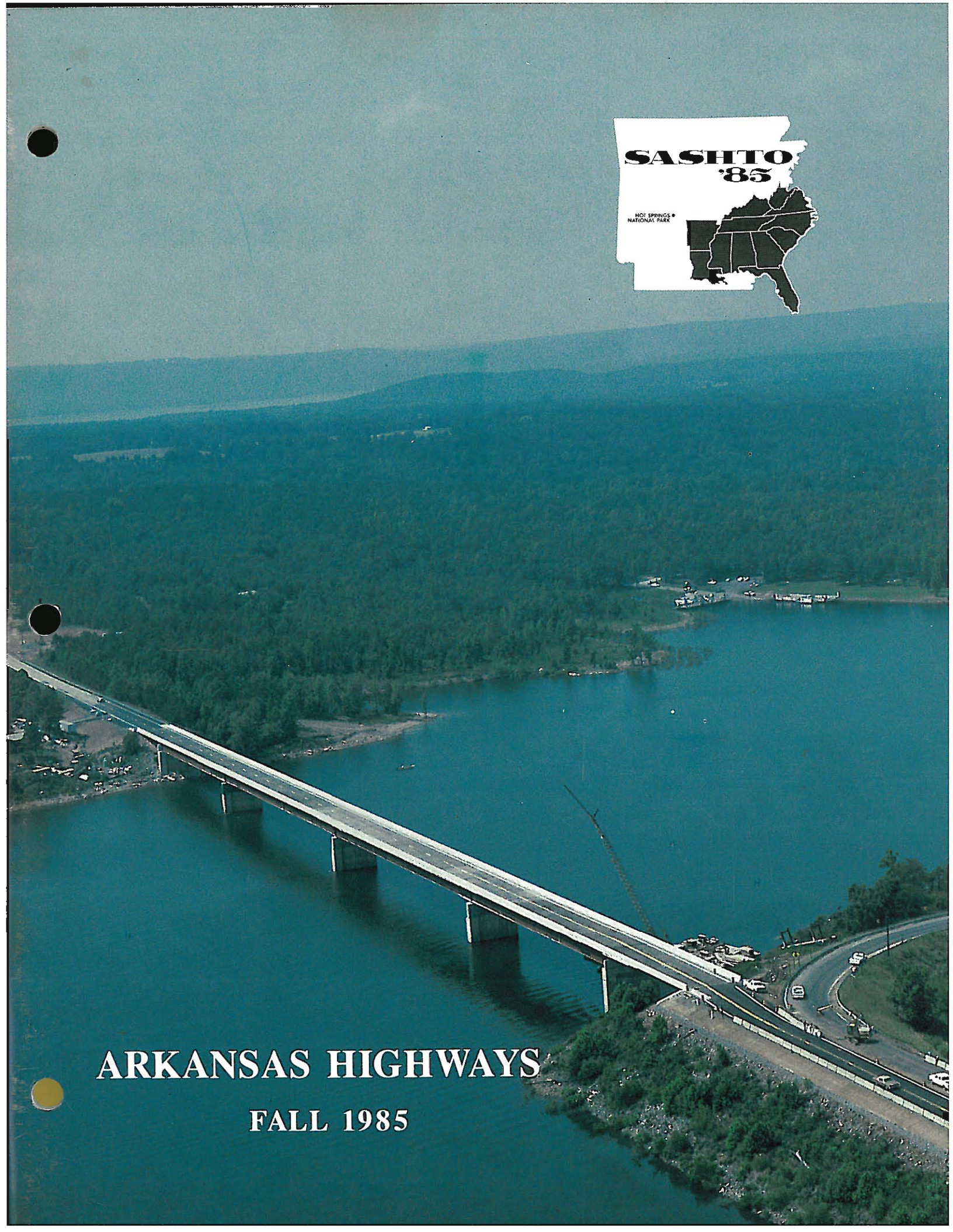




ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS
FALL 1985



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

“COMPANY’S COMIN”, WELCOME SASHTO '85



The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is pleased to be hosting nearly 800 delegates from the 12 member states of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) September 15-17.

It is quite appropriate that these visitors are arriving in Arkansas as the state begins its preparations for our Sesquicentennial Birthday Celebration in 1986.

Just last month the State Parks and Tourism Department kicked off it's "Company's Comin" Campaign to spruce up the state and get it ready for the 150th Birthday.

The Highway and Transportation Department is one of several other state and federal agencies in charge of land management that have been asked to step up efforts in controlling litter on public lands.

Litter along our roadsides definitely creates a bad impression of our state to the millions of tourists who visit here each year. It can also be costly. Last year, the Department spent nearly \$420,000 on litter pick up.

This is a problem facing all states as well. Perhaps some of our visitors from the other SASHTO states will be able to share with us some of their litter control efforts.

Getting things ready for the Sesquicentennial will not be much different from our work this past year in preparing for SASHTO. It has taken an all-out effort on the part of many of our employees. Besides planning for the various technical committee meetings, the General Session, spouse activities, and all the other events, many of you have been asked to perform the many tasks necessary to make this year's SASHTO Convention one of the best ever and be ready for Arkansas' 150th Birthday Celebration in 1986.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Henry Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "G".

Henry Gray
Director of Highways & Transportation

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FRONT COVER PHOTO: The newly reconstructed Edgemont Bridge on Highway 16 in Cleburne County. Photo by Johnnie Gray.

BACK COVER PHOTO: State Highway 7, Central Avenue, in downtown Hot Springs. Photo by John Jackson.

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ARKANSAS TO HOST SASHTO '85

PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR PAST YEAR

When the 44th annual convention of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) opens in Hot Springs September 15 it will be the culmination of over one year's effort on the part of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

Planning for the meeting actually began early in 1984. The various committee chairmen were named and committee assignments were made. A preliminary information packet was prepared and distributed at the 43rd meeting last October in Biloxi, Mississippi inviting delegates to Arkansas.

The various committees have held several planning meetings since that time in an effort to coordinate activities for this year's meeting. Chief Engineer B.K. Cooper, who is Secretary-Treasurer for SASHTO this year, has served as Convention Chairman and Public Affairs Officer Bill Looney is the Convention Coordinator.

At one time or another, throughout the past year, practically every Division and Section of the Department has been involved in SASHTO preparations.

The three-day meeting will kick off with a Directors breakfast on Sunday, September 15, to be followed by a meeting of the Directors from each of the 12 SASHTO member states. At this meeting, the Directors will adopt resolutions to be presented to the delegates which will be voted on and submitted at the annual American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials meeting in Seattle, Washington in October.

The opening session, which will be presided over by Henry Gray, Director of Arkansas Highways and Transportation, who is also serving as President of SASHTO this year, will be held Monday, September 16. Scheduled speakers include: Governor Bill Clinton; Dick Braun, President of AASHTO; Ray Barnhart, Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration; and U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas.

A few of the many topics that will be covered during the convention include a report on the National Bridge Inspection Program, Interstate Highway rehabilitation experience, Environmental legislative overview, FHWA's perspective for the new Federal Highway Program, the future of the Federal Aid Secondary Program, public transportation, highway and bridge maintenance and construction, and a panel discussion by truckers who have learned to "beat the system."

More than 800 delegates from 12 southeastern states are expected to attend the meeting.



Paul Edwards and Larry Newman of the Mapping and Graphics Section look at the SASHTO logo Newman designed.



The SASHTO Steering Committee met regularly to discuss preparations for the fall meeting.

DIRECTOR HONORED

GRAY RECOGNIZED BY GAME AND FISH

Last summer the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission renamed one of its wildlife management areas in honor of Highway and Transportation Department Director Henry Gray.

On June 21, the Commission presented Gray with a plaque inscribed with the Minute Order which established the Henry Gray/Hurricane Lake Wildlife Management Area. The plaque was presented to Gray by Game and Fish Director Steve Wilson.

The Commission renamed the area after Gray in recognition of his "foresight and dedication" in acquiring the land for the area. Gray is a former employee of the Game and Fish Commission and was head of the Lands Division before he joined the Highway and Transportation Department in 1962.

The Henry Gray/Hurricane Lane Wildlife Management Area provides a habitat for resident and migratory species of wildlife and has "proven to be particularly effective in producing and sustaining a variety of wildlife forms and is especially valuable to migratory waterfowl," according to the Commission.

The management is located just off Highway 64 east of Bald Knob in White County.



Henry Gray, left, receives plaque from Game and Fish Director Steve Wilson as Mrs. Gray looks on.



Henry Gray, left, former Game and Fish Chairman Dr. George Cole, and Game and Fish Director Steve Wilson, hold the new sign to be placed at the entrance of the wildlife area.

COMMISSION APPRECIATION DAY

FISH FRY SPONSORED BY CONWAY CITIZENS

The Arkansas State Highway Commission was honored at a fish fry held at the University of Central Arkansas' Estes Stadium in Conway, June 20.

A committee of Faulkner County political and civic leaders organized the event which was attended by approximately 1500 people.

Highway Commissioners Raymond Pritchett of Maumelle, Bobby Hopper of Springdale, and Dalton Farmer of Jonesboro were present, as well as Highway and Transportation Department Director Henry Gray and other AHTD officials.

Pritchett, who addressed the group, praise the State Legislature for approving a four-cent gasoline tax earlier this year to finance rural road improvements. He also mentioned the Commission's plans to improve Highway 64 east of Conway and the continued improvements to Highway 65 north of Conway.

Pritchett added that rural road improvements would be necessary to "accommodate the dynamic growth that you're experiencing in Conway and Faulkner County." He said the welfare of the rural areas of the county and the welfare of Conway are closely related.

Conway, therefore, benefits from rural road improvements and rural Faulkner County benefits

from better transportation in and near Conway, Pritchett said.

Rural road projects, in the last few years, have been hurt by a lack of federal funding. But this year, he said, the State Legislature helped by approving the gasoline tax over Governor Bill Clinton's veto.

In addition to the rural road work, Pritchett said, the Commission is proceeding with plans to extend the Highway 65 widening project. Work is currently underway on widening a 3.5-mile strip of highway from Interstate 40 to Treasure Hill Road. A contract was recently awarded for the second phase of the project which will widen the highway from Treasurer Hill Road to Highway 287 in Springhill.

The third phase of the widening, which will extend to Highway 25 north of Greenbrier, should be in progress by 1987.

Pritchett said the Commission plans to improve the highway as far as Damascus by adding turn-lanes and other improvements.

Highway 64, he said, in eastern Conway would also be widened to four lanes eventually as far as Vilonia. "We'll see that in this decade," he said.

Pritchett explained that the first phase of the Highway 64 project will be widening the highway



Commissioner Bobby Hopper, right, talks to a Faulkner County resident about highway concerns.



Commissioner Raymond Pritchett, right, visits with several of the Conway residents who attended the fish fry.

From Interstate 40 to just east of the city limits. The project will probably begin once the Highway 65 widening is complete.

He also added that the Commission is studying the feasibility of numerous other projects in Faulkner County including connecting Highway 64 in eastern Conway to Highway 65 in northern Conway.

Stressing the importance of rural roads, Gray said, he had been "begging for money to build rural roads for years and years and years, before the gasoline tax was approved."

State Senator Stanley Russ of Conway, Master of Ceremonies, echoed the other speakers' concerns over rural roads. He said even individuals who grew up in Conway have ties to the rural area since many of their families came from there. "You're all rural and you know it," Russ told the crowd.



