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BACK COVER PHOTO: Caddo River Bridge on U.S. Highway 70 at Glenwood. Photo by John Jackson

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

LEGISLATIVE STUDY TO EXAMINE HIGHWAY FUNDING

The Joint Senate and House Interim Committee on Public Transportation has authorized the Legislative Council staff to conduct a study to determine highway needs and the most feasible methods for generating revenues to meet these needs.

The resolution, sponsored by Representative Roger Langster of Heber Springs, noted that "there is an astronomical backlog of highways and bridges in need of repair and these needs are not being met due to a lack of funds".

The shortfall in highway revenues is nothing new. It is a growing problem, not only in Arkansas, but nationwide.

While other states have begun to take steps to remedy the problems, revenue available to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has remained virtually the same since 1973, while costs have continued to rise. Attempts at producing more highway revenues over the past ten years have not kept up with the growing needs and have been "band-aid" approaches barely adequate to maintain the status quo. We need a comprehensive funding program that will include revenue sources that respond to inflation and provide highway improvements to promote economic growth.

The members of the Public Transportation Committee are to be commended for requesting a study of highway needs and funding methods. Over the next six months, they will have adequate time to analyze the data presented to them and formulate a funding package adequate to improve and maintain the public's \$5 billion investment in the Arkansas 16,000-mile highway system.

This study approach is much better than waiting until the Regular Session begins in January before the problem is addressed. With hundreds of bills that will be introduced, discussed and debated during the session, this timely resolution will provide the Interim Committee time to look carefully at the various funding alternatives and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly before the session begins, thus giving each legislator more time to become familiar with the proposals.

One proposal that is gaining support in Arkansas is to remove the sales tax exemption from motor fuels. This would produce about \$54 million in new revenues with \$38 million going to the highway fund, \$8 million to the cities and \$8 million to the counties.

The people of Arkansas need and deserve an improved highway system. Recent surveys indicate they are willing to pay more to insure that their highways are properly maintained and improved. The time to act is now. If we are forced by the lack of highway revenues to defer needed maintenance and delay new construction, Arkansas will fall farther behind in industrial, agricultural and economic growth.

The members of the Highway Commission and I are very optimistic that the legislative study will address this growing problem and vote to move the state in the direction of adequately meeting our highway needs.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

Henry Gray

Director of Highways and Transportation

PROFILE: HIGHWAY USER TAX UNIT

The Highway User Tax Unit is the newest Unit of the Administrative Branch of the Highway and Transportation Department.

Established in late spring 1983, the Unit is responsible for the collection and administration of the Highway Use Equalization Tax.

Before this article can explain what the Unit does, we must first explain what the Highway Use Equalization Tax is.

This tax, sometimes referred to as the Weight Distance Tax, was created by Act 685 of 1983. The Act imposes a five-cent per mile or \$175 maximum annual fee on all trucks weighing in excess of 73,280 pounds traveling in the state. All trucks traveling in Arkansas must qualify with either the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration if they are Arkansas registered vehicles, or the Highway and Transportation Department if they are out-of-state registered vehicles. For occasional users of Arkansas highways, there is also the option of purchasing a trip permit of \$8 per 100 miles either from the Highway Use Tax Unit or one of the 13 permanent weigh stations in the state, or any roving unit of the Arkansas Highway Police.

Act 685 was a response to Act 7 of 1983 which raised the maximum truck weight limit in Arkansas to 80,000 pounds.

The Arkansas State Highway Commission, through past experience, study and research, recognized the state's highways, roads and streets could not bear the burden of the increased weights without additional funding to repair the roadbeds and bridges that would suffer extensive damage from heavier weights.

The majority of the members of the Arkansas General Assembly agreed, and believed a tax based on the registered gross weight of the vehicle and the number of miles it traveled on the state's highways, would be the fairest, or most equitable way to pay for the costs of repairs due to damage done by the heavier loads.

Arkansas is one of ten states that impose a "third structure" tax of this nature. Other states are considering implementation of similar taxes, and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is advocating that the U.S. Department of Transportation study the possi-

bility of establishing a national weight/distance tax.

Since the tax went into effect last July, over \$20 million has been collected from approximately 220,000 out-of-state trucks. The Revenue Division has received about \$1.8 million from 8,700 Arkansas based trucks.

That, briefly, is what the Highway Use Equalization Tax is. Now, let's take a look at the Unit responsible for collecting this tax from out-of-state users.

It started out with one full-time employee, three employees on loan from other offices, and twelve summer employees. Over the past year, it has matured into a full-fledged Unit of the Administrative Branch with eight full-time employees, two temporary employees and six summer employees.

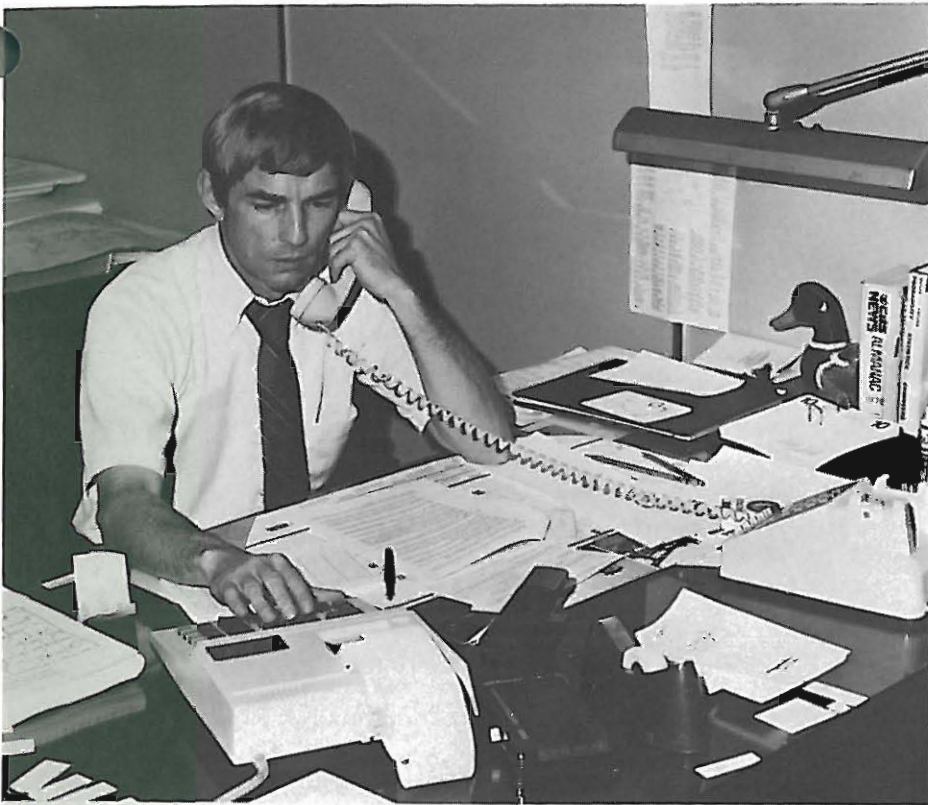
Larry Johnson, a 20-year career employee with the Department, is one of two persons directly responsible for the Unit and has been involved with the day-to-day affairs since its inception. Johnson's years of experience as Section Head of the Finance and Economics Section and Section Head of the Technical Services Section of the Planning Division, have been great assets to him in his present position. W.C. Wilson is the other employee directly responsible for the operation of the Unit. "Butch", as he is popularly known after 22 years of highway department experience primarily in the Right-of-Way Division, is responsible for daily work assignment and processing of qualification decals and all office routine.

"Every attempt has been made to minimize the cost of administering the tax," Johnson said. He pointed to a recently completed report which studied the cost of administering third structure taxes in the ten states which have them. The report notes that in Arkansas it cost only 2.8% of the revenues collected to administer the tax. That was the second lowest of the ten states.

The report also found that Arkansas had the highest compliance rate of 95%. "Arkansas," the report said, "may have a high compliance rate because its tax system is simple, straightforward, and fairly difficult for a taxpayer to circumvent cost effectively."

The use of the decal systems (red decals for mileage operators, blue decals for annual operators in 1983-84) has made enforcement of the tax a relatively simple procedure for both the permanent weigh station operators and roving Highway Police units. All out-of-state registered trucks of five axles or more are checked for the distinctive decals on the passenger door. All in-state registered trucks that have qualified through the Revenue Division have a distinctive K-tag license plate. All decals are mailed out by the Unit to truck owners.

Assistant Director for Administration, Gil Robertson, expressed his pleasure with the way the Unit has operated by pointing out that many truck lines and permit clerks have acknowledged their



Larry Johnson heads the Highway User Tax Unit



Office Manager Butch Wilson checks addresses on envelopes before mailing out application

gratefulness at the speedy "turn around" times and efficiency of the Unit.

"All applications for qualification are processed and mailed back to the sender within a one to three day turn around time," he said. "That speaks highly of work performed by eight full-time employees."

"Recently, the Associate Administrator for Planning and Policy Development for the Federal Highway Administration, Dick Robertson, visited the Tax Unit and noted he was very impressed with the administration of the program," Johnson said. "In fact, he said he was interested in us preparing a procedure manual that could be used to implement a weight/distance tax on the federal level," he said.

Several other states have also taken notice of the tax in Arkansas and have requested information on the regulations and procedures, Johnson said.

When the program began last July, over \$13 million was collected in the first two months from more than 151,000 out-of-state trucks. Pattie Sowell and Dianne Keene, Bookkeepers, said they had been receiving about \$1 million a month since the peak period ended, representing an average of 207 new vehicles a day being qualified.

"When we first started collecting the tax last year, there were a few kinks in the system," Johnson said, "but we've refined things and improved the operation to the point where we are operating more



Donna Barbee, Administrative Assistant, is responsible for answering many of the telephone inquiries received each day.

HIGHWAY USER TAX UNIT



Laurie Exleken and Shelby Simpson handle hundreds of requests for decals each day.



Bookkeeper, Dianne Keene and Pattie Sowell assist in mailing out applications and regulations.

efficiently and we don't anticipate any problems as we prepare for the deluge of mail this July and August," he added.

A typical day begins when the first mail bags arrive at the mail processing station. All trip permits received from the weigh stations are sent to bookkeeping where they are processed. All other mail is opened and sorted to ensure that all checks and applications are in order. The money is separated and sent to one of the two bookkeepers for handling. The applications are sent to the other bookkeeper to record.

"By separating the money and applications, we can provide better accountability," Johnson said. The separate sets of records are audited to verify that the correct amount of money has been received to match the applications.

After all applications have been recorded, they are sent to Butch Wilson. Wilson assigns the applications to the various processing stations for decal assignment according to the qualification request.

The processing stations package the material and mail it back by certified mail.

In addition to the large volume of mail handled each day, the three phone lines in the Tax Unit are constantly ringing. Wilson estimates that as many as 500 phone calls a day are answered during the peak qualifying period.

With the peak application period being the months of July and August, six summer employees, along with two temporary employees, have been added to the Unit to assist in receiving, processing and mail-outs.

In a recent two-day period, nine employees mailed out over 17,000 applications and regulations



Gina Shoppoch and Jeff Ingram work at one of the processing stations.



Tax Unit employees box up the thousands of application forms that must be sent to truck owners.



David Johnson and Gary Curtis, mailroom employees, load bags containing decal applications into van for delivery to the Post Office.

to truck owners throughout the nation who will be qualifying their rigs for 1984-85. According to Wilson, some applications have contained requests for decals for up to 1,000 vehicles.

The collection of the Highway Use Equalization Tax, the writing of rules and regulations for the administration of the tax, and the tremendous volume of mail and associated other duties, was all "new ground" for the Highway and Transportation Department.

It has taken a tremendous amount of work on the part of employees from throughout the Department to get the Highway Use Equalization Tax program off the ground. The challenge was met head-on, and the results have been outstanding.

FERRY SERVICE IN OPERATION

HIGHWAY 16 BRIDGE DESTROYED BY TORNADO

A series of tornadoes ripped through portions of North-Central Arkansas March 15, leaving four persons dead and destroying the Highway 16 bridge over Greers Ferry Lake. Property damage was extensive.

Residents in the Edgemont area at Greers Ferry Lake were stunned by the force of the storm as it moved through.

The tornado lifted the quarter-mile long steel truss bridge completely off its piers and dumped it into the lake. One Army Corps of Engineers official said it would have taken a force equal to a wind velocity of 700 miles per hour to do the damage to the bridge that the tornado did.

The bridge had been built in the early 1960's by the Corps of Engineers prior to the formation of Greers Ferry Lake.

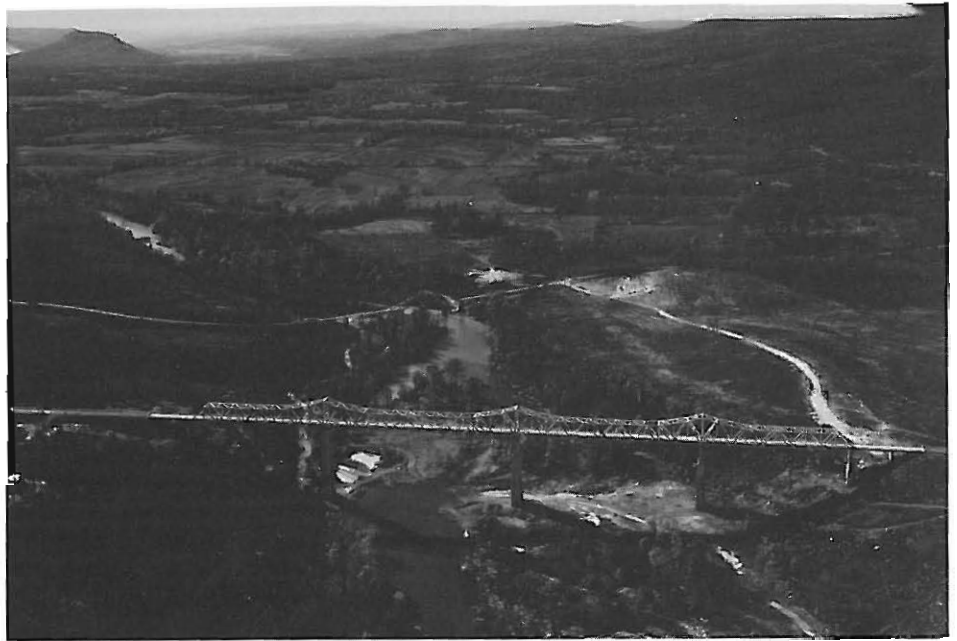
The Highway and Transportation Department and Corps of Engineers immediately began work to replace the structure. An underwater inspection was made of the bridge piers by divers using underwater cameras and it was determined that they were structurally sound and could be used to support a new bridge.

