3.



Joseph Carroll and Jessica Stacks

The following service awards were acknowledged recently. For 30 years of service we want to honor R.C. Turney, Section Head of our Physical Test Section; 20 years service award was presented to George Smith, our Lab Equipment Specialist and for 15 years of service George Greene, our analytical chemist for the Chemistry Lab. A party with cake and punch was held in their honor. Also congratulations to Wayne Casteel for 10 years of service and to Jack Hart for 5 years.



Georgette and R.C. Turney



George Smith and Calvin Peevy



George Greene and Calvin Peevy

Terry and Debbie Hardison are the proud parents of a baby girl, Sarah Elizabeth, born May 5, 1981. Sarah is already toddling and about to take that first step.



Kyle and Sarah Elizabeth Hardison

PERMITS

Congratulations to Sammie Delozier, who is now a proud grandfather. His daughter, Alison Boyette and husband Dennis are the happy parents of Alicia Denise, who was born March 30 and weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.



PERSONNEL

We would like to welcome our new Leave Clerk, Jannette Thompson to our section. Jannette transferred to us from Federal Aid & Contracts. She is replacing Patti Stewart who recently married and moved to Nashville, Tennessee where her husband is employed.

We have enjoyed having as our COE students these last few months, Lisa Estell, Mary Moseley, Mary Hunstman and Lisa Roberts. We will miss these young ladies as they have added a little "spark" to each section they worked in.

On the traveling side, Jane Craft and husband Bill were off to Gulf Shores, Alabama the first week in May. This will be one of many adventures she embarks on during the summer. We all look forward to her returning and telling us of all the exotic foods she samples.

Pam Scarlett, 12-year old daughter of Jean Scarlett, took several honors in the Class IV State Gymnastic competition in North Little Rock on April 24. She received trophies for 1st Place in Vault and 5th Best Gymnast. She also won place ribbons in beam and floor exercise. About 100 girls, in different age groups competed and among them was training classmate Susie Summers, daughter of Jo Summers of Federal Aid & Contracts. Susie also received several honors including 3rd Best Gymnast.

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Several of our employees have taken trips lately. Larry Fenton, Section Head of Photogrammetry, attended the annual ACSM-ASP convention in Denver, Colorado. Bob Barnett and wife, Lea, took a weekend trip to Shreveport, Louisiana to visit friends. And Ralph Hawkins, the airplane pilot, went to Biloxi, Mississippi to visit his daughter and grandchildren.

Margaret Hudson is the proud owner of a 1982 Ford Granada. It is a beautiful car and several of us are envious. Maybe if we ask her real nice, she will take us for a ride.

Robert (Doobie) Kesl was in a motorcycle accident recently. As you can see by the picture, he came out of it with a broken arm. Some people may think he was lucky to get only a broken arm; but as much trouble as he has had trying to use his left hand, he probably doesn't consider himself lucky.



Robert (Doobie) Kesl

We were sad to see Forrest Radcliff resign. He and wife, Betty, have moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. We had a "going away" party for Forrest on his last day at work. He was presented with a box of golf balls and an Arkansas Razorback cap and mug. We hope he will still be a Razorback rooter even in Oklahoma.



Betty and Forrest Radcliff

Kathi McKim received a beautiful vase of pink, baby roses from her husband, Richard. Kathi must have a very sweet husband to send her flowers and it wasn't even her birthday or anniversary.



Kathi McKim

Sue Walls, our secretary, also received a beautiful pot of flowers. Our boss, Larry Fenton, gave Sue a pot of white mums in honor of National Secretary's Day.



Sue Walls

Two of our athletes, Richard Finkle and Bob Barnett, participated in the 20K Walk America walk-a-thon for the March of Dimes. Several of us in Photogrammetry sponsored them and together they collected approximately \$100 for the March of Dimes. Next year they say they are going all out and will try to get sponsors from other offices. Congratulations Richard and Bob - you did good!

PLANNING DIVISION

In February of this year, our Division Chief, Bryan Davis, celebrated his 15-year anniversary with the Department. He was presented with a pin and certificate of service by Mr. A.E. Johnson, Jr., Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning and Development.



A.E. Johnson, Jr. and Bryan Davis

As of March 9, the Planning Division will never be the same again. With 39½ years of service, Buddy Lewter retired and he thinks not a bit too soon. We celebrated the occasion with a retirement party for the whole Department. From what we hear, June is keeping him busier than we ever did!



June and Buddy Lewter

Congratulations are in order for Tony and Sharon McArthur. They are now the proud owners of a new house. They have been working very hard to get moved in and put everything in order, so that when we all go to the housewarming we can mess it all up again! We wish them the best.

John Haynie is the perfect example of a proud father, especially since his one-year old daughter, JeanAnn, is walking everywhere! She is growing so fast that it won't be long until John will be interviewing prospective dates. If they are not doctors or lawyers, they need not apply!

Judge Tom Lorenzo, Hearing Officer for the Department, was presented an Izod legal robe from his office. It is important that he represent the Department appropriately, so what better way than as being a judge with good taste. Does that mean that he is an expensive judge?



Judge Tom Lorenzo

The next time you see Tom, ask him about his vacation to Hawaii. Some guys have all the luck. Just so he wouldn't forget his friends, everyone in his office sent a mailgram to him

in Hawaii. The message was that if he valued his job, he would return immediately to the AHTD. Of course being the dedicated employee that he is, he threw the message away and said he never received it! He said he thought of us all the time, but we know he didn't think of us as we did of him, enjoying himself while we had to work!