AHTD Director Henry Gray and Commissioner Dalton Farmer.

GRAY HONORED BY NATIONAL GUARD

CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZES EMPLOYER SUPPORT

Henry Gray, Director of Highways and Transportation, has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The presentation of the Certificate was made by Captain Tom Wicker, Commander of Company "A", 39th Support Battalion, Arkansas Army National Guard, Little Rock.

Gray was nominated for the National Committee's PRO PATRIA Award by Specialist 5 Roosevelt Morton, Jr. Morton is an External EEO Specialist for the Highway and Transportation Department and serves as a Personnel Records Specialist in the Army National Guard.

The nomination has been forwarded to the Employer Support Committee in Arkansas for further consideration for a State Chairman's Award. The state committee will also consider it for the PRO PATRIA, the top award for employers of Guard and Reserve members.

Morton, who has been a member of the Guard for about 12 years, said he nominated Gray for the award because of the support he has shown over the years for Guard and Reserve members who are employed by the Department. There are approximately 150 Department employees who are Guard and Reserve members.



(Left to right) Capt. Tom Wicker, Henry Gray, Spec. 5 Roosevelt Morton, Jr., and 1st Sgt. Paul Williams.

TEN YEARS IN RETROSPECT

THE UMTA [16 (b) (2)] PROGRAM IN ARKANSAS

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has for the past ten years administered a program funded by grants from Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) to provide vans and buses for transportation of the elderly and/or handicapped citizens of our state.

Recognizing that transportation is a priority need of disadvantaged persons, the Department of Transportation and the Administration on Aging of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare effected a joint working agreement designed to achieve increased mobility of non-drivers by improving their access to public and specialized transportation systems in urban areas through the passage of Section 16(b)(2) in 1974. The AHTD began this program at the request of the Governor after Congress passed the elderly and handicapped portion of the UMTA Act.

The Public Transportation Unit was assigned the responsibility for administering the program. The first year of the program was the only time that there was sufficient funds to purchase all the vehicles which were requested. Each year since there have been from two to three times as many vehicles sought by agencies over the state as there have been monies available to procure. This indicates that there is a great need in Arkansas for transportation for the elderly and the handicapped.

The amount of the grant for the State of Arkansas varies from year to year. Although for the past five years, Arkansas has only received \$377,000. This allocation represents the 80% federal portion of the cost of the vehicles, which must be matched locally with 20% cash funds. The cash match may come from any source other than federal funds, and the source of these funds must be identified. No refund or reduction of the amount of the required local contribution may be made at any time without a proportionate refund or reduction of the amount of the federal grant.

Any private corporation, agency or organization which: (1) is chartered as non-profit, and (2) whose primary business is to provide services (including, or plans to include, transportation) for elderly and/or handicapped persons may apply for these vehicles. Documentation of private non-profit status, such as a notarized copy of the articles of incorporation, or a notarized copy of an Internal Revenue Service 501.(c)(3) letter of exemption as a non-profit organization is a part of the application.

During the past ten years, approximately 302 vehicles have been purchased. Of these an estimated 257 are still in operation. These vehicles travel over

one-million miles a year and make over 450,000 passenger trips. If it were not for this program there would many elderly and handicapped individuals that are transportation disadvantaged who would have no means of transportation to receive medical treatments, to do their shopping for groceries and other necessities, to visit and associate with friends, to visit elderly activity centers for programs and means for nutrition provided by other government agencies, to schools for the developmentally disabled, and to work in sheltered workshops which provide employment to the otherwise unemployed.

Most important of all is the fact that this program has helped thousands of transportation disadvantaged persons who are either elderly or handicapped to maintain their self-respect and independence by affording them transportation service that is reliable and cost effective.



Jacksonville Senior Citizens rely on this bus for their everyday needs.



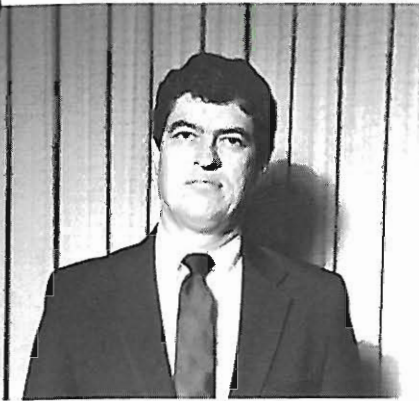
This wheelchair lift equipped bus was purchased with 16(b)(2) funds.

AHTD PERSONNEL CHANGES

RALPH FULTON – DISTRICT 9

Ralph Fulton was transferred from District Engineer, District 6 in Little Rock, to District Engineer, District 9 at Harrison on July 18. Fulton replaced Jim Selby who retired July 17 after 30 years of service.

Fulton attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville and graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a degree in civil engineering. He has performed various duties in his career with the Department, including Resident Engineer; Assistant District Engineer, District 6, Assistant State Construction Engineer; and Assistant State Maintenance Engineer. He is a Registered Professional Engineer and has 15 years of service with the Department.



Ralph Fulton

ROGER ALMOND – DISTRICT 6

Roger Almond was transferred to assume the duties of District Engineer at District 6. Almond was Division Head of the Materials and Research Division. He is a civil engineer graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and is a Registered Professional Engineer. During his 17 year career with the Department, Almond has served as Transportation Planning Engineer; Section Head of Program Planning; Assistant Division Head of the Planning Division; Assistant District Engineer, District 6; and Assistant State Maintenance Engineer.



Roger Almond

RALPH HALL – MATERIALS

Ralph Hall was promoted from Assistant Construction Engineer to Division Head of the Materials and Research Division, replacing Almond. Hall is a graduate civil engineer from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and is a Registered Professional Engineer. He began his career with the Department in 1972 and has served as Assistant Resident Engineer at West Memphis; Resident Engineer at Forrest City and North Little Rock; and Assistant District Engineer, District 6.



Ralph Hall

JOHN BAILEY – HIGHWAY POLICE

John Bailey was selected by the Arkansas State Highway Commission as the Chief of the Arkansas Highway Police Division, effective July 17, replacing Roy Johnson who retired after serving in the position since 1957.

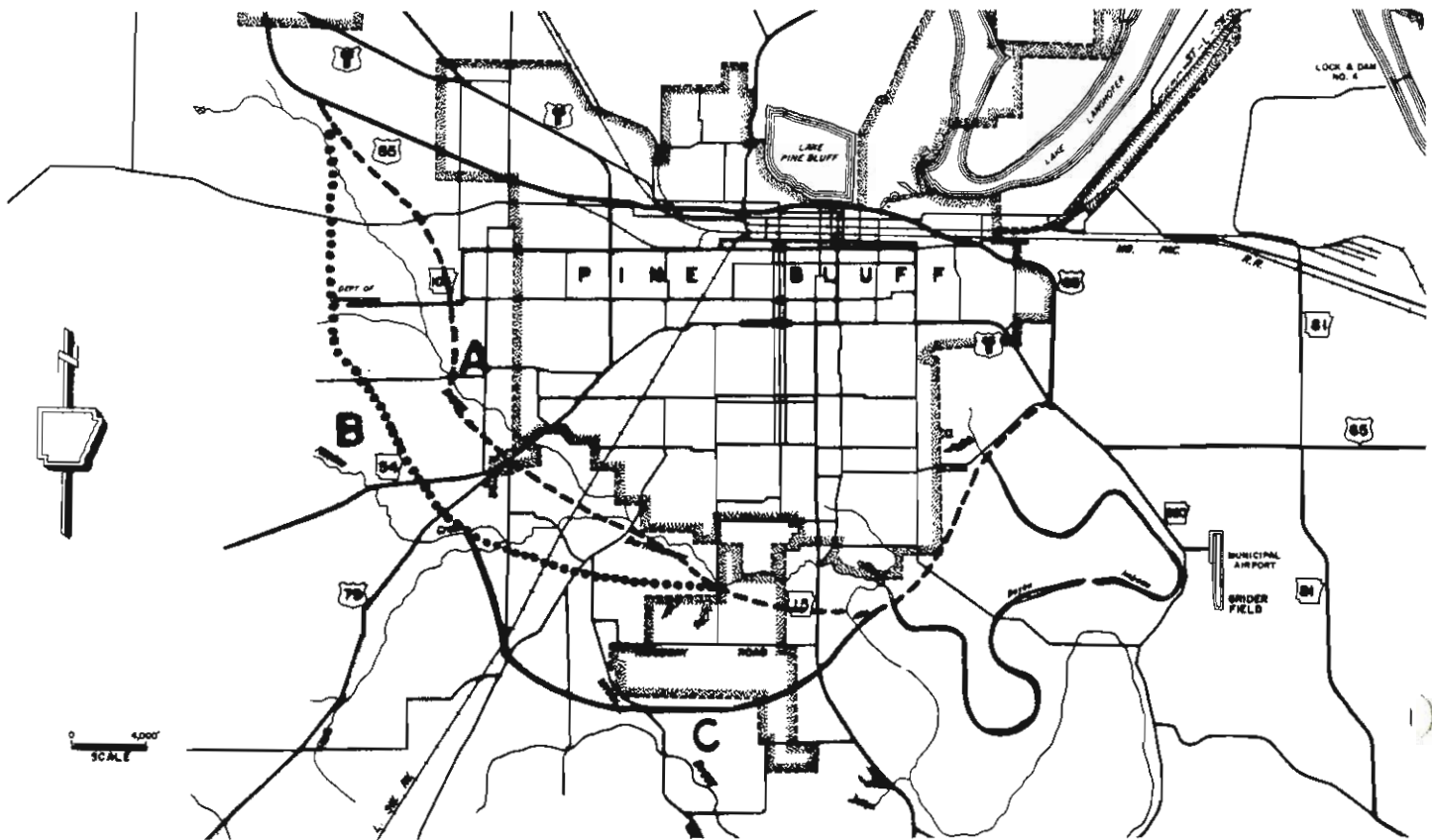
Bailey had been Assistant Chief of the Division since December 1983. He had 14 years experience with the Arkansas State Police and was assistant troop commander at Troop "A" in Little Rock before joining the Highway Police. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and has attended numerous law enforcement schools. While working for the State Police, Bailey served on the Governor's Security Detail, was a Highway Patrol Trooper, and was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. He also worked as a special investigative assistant to the State Police Director.



John Bailey

PUBLIC HEARINGS

HIGHWAY 65 BYPASS PROPOSAL SUPPORTED



A standing room crowd of some 400 people who attended a public hearing in Pine Bluff July 9 supported the need for a proposed Highway 65 Southern Bypass. However, there was debate during the three and one-half hour meeting concerning which route should be built.

The project generally consists of constructing a bypass beginning on U.S. 65 between the U.S. 270 Interchange and Bryant Street and making a southern loop around Pine Bluff connecting with U.S. 65 to the southeast at the U.S. 65/65B Interchange.

Three alternate routes for an interstate standard four lane, divided highway were presented by the Highway and Transportation Department. The advantages and disadvantages of each route were explained by Surveys Engineer Charles Mitchell.

Following the presentation, 57 people entered statements to the record expressing their opinions on the various alternatives.

According to the Pine Bluff News, this was "one of the largest public hearings in recent years." The Pine Bluff Commercial said "a southern bypass for Pine Bluff has been discussed since 1958."