The first concern was to restore service to the areas on both sides of the lake. The Corps of Engineers investigated the possibility of installing a military-type pontoon bridge. However, that alternative was ruled out for a number of reasons, including the fear that it might present a hazard for drivers of large recreation vehicles or cars towing boats. The

Corps of Engineers also said it would require significant site preparation and daily maintenance if a pontoon bridge was installed.

Some local officials and resort owners also had expressed concern that a pontoon bridge would cut off access to the rest of the lake for boats docked in the Middle Fork and Devils Fork areas.

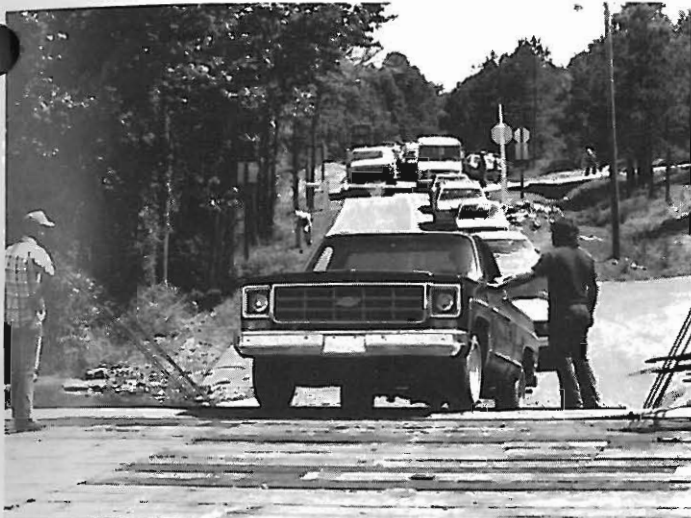
The next option explored, and accepted, was the use of a ferry. The Highway and Transportation Department advertised for bids from contractors interested in operating a ferry. On April 5, the Highway Commission accepted the bid submitted by the Carter Construction Company of Benton.



Highway 16 bridge following completion of construction in November 1961. This view is looking toward the west with Sugar Loaf Mountain in the upper left corner.



Debris from a destroyed boat dock clutters the lake front near the remains of the Highway 16 bridge. View is looking toward the west.



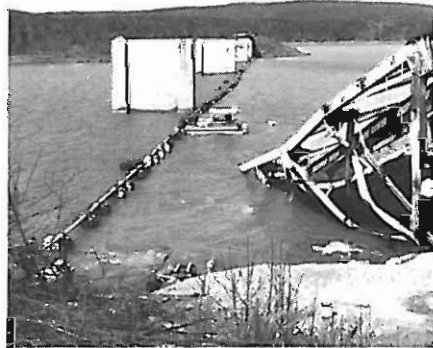
Traffic backs up on Highway 16 as other vehicles are loaded on the ferry.



Vehicles prepare to unload on the south side. Remains of the bridge can be seen in the upper left.



Construction crews assemble one of the two barges used in the ferry operation at Edgemont.



The piers are all that remains of the Highway 16 bridge after the March 15 tornado lifted the steel truss and roadway off and dumped it into Greers Ferry Lake.



This tug being transported to Greers Ferry, was once used on Lake Norfolk.

The Carter Company's bid for a 16-hour a day operation was \$782,400 a year and \$1.1 million for a 24-hour a day operation. The company is providing three tugboats, two barges and the crews to run them.

The Highway and Transportation Department had to construct a 1,200-foot long access road on the north side of the lake to carry traffic from the highway to the ferry dock. The old Highway 16 was used on the south side to serve as access to the dock on that side. Ferry service began May 14, and hundreds of local residents showed up the first day to take a ride across the lake. The ferry has also attracted a great deal of tourist traffic.

The Carter firm is a river contractor, doing barging of rock and stone on the river. The company was one of several that recently purchased some of the equipment the Department used in its ferry service on Norfolk Lake. When the ferry service was replaced by a bridge, the equipment was sold at auction.

After the tornado struck the area, U.S. Representatives Bill Alexander and Ed Bethune, along with U.S. Senator David Pryor, began efforts to have the area declared a disaster area and make it eligible for Federal Relief funds.

The cost to replace the bridge and operate the ferry has been estimated at \$5 million and will be paid for with Federal funds.

Final approval from the Federal Highway Administration came only three weeks after the disaster, and Highway and Transportation Director Henry Gray complimented the Federal Agency for handling the Department's request for funding in such an expedient manner.

The new bridge at Greers Ferry, which will go to contract later this summer, will be slightly longer than the old structure and will be eight feet wider. It is expected to be completed by April 1986.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NORTH BELT FREEWAY



Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters, right, explains features of the North Belt Freeway to State Representative Dave Roberts, center, and Highway Commissioner Raymond Pritchett.

More than 300 persons attended the March 15 public hearing in North Little Rock on the Department's proposal to construct an 18-mile freeway loop in northern Pulaski County.

Known as the North Belt Freeway, the proposed route would link Interstate 430 on the western edge of North Little Rock with Interstate 440 on the eastern edge.

First proposed in 1941, the freeway would complete the circumferential freeway route around the entire Little Rock/North Little Rock metropolitan area.

Although most people who spoke at the public hearing generally favored the concept of a northern freeway route, there was some disagreement over where the route should be located.

The proposed route cuts between the Indian-head Lake area in Sherwood and the North Lake area in Jacksonville. Residents in those neighborhoods urged the Department to consider shifting the freeway more to the north, nearer the Jacksonville Industrial area. Residents near the Camp Robinson area in North Little Rock also suggested shifting the route so that it would cross Camp property farther to the north of their neighborhoods.

Those speaking in favor of the proposed route said the freeway was needed to solve existing traffic problems in the county. County Judge Don Venhaus said the loop, by completing the freeway system around the county, would provide a unifying influence and spur development.

Highway and Transportation Department officials pointed out that the proposed freeway was estimated to cost \$114 million and stressed that it probably will be several years before any funds were available for construction.

COFFELT CROSSING



Pickup truck enters Highway 67/167 from County Road 73 (Coffelt Road).

Strong opinions both favoring and opposing the closing of the "Coffelt Crossing" on U.S. 67/167 near Jacksonville were heard at a public hearing held April 5 in Jacksonville.

The Highway and Transportation Department proposes to close the at-grade crossing to improve the safety on the four-lane, divided highway. "Coffelt Crossing", or County Road 73, is the only public road with an at-grade crossing on the highway between North Little Rock and Bradford.

Some residents living north of Jacksonville who use the crossing regularly agreed that the crossing was dangerous, but argued that it should be left open or remodeled, rather than closed.

From 1977 to mid-1983 there have been 59 accidents with 38 injuries and one fatality at the crossing. Three weeks after the hearing another fatal accident occurred, killing one person.

I-40/I-55 MODIFICATIONS



State Senator Kent Ingram, left, and State Representative Lloyd McCuiston, are briefed on proposed changes in the West Memphis area by District Engineer Ray Woodruff.

Projects totaling about \$15 million are being proposed at selected locations on I-40 and I-55 in West Memphis. A public hearing on the modification was held April 12.

The work has been divided into about six separate projects. Two alternate designs are being considered for the modification of the Club Road

interchange with I-55. In addition, modifications are proposed for the Ingram Blvd. and Seventh Street interchanges.

A third project would involve reconstructing and strengthening the two outside eastbound lanes for about two miles on I-40 between Missouri Street and the I-40/I-55 Interchange.

A fourth project would be to widen and raise the Missouri Street overpass.

A fifth project would involve modifying the I-40/I-55 Interchange west of West Memphis by building new ramps. The Missouri-Pacific railroad overpass on I-55 would be widened as well to provide for a third traffic lane.

A final project would be raising the overpasses from West Memphis to Lehi on I-40. To alleviate the backup of trucks at the eastbound weigh station on I-40, the plans call for adding a third lane for about 1,000 feet.

Interstate 40 and 55 in West Memphis are among the oldest sections of interstate highways in the state. They are also the heaviest traveled and the combination of age and wear are taking their toll on the highways.

HIGHWAY 63 RELOCATION

More than a dozen Craighead County business and civic leaders spoke in favor of the Department's plan to relocate a portion of U.S. 63 in their county at a public hearing held in Jonesboro on March 22.

The project involves the construction of about 5.9 miles of four-lane, divided highway between Jonesboro and Bay. That segment is part of an overall proposal to relocate U.S. 63 from Payneway to Jonesboro, a distance of about 20 miles.

The relocation project began about eight years ago when the Department first started relocation studies. A location hearing was held in May 1982, and after receiving approval from the Federal Highway Administration, the Department began preliminary design on the project.

Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters told the crowd at the hearing that once the Department receives approval from the Federal Highway Administration, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation work could begin, followed later by construction. Walters emphasized the construction of the project would probably be let to contract in phases of possibly two or more, and that construction will be contingent on the availability of funds.



Left: State Representative Bobby Hogue of Jonesboro speaks in favor of the proposed U.S. 63 relocation. Right: Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters points out the area where the relocated U.S. 63 will tie in to the existing U.S. 63 bypass at Jonesboro.

AHTD PERSONNEL CHANGES

In March and April several promotions and transfers were made to more fully utilize expertise in certain areas and to provide additional training for employee development.



Ralph Hall was transferred from Assistant District Engineer, District 6, to the State Construction Division. The Pocahontas native is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and is a registered professional engineer. He began his career with the Department in 1972 as Assistant Resident Engineer in West Memphis. He has served as Resident Engineer in Forrest City and Little Rock before becoming Assistant District Engineer in May 1983.



Gary Ashley, a 15-year Department veteran, is now serving as Staff Bridge Design Engineer. He replaced Jim Matthews, who retired. Ashley had been Senior Bridge Design Engineer. He is a graduate civil engineer from the University of

Arkansas and is a registered professional engineer. Ashley was one of the first design engineers to utilize the Load Factor method of design. The first major project was the Highway 65 Railroad Overpass at Pine Bluff. He is currently working on the design of the replacement of the superstructure for the Edgemont Bridge at Greers Ferry.



William Tyler has been promoted to assume the duties and responsibilities of District Engineer, District 3, Hope. Tyler had been Assistant District Engineer at Hope. He attended the University of Arkansas and is a registered professional engineer. Tyler began his career with the Department in 1966 as a Junior Instrumentman. He has served in several positions in District 3, including District Maintenance Superintendent and District Maintenance Engineer. He has also served as Assistant Division Head, Maintenance Division, in Little Rock.



Roger Almond was promoted from Assistant State Maintenance Engineer to Division Head of the Materials and Research Division. He has a degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas and is a registered professional engineer. The St. Charles native has been with the Department 15 years. During

that time, he has served as Transportation Planning Engineer, Section Head of Program Planning, Assistant Division Head of the Planning Division and Assistant District Engineer at District 6 in Little Rock.



Jim Gee has been transferred from the Construction Division to the position of Assistant State Maintenance Engineer. Gee has 20 years of service with the Department. He has served as Resident Engineer, Assistant District Engineer, District 6, Little Rock, and Staff Construction Engineer. He is a graduate civil engineer from the University of Arkansas and is a registered professional engineer.



Jake Weston was transferred to District 6 to serve as Assistant District Engineer. He previously was serving as Assistant Division Head of the State Aid Division. Weston, a native of Hot Springs, began his career with the Department in 1969 as a Staff Engineer in the Surveys Division. He received his degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas and is a registered professional engineer.

Calvin Peevy was promoted to State Maintenance Engineer, replacing Bert

Rownd who retired. Peevy was serving as Division Head of the Materials and Research Division. He is a graduate civil engineer from the University of Arkansas and has been with the Department 25 years. Peevy, a native of Alma, has served as a Resident Engineer, District Engineer, and Assistant State Construction Engineer. He is a registered professional engineer.



Wilbert Chapman is now serving as Assistant Division Head, State Aid Division. Prior to his transfer, he was Assistant Division Head of the Planning Division. Chapman, a 24-year veteran with the Department, is a graduate civil engineer from the University of Arkansas and is a registered professional engineer. He has served as Assistant Materials Engineer and Research Engineer.

Charles Mitchell was transferred from District 3 at Hope, where he was serving as District Engineer, to assume the duties of Division Head, Surveys Division. He replaced Bob Mattox who retired. Mitchell has over 22 years of service and began his career as Resident Engineer at Brinkley in 1959. He left the Department in 1963 to enter private business. He returned to the Department in 1966 as Resident Engineer in Forrest City and later worked as Assistant Con-

struction Engineer before his promotion to District Engineer in 1972. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and is a registered professional engineer.



Keith Jones has been promoted to Assistant Division Head of the Planning Division. He has served as Section Head of Statewide Planning and Staff Planning Administrator. Jones is a 1972 graduate of Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in civil engineering. Prior to employment with the Department in 1979, he worked for Metroplan in Little Rock and Public Technology in Washington, D.C. He is a registered professional engineer and serves on the Transportation Research Board as a committee member.



Mike Shaw has been promoted to

Assistant Division Head of the Computer Services Division. Prior to his promotion, he was Computer Services Coordinator. He began working at the Department as a Watchman in April 1972. Following graduation from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a degree in Business Administration, he transferred to the Accounting Division where he worked as an Accountant and in the development of the Cash Forecasting System. Shaw transferred to Computer Services in 1978.



Leonard Hall was transferred from Resident Engineer in Little Rock to Staff Maintenance Engineer in the State Maintenance Division. He began his career with the Department following graduation from the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering in 1972. He has served as Assistant Resident Engineer, and Resident Engineer in Monticello and Little Rock. He is a registered professional engineer.



Gerald Teague has been promoted to Resident Engineer in Little Rock. Teague, a Fayetteville native, is a civil engineering graduate from the University of Arkansas. He began working for the Department in 1976 in the Construction Division and was Assistant Resident Engineer in Little Rock. He is a registered professional engineer.

DAMAGED BRIDGE BEING REPLACED



Photo: Southwest Times Record

Tanker truck owned by K & K Oil Company of Fort Smith burns after overturning near Mill Creek Bridge in Fort Smith.



Mill Creek Bridge on Highway 71 in Fort Smith following fire.