Skipper Bosley has new transportation these days. He just bought a Honda Magna motorcycle. We'll all want one when the weather gets better. When you run into him on the road, be careful not to make it literally. You can't say you haven't been warned.

The Technical Services section regrets losing the services of Mayo White, who retired on March 9 after 30 years with the Department. Mayo was replaced by Don Morgan who transferred from Programming & Scheduling.



Mr. and Mrs. Mayo White

Our sympathy goes to Jackie Maxwell whose father passed away on April 23.

Some people in our section have been busy lately because both Jim Gilbert and Carl Harrell are expecting family additions in May and June, respectively. A baby shower and a pot-luck lunch was held for Jim and Carl on April 27.

Ed Flanagan has been promoted to the rank of Major in the Marine Corp Reserve.

Speedster Debbie Barclay has been running up and down the road in several running races this spring.

Mildred Galt visited her daughter in Indianapolis, Indiana this past February, and Knoxville, Tennessee will never be the same after Paul Elcan and Carolyn Deakins visited the World's Fair there in May.

Congratulations to all Statewide Planning employees on their new additions to their families - Jon Waldrip has a new son, Jonathan Edward, born March 1 weighing 9 pounds and 2 ounces. Kathy Upchurch has a new daughter, Jessica Lyn, born February 8 weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces. Steven Alexander has his first son, Jonathan B., born April 22 weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces.

Paul Simms is a member of the Little Rock Volleyball Club which won the USVBA Delta Regional Volleyball Tournament. This qualifies them for the National Tournament which is held this year in Hawaii.

There's a grandbaby boom in the Mapping Section. Katie Brasel has a new grandbaby named Ashley Paige. Don Finkbeiner now has another grandson who was born in April and one more on the way in December. Pete Benetz is awaiting the arrival of his second grandbaby in August. Here's hoping it's a girl this time!

Joe Lovell spent three weeks in Germany in May visiting his wife's family and having a great time!

Pete Benetz made a trip to Mobile, Alabama to see the beautiful Bellingrath Gardens in April. He came back with beautiful pictures for us to enjoy.

Stella Christman is spending a great deal of her time at tiny league ball games and practices these days. Her son, Lee, plays for the T-Shirt Gallery.

PROGRAMMING & SCHEDULING

Our best wishes to Becky Nichols, our secretary, who was married February 20 to Mike Sebren, an engineer in the Materials & Research Division. The wedding was beautiful and Becky and Mike were a very attractive bride and groom. We hope their years together will be happy ones. There were many people from the Department who attended the wedding. Verna Higgins of our office was one of Becky's bridesmaids and Terry Hardison of Materials & Research was Mike's best man.



Becky and Mike Sebren

The newest member of the Ed Hoppe family is Emily Teresa, born November 25, 1981, weighing 9 pounds and 14 ounces. Ed, Celeste and big brother Neal are extremely proud of her. We have a picture of Emily and as you can see, their feelings are justified. With all the additions Ed is making to his home, there may be many more little Hoppes in the years to come.



Emily Teresa Hoppe

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

We would like to welcome Rick Boyd to the Public Transportation Unit. Rick transferred from Environmental. He started his career with the Department five years ago and will be handling the Performance Audits of the Section 18 Systems. We're glad to have him with us.

Congratulations to Dana Head, daughter of Jimmie Head, for being inducted into the National Honor Society. She is a senior at Sheridan High School and will be attending the University of Arkansas this fall where she received an academic scholarship for her freshman year.

Jim's son, Douglas, participated in a track meet which included participants from Sheridan, Malvern, Benton and Joe T. Robinson. Douglas ran the 200-meter dash in 28.3 seconds. Sheridan won the overall meet.

Mike Webb's son, Brad, enjoyed his spring break in Little Rock. They toured Blanchard Springs, the Ozark Folk Center and Petit Jean State Park.

Pictured here is Mary Day Wilson's 21-month old grandson. Christopher is the son of Randy and Linda Day of North Little Rock.



Christopher Day

RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

Congratulations to Jerry McKown who recently completed 15 years service and Frank Knowles who completed 10 years service with AHTD. They were presented their service certificates and pins by Section Head Al Dunn. The Section helped celebrate the occasion with refreshments. We wish both of these employees many more years with us.



Jerry McKown



Frank Knowles

This beautiful little lady is Cortney Leigh Stracener, niece of Robert Cagle, granddaughter of Gene Cagle and daughter of Sandy and Gary Stracener. She arrived March 27 weighing 5 pounds and 1 ounce.



Cortney Leigh Stracener

RIGHT OF WAY

By Shirley Childress

A reception was held on April 23 in the Right of Way Division to honor Glendol Jackson, Assistant Chief of the Right of Way Division and Herbert Hooten, Chief of the Appraisal Section for completion of 25 years of service with the Department.

We were very happy to have Glendol's wife, Gerry, as a special guest and pleased to see Charlie Scott and wife Allena. Before his retirement, Charlie was an appraiser for the Right of Way Division.

Glendol and Herbert have shared in several receptions down through the years and we hope they can share in many more.



Glendol Jackson and Herbert Hooten

Congratulations to David Harmon upon completion of five years of service with the Department. David is shown receiving his certificate from Fred Williams, Chief of the Engineering Section of Right of Way.



David Harmon and Fred Williams

Our best wishes to Tammy and Wayne Willis who were married April 9. Tammy is a secretary in the Administrative Section of Right of Way and Wayne is an Abstractor for the Division.