Most of the speakers pointed to the need for

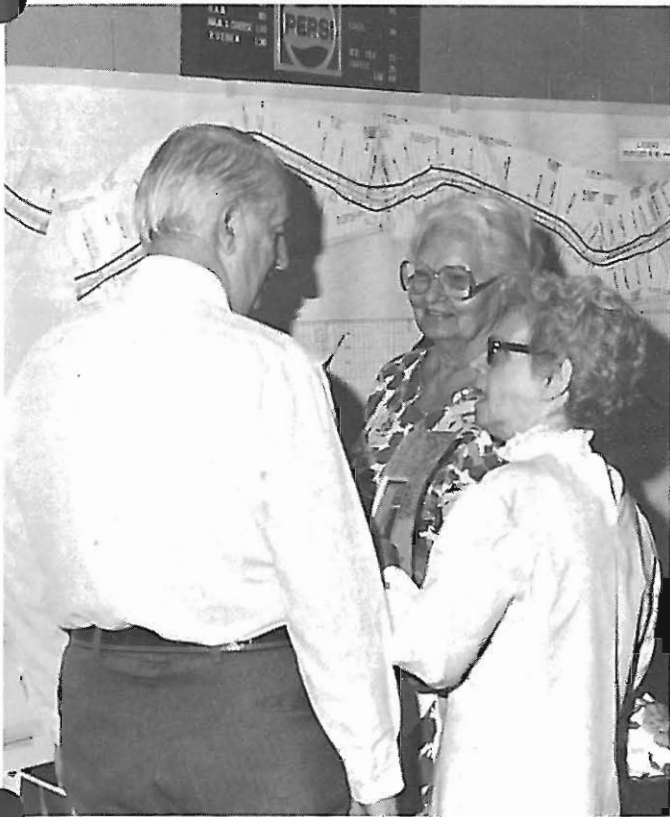
improved safety by alleviating traffic off of the Martha Mitchell Expressway and economic benefits such a bypass would provide for Southeast Arkansas.

Much of the discussion centered on Alternate "A" which would cost about \$50 million and be 11 miles long; and on Alternate "C" which would cost about \$57 million and be 13 miles long.

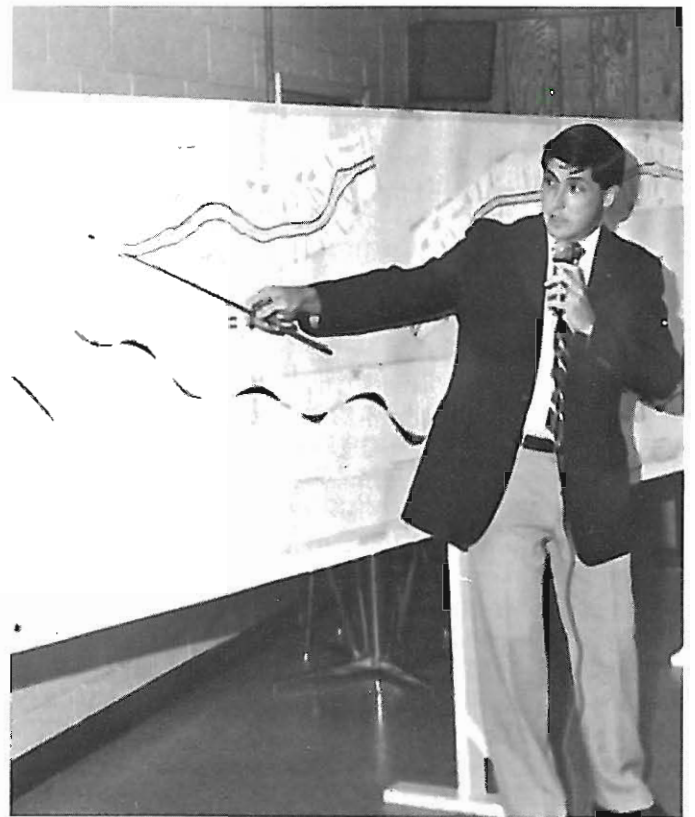
Alternate "A" would cut deepest into the western and southern fringes of Pine Bluff and Alternate "C" would swing farther to the west and south.

Once a route is selected by the Department and approved by the Federal Highway Administration, design work can begin and another public hearing will be held to discuss the design features.

In 1984, the Federal Highway Bill authorized the use of Federal Interstate 4R Funds to be used in the construction of this project. This bill did not provide additional funds but only authorized the use of Federal Interstate 4R Funds on a 95%/5% matching basis. Once the bypass is constructed the entire route from Little Rock to Pine Bluff will become a part of the Interstate Highway System and be designated as Interstate 530.



Area residents review the design plans of Highway 178.



Bob Walters, AHTD Roadway Design Engineer, explains the design.

HIGHWAY 178 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSED

More than 250 Marion and Baxter County residents showed strong support at the July 23 design public hearing in Bull Shoals concerning the proposed safety improvement project for Highway 178.

The proposed project will include a part of Highway 178 from south of Fairview, north 5.3 miles to Bull Shoals.

Bob Walters, Roadway Design Engineer, explained to the audience that when the improvements are completed the road will have two 11-foot lanes with eight-foot shoulders and on the climbing lanes there will be a four-foot should on the uphill side. Some correction in the curvature will be made to accommodate a 40-mile-per-hour design speed.

In recent year, 65% of the accidents and two-thirds of the fatalities that have been recorded on Highway 178 happened on this 5.3-mile segment. More than 1,830 vehicles use this road daily.

Many in attendance related stories of accidents along the road. A number of t-shirts were worn with the question on the front "Will you survive Highway 178?" and on the back of many "I Did" was shown with the date of their accident.

A large round of applause was given when Linda

Masters, who still suffers from injuries received in an accident in April, said no amount of land can compensate for the loss of a life.

Another concern expressed was for the safety of school children riding buses daily to Flippen schools. Bill Self, a Flippen school board member, said that over 200 children travel the road everyday and there have been too many near misses.

It was explained that after estimates are made of the needed right-of-way, court orders will be turned over to the Marion County Judge who will be in charge of the acquisitions. Landowners will be asked to donate their land, but an estimation of just compensation can be made.

Walters estimated the cost of the project to be between \$2.5 million and \$3 million with construction completion time at two or three years. Funding, he said, will come from the Federal Highway Safety Program. The road is not included in any other Federal Aid program so any additional money needed would have to come from the State. The money already has been earmarked for the project through the highway safety funds allocated to the State.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

IN-SERVICE TRAINING CONTINUES FOR OFFICERS

As a part of the Arkansas Highway Police Division's commitment to increased professionalism and proficiency, 11 officers participated in a Driver's Instructor School, May 13-15 at the Stuttgart Airport.

Captain George Coffman said the driver's school is a part of the A.H.P. in-service training program. The school is certified by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training and was conducted by the Texas Department of Safety. The A.H.P. officers who took this course will train the 101 officers assigned to patrol units.

During a multi-state task force operation with Texas was how the A.H.P. officials learned about the school. "The Texas officers told us about the school and showed photographs of the course," Coffman said. "The Texas course is one of the top highway police driving schools in the country. We feel we got the best training available," Coffman added. Texas was chosen because of its emphasis on safety.

Prior to conducting the instructor's school, information was sent to Texas in reference to the type of driving A.H.P. officers perform and the number of accidents they had been involved in. Coffman said the Texas instructors adapted the training course to the A.H.P.'s types of situations.

The driving school consisted of five parts: serpentine, road object, select-lane, traffic control, and skid pad. The serpentine course consisted of six traffic cones positioned in a line 60-feet apart and drivers completed a weave through the cones while simulating a high-speed situation. In the road object part of the course traffic cones were used to represent a vehicle parked on a hill. The purpose is for the officer to avoid the object and get back into the appropriate driving lane before another vehicle approaches.



An A.H.P. student driver maneuvers his vehicle through the cones on a trial run.

"Teaching you to react in an emergency situation and avoid striking an obstruction is the purpose of select-lane," Coffman said. The instructor in the car would shout "right" or "left" and the driver would react.

Traffic control combined both the driver's subconscious and conscious reactions. The course began as a single lane and as the driver proceeded through the course it branched into three color-coded, speed dictated lanes. An instructor on the course flashes a colored card to the driving student, who is driving 40 m.p.h., to indicate which lane he will travel. The driver only has approximately 1 car length to respond to the particular task. In one lane the driver must stop before the cones end, in another lane the driver must reduce his speed to 15 m.p.h., and in the third lane the driver maintains his normal speed. The maximum speed of any of the vehicles during the course was 40 m.p.h.

The object of the skid pad, made of soapy water, was to make an artificial skid with the emergency break without knocking down any of the traffic cones.

Because this was an instructor's school, a little more time was taken to point out things to expect from students. "At one point the Texas instructors became students and made driving mistakes on purpose and told us how to correct the students properly," Coffman added.

The driving school will be taught periodically and should be completed in the five A.H.P. districts by the end of the year.



Sgt. Fisher, of the Texas Department of Safety, explains to A.H.P. officers the proper driving techniques.

ROY JOHNSON RETIRES AS HIGHWAY POLICE CHIEF



Col. Roy L. Johnson

Colonel Roy L. Johnson, Chief of the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Highway and Transportation Department, retired July 16 after 28 years of service.

Previously known as the Weights and Standards Division, the A.H.P. was transferred from the Arkansas State Police under Act 125 of 1963. Johnson has served as Chief of the Division since 1957. At that time, the Division was comprised of 123 employees and their responsibilities were primarily the enforcement of truck weights and the collection of fuel taxes at various border weigh stations and their training was minimal.

"We've come a long, long way in all categories: enforcement, personnel, and equipment. Everything has improved drastically," Johnson said.

In the beginning, he said, before the Highway Police became a part of the Highway and Transportation Department, the officers patrolled statewide with 15 roving patrol units. When they transferred to the Department there were four districts, now there are five A.H.P. districts and 43 roving units.

All A.H.P. officers must attend the basic training program at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in Camden. Johnson has also established

additional in-service training programs.

The A.H.P., Johnson said, is "one of the best enforcement divisions in the state of Arkansas."

Before working for the A.H.P., Johnson served three terms as Boone County Sheriff from 1947 to 1952. He also worked as a security officer for American Airlines in Tulsa, as an Arkansas Beverage Control agent, and was Chief of the Arkansas Public Service Commission-Enforcement Division before it became the Arkansas Commerce Commission.

The Highway Police Division's responsibility is the enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to heavy trucks which consists of weight and speed enforcement, collection of fuel taxes and the Highway Use Equalization Tax and hazardous materials hauling.

The majority of the trucks, Johnson said, operate within the law. There are always a few that operate illegally.

Communication has improved between truckers due to citizen's band radios, he said. "Now, the truckers know where the A.H.P. are." "Before CB's," Johnson said, "the truckers communicated through signals, like flashing their headlights when they knew if the police were near." He added that the truckers communicated "faster than the news media."

Back in the late 1940's, Johnson said, "highway truck law enforcement consisted of two employees, one who worked for the State Police and the other for the Revenue Office. They carried scales in a jeep to weigh the three-axle trucks on dirt roads." He added that this was before the roads were paved and "a five-axle truck had never been thought of in Arkansas."

Johnson said that he didn't think a lot about the excitement of being a law enforcement officer. "I never thought of it as too exciting. I've done some high speed chasing as a sheriff, state policeman and as a highway policeman; that's just part of your job."

"Cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the public is a must," Johnson said. "Law enforcement is only as good as the public wants it to be." As hard as the A.H.P. tries to stay on top of the situation, he said, "we still need the public's help" to inform us of illegal activity.