Close-up view of damage caused by fire to the Mill Creek Bridge on Highway 71 in Fort Smith.

The Forsgren Construction Company of Fort Smith began work in May to replace the Mill Creek Bridge on Highway 71 (South Zero Street) in Fort Smith following the destruction of the bridge in late March.

A tanker truck carrying 9,000 gallons of diesel fuel and gasoline overturned near the structure on March 23, burst into flames and destroyed the bridge. The truck driver was able to escape the accident without injury.

The accident occurred during the morning rush hour near the city's industrial area. The driver was attempting to make a turn when he lost control of the tanker and it overturned and ruptured.

The burning fuel from the tank flowed into the sewer system and into Mill Creek, causing extensive heat damage to the four-lane bridge. The accident created a wall of flame several hundred feet long and disrupted traffic, telephone and electrical service.

The bridge was inspected and found to be unsafe and has remained closed since the accident. The Highway and Transportation Department immediately began working up alternate design plans for a new bridge and advertised for bids.

The Forsgren firm was one of five contractors to bid on the project. Their low bid was \$207,126.

Since traffic on the heavily traveled highway was being detoured along adjacent city streets, replacement of the bridge in as short a time as possible was essential.

The contractor was issued an immediate work order and is required to have the bridge opened to traffic no later than July 31.

CPR TRAINING PAYS OFF

WILKINS SAVES LIFE OF FELLOW EMPLOYEE



Heart attack victim, Jack Lindley (left), was on hand to congratulate Buck Wilkins (center) when he received a Certificate of Recognition from Bonnie Newmann, Regional Director of the American Heart Association.

If there were ever any doubts about the value of Highway and Transportation Department employees receiving Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation training (CPR), Jack Lindley of Wynne could quickly put those doubts to rest.

Lindley, the District 1 Sealing Crew Foreman, is alive today because his co-worker, J.R. "Buck" Wilkins, had taken advantage of the Department's CPR course.

On Thursday, February 2 of this year, Lindley and Wilkins, who is the Cross County Area Foreman, drove out to an oil storage tank on Highway 64 east of Wynne to measure the amount of oil in the tank. The tank is an old railroad tank car mounted on concrete pillars and is approximately 15 feet tall.

The two men placed a ladder alongside the tank and climbed up on top to take a reading. Once they finished, Wilkins climbed down. As he turned around he noticed that Lindley was still on top and seemed to be unsteady on his feet. Wilkins asked if he was "OK", and Lindley replied that he just needed to catch his breath. He then went down on his knees with his head lowered. Wilkins immediately climbed up the ladder and reached Lindley just as he slumped down and kept him from falling off the tank.

Lindley did not appear to be breathing, so Wilkins began CPR. After Lindley began breathing on his own, Wilkins climbed down and radioed for assistance.

Lindley was taken to Baptist Hospital in Memphis where he received a bypass operation and heart valve implant.

On April 25, Wilkins was honored for his life-saving actions. He received Certificates of Recognition from the American Heart Association, the State Department of Labor and the Highway and Transportation Department.

Wilkins is one of several Department employees who have been called on to use their CPR training in lifesaving attempts.

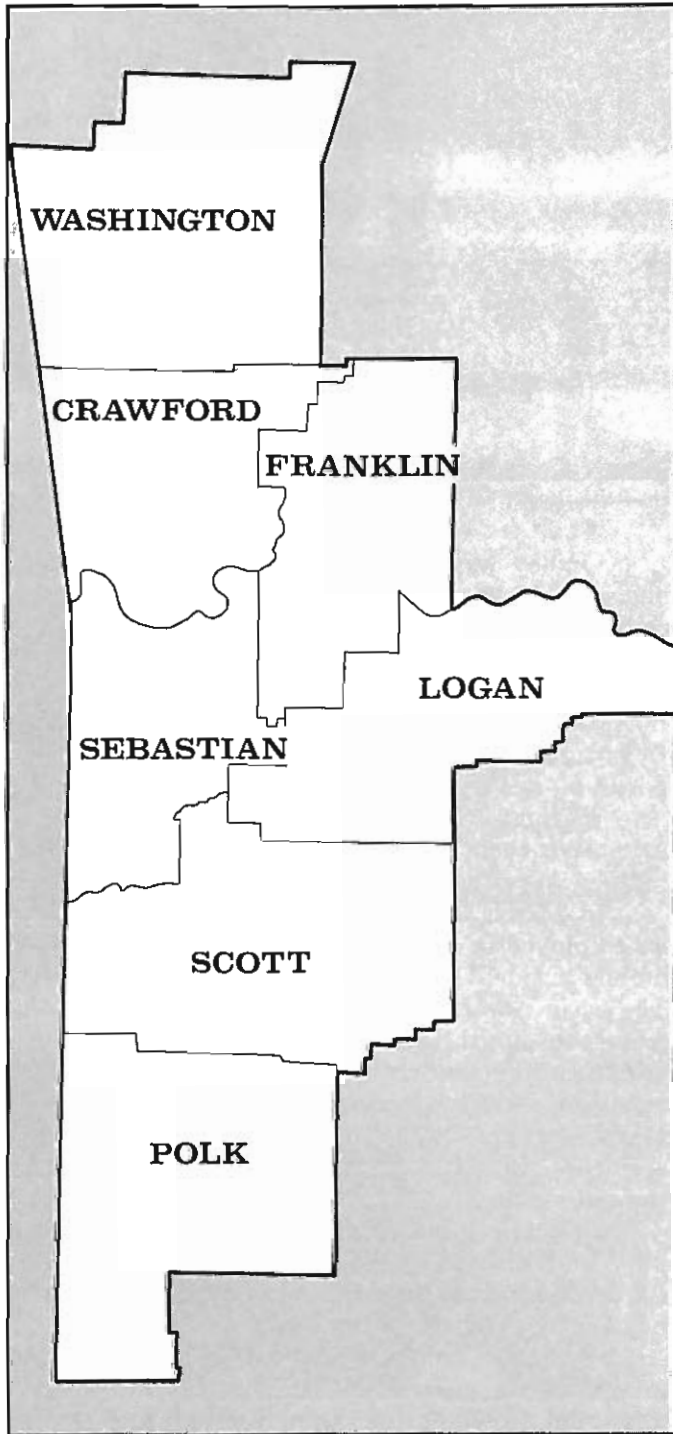
In March, Brian Schwartz of Mountain Home, an employee in District 9, happened upon an automobile accident on Highway 311 near Green Forest. The accident victim had no pulse and was bleeding from the mouth. Schwartz, who had certified as a CPR instructor in February, began to administer CPR until an ambulance arrived. The victim never regained consciousness and died as a result of the accident. However, Schwartz's efforts to revive the victim are certainly commendable.

In August of last year, two Central Shop employees at Jacksonville, Guy Ashenberger and Odis Barker, attempted to revive a fellow employee after he passed out in the warehouse.

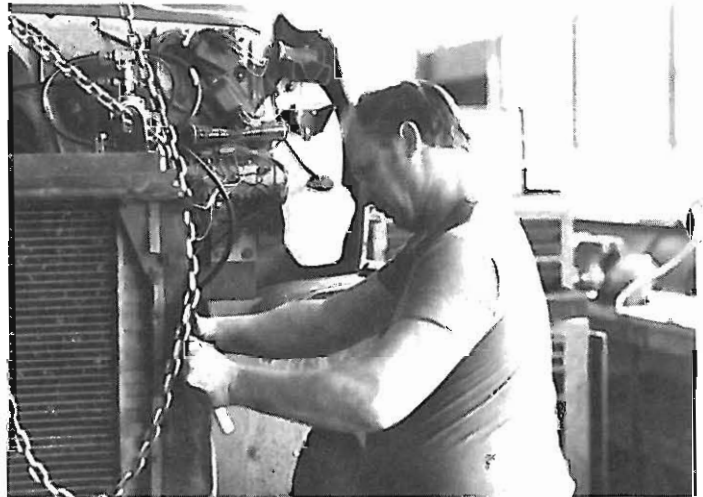
The men continued to administer CPR until an ambulance arrived and transported the victim to a hospital. However, the victim died enroute.

DISTRICT FOUR PHOTO FEATURE

Photos by David Hunter
In this issue of "Arkansas Highways" we are featuring the fourth of a series highlighting District personnel. This is District 4 with headquarters located in Fort Smith.



Kathy Fortner, District Bookkeeper, has 19 years of service.



Tommy Riley, a mechanic with 13 years service, works on a truck at the District Shop.



David Becker, Sebastian County Area Foreman for the Fort Smith area, has 12 years service.



Top Left: Milton Patton, mechanic, with 12 years service, puts new side boards on truck.

Top Center: Gail Swenson, with 8 months service, flags traffic.

Top Right: Odis Seaton, motor patrol operator with 17 years service, fuels an asphalt distributor.

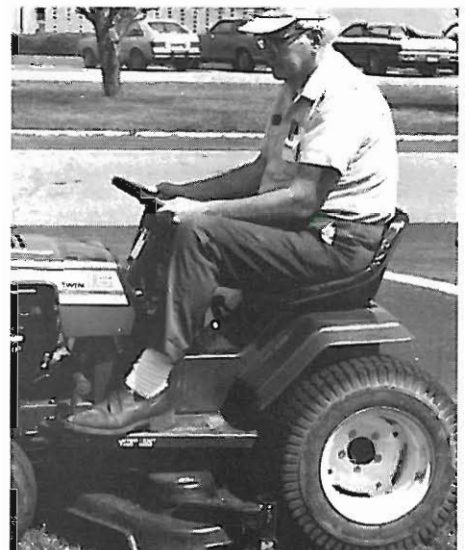
Center Left: Robert Conner, truck driver, with 1 year service & D.K. Richards, backhoe operator, with 7 years service, patch pavement.

Center Right: William Craig, backhoe operator, has 5 years service.

Bottom Left: Leroy Smith is a senior mechanic with 11 years service.

Bottom Center: Lisa Dollard, single-axle truck driver, has been employed about 4 months.

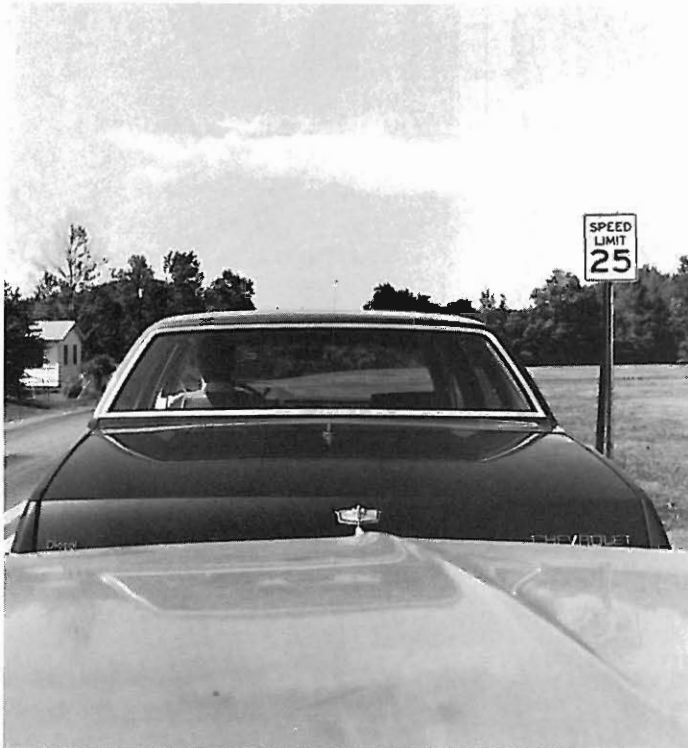
Bottom Right: Fred Ready, Caretaker, with 4 years service, mows lawn in front of District Headquarters in Fort Smith.



A WORD ABOUT S·A·F·E·T·Y

THE TWO SECOND & FOUR SECOND RULES

by James Mansfield, Safety Officer



This is an example of following too close.

The safe following distance under ideal conditions is considered in a formula known as, "The Two Second Rule". Here's how it works:

When the driver ahead of you passes a fixed marker, like a shadow of an overpass, a light pole, or a line on the road, begin counting from the back of his vehicle to the front of yours, "a thousand one, a thousand two". If you reach the mark before you've finished counting, you are following too closely. Ease off the accelerator and check yourself again. (Your counting starts when his back bumper crosses the predetermined marker and ends when your front bumper crosses the same marker.)

By using the two second rule, you'll use your brakes less. Your brakes will last longer and you'll use less gas. You will save time and money! More importantly, by using the two second rule, you will have enough safe following distance if the driver ahead of you stops suddenly.

The following distance will be changed to four or more seconds under adverse conditions such as



By keeping the proper distance, the driver will be able to react in time in case of an emergency.

tailgaters, towing and road hazards. You may also want to add another second or two when the following conditions exist: darkness, fog, ice, snow, rain, unfamiliar road, unfamiliar vehicle, heavy traffic and a deteriorated mental driving condition.

Some precautions would be:

1. **STAY ALERT** - by using the two second rule, you will be more alert to what's going on ahead of you.
2. **STAY AHEAD** - of the situation. Look beyond the driver ahead of you for potential hazards that might force him/her to stop suddenly.
3. **STAY BACK** - by using the two second rule. When conditions are unfavorable, give yourself another second or two.
4. **START STOPPING SOONER** - as soon as you see the brake lights of the vehicle ahead, place your foot over your own brake pedal. Otherwise, at this time, his foot would be on the brakes and yours would still be on the accelerator.

AHTD Retirees Association News

by Hurley Perkins - State Chapter President

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department deeply appreciates its retirees for their continued commitment and loyalty. As was noted upon your retirement, you are the Department's Ambassadors of Goodwill and its public relations officers throughout Arkansas and the rest of the Nation. For this reason, it is imperative that you stay informed of the issues which affect the Department's functions and operations. An issue of extreme importance is the repeated attempts to abolish the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, which in 1952 removed control of the Department and the State Highway System from the executive branch and made it the responsibility of the five-member Arkansas State Highway Commission. The repeal of this Amendment would be disastrous to the Department and to the State Highway System. You can guarantee the preservation of the Mack Blackwell Commission and Department by keeping your State senators and representatives abreast of your views on this crucial issue. Another area we would like to call to your attention is the serious financial plight of the State Highway System. The System experienced an estimated \$32 million in damages as a result of this past winter's severe weather, and an additional \$3.7 million was required to remove snow and ice. Meanwhile, highway revenues continue to decline. While the Highway Use Equalization (Weight-Distance) Tax of 1983 should provide the system over \$21 million this fiscal year, it is in danger of being repealed. Additional funds are required to match new Federal monies that have been made available through the Federal five-cent increase in the Federal motor fuel tax. An area directly affecting you is the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System. As a retiree, you will want to stay informed as to the changes and developments which take place in this system. You can make public your views in this area by calling, writing, or visiting your State legislators. As was stated at the outset, the Department considers its retirees to be one of its chief assets. Your invaluable knowledge of highway problems has been instrumental in the development of the Department and the State Highway System. With your continued support of the Department, you can ensure the preservation of the proud traditions to which you have contributed.