ROADWAY DESIGN

It is always difficult to say goodbyes to someone you have worked with for 35 years. For the members of the Roadway Design Division it was especially difficult to say goodbye to Glenn Trammel who retired in February. Glenn's wife, Eva Marie, and his sons, Larry and Robert, joined us for the occasion. Best wishes Glenn, and come back to see us.



Eva Marie and Glenn Trammel

The goodbyes continued in February as Frank Hutchinson retired due to ill health. Frank has over 34 years service and was in charge of the General Design Section. Frank's wit as well as his years of experience will be missed.

As they say, lose a few, win a few. As we lost some employees we also gained engineers. Welcome to Sam Johnson, Claude Klinck, David Mayo, Jim Smith and David Walker. Sam completed the training program and opted to come to Roadway; Claude, Jim and the two Davids transferred from Construction. Welcome to all.

Congratulations to Martin and Nancy Cruce on the birth of their daughter, April Marie. April was born March 19 weighing 6 pounds and 10 ounces and measuring 18½ inches long.

Martin's sleeping schedule is undergoing some rearranging.



April Marie Cruce

April was the date for the Roadway Indoor Spring Picnic. Needless to say, everyone was stuffed.

Ask Ron Cofer, Dave Burnett and Dennald Stroud which lure you use to go fishing and catch sunburn.

TRAFFIC & SIGN SHOP

We would like to welcome seven new employees to the Traffic Division and the Sign Shop. They are Harry Droughtter, Jeff Farris, Billy Joe Harper, Ricky Herron, Jeff McAnally, Kent McCorkle and Debra Tackett.

We are happy to announce that Louise and Terrell Watts finally had their baby! Misti Michelle arrived on February 3 and as you can see, she's as cute as a button. Congratulations Louise and Terrell!



Misti Michelle Watts

Sandra Lynette Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Williams, graduated from Sylvan Hills High School in May. She was an active member in clubs and demonstrative groups while in school and is employed by

Wilson, Lewis and Hays in North Little Rock as a legal secretary. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

We wish to congratulate Mike Selig, Traffic Safety Section Head, on completing 10 years of service with AHTD on February 1. Jim Barnett, Traffic Division Head, presented Mike with his 10-year pin and certificate. Congratulations Mike.

Lee Gibbons, Traffic Services Section Head, represented AHTD by speaking at a Girl Scout meeting on March 15. Girl Scout Troop 138 and Brownie Troop 482 listened attentively while Lee explained the significance of the colors and shapes of standard signs, and watched closely as he showed them a film of some common signing and striping procedures along the highways. Gale Greene, an accountant at the Sign Shop, was the Brownie Troop Leader who invited Lee to the meeting.

We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to Junior Jones on the death of his wife, Dorothy, this past March.

As summer rolls around, so do our summer employees. We wish to welcome Mark Dixon, Bradford Hinze, Patrick Houston, Jr., Carl Prince, and Phillip Wilson, who will help out in the shop and on our road crews.

We were sorry to lose two employees after 13 years of service. Birdie Sparrow and John Ensey both retired and we want to wish them both the best out of life.

DISTRICT ONE

Construction personnel of District One with 25 years or more service were honored recently at the District Headquarters. The two sharing the 30 year recognition were Glen Joshlin of Brinkley and Bill Meachum of Wynne. Glen works out of the West Helena residency and has worked most of his 30 years in the Brinkley-Forrest City area. Bill has spent most of his 30 years in and around Wynne where he is presently assigned.

Sharing the 25 year awards were Charles "Skeet" Jackson of the West Memphis residency, Wylie Lindsey from the Wynne office and Charlie Perry from Claude Dunne's office in West Helena. Bill Mulhollen, District Engineer, gave individual recognition to each of these men, with the exception of Glen Joshlin who was unable to attend, and presented them with their framed certificates of award. A pretty spring centerpiece and decorated cake blended with the traditional Omaha Orange tablecloth, and fellow workers enjoyed punch, cake and fellowship with the honored guests.



Charles "Skeet" Jackson, Charlie Perry, Bill Meachum and Wylie Lindsey

Joe Lucas is the proud papa of a son, Brandon Wayne Lucas, born April 6, weighing 9 pounds and 7 ounces. No less proud are Joe and his wife Marsha, of their two other children, daughter Jennifer Lee, who is 10, and 2 year old JoAngela Gail, seen in this picture with her little brother. Congratulations to the Lucas' and their fine family.



JoAngela Gail and Brandon Wayne Lucas

John Watkins, Resident Engineer, recently spent some time in New York with an old friend who is in the fur business. John claims he learned a lot about the fur business and we expect he learned and saw a lot more from the good time he talks about.

Office Manager Mildred Stacy's son, Bob, is getting married in August to Annette Smith, the youngest daughter of former Highway Commissioner Maurice and wife, Jane Smith of Birdeye and this reporter's daughter, Ellen, is marrying a young attorney from Baton Rouge in May, so we are having a good time planning weddings.

We have several graduates from high school this year. Bookkeeper Lynda Thomas' son, Mike, is graduating in May as is Ronnie George, son of Maintenance Superintendent Calvin George, and wife, Jeanette. Also graduating are Kelli Mulhollen, daughter of District Engineer Bill Mulhollen and wife, Yvonne; and Lauri Belknap, daughter of Assistant District Engineer Gene Belknap and wife, Darlene. Time surely moves on doesn't it?

Ann Griffin has all her plans made to attend the Worlds' Fair in October and the rest of us are just going to benefit by hearing all about the fair on her return.