All through his law enforcement career, Johnson said, he has practiced fairness and honesty. "Be fair with everybody. You can't treat everybody alike. Each case can stand on its own and the officers have to take them as they come," he said. "Most people are law abiding citizens, but there's always that few. That's the reason we have jobs," Johnson said.

FLATCARS BRIDGE THE GAP

COUNTIES TAKE NEW APPROACH TO BRIDGES



Bridge Creek Bridge on Faulkner County Road 52 north of State Highway 89.



Mortar Creek Bridge on Faulkner County Road 71



A closer look at Bridge Creek Bridge on Faulkner County Road 52.

In recent years several Arkansas counties have undertaken a program to replace obsolete wooden bridges with used railroad flatcars.

Faulkner County began using the railroad cars about three years ago as a quick, economical means to replace bridges that are not eligible for either federal or state aid funding.

Since that time about four other counties have followed suit. According to State Aid Engineer John Kizer, several other counties have expressed an interest in it as well and may begin to use the flatcars on their bridge replacement projects.

"The City of Shannon Hills, in Saline County, has replaced a bridge on a city street with three flatcars placed side-by-side," Kizer said. "Each flatcar is about 85 feet long and 10 feet wide, providing for a two lane bridge with sidewalks on each side," he said.

The Shannon Hills bridge cost the city about \$40,000 to build, which includes the abutments and roadway approaches. If the city had built a con-

ventional bridge it would have cost about \$150,000, according to State Aid estimates.

The flatcars are purchased from scrap dealers for about \$700 to \$2,000 each, depending on their size and condition. They are transported to the bridge site and placed on newly constructed abutments by county workers. In most cases the wooden planks are removed and a concrete or asphalt bridge deck is poured.

Several of the bridges in Faulkner County utilize two, 45-foot flatcars placed side-by-side. This provides a clear roadway width of about 19 feet. The new structures cost about \$15,000 each, compared to about \$50,000 if a conventional bridge were built.

Although the bridges are not eligible for any federal or state funds, the State Aid Division does provide some engineering assistance to the counties, according to Kizer. In addition, each bridge must be inspected and a load rating is established.

1986 HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST

The State Highway Map Photo Contest is an open invitation to all Highway and Transportation Department employees and family members. The winning entries will appear on the 1986 State Highway Map. Your photograph could become a visible symbol of the pride we have in our State and the Highway and Transportation Department.

THE CONTEST RULES ARE:

1. All entries must be either 35mm color slide or color glossy print. (You may submit any number of entries)
2. Each entry must be labeled with the entrant's name, address, and picture location.
3. Submission of entry constitutes agreement that it may be published on the Highway Map. Proper credit will be given to the winner.
4. All entries must be submitted no later than November 1, 1985.
5. Entries will be prejudged on the basis of concept, originality, and artistic merit by a selection committee. The final selection will be made by the Director of Highways and Transportation.
6. All entries must be taken in Arkansas and in 1985.
7. Vertical format entries are preferred.
8. Entries should be highway oriented; highways, roads, bridges, etc. and/or:
9. Scenic photos of Arkansas' natural beauty; mountains, lakes, rivers, etc.
10. All entries remain the property of the sender and will be returned.
11. All entries must be accompanied by an official entry form or facsimile.

Reasonable care will be taken to ensure proper handling of entries, however, the AHTD will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any entry submitted.

The entrant submitting the winning photograph for the 1986 Map Cover will receive an 11x14 custom framed print and a certificate awarded by the AHTD Director. Other winners submitting photographs selected for use on the map will receive an 11x14 print.

1986 STATE HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please accept my photograph(s) for consideration in the 1986 AHTD Map Photo Contest. I have enclosed _____ slides and _____ glossy prints. I have read and understand the rules of the contest and agree to allow the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to reproduce and print my photograph on the State Highway Map in the event my entry is selected as a winner.

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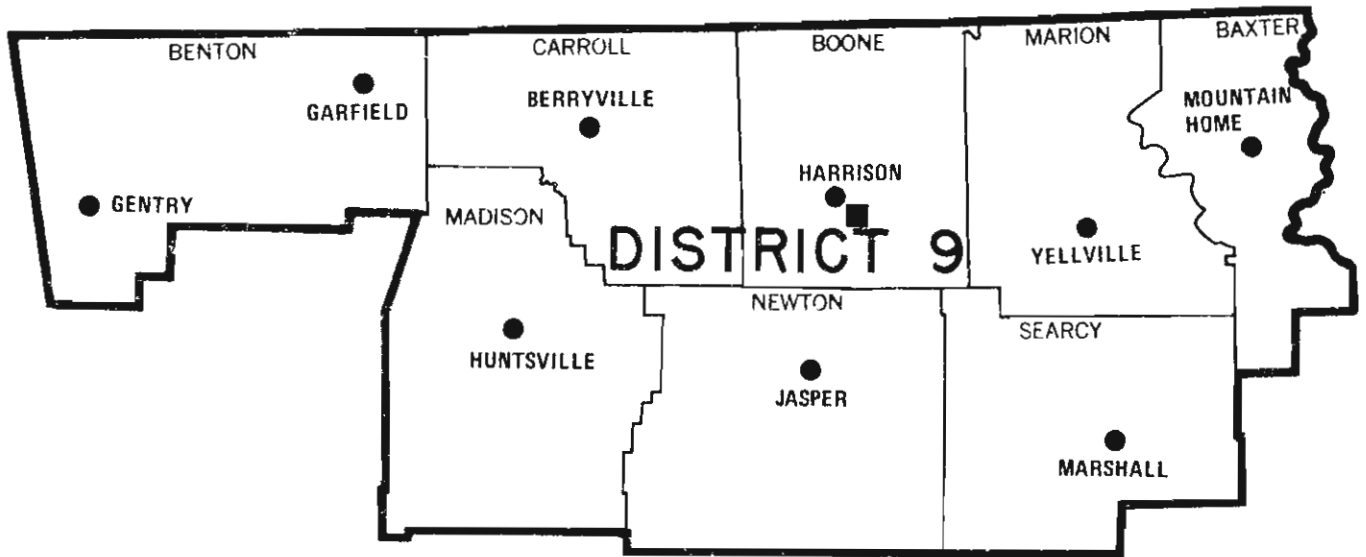
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DISTRICT NINE PHOTO FEATURE

In this issue of "Arkansas Highways" we are featuring the ninth of a series highlighting District personnel. This is District Nine with headquarters in Harrison, Arkansas.

Photographs taken by John Jackson.



James Horton (right) and George Parks, both 6-month employees of the Department from Searcy County, check blade for roadside mowing.



Charlie Johnson (right) Construction Party Chief with 7 years service and summer employee Brian Kile complete roadway survey in Benton County



George Hicks (left) with 6 years service, Charles Blevins (center) with 9 years service and Jay Parker (right with 29 years service to AHTD.



Dianne Owen, with 7 years service to the Department, is the receptionist in the District 9 Headquarters.

DISTRICT NINE PHOTO FEATURE



Clinton Taylor is a welder in the District Headquarters Shop with 6 service service with the Department.



Edris Braswell is the District Office Manager with 31 years of service uses the computer.



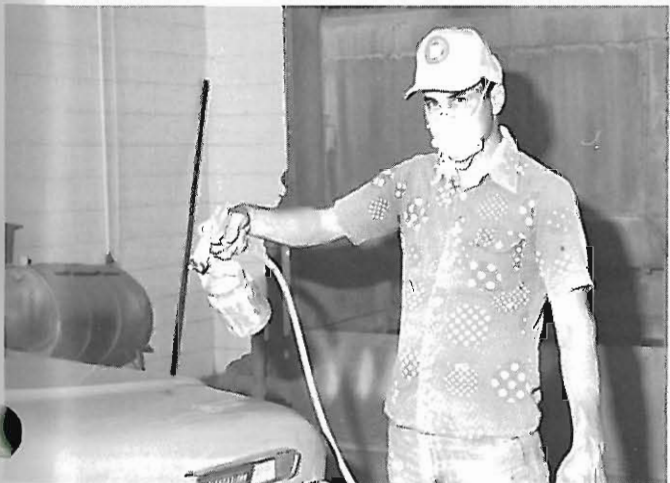
District Engineer V.O. Selby recently retired from the Department after 30 years of service.



Gene Taylor, with 18 years service, operates jackhammer in Carroll County.



Freddie Fight, an 11 veteran of the Department, changes blades on a motor grader.



Larry Richard, with 12 years service, is the District Paint Man in the District Headquarters Shop.



Glenda Roberts, with 7 years service, is the District Secretary in District Nine.

EDGEMONT BRIDGE AS OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS

A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NEW EDGEMONT BRIDGE IS FEAT

Opening the Edgemont Bridge on Highway 16 at Greers Ferry to traffic about 1984 have had to depend on a temporary ferry service across Greers Ferry Lake since the bridge was held July 5. The event was sponsored by the Greers Ferry Lake and Little Rock communities.

Approximately 300 persons were on hand for the ceremony, which was held in 1984 when a tornado ripped through the community. The only parts remaining of the old bridge were torn from the piers and dumped into the lake.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers replaced the bridge. After an investigation of the piers it was determined that they could be replaced in a matter of a few short weeks and plans were prepared by the Department's Bridge Division.

A ferry service was placed in operation in May 1984 under contract to the Greers Ferry Ferry Service, Valco, Inc. of North Little Rock and Jensen Construction Company of Des Moines, Iowa.

Speaking at the dedication ceremony, U.S. Representative Bill Alexander of Arkansas said the bridge was for the common good. He praised local and state officials for their work, saying the fast work was a credit to the community.

Reflecting on the disaster that happened, Governor Bill Clinton said the project was a credit to the community effort. I want to say a heartfelt thanks to the local officials, our congressional delegation, and the residents of the Greers Ferry area for their cooperation and patience over the past few years.

U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers said the day was a manifestation that all government officials can work together in any way that we can all take pride in. . .we all worked for it and we all share the enthusiasm for the new bridge.

Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson said the new bridge represents the residents of the Greers Ferry area for their cooperation and patience over the past few years.

Henry Gray, Director of Highways and Transportation, told the audience he was pleased to be present in December. "If these members of Congress hadn't gotten the money from the federal government you can do a lot with it in a hurry." Gray also praised the work of the Highway Commission. "I would have had a lot of miles to put on your automobiles."

Because the bridge is such a vital link in the transportation system of the area, it was opened to traffic ahead of the contract time limit. The daily bonus was roughly \$100,000. The Highway Commission had included a clause of this type in a construction project.



U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers



Governor Clinton, left, Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson, third on left, Congressman Bill Alexander, Greers Ferry Mayor Jack McKinney, and U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers cut the ribbon.



(Left to right): U.S. Representative Bill Alexander, and AHTD Director Henry Gray.