Our Document for proposed improvements in our Retirement System was mailed out to the Board of Trustees on April 10, with copies to the Highway Director and the Highway Commissioners. This proposal was culminated through your input to your Legislative Committee and was agreed upon by all Chapter Legislative Committees at our recent Statewide Legislative Committee meeting in Little Rock. The Document stated that we vigorously oppose any attempt to merge or otherwise combine our system with any other retirement system. The Document petitioned the Board of Trustees to cause the following action to be taken: 1) That the actuaries be instructed to study the feasibility of; (a) Bringing the economic value of retirement benefits back to existing retirees, and (b) Sustaining such threshold values for future retirees.

2) That endorsement be given by the board for changing the law to include one retiree, a member of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Retiree Association, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Employees Retirement System.

3) That endorsement be given by the Board for changing the law to give voting rights for election of Board Members to those retirees who are members of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Retiree Association. The Board of Trustees met April 17, and our proposal was discussed. This meeting was attended by Statewide President Perkins and Vice President Jones. The Board was very receptive to our proposal. They stated that it would be given due consideration and their thoughts in this regard would be forthcoming in a written reply. This reply will be given to you in the next newsletter after it is received.

We now have over 400 paid members in our AHTD Retiree Association. There are 1,365 Retired Highway Employees. It was voted at the last session of the Executive Committee Meeting that we only mail to our paid members. We urge you as a member to share your Newsletter with an AHTD Retiree who is not a member. Urge him to become a Member by sending \$10 to Sibyl Maddox, 202 Sante Fe Trail, Little Rock, AR 72205, and he will receive his Membership Card and a letter by return mail.

Through the efforts of your State Officers, our organization is now exempt from Federal Income Tax under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (7). This took much time, many forms and resubmittals, but we finally made it. In addition to being exempt from Federal Income Tax, we now can re-apply, using our tax exempt status, for the lowest rate of BULK-RATE MAILING privileges. If this is approved, it will cut our NEWSLETTER mailing cost more than in half.

AHTD LETTERS

March 13, 1984

Mr. Henry Gray, Director
Arkansas Highway & Transportation Dept.
P. O. Box 2261
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Henry:

In my years since leaving government I have had an opportunity to drive across the United States by van on numerous occasions; just returned from Arizona last week.

My pride in our interstate system, and especially our rest areas, always increases when I am in another state. Have traveled from Florida to California, as you must know our rest areas are not surpassed by any state. I know this is, in part, due to the personal interest you have taken in the rest areas. I wish there was some way everyone in Arkansas could know of your personal dedication to making our rest areas the best. Having neat and clean rest areas is so important because in many cases this is the first impression a tourist receives of our State. Of course, I still like the one west of Benton that you dreamed up where one rest area serves both traffic lanes.

Would never want to go into government again as an elected official. Miss the comradery with people like you but do not miss the other headaches. I guess, because of my ego, I am glad that I left government by choice and was not thrown out. Wish more legislators would serve ten years and refuse to run again. Think it would greatly increase the quality of the General Assembly.

Thanks again for the roadside parks, Henry. I hope for many years to come you will protect their quality.

Very truly yours,
C.C. Carlton, President
CarOp Leasing, Inc.
Nashville, Arkansas

April 1, 1984

Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Hi!

It hit me like a flash when talking about highways with a friend the other day, that Arkansas is one among a few states with mountains, valleys, streams, lakes and rivers where highway costs are much more than most other states. This doesn't even account for

severe winters like the last few, nor weight and length of transport trucks; let along the summer flood of tourists. No straight flat stretches as in surrounding states and not too many alternate routes. Work must be done, busy traffic or not. Like Colorado and its passes, only so many ways to get through mountains (small as Arkansas mountains are). You can't air lift traffic, nor can Colorado. Ha!

Anyhow, thought I'd give a citizen's eye view of your Department's huge task and let others know really how well you guys accomplish what you do.

Maybe other non-highway watcher citizens ought to be made more aware of the facts.

I'm on your side already! Go ahead and get a bunch more on your side.

Bless/Be Careful,
John B. Snapp

February 22, 1984

Arkansas Highway Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the excellent assistance given by two of your employees, Leon Ezell and Moran Lacy on the morning of January 23, 1984.

My wife, six year old son and my wife's parents and I were returning from spending the weekend in Memphis. We had traveled about 100 miles on icy roads, when about 1:00 a.m. on Highway 87, just inside Cleburne County, I lost control of the car, went into a tail spin and landed in the ditch. Fortunately, none of us received any injuries, just badly shaken.

My father-in-law and I walked to a farm house and called for help. The District 5 shop in Heber Springs was called to see when a crew would be heading in our direction with their salt and sand truck. Two hours later, help arrived.

We were only hoping to get transportation and planned to leave the car. But, with the expertise, knowledge and willingness of these two men, they were able to pull the car back on the road, with no damage done to the frame. They spent another hour helping put chains on the car and pulling another car, from Memphis, out of the ditch also.

Our special thanks go to your Department for offer-

ing such commendable service and especially to these two men who worked so diligently and unselfishly in the diverse weather conditions at that time of morning.

Since I'm writing, I would also like to compliment the Department for the good job they have done in mowing the roadsides in Cleburne County, which especially looked good after the last mowing in the fall, 1983. Now, if something could just be done with the thoughtless people that throw their litter out on the beautiful highways!

Sincerely,
John C. Hendricks
504 N. 5th St.
Heber Springs, AR 72543

March 19, 1984

Mr. Jim Harrison
c/o Arkansas State Highway Department
District Office
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901

Jim:

My thanks to you once again for assisting me recently after the loss of the rear wheel and axle of my Scout.

Thanks to your assistance, Mr. Parrish had my Scout in tow within 30 minutes from the time I lost the axle, and we were in Springdale with the Scout at the garage by 3:00 p.m. I couldn't ask for much better service than that.

Once again, my sincere thanks to you for stopping and assisting me.

Best regards,
David L. Powers
Hailey, Powers, Froning
Architects, Ltd.

April 21, 1984

Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

As we drive across Arkansas on Highway 40, we wish to express our thanks for clean roadsides, clean and well kept rest areas (slept at one) and practically non-existent bill boards. We've travelled New Hampshire, Texas, California, Washington, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arkansas.

This is our first such note. (Should have left one in Virginia!)

Sincerely,
Charlotte & Lawrence
Goldthwait

March 15, 1984

Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

Having parked our motor home in a rest area in your state, we decided that you would enjoy knowing that it was one of the nicest in our country. We appreciated being allowed the use of it for overnight parking.

Many thanks,
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Lewis
34173 Quaker Valley Ln.
Farmington Hills, MI

February 28, 1984

Mr. M.S. Smith, III
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Dept.
P.O. Box 6836
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Smith:

As Mayor of Dermott, I want to thank you for the population signs, which were recently erected on the highways leading into Dermott.

Also, I would like to thank you for your assistance whenever we require your Department's expertise.

Sincerely,
Eugene Farrell, Mayor

May 1, 1984

Arkansas Highway Department
Mr. J.R. Chaney
Batesville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Chaney:

On behalf of the people of Greers Ferry, the City Council and myself, I wish to extend our thanks and gratitude for bringing your work crew to help at the time of the March 15th tornado disaster.

Without your help and cooperation, we could not

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have handled all the problems we had to face due to this disaster.

It's people like you who help make our community a great place to live.

Thanks again.

Respectfully,
Wendell Treece, Mayor
City of Greers Ferry

April 16, 1984

Mrs. Sue Berry
Des Arc, Arkansas 72040

Dear Sue:

Your thoughtful assistance in helping solve our tire problem at the White River Rest Area was most sincerely appreciated.

I am a strong supporter of the Rest Area concept on all Arkansas highways, and it is the fine attitude of people like you that establishes the value of these facilities in the public mind.

Sincerely,
S.R. Nichols
Southern Compress Co.
N. Little Rock, AR

* Editor's Note: Sue Berry is the Rest Area Attendant at the White River Rest Area on I-40 in Prairie County.

March 31, 1984

Mr. Bob Barnett, Photogrammetry
Arkansas State Highway Department
P.O. Box 2261
Little Rock, AR 72203

Re: Aerial photos - NLR location

Dear Bob,

This is just a note to thank you for your courtesies and extended effort to secure the best photos for my needs this past week.

Nice people do nice things. You are one of the nicest.

Sincerely,
Tom Jones
2116 Middleton Dr.
N. Little Rock, AR 72116

April 30, 1984

Arkansas State Hwy. & Trans. Dept.
P.O. Box 2261
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Sirs:

I recently received a packet of materials from the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism that included a 1984 Highway Map of Arkansas. My compliments to the cartographers and your Department for an accurate and complete map that really puts my Rand McNally to shame.

Sincerely,
Rick VanHouten
Rt. 1 Box 260
Hughes, Arkansas 72348

RETIREMENTS

FEBRUARY 1984

- Cecil B. Lewis District 10
- Authur P. Cole District 10
- Warren G. Glenn District 10
- Charles L. Moore District 5
- Howard M. Stoebener, Jr. Traffic
- Raymond M. Turner District 6
- Jurl Wofford District 1
- Harry Williams District 6
- Raymond W. Jones Programs & Contracts
- A.W. "Dub" Looney Programs & Contracts

MARCH 1984

- Don L. Cox District 9
- Alice D. Dillin District 5
- James N. Dowell Legal
- Charlie V. Earnest District 2
- Earl C. Harkins District 6
- James E. Matthews Bridge Design
- Fred Medlock District 5
- John A. Pendergrass District 5
- W. Kenneth Rounsavall Programs & Contracts
- Anslie D. Simmons District 8
- Joyce D. Spencer Commission Secretary
- Albert Woods District 1
- Dale W. Anderson District 3
- Dee E. Edens District 9

APRIL 1984

- Sinclair Haller District 4
- Earl E. Hillis Traffic
- R. Berry Madison District 7
- William L. Moore District 1
- Harrison F. Oliver District 9
- W.E. "Bert" Rownd Maintenance
- V.D. Fielding District 4
- Adrian M. Young District 5
- Lucille B. Dishongh Construction
- James M. Wray District 9
- Edgar R. Raymond District 1
- Melvin Brown District 10

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

FEBRUARY 1984

30 Years
 Lowell E. Hardaway District 7
 Nolan E. Williams District 1

25 Years
 Frankie D. Dull District 3
 Thomas B. Keys Legal
 Percy D. Morton District 7

20 Years
 Charles R. Rain, Jr. Roadway Design
 George E. Reed District 3

15 Years
 Ralph J. Blackwell District 6
 Jackie N. Cunningham District 9
 Jimmy L. Fooks Right-of-Way
 Bill Herrington District 2
 Donald E. Hill District 8
 Ronald P. Jones District 8
 Jack G. Kerr District 6
 Billy J. McMillen District 9
 Wendell P. Murry District 3
 Delbert H. Pierce District 1
 William M. Sanders District 7
 Dual R. Schales Maintenance

10 Years
 Eltis B. Baker District 9
 Donald G. Cearley District 3
 Donald K. Davis District 1
 Gaylord C. Evans District 7
 Stephen L. Foster District 3
 Robert D. Hausam District 4
 Rickie G. Hogue District 2
 Phillip L. Huett District 5
 Earl G. McMahan District 7
 James R. Patton District 9
 Larry G. Wilkins District 6
 Frank B. Wilkinson District 4

5 Years
 Kenneth L. Booth District 9
 Melvin A. Bowen District 4
 Larkie L. Cobb District 6
 Frankie L. Gammel Surveys
 Teresa I. Maze District 4
 James M. Morgan District 5
 Jerry C. Morrow District 9
 George E. Myles Highway Police
 Roy L. Nelson District 2
 Ronald R. Poppleton District 10
 Carolyn A. Ray Highway Police
 Marvin K. Risley District 4
 James P. Spann District 6
 Clinton A. Taylor District 9
 Robert A. Thompson District 2
 Bobby J. Tuggle District 9
 Richard O. Young Maintenance

MARCH 1984

30 Years
 Bobby G. Hughes District 5

25 Years
 Paul H. Debusk, Jr. Roadway Design
 James E. Giles Right-of-Way
 Bob G. Kissinger Materials & Research
 Billy J. Montgomery District 10
 Roy T. Richmond District 5

20 Years

James R. Brown Highway Police
 Richard L. Butler Roadway Design
 William J. Harrod Traffic
 Arvin L. Shuffield District 6
 Charles E. Vance, Jr. District 7

15 Years

Meribeth W. Adney Programs & Contracts
 Roy W. Andrews District 2
 Jimmy E. Auld District 3
 Harold D. Beaver District 5
 Eulas R. Ervin District 10
 Ollie R. Gunn Highway Police
 Freddie L. Hall District 6
 Jerry M. Trotter District 4

10 Years

David L. Anderson Surveys
 Gary D. Anderson Right-of-Way
 Ronald W. Andrews District 1
 Steve W. Balch Highway Police
 Kenneth B. Cook District 6
 Lester L. Cupp Surveys
 Jessie L. Downie Permits
 James B. Fincher Highway Police
 Brenda G. Freeman District 4
 Harold L. Godwin Highway Police
 Gordon R. Hite District 7
 James M. Holt Equipment & Procurement
 Donald L. Matthews Right-of-Way
 Leslie McSwain Bridge Design
 Jackie G. Ninemire District 5
 Garry N. Price District 10
 Bill L. Raimer District 9
 John D. Taylor, Jr. Highway Police
 Harrison Turner District 1
 Lyndal M. Waits District 10
 Albert D. Wyers, III District 4

5 Years

Amon A. Belcher District 1
 Morris O. Bennett District 3
 Rodger D. Bridges District 2
 Robert L. Cagle Records & Reproduction
 Arlis G. Daniels District 9
 Larry S. Hickman District 8
 Cleveland Hopkins District 3
 Carl W. Imler District 10
 Donald G. Johnston District 10
 James R. Mansfield Safety
 Jerry C. Maples District 9
 Ronald L. Reynolds District 4
 Melton J. Ross District 6
 Ronnie L. Southerland District 6
 Haywood Tollever District 2

APRIL 1984

35 Years

George F. Ingle District 6
 Jack L. Keilch Accounting
 James L. Owens District 9

30 Years

John R. Bradley District 7
 John L. Carter District 1
 Frank M. Lemon Roadway Design
 John C. Owens District 1
 Alva G. Rives, Jr. District 8
 Guy T. Spears District 10

25 Years

John K. Busell District 7
 Patricia E. Koonce Fiscal Services
 Milan E. Miles District 2
 John W. Taunton Surveys
 Clotis D. Whitson District 4
 William H. Williams Right-of-Way

20 Years

William F. Blalock Traffic
 Louis Bramlett District 8
 Curtis D. Conner Planning
 Chester H. Jester Traffic
 Kenneth Jones Surveys
 Walter Mays District 1

15 Years

Henry Armstrong District 1
 Harold W. Blackwell District 10
 Calvin R. Castleberry District 6
 David M. Hammond District 6
 Jimmy R. Harrison District 4
 William G. Heffington Records & Repro.
 Daniel R. Lister District 4
 Thomas D. McCormick District 4
 Frank S. McKellar Highway Police
 Gary D. Scroggins District 8
 Stanley C. Smith District 7
 Ronald N. Withrow District 8
 Phyllis J. Womack Equipment & Proc.