Glen Jones' 6 year old son recently was struck by a car and suffered a broken leg. He also received a severe blow on the forehead along with cuts and bruises, but Glen and his wife are very grateful it was no worse. Bill Clayton's son Tim was in an automobile wreck and received serious eye damage but they hope his sight will return as the eye heals. Terry Hudson, employee in the Monroe County Maintenance Crew, was hurled from a motorcycle and received serious injuries while on a week-end trip around Mountain Home. Terry is the son of Shelby Hudson, Lee County Area Foreman, and at this writing is still in the Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock in the Constant Care Unit. We wish for the returned good health to all of these highway families.

John Watkins' Residency

Our AHTD team competed as one of 13 barbecue teams in the First Annual St. Jude Benefit Barbecue held at Forrest City Fairgrounds and sponsored jointly by the East Arkansas Community College and Crowley's Ridge Vo-Tech School. Pictured is the AHTD team from our residency. From left to right are Joe Lucas (team captain), Mark Montgomery, Robert Day, Morgan Bryant, and not pictured K.R. McMickle. All proceeds from the 3-day event went to St. Jude's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. The events included were a barbecue cook-off, dance, tug-of-war, walk-a-thon from Wynne to Forrest City, horse show, hot air balloon ride, balloon toss and greased pig contest. Pictured catching the greased pig is Greg McCormick, son of our secretary, Lois McCormick.

Pictured watching all the events is Jennifer McMickle, daughter of AHTD Inspector, K.R. McMickle. The wives of the team said the barbecue was delicious. The proceeds from the 3-day event totaled approximately \$5,000 for St. Jude's and we are proud of our people for taking part is such a worthy event.



DISTRICT TWO

By Bettye Carter

District Two is proud to announce the winner of the first "Crew of the Month" award. The winner of the Maintenance Certificate for the months of February and March is the Lincoln County Crew. Shown in the picture is the Area Foreman Richard Morgan accepting the award for his crew from District Engineer M.S. "Sam" Smith. This award was originated in District Two by Sam Smith and serves to improve the work in the Maintenance crews. Each county is graded in the areas of road maintenance, buildings and grounds, safety, payroll, fuel reports and use sheets and stock orders. A new winner was announced for the month of April and Gerald White, Area Foreman for Ashley County accepted the award for his crew. This is a great accomplishment for any crew that wins the certificate.



Richard Morgan and Sam Smith

Everyone loves grandchildren and we're proud of these. Shown in the picture is the grandson of Max Bagwell, Resident Engineer at McGehee. James Matthew Peterson was born September 24, 1981 and weighed 9 pounds and 5 ounces. This is the first grandchild for the Bagwells and we're very happy for them.



James Matthew Peterson

Claudie Lovell, Job Superintendent, has a right to be proud of his grandchildren. Stewart Daniel Farrer is 7 months old. Also shown are Matthew Thomas, age 7, and Lena Nicole, age 9. They are the children of daughter Shirley. The Farrer family is with the Air

Force and presently stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany.



Matt and Lena Farrer

Rickey Allbritton was recently presented the Air Force Association Medal and Ribbon by Col. Thomas Demint, USAF Ret. Rick is a senior at Pine Bluff High School and plans to attend Louisiana Tech in the fall. This award is presented annually to an "Outstanding Cadet" who meets the standards of positive attitude, personal appearance, personal attributes, courtesy and growth potential. Rick is the son of Jim Allbritton, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent in District Two. Congratulations to a fine young man.



Col. Thomas Demint & Ricky Allbritton

Safety Awards were presented by the Safety Division to the following crews: Claudie Lovell, Job Superintendent; John Herrington, Bridge Crew; Robert Allen, Sign Crew; Joe Hays, Job Superintendent; Dub Poston, St. Charles Ferry; Mike Thompson, Resident Engineer; Van Bratton, Resident Engineer; and Rick Neal, Cleveland County Maintenance Crew. Thanks to all for doing such a great job!

The Red Cross Blood Program brought the Bloodmobile to the District Headquarters recently and many of the employees donated their blood. We appreciate the efforts made by these employees to this cause.

Recognized for their years of service are: Elton F. McGriff, Bridge Crew and Gary J. Glatcher, Sr. Construction Aide for 5 years of service. Curtis W. Graham, Equipment Operator II, Ashley County and Joe T. Akin,

Sealing Job Superintendent at Monticello for 20 years of service. Roy L. Johnson, Sr. Inspector at McGehee was presented his certificate at a get-together held in his honor at the Construction office. District Engineer Sam Smith presented Roy his 25 year award.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Herrington announce the marriage of their son, James M. to Patricia Patrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy F. Patrick of Rowell at the Cornerville Missionary Baptist Church. James is employed with the Department of Corrections and Patricia works for the Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Good luck to this fine couple and we wish them a grand future.



Mr. & Mrs. James H. Herrington

Tommy Smith and his wife, Debra, welcomed their first child, Thomas Jason, born March 22, 1982. Little Tommy weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. Father Tommy works in Jefferson County with Joe Hays' crew. Congratulations to the proud parents.



Thomas Jason Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson announce the marriage of their daughter, Sandra, to Richard Picca on January 30, 1982. Roy works in the Construction office at McGehee. Best wishes to the new couple.

Congratulations to Denita Ann Herrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Herrington, on her recent graduation from Rison High School. Her father is employed on the District Bridge Crew.



Mr. & Mrs. Richard Picca

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: John Thompson, J.R. Ham, H.G. Jones, Carl C. Murry and M.L. Reed for 5 years; H.E. Patterson and Billy Callicott for 10 years; E.C. Arnett, Dale Aaron and Hermit Vestal for 15 years, and C.H. Mitchell for 20 years.