HIGHWAY 16 DEDICATED S PRAISE EARLY COMPLETION

ON THE COVER OF THIS ISSUE OF "ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS"

months ahead of schedule was certainly good news for the residents of the area who 84. The \$3.9 Million bridge was officially opened June 26 and a dedication ceremony River Association. State Representative Pat Ellis of Clinton served as Master of Cere-

the south end of the new bridge. The old Highway 16 bridge was destroyed March 15, old structure were the concrete piers. The bridge deck and steel superstructure were

of Engineers, and the Federal Highway Administration immediately began work to be used to support a new structure. Federal emergency funding was approved in just a

Construction Company of Benton and a contract for the new bridge was awarded to in August.

sa said the completion represents what can be done when people work together for the y be a world record.

a symbol of putting life back together again. "This is the final culmination of that the highway department and everyone else that worked so hard to build this bridge." isn't bad. "This is such an occasion where your tax dollars were spent in a very useful n getting it opened to traffic again."

perfect example of the various levels of government working together. She also thanked ir.

pleased to be opening the bridge in July rather than waiting for it to be a Christmas th ould have ever happened. When you get that much money at one time from the of the Carter and his crew who operated the ferry. "If it hadn't been for the ferry you

contract called for an incentive payment of \$3500 a day for every day the bridge was o the cost of operating the ferry service. It was the first time the Arkansas State High-



State Representative Pat Ellis



Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomas



The crowd of over 300 persons gathered at the south end of the bridge to hear the dedication speakers.

DEDICATIONS

HIGHWAY 8 FORMALLY DEDICATED IN WARREN

The recently completed widening of Highway 8 (Martin Street) in Warren was formally dedicated June 13 in the City Park.

The dedication ceremony was one of the opening events of the three-day Warren Pink Tomato Festival. The City of Warren hosted a community fish fry after the ceremony in the City Park.

Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson was the featured speaker and State Representative John M. Lipton was the Master of Ceremonies. Warren Mayor John B. Fraizer, Bradley County Judge Joe L. Fowler, State Senator Jim Scott, Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod and Highway and Transportation Director Henry Gray also spoke at the ceremony.

As a part of the dedication ceremony, two checks totaling \$170,000 were presented to the Highway and Transportation Department as the city and county contribution toward the right of way purchase for the proposed South Bypass around Warren. Senator Scott, Judge Fowler and Representative Lipton presented an \$85,000 check from the county and Mayor Fraizer and Lipton also presented an \$85,000 check from the city.

After the presentation of the checks and the dedicatory address, Robin Calvert, Miss Pink Tomato 1985 cut the ribbon.

State Highway 8 was widened from a narrow two-lane city street to two 12-foot traffic lanes to enhance the safety of the motorists.

N.M. Graves and Son, Inc., of Pine Bluff, was awarded a \$539,682 contract in March 1984 and completed the work in April 1985. The cost of right of way acquisition was \$177,693 and the utility adjustment was \$156,544 for a total project cost of \$873,919.

Seventy-five percent of the project was federally funded and twenty-five percent was state funded.



Top: State Highway 8 in Warren.

Bottom: Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod (left) and Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson hold one of the check facsimiles presented by Bradley County and the City of Warren. State Representative John Lipton, (right) was Master of Ceremonies.





Hospital Administrator Dan Gathright applauds as an ambulance drives through the ribbon to officially open the new road.

HOSPITAL ACCESS ROAD OFFICIALLY OPENED

An access road from Interstate 30 to Twin Rivers Medical Center in Arkadelphia was officially dedicated and opened to traffic July 23.

The road, which is three-tenths of a mile long, runs from the intersection of Interstate 30 and Highway 51 to the new medical center. It is a 28-foot wide asphaltic concrete hot-mix surface and cost approximately \$75,000. The work was done with State forces from District 7.

The old route from Interstate 30 to the hospital was two miles long through commercial and industrial areas.

"There is no doubt that this road will help save lives," Dan Gathright, senior vice president and administrator at Twin Rivers, said. "The old route, though only two miles long, often took five minutes or longer by ambulance because of traffic in the commercial areas and because ambulances had to be wary of children playing in the residential area."

As the new hospital was nearing completion last year, officials contacted Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod of Prescott to express their concern for a quicker, safer access road to the hospital. Harrod worked closely with Arkadelphia officials and State Representative Sody Arnold of Arkadelphia to secure a location for this route.

"This was the number one priority for Clark County," Arnold said. "The additional revenues provided by the motor fuels tax increase were certainly put to good use," he added. The new road was constructed with 100% state funds and the work was completed in about four weeks time.

Harrod praised Arnold and local officials for their dedicated efforts in securing the necessary right of way for the project. "A lot of times we are critical of landowners and utility companies for holding up projects," Harrod said. "We are very thankful to Mr. T.O. Shepard for donating the land needed for this road and to the City for their work in moving the water lines and to Arkansas Power and Light Company for approving our plans to build this road adjacent to their power lines," Harrod said.

Henry Gray, Director of Highways and Transportation, said the department appreciated the help Representative Arnold provided to get the additional funding for highways throughout the state.

Dr. Joe Clark, president of the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce, said the new road "brings an added convenience and safety to Clark County."



(Left to right) Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod, Director Henry Gray, and State Representative Sody Arnold wait their turns to speak.

AHTD LETTERS

June 26, 1985

June 24, 1985

Jim Trost, Surveys
AHTD
Little Rock, Ark. 72203

RE: Leon Holland
Charles Starks
Doyle DePriest
Gerald DeGunian
William Clark

Dear Mr. Trost:

The above employees stayed at our resort while surveying Highway 94-East, Rogers, Arkansas.

We were very impressed with the men. Personally, they were polite, friendly, and considerate. As guests, they respected our property to the highest degree. We were amazed, that since they were all men, they would cook, clean, take out the trash, leaving the rooms in fine conditions. Also, perhaps the most important to you as their supervisor, and to us as taxpayers, they certainly appeared to put in a full day of work, arriving back at the units looking hot and tired, but with a positive attitude.

We do want to express our appreciation to all the men and to commend you for their representation of state employees.

Sincerely,
Bill & Wanda Webb, Owners
Horseshoe Bend Resort
Rogers, Arkansas

June 26, 1985

Captain Gene Williams
Arkansas Highway Police
Bentonville, Arkansas

Dear Captain Williams:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you and the Arkansas Highway Police for assisting with traffic control when the tragedy occurred in downtown Van Buren last Friday evening.

The spirit of cooperation and unity of everyone working together helped contain the fire to only three buildings and possibly helped avoid further loss of life.

Thank you for assisting us. We deeply appreciate your willingness to help us during this emergency.

Sincerely,
Robert "Gene" Bell, Mayor
City of Van Buren, Ark.

Mr. Dan Flowers
Assistant Chief Engineer, Operations
Arkansas Highway & Transportation Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Flowers:

My wife and I love to travel and camp out in our recreational vehicle. Since we've had it we have had the good fortune to visit quite a number of our states and enjoy their facilities. We just recently returned from a 3000 mile trip through Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana.

One of the nice things about highway travel today is the roadside parks provided along many highways, particularly the interstates. After several hours of arduous travel, one of these places is a welcome sight, especially if it has good parking and nice facilities. A short rest along with some refreshments can send you on your way in much better shape and — I feel sure — contributes to better traffic safety.

My wife and I are very grateful for these facilities. We also want to let you know that we think Arkansas excels in the ones they have provided. We have seen some nice ones in other states, but, compared to all the states we have visited, Arkansas as a whole has the nicest and best roadside parks. We know this didn't happen by accident, and we want to express our appreciation to you and the others in AH&TD responsible for this pleasant and beneficial asset to our Arkansas highways.

Sincerely yours,
Jess and Rebecca Coplin
Little Rock, Arkansas

June 25, 1985

To All Employees of the
Highway and Transportation Dept.

Dear Department Employees:

Your many acts of kindness and concern extended to Bertie and our family will never be forgotten. The phone calls, cards, visits, food, flowers, and especially the warmth you had for Bertie, were such a source of strength to us all. I can assure you, your generous contribution to the American Cancer Society in Bertie's memory has gone for a very worthy cause.

So much of Bertie's time was spent with you and the Department. She loved her job and she loved the people her job brought her in contact with.

She appreciated your thoughtfulness and we, her family, do also.

Most sincerely,
Bob Carr and family

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

JUNE 1985

30 Years

James C. Kay District 1
Joe D. Magness Construction

25 Years

Bobby G. Alford District 1
Charles H. Beard District 7
Charles C. Danner District 2
Edward L. Ferguson District 1
Geroge E. Griffiths District 7
H.G. Page District 4
Edwin H. Shinn District 8
Dale C. Spencer District 6

20 Years

Paul R. Edwards Planning
Hazel Harger Legal
Gary E. Jackson District 1
Ronald O. Johnston ROW
Legiena Kellar Planning
Shirley J. Kingrey ROW
Charles W. Lance District 4
T.L. Mitchell ROW

15 Years

Kenneth H. Beaton District 10
Bobby J. Cornish District 2
Leartis Dansby District 3
James E. Gossett Surveys
John T. Hardwick District 3
John W. King District 5
Darrell G. Lackey District 9
Charles W. Leker District 6
Charles W. McMilliam District 8
Charlie Ogden, Jr. District 3
Jerry E. Poole District 5
Virgil A. Proctor District 8
Herbert W. Ross District 3
Jerry G. Rowland District 7
Jacob L. Weston District 6
Bennie J. Winn District 5

10 Years

Carl L. Andrews District 1
Freddie E. Andrews District 1
Stanley R. Arocha District 4
Gary W. Burnett District 8
Harold R. Callicott District 3

Stella Christman Planning
William R. Clark A.H.P.
Aldred W. Collins Environmental
George G. Derrick District 3
Marvin G. Duncan District 5
Joe E. Foresythe District 4
Billy R. Haycraft District 1
Edward A. Hoppe, Jr. Surveys
Moran O. Lacy District 5
Marvin R. Sims District 9
Carlotta L. Vaughan Computer Services
Michael E. White Bridge

5 Years

Steven B. Alexander Planning
Martin L. Cruce Roadway Design
David B. Edwards District 4
Fred C. Gross District 10
Solon V.R. Hale Planning
Rickey J. Herron District 6
George M. Hinkle District 1
Millard Hunter, III District 6
Odell Johnson State Aid
Wesley Shaun Pierce District 7
Rachel M. Turman District 4

JULY 1985

35 Years

M.J. Pledger District 1

30 Years

R. Goodson District 4

25 Years

H.L. Allen District 8
B. Bredley District 5
J.N. Faubus District 4
L. Hall District 6
F.M. Harrison Bridge
J.A. Sage Bridge
C.H. Sanders District 4

20 Years

B.G. Calhoon District 1
G.T. Cotten District 2
J. Crawford District 1
R.A. Faulkner District 10
G.G. Major, Jr. Roadway Design
J.L. Riley District 1

15 Years

D.R. Adams District 6
E.H. Baker District 8
G.C. Bishop District 3
L.G. Butler District 10
G. Eubanks District 10
W.M. Hogan Traffic
T.B. Journagan District 9
P.E. Passmore District 9
N.G. Rackley District 8
O.D. Rice District 9
J.E. Watkins District 1
G.W. Wood District 10
B.J. Young Computer Services

10 Years

W.D. Brandon A.H.P.
S.A. Campbell ROW
T.A. Cutchall A.H.P.
M.D. Hargis District 7
M.W. Johnson District 5
J.R. Kinney Roadway Design
T.C. Nicholson Materials
C.D. Pierce District 7
R.E. Reed ROW
V.M. Sanders District 1
M.L. Sullivan Maintenance
J.R. Trawick District 7
J.W. Wilson Surveys

5 Years

P.R. Biggs District 4
B.J. Bogle, Jr. District 6
W.A. Cardwell A.H.P.
R.L. Carr District 6
B. Chambers District 8
H.W. Cox HB Maintenance
L.M. Hicks District 10
C.A. Holdman Traffic
A.E. Holt Jr. A.H.P.
H.R. Kennedy District 2
G.S. Oliver District 6
J.P. Redwine District 6
Y. Reeves Computer Services
B.R. West District 2
R.H. Williams District 6

AHTD RETIREMENTS

MAY 1985

Wallace E. Harrison District 9
Troy F. Lambert District 1
Raymond W. Reynolds District 5
Gene L. Smith A.H.P.
Robert G. White District 3
Guy B. Williams District 10

JUNE 1985

Donald R. Jennings District 4
Erwin E. Olinger District 8
Clemons E. Pectol District 5
Johnie W. Mangrum District 10
Wilson F. Russell District 1
Robert F. Hutchins District 8

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



Bertie Carr

CHIEF ENGINEER

We were all saddened by the death of Bertie Carr in June. Bertie began her career with the Highway Department in October 1962 as a secretary-stenographer in the Chief Engineer's office. In May 1967 she became the Commission Secretary and in February 1970 became secretary to B.K. Cooper who was appointed Chief Engineer.