10 Years

Wendell P. Blankenship District 7
 Louis Carter, Jr. District 9
 Willie B. Cooper District 7
 William D. Cox District 9
 Jerry Crawford District 10
 John S. Dailey Computer Services
 Ronald D. Elmore Highway Police
 James J. Epton District 6
 Freddie J. Ficht District 9
 Ronnie S. Glenn District 10
 Benny R. Henley District 2
 Bobby G. Kelley District 10
 Benjamin Parker District 6
 W.J. Phillips District 6
 Billy J. Rea District 9
 Ronald C. Sheethrum District 5
 Deward E. Smith District 8
 Stanley D. Sutterfield District 6
 James B. Taylor District 1
 Harold D. Turner District 5

5 Years

Ronald L. Barrow District 10
 Charles M. Bragg, Jr. Highway Police
 R.D. Brown District 3
 Thomas W. Cleghorn District 3
 Peter Coscia, Jr. District 9
 Floyd R. Cranford District 6
 James A. Doster District 6
 Essie M. Erwin Highway Police
 Ricky H. Flesher District 3
 Willie C. Gray District 1
 Daniel W. Howell District 5
 Bobby J. Irons District 3
 Keith Jones Planning
 Lewie B. Killebrew District 9
 James E. Martens District 6
 Steven S. McNeese District 6
 Coleman Nesbitt District 1
 Henry F. Smith District 4

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Border R. Tate District 5
 David L. Tenner District 6
 Gladys J. Wiley Highway Police
 Thomas A. Wingfield District 7

MAY 1984

30 Years

Edris H. Braswell District 9
 Harold S. Culdice District 9

25 Years

Francis M. Parker, Jr. District 9
 Mack Calvin Peevy Maintenance
 Epps Price District 5
 Cecil E. Short District 10
 Fred E. Williams Right-of-Way

20 Years

Joyce J. Barrett Right-of-Way
 Francis L. Lewis Highway Police
 Jimmy J. Parker District 7
 Edgar R. Raymond District 1

15 Years

Grover C. Carney Highway Police
 Kenneth M. Clark District 9
 Kenneth W. Eason District 4
 Gary D. Jordan District 8
 Robert L. Kendrick District 4
 Phillip L. McConnell Roadway Design
 Thomas H. McMurray District 3
 Robert C. Metcalf District 10

James A. Moudy District 8
 John R. Porter District 10
 Junior D. Priddy District 4
 Lynn A. Rand District 9
 Michael C. Schmalz District 4
 Odis D. Smith District 4
 James L. Steel District 2
 Carl D. Thompson District 6
 Donnie G. Walker District 9
 Sterling L. White District 10

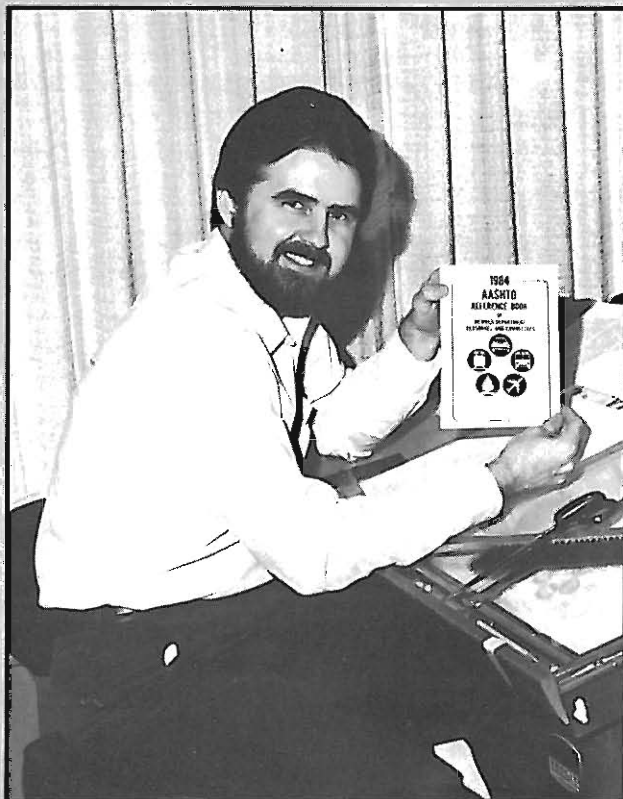
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Steven R. Arocha District 4
 Aubrey D. Beasley District 10
 Rex L. Boothe Right-of-Way
 Carolyn M. Bowden Public Affairs
 Everett L. Burr District 9
 George H. Cingolani District 2
 Robert W. Cox Planning
 Edward M. Croy District 10
 James L. Davidson District 6
 Herman L. Elder District 3
 James M. Glisson, Jr. District 9
 Arlin Godwin District 3
 Ralph H. Heckel District 9
 James M. Johnston District 8
 John A. Mizell District 4
 Willis T. Morehead District 5
 Herbert A. Moss District 5
 Phillip K. Norman District 1
 James E. Rye District 8
 Thomas E. Smith District 2

Granville J. Stuart District 4
 William J. Tramel District 8
 Larry E. Wheeler District 9
 Van D. Woosley District 1

5 Years

Lee Roy Bratton District 3
 David C. Brock District 8
 Danny W. Burnett District 6
 Eugene Cherry District 1
 Juanita L. Couch District 1
 John M. Cowen District 2
 Jesse A. Davis District 1
 Kevin L. Edgar District 10
 Roger D. Elder District 3
 Vernon Erwin District 10
 Alan D. Greenwood District 4
 Leslie H. Hall District 9
 Timothy C. Harris District 2
 Ralph E. Hawkins, Jr. Airplane Operator
 Ronnie L. Henderson District 8
 Ben E. Novak District 2
 Donald R. Pergeson District 4
 David H. Plugge Bridge Design
 Roy C. Ragland District 9
 William E. Roberts District 4
 John E. Robinson Traffic
 Willy G. Smith District 2
 Dennis W. Solee District 6
 Brent L. Thomason Materials & Research
 Raymond C. Walker District 4
 Ocie Williams District 1



NEWMAN'S DESIGN SELECTED BY AASHTO

A design submitted by Larry Newman of the Mapping and Graphics Section, Planning Division, has been selected for the cover of the 1984 AASHTO Reference Book.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), solicited design entries from the member states in 1983 and selected Newman's design for it's 1984 book.

Newman has been employed as a Commercial Artist for 10 years. He is responsible for the preparation of artwork, layout, and design of many of the publications produced by the Highway and Transportation Department. He has a degree in Art Education from Henderson State University.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE



Garry Kelley

We extend our sympathy to the family of Patrolman First Class Garry A. Kelley, of North Little Rock who passed away May 1, 1984.

Pfc. Kelley was employed by the Arkansas Highway Police since July 9, 1981. Prior to employment with the AHTD, Kelley was a deputy for the Pulaski County Sheriff's office for eight years.



Seth Mooring Weinberg

Congratulations to Jan and Cheryl Weinberg on the birth of their first son. Seth Mooring Weinberg was born January 8, 1984 weighing 8 pounds. Jan is a Sergeant with the Highway Police stationed in North Little Rock and Cheryl is employed by the Pulaski County Schools.

BRIDGE DESIGN

Congratulations to Gary Ashley on his promotion to staff bridge design engineer. He is replacing Jim Matthews who recent-

ly retired as design squad leader. Gary is a graduate civil engineer from the University of Arkansas and has been with the Department 15 years. He was one of the first design engineers to utilize the Load Factor method of design. Arkansas was one of the first states in the Nation to adopt the use of the Load Factor method. The first major project was the Highway 65-Pine Bluff Railroad Overpass. Gary was also involved in the redesign of the I-630/I-30 Interchange structures and is presently designing the new structures for the I-55/I-40 Interchange near West Memphis. Gary's new responsibilities will also include the design of the replacement of the superstructure for the Edgemont Bridge at Greers Ferry. He is a native of Melbourne. Gary and his wife Brenda have two sons, Jason and Kevin.

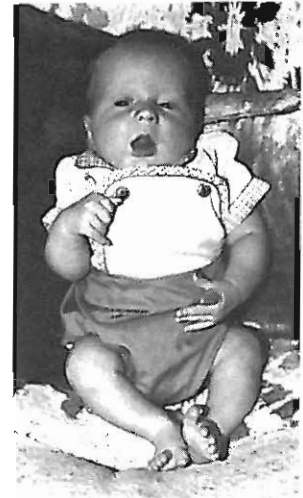
We have really missed Jim Matthews since his retirement from the Department in March. Alice Dong, our boss Veral Pinkerton, and Lucille Dishongh planned a coffee here in the office. Jim's wife, Mini, came and many friends stopped by to wish him luck. We also had a Roast and Toast at a local restaurant which was a big success. Alice Dong was master of ceremonies introducing the roasters and toasters. Besides Jim's family, Mini, son Jimmy and wife Janet, and daughter Mary Sage and husband James, other very special guests were: Mr. & Mrs. L.P. Carlson, Betty and Harold Claude, A.J. "Doc" Bonner, John and Flo Hall, Frank and Helen Battisto, and Cindy Kirkendall. Everyone really had a great time.

We want to welcome Betsy Kimmel to Bridge Design. She is a structural detailer in Gary Ashley's design squad. Betsy comes to us from Traffic Division. She and her husband have two children Jay, 2½ years old, and Laura, one year.

Harold McNeely and his wife Joy are the new parents of Matthew born April 19, 1984. Congratulations! They have another son, David, almost three.

Bridge Design was well represented in the Diet Pepsi 10-K. J.P. Sumner, Mike Coogen, Glenn Cheatham, Debbie Gross, and Dale Loe started stringent training back in February and it paid off. All finished the race and enjoyed the run.

We also want to welcome Mike Jones who is a recent graduate engineer of the University of Arkansas. He is a native of



Matthew Harold McNeely

Jacksonville and likes the outdoors, fishing and hunting. Glad to have you, Mike.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Lucille Dishongh, Construction Division Secretary, retired in March after 38 years of service with the Department. She had worked continuously in the Construction Division since starting in January of 1946.



Lucille Dishongh & Norman Pumphrey

A reception in her honor was held in the Commission Room where she and her husband "Dish" greeted almost 400 co-workers and friends. Among those attending was former Governor Orvil Faubus who had served as Director and on the Commission.

Norman Pumphrey, Construction Engineer, presented to her a Certificate of Recognition signed by Governor Bill Clinton and a silver tray from associates in the Department. She also received many gifts and flowers from other friends.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Our sympathy was extended to Vershall Roy on the death of his mother, Mrs. Ethel Roy, and a memorial in her memory was given to his church.

Jim Gee was promoted to Assistant Maintenance Engineer and Ralph Hall has joined us as Assistant Construction Engineer. A joint party was held in their honor and refreshments were served.

Everyone who knows Ron Price knows how he loves to fish. To prove his prowess, he brought pictures of the 24-lb. catfish he caught in Lake Conway.

Congratulations to Norman Pumphrey on becoming a grandfather. Clint was born in LaFayette, Indiana where his parents, Norman, Jr. and Anita make their home while "Butch" is working on his Ph.D. at Purdue University.

We welcome Linda Chivers as our new Division Secretary and in her honor had coffee and donuts. She and her husband Charles have 3 children and make their home in Benton.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Our congratulations to Mike Shaw upon his promotion to Assistant Division Head of Computer Services.

In April, John Dailey received recognition for completion of ten years of service with the Department. Presentation of a ten-year pin and Certificate of Service was made by Mike Shaw. Congratulations, John.

During "Secretary's Week" in April, Fay Sullivan was presented a beautiful corsage and potted plant. Also, a surprise potluck luncheon was held to commemorate the occasion.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT



Candy Brookins

Candy Brookins, our COE student for the fall, graduated May 19, 1984. She was a Vice President for the Spanish Club and in FBLA. She plans to continue working at the Professor Bowl for another year before going to college.

Our congratulations goes out to Phyllis Womack for completing 15 years with the Department. Our office took her out to eat at El Chico's to celebrate.

INTERNAL AUDIT



Matthew & Clayton Willis

Hugh P. Murray, Asst. Chief Auditor became a proud grandfather when his identical twin grandsons arrived on October 31, 1983, weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces each. As you can see the boys are cute and healthy. They are now five months old and weigh about 16 pounds each. Their parents are William and Donna Willis of Hot Springs.



This lovely young lady pictured is Robin Renee Mitcham, daughter of Hugh and Louise Murray. Robin is a senior this year and is serving as Captain of the Stepperettes. She will graduate from Watson Chapel High School in May. Her

future plans include working for a local bank in Pine Bluff and a health spa part-time. Congratulations, Robin.