District Three's Annual Service Award Presentation was held on April 9, 1982 at the District Office. Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations, Mr. J.E. Lowder was our special guest and presented 25 year services awards to the following employees: E.A. Rowland, Lead Person in Montgomery County; Phil Koelzer, Construction Project Supervisor in the Nashville Residency; Thomas Adams, District Equipment Supervisor; A.A. Hodges, District Wide Dozer Operator and R.J. Holder, Front-end Loader Operator in the Nevada County Crew. A 30 year service certificate was presented to W.C. Beck, Area Foreman in Hempstead County. Mr. Tad Snow, retired area foreman of Montgomery County was to have received a 30 year service certificate and a Public Relations Officer certificate and Mr. Russell Winton, retired from Sevier County, was to receive a Public Relations Officer Certificate but they were unable to attend the presentations.



J.E. Lowder and Charles Mitchell

Following the service award presentations we had a fish fry in honor of Mr. Glen Owens, retired area foreman of Howard County. Duane Sowell and Don Crain, from the Safety Office, were special guests. We all wish Glen the best and hope he enjoys his retirement.



Glen Owens

Well, it seems we have an actor in our midst! Mr. Jim Karnowski, Assistant Resident Engineer in the Texarkana Residency has recently been in a Community Theater Production and he said that he thoroughly enjoyed it.

We are sorry to announce the resignation of our Nashville Residency field clerk, Connie Jones. Connie has been with us for almost 11 years. She and her husband, Jerry, and their newborn son, have moved to Douglassville, Texas, where Jerry has taken a job as a millwright with Lone Star. Connie is one of our favorite people and is certainly missed very much around the Nashville office. We wish Connie and family much happiness in their new home and expect her to keep in touch.

We wish to congratulate two persons from our Hope Residency office that recently received certificate of service awards. Charles Toliver received an award for 10 years of service and Sam Huckabee received his 30 year service award. Charles began working for the Department in 1972 and was assigned to the Nevada County Maintenance Crew. In August 1974 he was transferred to the Hope Residency where he is presently an Inspector. Sam began his career with the Department in 1949. Except for a short time working elsewhere, Sam has been actively involved in all phases of department work - from office to roadway inspection. Sam is now our Senior Inspector. We wish to commend both of these men for their dedication and hard work.



Our newest office member to the Hope Residency is Richard Hill, Construction Project Inspector. He and his wife, Diane, moved here from Little Rock in February. Richard was previously assigned to Bobby Cornish's office. Their loss is our gain!

Dennis Clark, son of James Clark who works in Maintenance, is now working with us as a temporary employee. We expect that Dennis will be working on several different projects during the next few months.



W.C. Beck, T. Adams, C.H. Mitchell, P. Koelzer, J.E. Lowder, E.A. Rowland, R.J. Holder and A.A. Hodges



Mitchell, Vestal, and Whitehurst

DISTRICT FOUR

By Kit Core

Spring is upon us, it's time to open the windows, locate your summer clothes, smell the flowers and... to mow the yard!

At last reporting, Carole Crowley, District Receptionist, was a proud new grandmother - at this writing, Carole is a glowing new bride! She became Mrs. Floyd Barger on February 26, 1982. She is shown holding her cake, just prior to its being devoured, at the office reception. We all are most happy for Carole and wish her and Floyd the very best.



Carole Barger

Lee Roy Smith, District Shop Mechanic, is pictured displaying a real nice first place trophy he won in the 8-Ballers League Pool Tournament. There were 8 teams with 6 members per team entered, two months later Lee Roy and his teammates, who play for "Samantha's", finished in the top spot with the others finding themselves "behind the 8 ball". Our congratulations and applause to Lee Roy and the team.



Lee Roy Smith

Leo Seal, Job Superintendent, is shown receiving his 20 year certificate of service from District Engineer Allan Holmes. Leo earned his certificate back in February but because of working all over the District with his asphalt crew it took us until April to "tack" him down long enough to make the presentation.



Allan Holmes and Leo Seal

On April 20, Clifford C. Gilbert, Senior Mechanic, was given a retirement party by the District Shop crew. They presented Cliff with a real nice Zebco "Limited Edition" rod and reel. Even after almost 12 years with that bunch, Cliff said he would share some of his first catch with them. We will all miss Cliff and want to wish him the very best.



As soon as the warm weather began, so did the fishing stories, but after all the smoke and hot air cleared only one came forth with proof positive. Ed Slaughterbeck, Assistant Resident Engineer in the Mena Residency, caught a string of 8 nice bass that weighed in at 36 pounds, the biggest being 5¾ pounds. They say this total is not a record, but a good average. It would most certainly be a record for me, even if I caught that many nice fish in a year. Ed also netted himself a fishing partner, a new grandson; Sean Edward Williams, born April 15, 1982.



Ed Slaughterbeck



Sean Edward Williams

L.D. Holland, Construction Project Supervisor, shown receiving his 20 year certificate of service from D.C. Spencer, Resident Engineer, is also a grandfather. His grandson is big number 32, Richard Blake Wright.



L.D. Holland and D.C. Spencer



Richard Blake Wright

Jerry Hunsucker, Job Inspector, recently got married to the lovely Miss Rose Ann Boggs. Our congratulations and best wishes to the new Mr. and Mrs. Hunsucker.