Bertie was a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps where she met her husband, Bob, while on "KP" duty.

Bertie was a great inspiration to all who was around her. She will be greatly missed by all her friends and co-workers at the Department.

Bertie was survived by her husband, Bob, three sons, Tim, Phillip, and John, one daughter, Bobbie, and five grandchildren.

CONSTRUCTION

On June 20, Joe Magness, Staff Construction Engineer, was honored with an early morning coffee celebrating his 30th anniversary with AHTD. Norman Pumphrey, Construction Engineer, made the presentation of his certificate of service and pin.



Magness and Pumphrey

Our best wishes to Joe's daughter, Melissa Jo Magness, and Chris Minick who were married June 14 in a home ceremony. After a wedding trip to Gulfport, Mississippi, they will live in Little Rock.

Norman and Kitty Pumphrey joined friends from the UALR faculty for an overnight float trip down the Buffalo River. They enjoyed camping out and the beautiful scenery.

Enjoying a week's vacation in Pensacola, Florida, was Elaine and Dudley Smart. She also proudly announced that their son, Jon, had been selected to attend Boy's State at UCA in Conway. Congratulations Jon!

Heather, Ron Price's daughter, was in a dance recital at Studio I. She was presented with a five-year trophy for participation.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The Environmental Division had some excellent summer employees this year, both in the office and in the field. Kelly Langston was back for her fourth summer with the Department. She will graduate next summer from the UofA at Fayetteville after she attends Geology Field Camp in Montana.

We also had three enthusiastic helpers on the Abandoned Car Program. This involves negotiating with property owners to remove junk cars from their yards. Steve Jones, a graduate from Hall High School, will complete his fourth year at Tulane University next year and earn a degree in Civil Engineering. He enjoys bicycling. Wesley Garrett recently graduated from McClellan High School in Little Rock, as did Patrick Mitchell. Wesley will attend Tulane and study Architecture, and Patrick plans to study Political Science at UALR. We enjoyed having these students with us and wish them the very best in their endeavors.

Vacation time is here and some of us are taking trips, others just relaxing and others catching up on work around the house.

John Harris and Wendy Welch, and Mike and Cindy Webb headed to the New Orleans Jazz Festival. Several others from AHTD went also and enjoyed the music, food, sun, and scenery. Then, John and Wendy drove to the Gulf Coast and had an early vacation. Too bad John was sick the whole time and missed the fun. Later, Mike and Cindy went to the Gulf Coast where they enjoyed resting, sunbathing and a little shopping.

Gary Bulloch and his friend, Roger Milligan, have had some great luck fishing this year. Their best trip so far was 200 crappie in one weekend. We're hoping Gary is going to have a fish fry soon.

Burney McClurkan's family went to Dallas on vacation. They visited relatives and went to White Water Park. Burney's youngest son, Sean, got out of the Navy and is going to attend North Texas State University, so they helped him get situated. Sean will study radio/tv film communications.

Karen McDaniel enjoys her pool and has been spending a lot of time soaking up the sun this summer.

Lola Latta's son, Tim, and Jim Gaither's daughter, Marsha, were selected to participate in UALR's Summer Laureate Program. This is

an honor study program and we are proud of these good students!

The last week of May was one Mike and Teresa Harris would like to forget. On a pleasant Sunday afternoon, Teresa set out for a bike ride in her neighborhood. She was attacked by a hugh Labrador Retriever and bitten on her upper leg. Then, on Thursday of the same week, her car was hit by a 16-year old driver with no insurance, causing \$1,400 damage to the Harris' car. What a week!

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

It is not often that this office has any newsy news, but this time we have two employees we would like to mention.

Ernest Potter, one of our co-workers at the Central Warehouse, attained that point in life that all of us strive toward, most of us make, and some of us will never do - retirement! Cake and coffee were served May 28th at a farewell party. Ernest had mentioned that a lot of his neighbors were bragging about all the fish they were catching since they had retired and now he can join them with the latest in fishing equipment which was presented to him by his co-workers at Jacksonville. Enjoy your retirement, Ernest.

Doug Nielsen was honored recently with cake and coffee in the office. The occasion was the awarding of his 15 year service certificate and pin by Maurice Head, Chief of Equipment and Procurement. The ladies in the office took the time to go one step further. The Nielsens were expecting their first child at the time of the festivities, so the cake served a dual purpose. The 15-year pin and certificate will be a short memory to Doug and his wife, Debbie, but their daughter, Katie Marie, born June 16th, will be a memory which will grow and flourish through the years.

Our congratulations to Doug for completing 15 years with the Department. Our best wishes to Debbie and Katie.



Maurice Head with Doug and Debbie Nielsen

INTERNAL AUDIT

During the month of May, two of our auditors received 5-year pendants and service awards for their dedicated service to the Department which were presented by Bill McDorman, Chief Auditor. The recipients were Sharron Byrd and Vicki Haydon, both Senior External Auditors. Congratulations Sharron and Vicki on this great

accomplishment, and we all hope that both of you have many more years of service with the Department.



Vicki Haydon and Bill McDorman



Sharron Byrd and Bill McDorman

LEGAL

Our world travelers for this edition were Ted Goodloe in Washington, D.C., Jo Lanham traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, Thomas Keys spent three weeks in Europe, Chris Parker toured much of China for a month and Betty and Herman Schmidt made an exciting trip to Hawaii.

Regina Laidler purchased a new condo in Hot Springs, congratulations Regina, we hope that soon you will be all settled and enjoying it.

Laverne Thompson is anxiously awaiting the arrival of what we hope to be a granddaughter, however, she will be just as excited to have a little brother for her little grandson Matthew.

Karen Horton has transferred back to the Legal Division. Welcome back Karen!

MAINTENANCE

Two of our men received their service certificates and pins in May. Tom Pringle received his 10-year pin and Bennie Winkler received his 5-year pin. Both are pictured receiving their certificates and pins from David Lambert, Staff Maintenance Engineer. Both Tom and Bennie work in Ralph Buchanan's Heavy Bridge Maintenance Crew. Congratulations to you both!

We would like to extend our sympathy to Ralph Buchanan and Jim Francis, who both recently lost their fathers, and to Ben Malone, who lost his brother.



Tom Pringle and David Lambert



Bennie Winkler and David Lambert

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

We would like to wish a special get-well to Jim Brewster, Bill Langston, and Bobby Tubbs. These three men have had to miss a good deal of work because of serious illness and we are wishing them a speedy recovery.

Several of our employees have been assigned new positions which also included a promotion. They are as follows: Charles Means and Mike Limbird have both been promoted to Area Engineers, Charles will be over Districts 8 and 9, and Mike will be over Districts 2 and 6.

Ellie Watson is our new Senior Bituminous Lab Technician and Mike Sebren is our new Staff Materials Engineer.

Alan Meadors is now the Advanced Research Study Engineer and Kathy Ballard, we are sad to say, is leaving us for a job in Roadside Development.

There are three new employees in our section that have all transferred from inside the department. They are: Kent McCorkle from Traffic, John Shackelford from Buildings and Grounds and Ken Benson from Construction.

We had five college students who helped us this summer. They were Penny Deryberry, Terri Claiborne, Randy Reynolds, Nancy Troillett, and Mark Scarlett. Special thanks to these five!

We would like to say a special congratulations to two newly wed couples. Brent Thomason and Dianna Jo Powell were married June 8 at the LRAFB Chapel in Jacksonville. After they return from their honeymoon they will live in Dallas, Texas where they both have jobs waiting for them.

Bob Kessinger's son, Jeff, and his fiancée, Dee Williams, were wed on June 22 at the chapel on the campus of Hendrix College.

Danny Mathis and his wife, Debbie, are the proud parents of a baby boy. John Andrew weighed 8 pounds and ½ ounce. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Steve Harris was invited to umpire games at the Lady Luck Class A National Invitational

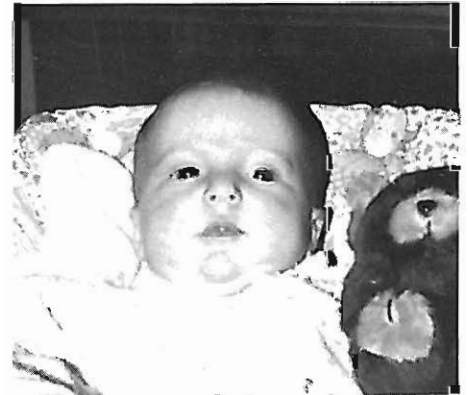
Softball Tournament in Lafayette, Louisiana at Pelican Park on June 29 and 30.

We have two National Guardsmen in our division. Both Alvin Simmons and Danny Mathis attended summer camp at Fort Chaffee.

PLANNING

Florence Routh, of the Statewide Planning Section, has been named Woman of the Year by Diamond Charter Chapter, ABWA. She will represent the chapter in national competition for the 1985 Top 10 Women of the Year and for American Business Woman of the Year awards. Annually, each ABWA chapter selects one of its members for this award. Selection is based on the member's achievements in her field of business, education, participation in the association and in community activities. Announcements of the national award recipients will be made at ABWA's National Convention October 9-13 at San Antonio, Texas. The association has over 120,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Congratulations to Van and Leslie Hale on the birth of their daughter Lindsey Christine. Lindsey was born on March 3, 1985 and weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces. Van and Leslie have one other daughter, Erica, who is two years old.



Lindsey Christine Hale

Statewide Planning would like to welcome Cliff McKinney to this office. Cliff came to the Department in January from West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District in Hot Springs. He and his wife, Pat, have one child, Clifford, who is seven years old. Welcome aboard Cliff.

Congratulations to Ed Rinke, Steve Mitchell and Van Hale on receiving their 5-year pins and certificates of service.

PERMITS

Congratulations to V.W. "Buddy" Dumas, who retired June 14. Our office held a farewell lunch and presented him with a CB radio. We were happy to have his wife, Catherine, join us. We miss him and wish him a very happy retirement.