MATERIALS AND RESEARCH

Congratulations are due to Alan Meadors of the Research Section on his marriage to Liane Sutton March 31 at the First United Methodist Church in Cherry Valley. Liane is a physical therapist at Arkansas Children's Hospital. The couple spent their honeymoon in Florida (supposedly) on the beach.



Liane Meadors

Congratulations to Rosie and Bob Simms. They are the proud grandparents of a beautiful baby boy, Colby Bruce Cummings. Colby was born to their daughter, Patsy, and husband, Billy at Conway County Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds even and was 20 inches long. Both mother and son are doing fine.

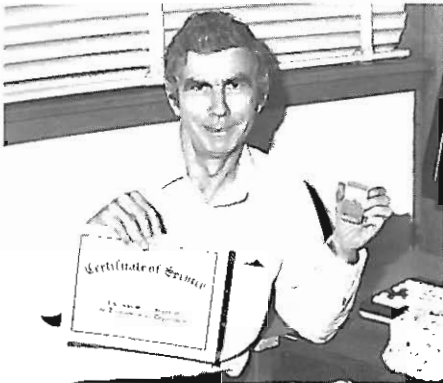


Colby Bruce Simms

Mike Sebren spent three days in Phoenix, Arizona at a meeting of The Association of Asphalt Paving Technologist. He learned a lot and had a great time.

PERMITS

Congratulations to Jess Downie who received his 10 year Certificate of Service. Jess came to our office from the Western Union Telegraph Company and has proved to be a valuable employee. Jess and wife Shirlene have a new grandson. Ian Keith Chumney was born on Good Friday, April 20, 1984 and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. His parents are Lora and Keith Chumney.



Jess Downie



Ian Keith Chumney

Angela Blackwell attended a coffee at the Governor's Mansion, which honored March of Dimes' Volunteers. She also visited her brother, Ben Vick, who lives in San Francisco and had a great time.

PLANNING

Statewide Planning would like to welcome Tammy Willis as the new Section Secretary. Tammy transferred from the Right-of-Way Division and has been with the Department for eight years. She is married to Wayne Willis and they have two sons, Chad, age 9 and Scotty, age 4.

Mark Evans recently transferred from the Mapping and Graphics Section to District 2 in Pine Bluff, leaving almost a year to the day that he started in this section. Mark's work was very much

appreciated and he will be missed. We wish Mark much success in his new job.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) selected, for the cover of the "1984 AASHTO Reference Book", a cover design submitted by Larry Newman of the Mapping and Graphics Section. Larry's design was submitted from entries submitted in a national cover design contest, sponsored by AASHTO in 1983. We want to congratulate Larry on his accomplishment.

Karen Delaine Boyles and Royce Williams Grimes, Jr. were married April 27, 1984 in a chapel ceremony at Temple Baptist Church by Rev. M.E. Childers. Karen is the daughter of Marilyn Boyles of Technical Services section in Planning Division. Marilyn feels that she did not lose a daughter, but gained a son! Best wishes to all!



Mr. & Mrs. Royce Grimes, Jr.

John Milliken is back with us from the hospital and feeling better than he has in years. We are glad to have you back John! We missed you and your good humor.

Debbie Barclay has a new baby. This one has four legs though, and arrived by air - airplane that is, not stork! She has a 14 pound baby Boykin Spaniel which is 15 weeks old.

Technical Services has a brand new look. Partitions break up the office giving everyone their own area. It took some getting used to, but things are beginning to settle down. Polly Cloud says, "Different, but nice." Mildred Galt says, "Jim did a great job."

Tonya Musial has finally gotten her new Honda CRX after waiting four and a half months! Tonya, was it worth the wait?

Congratulations to Laura DeBro and John Carter who were married in May. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon on the beautiful island of Jamaica.

There are six people we would like to recognize in the Planning Division. They are Mark Frazier, Marilyn Boyles, Denver Duncan, Jesse Meabon, Doyle Hughes and G.G. Bosley. These people were presented awards for not using one day of sick leave in three (3) years. We would like to congratulate them on this achievement.



Left to Right: Mark Frazier, Marilyn Boyles, Denver Duncan, Jesse Meabon, Doyle Hughes and G.G. Bosley

PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTS

We said "Goodbye" to three of our employees this spring. Dub Looney and Raymond Jones officially retired in March. Ken Rounsavall, who due to his illness, took disability retirement in February. All of us enjoyed a very nice dinner/retirement party in early March at Coy's Steak House to honor these three.



Retirement Party for Ken Rounsavall, Dub Looney & Raymond Jones

Our program was a "Roast" of the three retirees with everyone having their

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turn at each of them. In all fairness, we had to give Ken, Dub and Raymond "rebuttal" time and they got each of us back for what we said about them. Everyone had a grand time. We sure miss them all.

In addition to honoring retirees, Mr. Holland presented Millie Houston with her 20-year service award certificate and pin and Marvin Staton with his 15-year certificate.

Due to these retirements, we have had a number of promotions and additions in our Division. Tommy Littleton was promoted to Federal Aid and Contracts Engineer to replace Raymond Jones; Stan Glover was hired to replace Tommy Littleton in the Programming and Scheduling Section of this Division; Roy Douglas was promoted to Construction Cost Estimator replacing Dub Looney; Judy Fort was promoted to Federal Aid and Contracts Technician replacing Roy and we welcome our newest member, Mary Sanders who transferred from Right-of-Way (Appraisal Section) and was promoted to Division Section Secretary of our Division to replace Judy at the typing desk. Congratulations are in order for all of these people, as well as to our retirees.

Congratulations are also in order to several spring graduates. Mr. Holland's son, Russ, graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in December with a Master's Degree in Marketing and daughter, Polly, graduated in May from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Jim Garrett's daughter, Sara, graduated from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro with a degree in Elementary Education. Our Division's COE student, Tammy Goshien, graduated from Mills High School in May. She has been with our Division all year and we hope to be able to have her back for the summer months.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

We'd like to welcome back Johnnie Gray. Johnnie returned to work in the Photo Lab in April after being out to recover from quadruple heart bypass surgery. Johnnie says he's as good as new and is walking three miles a day to stay in shape.

Carolyn Bowden had surgery on May 7, which was her birthday. She said it was one birthday she won't ever forget.

Carolyn's absence from the office came just as it was time to begin work on this issue of the magazine. Ruth Edmondson, EEO Section Secretary, filled in and did all of the typesetting for this magazine.

Larry Newman, from the Mapping and Graphics Section, Planning Division, was called on to do the layout and design for the magazine.

Both Ruth and Larry had to squeeze in this additional duty while keeping up with their regular responsibilities. Those of us in the Public Affairs Office certainly appreciate their help.

Public Affairs Officer Bill Looney took a week off in early May to sun on the beach in Florida. He and his wife, Charlene, came back to report that not one drop of rain fell the whole week.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

There is always something interesting going on in the Public Transportation Unit. It's like Arkansas' weather, stick around for a full day and you are bound to discover something you like.

We have one new employee, Terry Pearson, transferred in from Materials and Research Division to work with the Rural and Small Urban Public Transportation Program. Terry is excited about this move and we are pleased to have him with us.

Chester Willis has retired after 30 years service, though not willingly. His retirement was because of his doctor's orders. We all wish Chester the very best in his retirement and we will all miss him.

Betty Wiggins underwent surgery on her eyes and hopefully will be able to count the eyelashes on a gnat from a hundred yards away. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Birthdays were celebrated by our own Sharon Bowen and Ronnie Smith. The

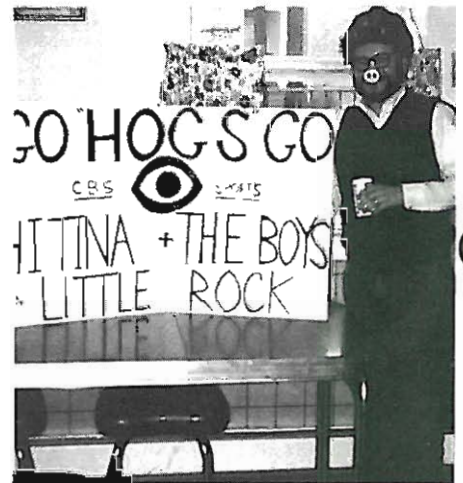


Martha Rebecca Shaw

office had Twinkies and Kool-Aid in their honor.

Ronnie Smith became a grandpa on February 24, 1984. Her name was Martha Rebecca Shaw and she weighed 7 pounds. Mother and baby are doing fine and Grandpa Smith is beaming happily.

John Bodiak recently took two vacations back to back. He first drove to Perth Amboy, New Jersey to visit his relatives. Mr. Bodiak attended the NCAA tournament to "rout" for the Hogs. We are led to believe that a large portion of the Razorbacks basketball team's success is due to the cheering and support of people like Mr. Bodiak. Then they drove to Shreveport to visit Tina's (his wife) relatives. John's statement upon returning to work was that he still prefers Arkansas to be his home.



John Bodiak

It looks like it's going to be a busy summer for PT personnel. Softball games, bream fishing, camping, aerobics, and enjoying the beauty of Arkansas has all of us in their grasp.

RADIO

Congratulations to Dual Schales upon his completion of 15 years of service in the Radio Section. Cal Porterfield, Section Head, presented Dual with his 15-year Certificate of Award and pin. Cake and coffee were served to celebrate the occasion.

Ronald Jackson was honored with a going away party with mixed emotions. Ron, who was our evening Radio Operator, resigned to accept a Civil Service position with the 189th Air Refueling Group. Ron is in the Air National Guard in the same Group. He plans to complete



Cal Porterfield & Dual Schales



Ronald Jackson



Kelly Dallas

his education at Arkansas College of Technology. Congratulations, Ron, and the best of luck!

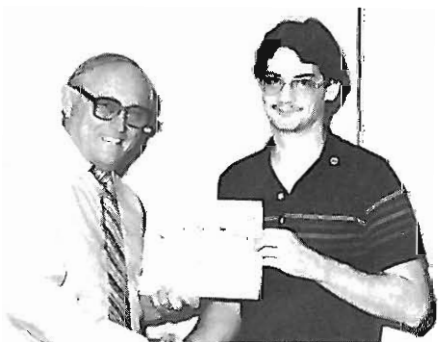
We are happy to have Kelly Dallas as our new evening Radio Operator. Kelly will be attending UALR and plans to become a respirator therapist. Kelly enjoys all sports - football being his favorite. He likes to bow and gun hunt as well as fish. Welcome to AHTD, Dallas!

RECORDS AND REPRODUCTION

Congratulations to Jerry Heffington who received his 15-year pin and Service Certificate on April 26. The Section had a delicious potluck in his honor. Also, congratulations to Robert Cagle who received his 5-year pin and Service Certificate on March 22. We wish these two employees much luck and hope to have them at AHTD many more years.



Jerry Heffington & Al Dunn



Al Dunn & Robert Cagle

Vonda Shell's husband, Greg, has killed two wild turkeys this season weighing 19½ pounds and 18 pounds and having 11 inch and 10½ inch beards.



Jo Jo Oliver

Marty Oliver's daughter, Jo-Jo, played AAU Basketball in the Junior Olympics and is now playing softball for Salem Senior Girls. Jo-Jo is the Senior Homecoming Maid at Glen Rose.

Jerry Heffington, who does beautiful pen and ink drawings, has been participating in quite a few arts and crafts shows. The most recent was Toadsuck Days held at Conway. He will be attending Riverfest in Fort Smith May 17-20 and participating in many others during the rest of the year.

We wanted to let you see updated pictures of Pete Escarre's two grandchildren. Pictured are Kortnee Beth Bright who celebrated her first birthday April 26 and Brian Thomas Mathis who was one year old April 20. Aren't they precious!



Kortnee Beth Bright



Brian Thomas Mathis

Pat Latson's daughter, Tareesa, pleasantly surprised her family by coming home a month earlier than expected from Australia where she has been for 9 months doing mission work in the Hawksbury Christian Center near Sydney, Australia. She is pictured with her favo-

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rite animal, the Koala Bear.

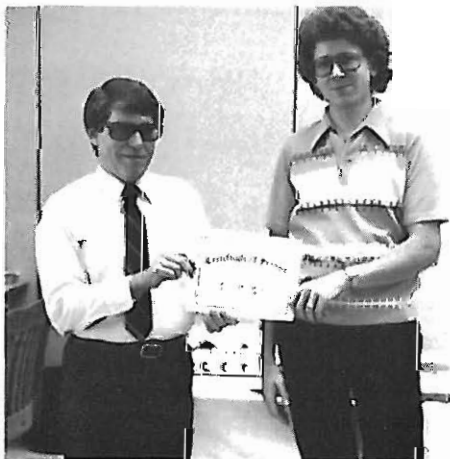


Tareesa Latson

RIGHT OF WAY

Congratulations to Arthur and Betty Watt on the birth of their third grandchild Elizabeth Keturah who was born on April 30 at Doctor's Hospital. "Katy" weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. The parents are Tom and Debbie Watt. Katy has an older brother, Andy, who is six years old. Authur and Betty's other granddaughter was born on January 9 to their son Randy and wife Linda at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Congratulations also to Dick Lucas who was appointed by the Pulaski County School Board to the District's first Planning Steering Committee. The committee will be studying all phases of the district operation and prepare a planning document for six year long-range goals.



Fred Williams & Gary Anderson

Gary Anderson, Advanced Plans Designer in the Engineering Section, was presented his 10-year Certificate of Award and pin on April 6, 1984, by Fred Williams, Section Head. Cake and punch were served in his honor.

We were very sorry to lose Linda Chivers, Section Secretary in the Acquisition Section and Mary Sanders, General Secretary in the Appraisal Section. Linda transferred to Construction where she is the Division Secretary and Mary transferred to Programs and Contracts where she is a Division Section Secretary. We will miss both of these girls but we are very happy for them and would like to extend our congratulations again.

Our condolence to Glendol and Geraldine Jackson in the loss of Geraldine's father, Floyd Green of Benton.

TRAFFIC

We would like to welcome Bobbie Collins, Eddie Herndon, Eddie Howard, Cheri Pounders, Jack Upshaw and David Williams to our Division.

Earl Hillis, Senior Accountant of our Division, retired in February after 34 years of service.

Our congratulations go to Billy Harrod for completing 20 years of service in March. Frank Blalock and Chester Jester both completed 20 years of service in April.

Bert Porterfield was promoted from Sign Maker I to Sign Layout Specialist, Louise Watts was promoted from Division Section Secretary to Division Secretary and Gale Davis was promoted from Accountant II to Senior Accountant. Congratulations to you all!