Ken Benson, Civil Engineer III in the Springdale Residency, received notice on February 5, 1982 that he passed the P.E. exam and is now a Registered Professional Engineer. Ken and Joan Benson's youngest son, Vincent, was married to Robin Smith January 24, 1982, in a ceremony at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. Vincent graduated from high school and entered the Army in December, 1981. After completion of basic training, he will be stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. Since Vince is gone, Ken and Joan say it feels strange to have an empty house now.



Mr. & Mrs. Vincent K. Benson

The Springdale Residency would like to welcome Robin Linn to the office. He transferred to us from Bob Cornish's Little Rock office. Robin and his wife, Nina, are the very proud parents of a brand new baby girl, Alana Nicole. The little miss weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces and was 22 inches long, a real sweetie.



DISTRICT SIX

On February 26, we honored District Engineer Hurley Perkins who was retiring after approximately 39 years of service with the Department. Mr. Perkins was presented with a chain saw, a 35mm camera, the traditional pocket watch (a very large version) and a framed copy of his retirement party invitation. Quite a number of friends and fellow co-workers came by to congratulate Mr. Perkins and wish him well. We know several were unable to attend due to the snow and they missed "a fun time for all".

Mr. Perkins tells us he is enjoying his retirement and we hope he will take time to come and visit us often.



Mr. & Mrs. Hurley Perkins

We welcome Mr. Ralph Fulton, who worked in our office previously as Assistant District Engineer, back now as our District Engineer.

We want to congratulate several of our employees with new additions to their families. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burge announce the birth of their son Jason Edward on October 26, 1981. Gary and Johnnie Golden are the proud parents of a son, Kevin, born November 13, 1981.



Jason Edward Burge



The Golden Family

Janice Jackson, of our Sheridan office, and her husband finally had their boy. Tommy was born Valentine's Day, February 14, 1982 and has two lovely sisters, DeAnna, age 10 and Michelle, age 8.



Michelle, Tommy & DeAnna Jackson

Steve Arnold, who works in our stockroom, and his wife, became parents of a little girl, Adrienne Lynette on March 8, 1982. They already have an adorable little boy, Tramon, who is 3 years old.



Adrienne Lynette Arnold

Our bookkeeper, Olga Estell, became a grandmother again with the birth of Joseph on March 26, 1982 to her daughter Liz and her husband Ronnie. They already have three beautiful children, Amy, age 5; Jamie, age 2, and Eric, age 1. This is the only picture we have. Grandma hasn't gotten one that suits her yet of the new grandbaby. She assures us that we will have one by the next edition of the magazine. Olga is also proud to announce the graduation of her daughter, Lisa, from Mount St. Mary's Academy on May 18, 1982.



James Welcher, Hot Spring County Area Foreman, is also very proud of his son, Jamie, who has just received a scholastic scholarship for the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. His field of study is architecture.

DISTRICT SEVEN

By Louise McMahan

On April 22, 1982, we had Althea Campbell Day to show our love, appreciation and respect for Mrs. Althea Campbell, District Secretary. Mrs. Campbell is retiring after 23½ years of devoted service to the Department. Husband, Elwood, and daughters, Marcia Howard and Barbara Bennett, were on hand to join in with the well-wishers. Mrs. Campbell was presented a gift of money to be used on her vacation to California and other points of interest in the West. She was given an engraved charm as a memento of friendship. We will all miss you, Mrs. Campbell and hope that you will visit us often.



Althea Campbell



Althea Campbell and family

The Dallas County Crew has two proud new fathers. Brandon Neal Vann was born January 12, 1982, weighing 6 pounds and 10½ ounces and having a height of 19 inches. Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Vann of Fordyce are the parents of this strapping lad. Father Doyle is a single axle truck driver/mower operator for AHTD.



Brandon Neal Vann

Alan and Melanie Quimby are the other set of proud parents because Alan Lance was born February 26 and weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and measuring 19½ inches long. The family resides in Fordyce and Alan is a Lead Person with the Dallas County Crew. Congratulations to both families!



Alan Lance Quimby

Congratulations to the turkey hunters - those who bagged and those who tried! One of the first kills reported was by our Assistant District Maintenance Superintendent, Larry Hollis. He bagged his turkey in the early dawn hours of April 1 and reports that the turkey weighed 20 pounds and had a 10-inch beard.



Larry Hollis

Tension mounted in the office as the hunting season wore on and John Livingston, District Maintenance Superintendent, reported seeing not even a turkey feather. We were all relieved when the report came on April 18 that he had bagged this beauty. It weighed 19 pounds and had a 10½-inch beard. Happy eating, hunters!

L.D. Hopper, Equipment Supervisor, says that 1982 is a year of milestones for him. He has been in District Seven for 10 years and with AHTD for 20 years. He has been married for 40 years and will be 60 years old. He and wife,

Nolika, have a new member of the family. Herbie, their new pet poodle, adds a new flavor to their days.



Herbie



John Livingston

Bob Myers Residency

On Friday, April 23, Mrs. Althea Campbell was honored with a surprise retirement party given by the Construction employees. Mrs. Campbell was presented an orchid corsage and was serenaded by Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog. Since Mrs. Campbell was planning to leave the next day on an extended trip we felt she needed her own private plane. After a careful inspection of the plane she felt she might be safer on a larger model but decided the two pieces of luggage it contained could be put to great use. Cake and cokes were served to the employees. Mrs. Campbell will be missed by this department. She had a smile and helping hand for all who knew her. We wish her much happiness and success in her retirement but we hope she will take time out to visit us often.



Althea Campbell



Althea and going away cake!