Terry and Caron Nanney, along with their children, Christine and Michael, had a fun-filled vacation, although it rained every day. They went to Gulf Shores, Alabama and Orlando, Florida, where they visited Disneyworld and Epcott Center. They also saw the space shuttle lift off.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

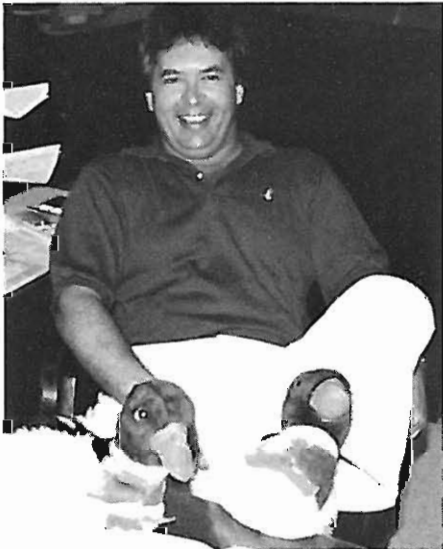
Nothing much is happening around Photo-grammetry. Only a couple of employees have even taken their vacations. We planned a picnic at Lake Hamilton, but it was rained out.

Terry Gaither and his wife, Cindy, took a vacation trip to the Great Smoky Mountains this year. They stayed in a condominium in Sky Valley, Georgia, a week in June. Terry has some beautiful photographs that he took of the breathtaking scenery of the Smokies. These photographs really make you want to take a trip there yourself.

Everyone else is too involved in baseball and softball to take a vacation. Farrel Adams and Roy Walden have sons that are playing this year, so they are pretty tied up with ball games.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Roy Douglas, proud father of James Roy Douglas, Jr., born October 28, 1984, was honored on Father's Day with a pair of mallard duck house shoes. (Roy loves ducks!) We had a good laugh that day. Jamie is a beautiful, happy baby and we all are sure proud of "Roy's boy!"



Roy Douglas



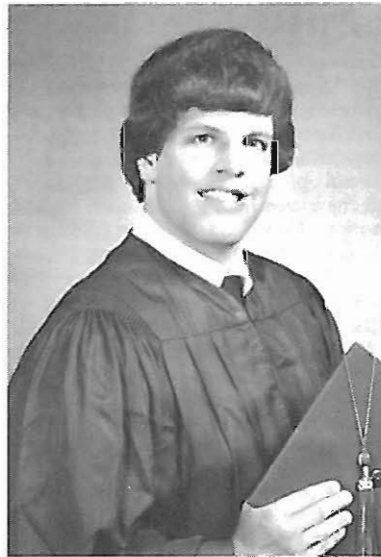
Roy Douglas, Jr.

Chuck Freeman celebrated his 25-year anniversary with the Department. He was presented with his pin and certificate of service by Mr. Holland. Congratulations Chuck!



Chuck Freeman and Hub Holland

Wesley L. Garrett, son of Margaret and Jim Garrett, graduated in May from John L. McClellan High School. He has been accepted at the College of Architecture at Tulane University this fall. He is currently a summer employee in the Environmental Division of the Department.



Wesley L. Garrett

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

We welcome Ruth DeBro has our new summer employee. Ruth lives in Helena but is spending the summer with her sister, Laura DeBro-Carter. Ruth, by now, is wondering why and how she ended up in this Unit, or just who has it in for her. In September she plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville where she will begin her freshman year, and, after the summer she will be spending with PTU I would imagine attending college will be quite refreshing for her. Welcome Ruth!

All of the gardeners in this Unit are anticipating record crops of fresh, homegrown vegetables and good ole ripe, juicy, red tomatoes, that is all but Jim Head, who ending up picking his garden with a lawnmower. Jim just doesn't have a green thumb, but is green with envy over everyone else's elaborate stories of how their plants are abundantly producing. Jim can, how-

ever, outdo their tomato plant stories with his fish tales.

Jim is seriously considering buying another car, even though he has two already, as he has been seen hoofing it lately. He says his definition of a pedestrian is a Father in a two-car family.

In our last issue we mentioned John Bodiak and his family were adding a deck and family room to their house. That project is now complete and John is enjoying his new family room with a fireplace and relaxing in a comfy recliner, wishing it were winter and he could enjoy a cozy, warm fire.

Kerry Nichols has joined the realm of unemployment after 10 years of dedicated service to the Department. This Unit honored her with a luncheon, or rather a "roasting" at Michael's Restaurant. Kerry decided to make a career of being a housewife and mother. We wish her the best in her new fulltime job.

Ron Smith is day dreaming these days of the sand and surf. He and his family will be vacationing in Gulf Shores. I am sure he will be thinking of the ones he left behind to slave at the office while he suns lazily on those soft, white beaches, for we will certainly be thinking of him.

Terry Pearson and his wife have just purchased a new home in Southwest City. After apartment dwelling, Terry anticipates the first necessity he will need to purchase is a lawnmower.

REPRODUCTION

Congratulations to Cynthia Torres and David Hodge who were married June 1 at Nalls Memorial Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Torres and the bridegroom is the son of Bonnie Hodge. After a wedding trip to Hot Springs the couple now resides in Little Rock where David is a purchasing agent for Little Rock Hilton and Cynthia is employed by West Little Rock Chiropractic Clinic. We wish this young couple a long and happy life together.

We are enjoying two summer employees this year. They are Holly Sneed and Robert Niehaus. Holly is working in our Ozalid and Xerox Sections. She has been a student at Ouachita Baptist and UALR. Her major is Special Education and she plans to teach when she graduates. Her hobbies are drawing and painting. Robert is working in our 35mm Microfilm Section. He is a graduate of Northeast High School in North Little Rock. He plans to attend UALR and major in Electronics Technology. His hobbies are baseball, basketball, and football.

We were all saddened by the death of Bertie Carr. She will certainly be missed at the Highway Department.

RIGHT OF WAY

A reception was held on May 31 in honor of Jim Bartlett, Chief of the Utility Section, for his completion of 25 years of service. Special guest at the reception was his wife Wynona. Congratulations was extended to Jim by his co-workers at the reception but we would again life to congratulate him on this achievement.

Congratulations also to Ted Mitchell on his retirement from the Department with 20 years

of service. Ted was presented with a clock radio and a golfing shirt from the Division and a putter from the Acquisition Section, where he worked as a negotiator. Ted will be missed but we hope he enjoys every day of his retirement and is able to put his new putter to good use.

We have several employees who attended workshops and seminars during the month of June. They were Glendol Jackson, Chief of the Right of Way Division; Danny Arendt, Chief of the Relocation Section; Paul Broyles, Chief of the Acquisition Section; and Henry Williams, Reviewing Appraiser in the Appraisal Section. This group attended a Right of Way Workshop in Fort Worth, Texas on June 3 and 4.

Arthur Watt, Assistant Chief of the Right of Way Division, attended the International Right of Way Association's 31th Annual International Education Seminar in Nashville, Tenn. June 16-21.

Right of Way has two new employees, Deborah Taylor and Pam Carter. Deborah is a secretary in the Appraisal Section. She replaced Tanya Berryman who resigned to attend school fulltime. Tanya is working toward a degree in nursing and we would like to wish her success in her new career.

Pam replaced Sheryl Fletcher as the clerk-typist in the Administrative Section. Sheryl transferred to the Acquisition Section as a secretary. Our congratulations to Sheryl on her promotion.

Congratulations also to John Kendrick, Right of Way Plans Designer in the Engineering Section on his completion of 5 years service with the Department in May.



Jim and Wynona Bartlett with Glendol Jackson

SURVEYS

As promised in the last issue, we have news of Kit Carson's soccer team, the Riverdale Rowdies. Kit's son plays on the team, and during the Memorial Day weekend they participated in the 1985 State Classic Under 12 Soccer Tournament in Fayetteville and took second place. These guys are really good, and I guess Kit must be a pretty good coach (he

keeps telling me so). We are all very proud of them. Congratulations Riverdale Rowdies!



Riverdale Rowdies

Mr. Oren Cossey, Senior Surveys Aide, retired from the Department at age 65 with 26½ years of service. The crew presented Oren with a hat and jacket and took him to dinner to celebrate the occasion. We all hope Oren will have an enjoyable retirement.

We were all saddened by the death of Bob Brown, one of our Surveys Specialists from Plummerville. Bob was a good man and will be greatly missed. Condolences to his family.

Ed Hoppe, Staff Surveys Engineer, received his 10 year pin and service certificate. We celebrated the occasion with cake and coffee and took him out to lunch. Only 20 more to go, Ed!

Mr. Charles Mitchell's son, Chuck, graduated from Hope High School this spring. Congratulations Chuck!

TRAFFIC

We would like to welcome two new employees to our Division. They are Gail Scott and Scott Brooks.

Congratulations to Frank Jones who received his 5 year service award in May.

Congratulations also to Tony and Karla Jones on the arrival of their daughter, Kristina Anne, born May 22 weighing 7 pounds and 5½ ounces. We also congratulate Sandy Williams on his first grandchild, Robert Chase McAnew, born May 19. Robert weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McAnew.



Raymond Chase McAnew

DISTRICT ONE

May 2, 1985 was a big day for District One when about 100 friends, co-workers, and former employees gathered for a fish fry with all the trimmings to honor Ralph Vickers, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, who retired the following week with 30 years of service. Special guests included Ralph's wife, Jerry, and their good friends, Marvin and Frances Hunt. Out of town guests included Bill Mulhollen, Calvin Peevy, Jim Tucker, Jim Gee, Bob Fulton, Bert Rownd, James Mansfield, Jim Montgomery, George Ingle, Red Hall and Charlie Hesselbein. After some kind words and tall tales about Ralph, District Engineer Ray Woodruff presented him with a gold watch from the employees of District One. Ralph was also given a fishing rod with a giant hook for the "big ones" he is going to catch. With all the traveling he and Jerry have done since he retired, he probably has not had time to use it. Ralph was a dedicated, conscientious employee who was our Mr. Fix-It and he is missed by all.

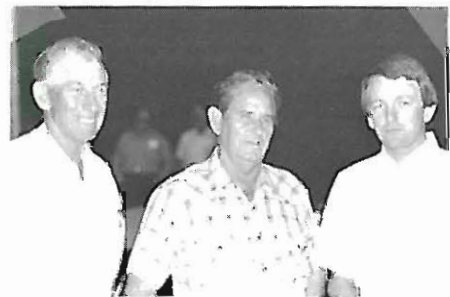


Ralph Vickers and Ray Woodruff

Troy Lambert, retiring motor patrol operator, was also recognized at the fish fry for his 35 years of service with the District-wide construction crew. M.J. Jordan, his former supervisor presented Troy with a new fishing rod from his crew members. We wish Troy a long, happy retirement.

Congratulations to Gene Burns, former Permit Clerk, who has been promoted to Assistant Maintenance Superintendent.

Since all of the AHTD bowling team was at the above mentioned fish fry, we thought a picture would be nice. Only one, A.J. Glover, got away before the picture was made. Pictured are M.J. Jordan, John Watkins, Calvin George and Jasper Riley. They ended up winning second place overall in their division.



Jordan, Lambert, Woodruff

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Mulhollen, Vickers, Woodruff, George



Fish Fry Fun



Our favorite Passtime



Fun, Food and Fellowship



Bowling Team - Jordan, Watkins, George, Riley

Congratulations to Kristie Belknap, daughter of Assistant District Engineer Gene Belknap and wife, Darlene. Kristie received an out-

standing student award in science and also a watch for being an outstanding student the three years she attended Wynne Junior High School. These awards were presented at an awards ceremony held at the school on May 23. I am sure the Belknaps are very proud of her, and have every right to be.