Steve Sparrow and Tamara Gale Combs were united in marriage on March 31st at College Church of Chirst in Searcy. Best wishes to you both.



John H. Greene

John H. Greene, whose only hobby outside of work is to fish, decided to try his luck again on March 31st. Lake Hamilton was the setting and the "big catch" turned out to be a stripped bass.

We were sorry to lose Loyce Billingsley, Ricky Hoskinds and Clifford Taylor. Steve Sparrow transferred to the White County Area Headquarters and Melton Clark transferred to District 8. We wish them all the best of luck.

DISTRICT ONE

Pictured with their safety awards are several crews of which District One is very proud. Some of these crews have gone as high as six years without an accident. Safety awards were presented at a meeting at District Headquarters by District Engineer, Ray Woodruff. James Mansfield, head of the Safety Office, was present to offer his congratulations. The following crews received one-year certificates: Rick Owens, West Memphis Residency; Roy Morris and the St. Francis County Maintenance Crew; Jasper Riley's District Wide Bridge Crew; Jack Lindley's District Wide Sealing Crew; Oliver Akins, and the District Shop. Jimmy Goad's District Wide Sign Crew received a two-



St. Francis Co. Maintenance Crew



District Wide Bridge Crew



District Wide Sealing Crew



District Shop Crew



District Wide Sign Crew



Phillips County Maintenance Crew



Monroe County Maintenance Crew

year award. Bobby Weatherford and the Phillips County Maintenance Crew received an award for three years. Claude Dunne, West Helena Residency; John Watkins, Wynne Residency, and Rodney Hicks' Monroe County Maintenance Crew received six-year awards. All of these crews are to be commended for their efforts in being safety conscious.

On April 6, a combination service award and retirement party was held in the District Shop to honor some of our long time employees and recent retirees. Recognized for 15 years of service were Roger Cheney, Ronald



Herbert Watlington, Luther Ross, Delbert Pierce, Loyd McFall, Jimmy Turner, Ronald Dunigan, Roger Cheney



Thomas Martin & Eddie Ennis



Calvin George, J.F. Ashby, W.F. Russell



Noten Williams & Jack Lindley

Dunigan, Loyd McFall, Delbert Pierce, Luther Ross, Jimmy Turner and Herbert Watlington; 20 years Eddie Ennis and Thomas Martin; 25 years J.F. Ashby, W.F. Russell and C.W. George; 30 years Jack Lindley and Nolen Williams.

Our recent retirees were presented various gifts by the crews on which they had worked. Those honored were Freeman Bishop, 15 years with Crittenden County; Alfred Crumley, 24 years with the District Shop; Jay Mathis, 10 years with the District Shop; W.L. "Dub" Moore, 31 years with the Sealing Crew; R.P. McFadden, 14 years with the Dis-



Dub Moore, Kenneth Perry, Jurl Wofford, Albert Woods, Herman Potter & Alfred Crumley

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trict Wide Construction Crew; Kenneth Perry, 17 years in Woodruff County; Herman Potter, 29 years of service in Phillips County; Hardin Shuberte, 22 years in Crittenden County; Everett West, 17 years with the District Wide Bridge Crew; Jurl Wofford, 14 years of service in St. Francis County; and Albert Woods, 14 years with the District Wide Bridge Crew.

Our latest CPR class was held in February with seven employees completing the requirements. They were J.C. Keen, Larry Hall, Billy Haycraft, Joey Muscalino, Ricky Hudson, J.R. Proctor, and James Waggle.



CPR Course In Full Swing



CPR Students In Deep Thought

To prove CPR classes are worthwhile, special recognition was given one of our employees, James R. "Buck" Wilkins on April 25. Mr. James Mansfield, Safety Officer, Cliff Shepard, Delaney Kinchen with the Labor Department, and a representative from the American Red Cross presented Buck with plaques signed by Governor Bill Clinton, and Highway Director Henry Gray for Buck's efforts in administering CPR to Sealing Job Superintendent, Jack Lindley, who suf-

fered a heart attack on February 2. This incident occurred while they were both on top of an asphalt tank. After giving Jack CPR, Buck then radioed for an ambulance which took Jack to Memphis to the Baptist Hospital.

We are glad to report that both Jack and Buck survived this ordeal, and Jack is expected to return to work in the near future after having had bypass surgery and a valve implant.

Congratulations to Buck for a job well done.

DISTRICT TWO

We always hate to say goodbye to friends, but after 29 years one of our favorite people has retired. Maintenance Job Superintendent Joe Hays was well known by everyone. During his service with the Department, Joe also held the job as Area Foreman in Jefferson County. Joe and his wife Helen have a daughter Barbie and a son Joey. His fellow employees honored him with a reception and presented him with several gifts including a "muzzle loader" that will come in handy during deer season. He was always known as a super deer hunter and remembered for his "good cooking". On several occasions we had the pleasure of sampling his cooking and we don't want him to forget us now. Everyone wishes him a lot of good wishes and best of health in his retirement.



Joe Hays

Receiving service awards recently were Roy L. Nelson, Truck Driver in Jefferson County; Robert A. Thompson, Motor Patrol Operator in Jefferson County; Haywood Tooliver, Truck Driver in Chicot County; and Roger Bridges, Lead Person in Jefferson County for five years.

Also recognized were Rickie G. Hogue, Front End Loader Operator in Desha County for ten years, Roy W. Andrews, Truck Driver in the Sealing Crew and Bill Herrington, Finish Carpenter, Bridge Crew for fifteen years. Shown in the picture is Milan E. Miles, Dozer Operator in the Sealing Crew and his Foreman, Joe Akin and District Engineer Sam Smith receiving his 25-year certificate.



Joe Akin, M.D. Miles & Sam Smith

During the month of December, a couple in Splendora, Texas experienced the birth of their second child. Bobby and Teresa Harrison were on their way to the hospital in Humble, but due to the heavy traffic weren't able to make it in time. Their baby was three weeks overdue and at 6:00 a.m. they started racing to the hospital, but the baby won the race. Lyndsey Louise arrived in this world weighing 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Needless to say that by the time they arrived at the hospital for the attendants to cut the umbilical cord, both parents were shaken up by the events. The proud grandfather, Jason Harrison, is employed at the District Shop. Jason reported that the mother and child were doing well and went home December 19th to celebrate Christmas with the best present of all, a new baby girl.



Lyndsey Louise Harrison



District Office Ladies

During National Secretary Week, the ladies in the office were treated to a special cake for them in appreciation of all the hard work they do. Shown in the picture are Ouida Grimes, Helen Kennedy, Rebecca Rinchuso, Stefanie Hawkins, Jan Wilson and Melanie Owen.

The Maintenance Crew of the Month winner for the month of January was Lincoln County and the Foreman, Richard Morgan. Arkansas County Crew at DeWitt and their Foreman Clinton Bohannon won the award for the Crew of the Month for March. There was a tie for the crew of the Month for April, Ashley County, Foreman Jim Johnson and Lincoln County, Richard Morgan. These have all done a fine job.



Richard Morgan & Sam Smith



Sam Smith & Clinton Bohannon

Safety awards for 1983 were presented recently. The award for four safe years went to Monticello Engineers and Resident Engineer Mike Thompson. For three perfect years the recipients were Claudie Lovell's Crew, the Bridge Crew, District Sign Crew and Pine Bluff Engineers and Resident Engineer Van Bratton, the McGehee Resident Engineer and Resident Engineer Max Bagwell had 2 years awarded. For one year of safety Drew County Crew and R.L. Brantley; Lincoln County Crew and Richard Morgan; Arkansas County Crew at Stuttgart and Scarler Lyons; and the Sealing Crew and Joe Akin received awards. We appreciate their dedication in their work.

Someone we, know had a birthday. We wanted to get something he would like and he's hard to please so we contracted a "stripper" to entertain. It was a party everyone seemed to enjoy.

We ran across an old and I do mean "old" picture, and thought someone might know these employees. They are still around today. The answers will be in the next publication.



Guess Who?

We have a new District Receptionist, Jan Wilson. Jan was formerly employed as the District Parts Runner since November 1983. She is a native of California and has been in Arkansas since 1977.



Jan Wilson

She tells us that this is really a neat job. Although sometimes she seems quiet, she is a lot of fun and has a good sense of humor.

Also shown in the picture is Joe Akin trying to pass the CPR class. Joe you did a good job.



Joe Akin

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: B.J. Irons, Ricky Flesher, Thomas Cleghorn and R.D. Brown for 5 years; S.L. Foster, D.G. Cearley, for 10 years; Wendell Murry for 15 years; G.E. Reed for 20 years; and Frankie Dull for 25 years.

District Three's Annual Service Award Presentations were held on March 9, 1984. Mr. Ron Harrod, Commissioner, was our special guest speaker and also made the presentation of awards to the following: 30-year certificates were presented to Elmer Clark, Hempstead County Crew, Robert Skinner, District Bridge Crew, James W. Clark, District Construction Crew, and Cleo Qualls, Montgomery County Crew. A 25 year service certificate was presented to Leroy Ray of the Texarkana Residency.



C.H. Mitchell, E.M. Clark, Robert Skinner, Leroy Ray, C.G. Qualls, Ron Harrod and James Clark.

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Mr. C.R. Shorty Carlton and Mr. H.G. Miller, both retirees, received a Public Relations Certificate.



H.G. Miller & C.R. "Shorty" Carlton

On February 10, 1984, District Three had their Annual Safety Award Presentations. Mr. James Mansfield and Duane Sowell were special guests. Hermit Vestal, Spring Bank Ferry Supervisor was presented with a Safety Certificate for 7 years and Ken Harris, Nashville Residency was presented a Safety Certificate for 6 years. Others receiving Safety Certificates were C.O. Adams, District Shop; K.D. Kidd, District Construction Crew; C.R. Garner, Texarkana Residency; R.Z. Price, Hope Residency; Leroy



Hermit Vestal



Ken Harris & C.H. Mitchell

Zachry, Howard County Crew; David Carmack, Montgomery County Crew; K.E. Cowart, Pike County Crew; Robert Skinner, District Bridge Crew; J.W. Barham, District Wide Operators and John Thompson, District Sign Crew.

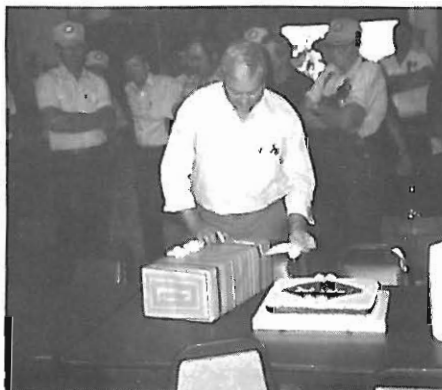
After 28 years of service with the Department, A.A. Hodges, District Wide Dozer Operator, retired on April 23, 1984. Cake and punch were served at the District Office and some of his fellow employees presented him with a rod and reel which I am sure he will put to good use. Congratulations, Ab! We certainly wish you a happy retirement.



A.A. Hodges

Congratulations are in order for Gloria Candelaria, Field Clerk in the Texarkana Residency. On March 4, 1984, her daughter Evelyn and son-in-law Duma presented her with her first grandchild. Duma Jared Sims weighed 7 pounds 2½ ounces. Also Gloria's daughter, Marcia, was fourth runner-up in the Miss Texarkana Pageant.

During National Secretary Week, our boss, Mr. Mitchell, took all the office girls out to lunch which we enjoyed very much. We took the opportunity to present him with an engraved desk set to show our appreciation to him for being such a great boss and because he is leaving



C. H. Mitchell

us and going to the Central Office at Little Rock as Division Head for Surveys.

On Thursday evening, May 3, 1984, a fish fry was held in the District Shop for all the District employees to be able to visit with Mr. Mitchell and say our farewells to him. On May 10, 1984, he was transferred to Little Rock as Division Head for Surveys. He has been a great boss and in our appreciation to him, the District Three employees presented him with a .22 caliber Ruger Pistol with a stainless steel barrel and interchangeable .22 magnum cylinder, a leather holster and two boxes of shells. We surely do hate to see him go, but we wish him all the best in his new job.

Hershel Patterson, District Service Station Supervisor, and his wife recently took a trip to Isreal and Egypt and other points of interest. Hershel reports that he had a great trip, but he picked up a sore throat on the trip. He could hardly talk when they returned.



Hershel Patterson

DISTRICT FOUR

Spring...it's out there, you just have to look for it...and look for it. We didn't



Bradley Charles Jett

have to look far for more on Bradley Charles Jett, son of Office Manager Ray Jett. He celebrated his first birthday February 17, 1984, with a face full of cake and ice cream, now that's enjoyment.

On February 10, 1984, safety certificates were presented to Tom McCormick, Crew Leader, Franklin County, accepting for Cletis Whitson, Area Foreman, Darrell Roper, Logan County Area Foreman, Leo Seal, Job Superintendent, Jearl Baker, Polk County Area Foreman and Mark Williams, Sebastian I Area Foreman. Our congratulations to these guys and their crews for thinking and acting safely.



McCormick, Roper, Seal, Baker, Williams

Aubrey Bowen, Mechanic at the District Shop, received his five year certificate of service. Our congratulations to Aubrey.



Aubrey Bowen

Our CPR Instructors, Kit Core, District Permit Officer and Mark Williams, Sebastian I Area Foreman, recently completed an instructor update at the Department of Labor in Little Rock. They also instructed a CPR class in April for the Inter-Agency Program

which was a real success. These two guys really deserve a lot of credit for all the extra time and effort they put out for this program. Thanks fellows, we appreciate it.

Ken Benson, CE II in the Van Buren Residency, has been awarded a one year fellowship by the FHWA. Ken will be attending the University of Arkansas starting this fall to work toward his Master's Degree. Mike Benson, Ken's nephew, who worked several summers at the Springdale Resident Engineer's Office while attending the University of Arkansas, is now a lieutenant (j.g.) in the U.S. Navy. He is currently the



Jennifer Renee Johnston



Christopher David Johnston



Amy Nichole Johnston

Resident Engineer in charge of several multi-million dollar construction contracts at Shaw Air Force Base, Myrtle Beach and Columbia, South Carolina.