Kermit, Althea and Miss Piggy



Althea and her new luggage

Gordon Hite Residency

On January 8, we said goodbye to Larry Beard who served as Office Technician in our office for ten years. Resident Engineer Gordon Hite presented Larry with his 10 year pin and a gift. Larry resigned to accept a salesman's position with a firm here in El Dorado and we wish him luck with his new job.

On March 12, we had cake and coffee for Earl Shrewbury, Inspector, who retired after 10 years of service with the Department. Resident Engineer Gordon Hite presented Earl with a tool box and a rod and reel from our crew. He was also presented his 10 year service certificate and pin. Everyone here is going to miss Earl and we sincerely wish him all the best in his retirement.



Gordon Hite and Earl Shrewbury

Congratulations are also in order for Dallas Smith who was presented his 25 year service certificate and pin. Dallas is a Construction Project Supervisor in our office.

All receiving service awards were Fred Belin, Construction Aide, and Huston Sage, Inspector for 10 years of service and Terry Wildbur, Field Clerk, 5 years.

Evandrew Washington, Construction Aide, recently underwent surgery but is now back at work and doing well. We are also glad to see Raymond Covey, Inspector, back at work after his recent knee surgery.

Congratulations are in order for Raymond Lea, Senior Inspector, who recently "tied the knot". On April 16, Raymond married the former Patty Smith of El Dorado. We wish them the best of luck and much happiness.

There have been no reports of anyone from this office killing any turkeys this year. Maybe they will have better luck next year if the weather cooperates.

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to all receiving service awards in March and April. Those recipients were David Bartlett, 5 years; Mastin Ford, Nathaniel Brown, Danny Smith, Truett Leavell, Walter F. Gray, Beverly Vick, B.J. Reynolds and Jackie Allen, 10 years; James Hamblen, 15 years; George Price, 20 years; and Dean Ferguson, 30 years.

James Hamblen and Dave Myers received their service awards at the Perry County Headquarters. Individually decorated cakes were served. Special guest was District Engineer Lawrence Fletcher.



James Hamblen



Lawrence Fletcher and Dave Meyers

Lawrence Turner retired March 18 with 29 years of service with the Department. Lawrence was Crew Leader in the Yell County Crew. His fellow employees gave him a party with cake and coffee. They also gave him an electric trolly motor as a retirement gift.



Lawrence Turner

Tony Grashot, our parts runner, and his wife, Sue, are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. James Dustin Scott Grashot was born March 3, 1982 and weighed 9 pounds and 1½ ounce.

Congratulations to Buddy Paine, James Murdock, Remond Jones, Don Wilkinson and James Moudy. Their bowling team won the ABC City Tournament in Russellville. They placed first out of 42 participating teams.

District Engineer Lawrence Fletcher is a proud new first-time grandpa! His daughter,

Lorrie, and her husband, Steven, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Christopher, born February 14, in Groton, Connecticut. At birth, Christopher weighed 7 pounds and 4½ ounces. Now he weighs 16½ pounds.



Lawrence Fletcher and grandson Christopher

In the last issue of the magazine, we mentioned that Ed and Alice Riedmueller were the proud parents of triplets! Here is a picture of the babies with their parents.



**Alice and Ed Riedmueller and daughters
Rebecca, Allison and Melanie**



**"The Bowling Team"
Paine, Murdock, Jones,
Wilkinson and Moudy**

We would like to extend our sympathy to Dean Simmons and Eddie Deckard on the recent loss of their mothers.



Dusty Grashot

DISTRICT NINE

By Shirley Morton

Beth Journagan has signed a letter of intent to play basketball next season for North Arkansas Community College Lady Pioneers. Beth, a two time All State selection at Lead Hill High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Journagan.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. (Buster) Parker, Jr., celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on March 9. We congratulate Bonnie Lee and Buster and wish them many more happy years together.

James Mansfield and Jim Dancy visited our district recently and Mr. Mansfield presented Safety Certificates to Leon Hodges, Jack Dickey, Jim Godfrey, Connis Ingram, Buster Widner, Dean Smith, Kenneth Oxford, Ronnie Garner, J.B. Parker, Vernie Berry and Joe Bill Wallace. Congratulations to these fine crews.

District Engineer Jim Selby presented service awards to Ralph Cline and Ezra Horton for 20 years of service; Jack Pharis, James Roy Fultz and Nelson McCutcheon for 15 years.

CPR Training Certificates were presented to 12 employees who completed two days training in April.

Willis Cantrell, P.D. (Tiny) Blankenship and Paul Bennett were honored at a retirement party at the District Headquarters on April 19. Punch, coffee and cookies were served to a large gathering of their families, friends and co-workers. Gifts were presented to Willis and Paul by District Engineer Jim Selby and Tommy Jackson presented gifts to Tiny from the Shop Crew. All of their AHTD friends wish Willis, Paul and Tiny many happy and healthful retirement years.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Berry who are the proud parents of a beautiful baby daughter born in February.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of retirees Jack Holtby and Jay Pratt who recently passed away.

Our get well wishes are sent to retiree Dell Kendall who has been a patient in a Springdale Hospital.

Richard Smith and Lisa Reddell were selected by the student body at Western Grove High School as Mr. and Miss Western Grove. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reddell and

he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Martin.



Mr. and Miss Western Grove
Lisa Reddell and Richard Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stewart are the proud grandparents of twins, Ronna Fay and Ron Ralph, who will be one year old on May 17. They are the children of the Stewart's daughter, Markena and Ron Murphy.