Buck Johnston, Inspector in the Van Buren Residency, wants to show off his grandchildren - as any proud grandfather would. Jennifer Renee Johnston, celebrated her third birthday January 31, 1984. Christopher David Johnston, who was born January 12, 1984, weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. Their parents are Paula and David Johnston of Fort Smith. Amy Nichole Johnston was born February 17, 1984, weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 20½ inches long. Her parents are Jeanine and Terry Johnston of Van Buren.

On March 14, 1984, a retirement party was held at the Waldron Maintenance Headquarters for U.D. "Jeff" Fielding, shown with his wife Marie. Jeff has been with the Department for sixteen years and two months. Jeff received a nice rod and reel and told everyone to keep the grease hot because he would be bringing home the fish. We all want to wish Jeff the very best.



Jeff & Marie Fielding

On Friday, April 13, 1984, the Polk County Crew had a fishing tournament at Lake Gilliam. Gene Roberts won the biggest bass (10 inches), Gary Richmond won the biggest crappie (1 pound) and Calvin Smith won with the most pounds (4 pounds). As you can see, it was not the best of days for fishing. Other members of the crew that participated in this aquatic harvest were Hershall Henry, Jearl Baker, Mel Heath and Stanley Arocha. All the fish caught went toward the annual fish fry held in May.

We would like to welcome Rita Curry to the crew. Rita transferred to us from the Mena Residency. We were all very much saddened by the loss of our co-

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worker and dear friend Jim Ralls, Motor Patrol Operator in the Polk County Crew. He will be missed by all of us.

News from the Springdale Resident Engineer's Office...we've married off just about everyone. There is one wedding we'd like to announce, on their 1st Anniversary, that of Phyllis (Markey), Field Clerk and Micheal Leonard, former Construction Aide. They were married April 29, 1983, by Glen Faulkner, Senior Inspector and Reverend. It was a small in-home wedding with Phyllis' children, John and Janell, serving as attendants. It has been one very happy year in the Leonard household and we do wish them many more. Since the "groom" is opposed to being in the news, we've included a photo of the kids.



John & Janell Markey

Gerald Stockton, Resident Office Technician and wife Wilma celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary April 17th, congratulations.

Five in our crew received certificates of service from Leon Brewer, Resident Engineer. They were Teresa Maze, Senior Construction Aide; Don Thomas, Con-



Brewer, Maze, Thomas, Nichols

struction Aide; and Dean Nichols, Construction Field Engineer. Not pictured is Ron Reynolds, Construction Aide. All received certificates for 5 years and Bob Hausam, Senior Construction Materials Inspector received his 10 year award. Our congratulations to all for their fine service to the Department. Don Thomas also gained a new daughter-in-law when son Donald Lee wed Shari Harris on March 31, 1984. Our very best wishes to them.

Jim Barker, Inspector with the Mena Residency, bagged an 18 pound turkey in April. I heard a lot of turkey call practice around the District, but Jim is the only one admitting to success.



Jim Barker

DISTRICT FIVE

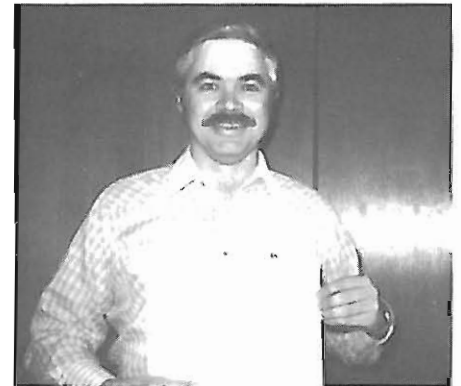
Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service with the Department: Bobby G. Hughes, 30 years; Roy T. Richmond, 25 years; Harold D. Beaver, 15 years; Phillip L. Huett, Jackie G. Niemire, Ronald C. Sheetrum, Harold D. Turner, 10 years; James M. Morgan, Daniel W. Howell, and Borden R. Tate, 5 years.



Bobby Hughes



Roy T. Richmond



Harold D. Beaver

On March 30th, the District employees gave a retirement party for C.L. Bradberry, Maintenance Superintendent, who retired with 30 years of service. Pictured with Brad are his wife, two sons, and daughter-in-law. Brad was one of our favorite employees and we wish him many happy years of retirement.



C.L. Bradberry

Floyd D. Lancaster is our new Maintenance Superintendent, who transferred from the S.L. Swink Residency in Searcy. Floyd has held various positions during his 30 years of service with the Department. Congratulations on your promotion.

Our birthday boy of the month was Jim Tom Sexton, Permit Clerk, who was



Jim Tom Sexton

pleasantly surprised with balloons from an unknown admirer. Happiness is expressed in this photo of the occasion.

DISTRICT SEVEN

Travis and Arti Lyn Griffis are the proud parents of Tracy Lyn Griffis, born February 12, 1984, at the Louisiana State University Medical Center in Shreveport. She weighed 2 pounds 7½ ounces. Grandparents are George (Sealing Job Superintendent) and Frances Griffis. Tracy has one sister, Amy. Congratulations to all!



Tracy Lyn Griffis

On March 27, 1984, the Lafayette County Crew honored Mr. Otis E. Brown with a "Chili Lunch" commemorating his retirement from the Department after 31½ years of loyal service. He retired as a Motor Patrol Operator - Finish. The crew presented Mr. Brown with a gift and expressed their best wishes for a long and happy retirement. Two retirees (Mr. G.P. Townsend, former Station attendant, and Mr. Woodrow Brown, former Crew Leader) joined the crew for lunch and to extend congratulations to Otis.



Mr. Otis E. Brown

Lisa Castleberry, daughter of Harry (Dallas County Area Foreman) and Norma Jean Castleberry, will graduate in May from Ouachita Baptist University. She will receive a degree in Early Childhood Education (Kindergarten through Sixth Grade). Lisa is currently practice teaching at Central Elementary School in Malvern. She is working with first graders. Best wishes, Lisa!



Lisa Castleberry



District Seven held a Safety Meeting on February 17, 1984. Crews awarded Safety Certificates were: Moro Bay Ferry, District-Wide Maintenance, Dallas County, Columbia County, Calhoun County, Dis-

trict Bridge, District Sign, District Shop, Lafayette County, A.W. Hardy Residency, R.E. Myers Residency and G.R. Hite Residency. Congratulations men!

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to service award recipients! Donnie Hill, 15 years; Larry Hickman, 5 years; A.G. Rives, Jr., 30 years; Deward Smith, 10 years; Ronald Withrow, 15 years; Gary Scroggins, 15 years; and Louis Bramlett, 20 years.

Jim Hall, Equipment Supervisor, retired in April. He had been with the Department eleven years. Jim transferred to District 8 from District 10 in 1973. Before he retired, Jim was treated to lunch at Cagles Mill in Russellville by all the girls in the office, and on his last day at work all of the supervisors surprised him with cake and coffee and a very nice set of knives.

DISTRICT NINE

Diane Owen and Brian Schwartz, employees at the Harrison Resident Engineer's Office, completed the basic CPR and CPR Instructor Courses last winter and are qualified instructors in CPR. They are busy conducting classes throughout the District for all interested employee.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of deceased retiree, Jay Kesner. His daughter, Bobbie Wise, is employed at the Bentonville Resident Engineer's Office.

Recent retirees, Marion Wray, Don Cox, Dave Ricketts and H.F. Oliver, are going to be missed. We extend to each of them our wishes for many happy retirement years.

The District 9 Retirees Association met at the Ramada Inn on March 16th with approximately fifty members present. After the buffet lunch, State Senator Vada Sheid spoke to the group. Local officers are Hillman Watkins, President; Mrs. Willis Cantrell, Vice President; and John Parker, Secretary. All local retirees are urged to join this group.

John Sharum, Assistant Resident Engineer at Bentonville, was united in marriage to Monica Martin, Registered Nurse from Fort Smith, on February 25 at Paris, Arkansas. The happy couple reside in Rogers. Our congratulations to John and Monica.

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Mrs. John Sharum

James Fancher, Senior Construction Aide at the Bentonville Resident Engineer's Office, was married to Brenda Hawthorn on April 20, 1984. Brenda, an employee of Arkansas Western Gas Company and James live at Kingston. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Wallace Harrison, Construction Project Supervisor at the Harrison Resident Engineer's Office, is proud to announce the arrival of two more grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lasater are the proud parents of a baby boy. Paul is a Senior Construction Aide at the Harrison Resident Engineer's Office. Our congratulations to the Lasaters.

Lionell Owens, son of J.L. and Elaine, was recently promoted to Chief International Lawyer in the Philippines. Lionell works at the U.S. Embassy in Manilla and Clark Air Force Base. He, his wife, Lila, and three sons have lived in the Philippines the past three years.

DISTRICT TEN

With the onset of spring, District Ten has been devastated by the awesome onslaught of numerous tornadoes which have struck. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the victims, many of whom lost not only material possessions, but loved ones as well. The unity which occurred following destruction in Fisher, Bowman, Monette and Herget was admirable and we would like to express our appreciation to our maintenance crews, the local authorities and volunteers who jointly provided aid to these communities.

We are always happy to see Dan Flowers, Assistant Chief Engineer, Opera-

tions, when he makes it up to District Ten. However, on February 1st, Mr. Flowers had a particular reason to be in the area. He stopped in to present Arthur P. Cole, Lowboy Driver, with his 30 year service certificate and to help wish Arthur many happy years of retirement. Fellow employees enjoyed cake and doughnuts while gathered to extend best wishes to Arthur who was presented with a retiree cap and gift certificate.



Barnett, Cole, & Flowers

On February 10, Frank Russenberger, Paragould Resident Engineer, presented service awards to R.V. Hays, 20 years; J.E. Pickett, 30 years; and L.S. Wycoff, 20 years. Coffee and doughnuts were served to those who stopped by to congratulate the three on their longevity with the Department.



R.V. Hayes, J.E. Pickett, & L.S. Wycoff

The ten year service certificate presented by J.B. Barnett to Lyndal Waits, District Maintenance Engineer, in April is not the only reason Lyndal has to smile. He also became the proud father of a beautiful daughter, Susan Metta, pictured with big brother Jason. Since February 22, Lyndal had been overheard numerous times saying, "No, it's not here yet," but much to the relief of all those concerned, Susan made her appearance on April 8th, weighing in at 11 pounds

9 ounces. Mother, Shirley, and daughter are home now and anxious to settle down to a half normal routine. Jason has assured us that he will take good care of Mom and Susan while Lyndal "comes to the office to play".



B.J. Barnett & Lyndal Waits



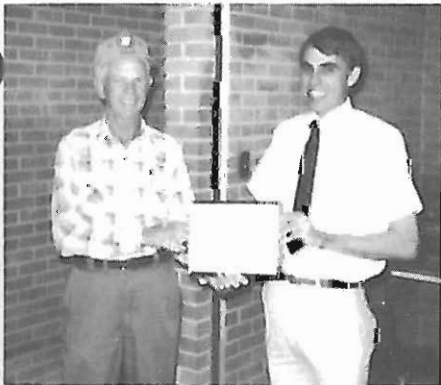
Susan Metta & Jason Waits

Each generation accepts greater responsibility than the one before in facing the challenge of making our world a decent world for future generations. Because of this, we are all fortunate that young men such as Wayne Baldwin continue to develop in spite of the ever changing obstacles they face in "growing up". Wayne is the son of our District Receptionist Pat Baldwin, who, needless to say, is very proud of her son's accomplishments. Wayne will graduate from Oak Grove High School next month and plans to attend Arkansas State University in the fall. This summer will be spent working to earn tuition and supporting local church activities. Wayne also pitches for the Oak Grove Ball Team and has a very impressive record with the team. Therefore, we take this opportunity to salute Wayne and the many other fine young men across our Nation who are capable and eager to face the challenge of the future.



Wayne Baldwin

Unfortunately, District 10 said "good-bye" to a very dear friend in April. Melvin Brown, Lawrence County Area Foreman, retired on April 25th with 24 years of service. His gentle, soft spoken manner has acquired many, many friends who will miss him. Melvin was presented with a trolling motor from fellow employees who gathered to extend our very best wishes for many long, happy years of retirement.



Melvin Brown & B.J. Barnett



Janice Forbis & Lyndal Waits

Also District Ten said goodbye to Janice Forbis, Payroll Clerk, who resigned during the month of April. Janice plans to become a full-time mother and wife. She too, will be missed by many friends throughout the District and we all wish her well.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our best to Leslie Barrett, Ronnie Blankenship and Larry Pillow who transferred in March from the Osceola Residency to the Jonesboro Residency. They came to Osceola in the spring of 1981 from the Paragould Residency. We enjoyed working with them, but unfortunately, they were needed to better staff the Jonesboro Residency. We hope they enjoy their new location and hope they will visit us from time to time.

Also, we would like to welcome back to our office Mike Riley and Dale Mason. Mike and Dale were transferred from Osceola in the summer of 1981 to Maintenance Division in Marked Tree. They were transferred back to us in March. We are happy to have them back with us.

Congratulations to Resident Engineer Ralph Blackwell for his fifteen years of service. Pictured are District Engineer, Joe Barnett, presenting Ralph with his certificate.



B.J. Barnett & Ralph Blackwell

Also, congratulations go out to Mrs. Beverly Barrett, wife of Leslie Barrett, Inspector. She has completed 10 years of service with the Arkansas Methodist Hospital in Paragould as of March 4, 1984. Mrs. Barrett is not only a Licensed Practical Nurse, but with her excellent record as Utilization Review Coordinator, plus her experience in working for the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care as a Review Coordinator, was a natural administrative choice for her newly acquired position as DRG Coordinator. It was her own dedication to "doing it



Beverly Barrett

right" and her perseverance in learning as much as possible in this new field that led to her certification by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians, Incorporated, in the specialty of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review. This certification, resulting from an examination in October, 1983 in Denver, Colorado, was the first achieved by anyone from our area.

Facts About Arkansas' Highway System

Arkansans have invested \$5 billion in their 16,100-mile State Highway System.

The Arkansas State Highway System ranks sixth in the Nation in Annual Miles Driven Per Vehicle, ranks 12th in Fatal Accident Rate, ranks 16th in Size, ranks 32nd in User Revenue, ranks 39th in Maintenance Expenditures Per Mile, and ranks 42nd in Capital Outlay Per Mile.

Arkansas is the only state in the Nation to rely exclusively on Highway User Revenues to finance improvements for its State Highway System. Other states use a combination of bonds, tolls, severance taxes, sales tax on motor fuels, and general revenues.



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