Ronna Fay and Ron Ralph Murphy

DISTRICT TEN

By Isabella Psalmonds

We hope winter is over for awhile, but it is good to know that some of the people appreciate the efforts our people made to keep the highways clear so traffic could move in all kinds of weather.

Looks as if the Rest Area Attendants in Mississippi County may be in competition to see who can keep the cleanest facility. Jerry Denton is the attendant at the Hilton Rest Area and Travis Cunningham is at the Bassett-Joiner Rest Area.

Jerry Denton received this note from Sue Griff, Quality Control Inspector for the Affordable Inns, Inc., "I travel 30 motels southwest to Amarillo and San Antonio and northwest to Billings, Montana. This is always the cleanest rest area and restroom I find."

Travis Cunningham found this note from Eugenia Geen, from Pasadena, Texas in the suggestion box, "I found this rest area and the gentleman who works for you to be the finest I've been to. He was courteous and very helpful. I have found no one else so kind."

We know these men take pride in a job well

done and appreciate the fact that some of the traveling public take time to express their appreciation. The AHTD also appreciates it.



Cunningham



Denton

Mitch Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Nelson of Paragould, has signed a one year contract with the Atlanta Braves as an outfielder. He has finished his spring training at West Palm Beach, Florida and will be playing Class AA ball this summer at Anderson, South Carolina. Mitch formerly worked with the Resident Engineer in District 10 at Paragould. He attended Oak Grove School and went to Southern Baptist College on a baseball scholarship. He, his wife, Tammy and 3-year old daughter, Cassie live in Jonesboro. His father is Crew Leader for Greene County.



Mitch Nelson

Lyndal Waits, Maintenance Superintendent, has been appointed to the Paragould Centennial Celebration Commission. The Commissioners then selected him to serve as the Chairperson for the Commission. It looks like some busy months are ahead for Lyndal.

Frank Duran, General Laborer, in Osceola, makes good use of some of his free time. He picks cotton on his farm at West Ridge. Looks real relaxing!!!



Anthony Darnell Shockley weighed in at 9 pounds and 9 ounces on April 12, 1982. He is the son of Statin and Rosie Shockley. Statin is a single axle truck driver/mower operator in the Poinsett County Crew. Congratulations.

Grandma June Mayne, Stockroom Supervisor, wants to do a little bragging -- so here is a picture of her handsome grandson, Michael Carnel. He is the son of June's daughter Patty Carnel and is nearly 2 years old. It isn't hard to see why she is so proud. He is a fine boy and a real live wire.



Michael Carnel

Danny G. Grubbs, son of Billy and Elsie Grubbs, graduated from Manila High School on May 10. He was a member of the Future Farmers of America and the Track Team. His father, Billy, is a Loader Operator in Osceola.

Osceola Area Foreman Bill and Ruby Montgomery along with Blytheville Area Foreman Bill and Ruth Raspberry and two other couples from Osceola recently enjoyed a weekend fishing on Sardis Lake in Mississippi. They said they didn't catch many fish but sure had a lot of fun.

The Maintenance Crew at Osceola had a fish fry at the Area Headquarters. They had a lot of fish and a good time.

Who says no one ever wins in the various games that are advertised on TV and in the papers? Not Olin Ridge, Crew Leader in Greene County. His daughter Tonya Ridge recently won \$5000 in the Pepsi Challenge Cash Game. Her winning number was 42 which she got from a bottle of Pepsi purchased at Mr. Ed's Auto Service located in the Walcott area. Olin went to Jonesboro and received the \$5000 check for her. Congratulations to both!

Steve Owen Brown, 18 year old son of Verlin O. and Myrtle Brown of Paragould, is the class valedictorian at Greene County Tech High School in Paragould. His activities include National Honor Society vice president, Key Club, Foreign Language Club president, the baseball, basketball and football teams, Who's Who, Science Fair winner, Kiwanis Club honors banquet, math and science awards and the Air Force ROTC scholarship. He plans to join the Navy in the nuclear program. Congratulations, Steve and much success in your chosen field.

Another honor student at Greene County Tech is Penny Pillow, 18, daughter of Greta Pillow and the late J.C. "Babe" Pillow. Babe was Greene County Area Foreman at the time of his death. Penny's activities include National Honor Society, Dramatics Club president, track, junior play, dramatics play and the Kiwanis Club honors banquet. She plans to attend Crowley's Ridge College and ASU and major in accounting. Not only does she have brains, but she also has beauty. Congratulations, Penny, and much success in your chosen field.



IN MEMORIAM

AHP Corporal Dale W. Wallis

Arkansas Highway Police Corporal Dale W. Wallis, age 59, died on April 20, 1982, as a result of injuries received on duty, April 18. Cpl. Wallis and Patrolman George Kell, Jr. had stopped a truck and trailer on U.S. Highway 62 in Rogers for a routine check. A pickup truck, driven by a Rogers resident, apparently crossed the center line of the highway and struck Cpl. Wallis.

Corporal Wallis was the first AHP Officer to be killed in the line of duty. His badges were presented to his family by AHP Chief Roy L. Johnson, and his badge number has been retired from service.

Corporal Wallis was employed by the Arkansas Highway Police Division on September 16, 1970. His duty assignments included the Alma AHP Station, the Springdale AHP Station, and in 1981, Wallis was assigned to a patrol unit stationed in Benton County. Cpl. Wallis was a member of the American Legion, and the 40 and 8. He has also served as the Cove Springs Post Commander, and a District Commander in the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Harriette Ann Wallis, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Nelson of Booneville, and Mrs. Dale Mulkey of Lowell.



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