Kristie Belknap



Roseann Clayton

The month of May was a busy time for Grover Clayton and his family. Their daughter RoseAnn, not only graduated from nursing school, but also married three weeks later. RoseAnn received her R.N. degree at an impressive ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee on May 3. Her wedding then took place May 25, but since the pictures are not in at this writing we will save the wedding for next time. Grover is a Senior Inspector at the Resident Engineer's office in Wynne.

Rooster and his Dominickers, better known as Joe Lucas, Mark Montgomery, Robert Day, Jimmy South, and Kenneth McMickle won second place at Village Creek State Park during the Wynne Funfest barbecue cookoff. Their win was in the pork shoulder division. This crew plus Morgan Bryant are going to the Mississippi State Cookoff in Clarksdale, Mississippi the weekend of June 29 to try their luck there. Good luck gang. When this bunch is not cook-

ing, they work out of the Resident Engineer's office at Wynne.

DISTRICT TWO

Recently we were honored with a visit from some special friends of ours. Melba and Ken Tyler stopped by the District office on their way to their son's, Kevin, college graduation. Ken was Resident Engineer and Assistant District Engineer in District Two. He is now County Engineer for the Wyoming Highway Department in the Cody area. Both their daughters are married and Ken and Melba are grandparents. They report they love it out west and will be there awhile. Everyone enjoyed their surprise visit and hope it won't be so long in between visits.



Melba and Ken Tyler

Talk about "turkeys" - these are really some pictures! Just kidding Tommy. Tommy, who works in the District Maintenance Crew, and friend killed these recently and were really proud.



Tommy White

District Engineer Sam Smith has been elected and installed into the Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineering, an organization of 55 active members dedicated to enhancing the image of Civil Engineers at the University of Arkansas. In addition to other responsibilities, this esteemed group is committed to providing advice and counsel affecting progress and quality of education in teaching, research and personnel as well as encouraging grants from private and public sectors in the form of money, equipment

and facilities. District Two employees feel the academy made an excellent choice in selecting "our boss" for this honor.

The Maintenance Crew of the Month for May is the Desha County Crew, taking top honors for the first time. Shown in the picture is Billy Plunkett, Area Headquarters Attendant, M.S. "Smith Smith, District Engineer, and Richard Waller, Area Foreman. Isn't it nice to be a winner!



Plunkett, Smith, Waller

The Maintenance Crew of the Month for March and April was the Cleveland County crew and Foreman Rickey Neal.



Sam Smith and Rickey Neal

The following service awards were presented recently. They were Dale Johns, Senior Mechanic and Raymond Ferguson, Welder, both from the District 2 Shop for 5 years service; Billy E. Turner, Cleveland County Area Headquarters Attendant, 10 years; Ronnie C. Phillips, Finish Carpenter, Bridge Crew, 10 years; J.W. Colbert, Lead Person, Chicot County Crew 10 years; Daniel Richardson, Lead Person, Desha County Crew, 15 years; and Ouida Grimes, District Boopkeeper, 30 years.



Ouida Grimes and Sam Smith

Doug L. Berry, Distributor Operator for the Sealing Crew in District Two, was recently pre-

sented his 20-year certificate by Joe Akin, Job Superintendent.



Joe Akin and Doug Berry

Two employees in Drew County received service awards recently. Shown in the picture are Danny Lawson, Area Headquarters Attendant, 10 years; R.L. Brantley, Area Foreman; and Melvin Phillips, Crew Leader, 15 years.



Lawson, Brantley, Phillips

Kenny Akin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Akin, attended Boy's State at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, June 10-15. He was assigned to the Nationalist Party and Gordon City in Hall County. Kenny was sponsored to Boy's State by Stephenson Funeral Home of Monticello.



Kenny Akin

Kevin Hawkins, son of Stefanie and Jerry Hawkins, was named to the 1985 All Stars for Cleveland County. They will be in the State Tournament in West Memphis July 14-10. We wish them luck in going to Regionals in Louisiana if they win State. Stefanie is the District 2 Fuel Clerk.

We are proud to welcome the following summer employees to the District Headquarters. Kim Smith is a 1984 graduate of Pine Bluff High School. She attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello her freshman year and plans to continue her education at the U of A

at Little Rock with a double major in Accounting and Business. Also a 1984 graduate of Pine Bluff High School is Rob Stewart. Rob attended the Interprise State Junior College his freshman year where he played baseball. He plans to attend the University of Arkansas where he will major in Business Administration.



Kim Smith

Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Reeves announce the marriage of their daughter, Linda, to Glen Phillips on April 12. Mr. Reeves works in the Lincoln County crew at Star City. Best wishes to the new couple.



Mrs. Glen Phillips

Welcome a new grandchild, a girl, to Mary Lynn Sutton of McGehee Engineers. Mary Lynn's son, Cliff Mabray, and his wife are the proud parents. Sara Elizabeth weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces.

We have a new employee in District Two assigned to the McGehee Resident Engineer's office. Thomas Blouch, a Civil Engineer I, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a native of West Helena. He says he likes to hunt and fish. Welcome to the Department.

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: Cannon C. Hollis, Jerry A. Stuart, H.S. Whatley, Jr. and Michael R. Givens for 5 years; Joey R. Waddle, James C. Tolleson, George Derrick and H.R. Callicott for 10 years; Leartis Dansby, John T. Hardwick, Charlie Ogden and Herbert Ross for 15 years; Roy M. Wilson for 20 years; and John W. Barham for 30 years.



Jordan Elliott Waddle

Pictured is Jordan Elliott Waddle, son of Joey and Julia Waddle. Jordan was born February 28, was 21" long and weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces. Jordan is the Waddles first child and I must say they are very proud parents. Joey is Assistant Stockroom Supervisor.

The American Cancer Society in Montgomery County presented "Hee Haw" on May 4 and 5. It was again repeated in Glenwood to kick-off the Northern Pike County drive for 1985 on Saturday, May 11. Pictured is Earl Gene White, Crew Leader in Montgomery County, playing Jr. Samples in his famous used car commercial.



On June 13 we had a fish fry at the District to honor three of our employees who are retiring. Herschel Patterson, District Station Supervisor, Joe Barham, Welder and John Glass, Stock Clerk are all retiring and we wish them the best in their retirement.



Patterson, Barham, Glass

We would like to welcome Debbie Caster to the District. Debbie transferred to District 3 from the Central Office and is our new receptionist. Ala Mae Flenory was promoted to Payroll Clerk and Susan Martin was promoted to Stockroom Supervisor. Congratulations to all of them.

On May 18, some out-of-state fishermen were fishing around the Spring Bank Ferry and caught a 105 pound catfish. The crew from the ferry wanted to show everyone what big fish they have in their part of the country.



Out-of-state fishermen with 105-pound catfish

DISTRICT FOUR

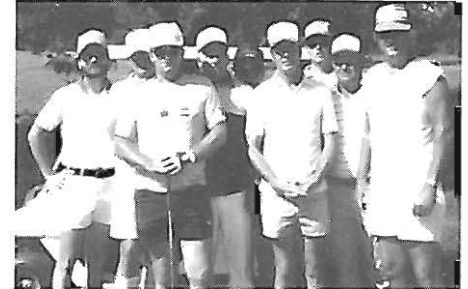
Do we have service awards or what! Betty Links, District Fuel Clerk, is shown receiving her 5 year certificate of service from Ray Jett. Congratulations also to Jim Shields, Watchman; Herman Murphy, District Bridge Crew; and Sharon Sikma. Harold Anderson from the Van Buren R.E. Office and Lyndell Lyda of the Waldron R.E. Office received their 20 year certificates. Our congratulations to these employees for their service to the Department.



Links and Jett

The day dawned bright over District Four's First Annual "Highwayman's Golf Scramble." Nine avid duffers assembled at the Greenwood Country Club to do battle. They were: Kit Core, Carl Sanders, William Craig, Bill Garner, David Becker, George Lee, Mark Williams, Jerry Montgomery and Nick Mings. Three 3-man

teams were chosen and 8 hours and 18 holes later the dust cleared and all three teams were even. One member from each team was chosen to participate in the sudden death playoff. The tie was broken on the first hole of the playoff and the team of Core, Sanders and Lee won. The contest was enjoyed by all and I'm sure another "big" tournament will be planned for the not to distance future.



District 4 golfers

Kenny Lister, son of Danny Lister, Sign Crew Foreman, holds the check he won for second place in the Bracket 2 Class Races in the big Memorial Day Race at the Centerville Drag Strip. Mighty fine driving.



Lister

Hershall Henry's daughter, Vondia, graduated May 27 from Acorn High School and plans to attend Rich Mountain Community College in the fall. Melvin Heath's son, Steve, graduated April 12 from the National Institute of Technology in Dallas, Texas with a degree in Electronic Engineering. He had a 3.85 grade point and received the Most Outstanding Student Award. He is now employed with Business Record Computer Services of Dallas. Our congratulations to both on their recent graduations.



Vondia Henry

On May 18 the Polk County Maintenance Crew held their annual fish fry at Lake Wilhelmina. Those attending were Jearl Baker, Her- shall Henry, Melvin Heath, Gene Roberts, Joe Downs, Rita Stone, Janis Foster, Retiree Roy Gortemiller and their families. Everyone has a super time. Jearl Baker and Melvin Heath took championship honors in horseshoe pitch- ing.

The members of the Waldron R.E. Office and their families got together for a picnic the afternoon of June 1 at Truman Baker Park in Waldron. For many of those attending, it was an opportunity to meet for the first time. Many of the youngsters participated in some bank fishing on Truman Baker Lake. Each family brought a covered dish and deer steaks, ham- burgers, and hot dogs were grilled. Carl Sanders, Assistant District Engineer, and his family joined us. Carl was Head Chef at the grills with Charlotte Holland, wife of Lyndy Holland, assisting in the cooking. We appreciate their culinary efforts and success despite the 90- degree heat. Judging from the jovial atmos- phere and good fellowship, everyone involved really enjoyed themselves. A special thanks goes to Margaret K. Byers, Field Clerk, for her hard work in organizing the picnic and coordinating the menu and to Amos Zimmer, Scott County Area Foreman, and his crew who maintain Truman Baker Park in the manner that makes it an ideal location for an afternoon picnic.



Lyda (20 years) and Sanders



Herman Murphy (5 years)

DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to the following employees on their years of service with the Department: J.R. Weaver and D.W. Dixon, 5 years; Everett Lexion, M.O. Lacy, M.G. Duncan, 10 years; B.J. Winn, J.E. Poole, J.W. King, A.E. Lee, D.J. Drake, 15 years; K.W. Johnson, S.W. Bolding, and E.A. (JR) James, 20 years.



Lancaster and Kirby Johnson (20 years)



Lancaster and Donald Newberry (20 years)



Sikma (5 years) and Anderson (20 years)



F. Lancaster and S.W. Bolding (20 years)



Frank Oliver (20 years)



Jim Shields (5 years)



Lancaster and E.A. James (20 years)

Mary Lee McCown, Office Manager, was honored on her retirement from the AHTD. Highway employees and retirees were among those at the ceremony honoring her 35 years of service. District Engineer J.R. Chaney presented her retirement certificate in addition to gifts from well wishers.

We have three position changes in the Dis- trict. Marily Coffman was promoted to Office Manager; Norma McKinney is District Secretary; Brenda Pearson to Fuel Clerk and one new employee Sherry Stout is the Field Clerk in the Harold Beaver Residency. Sherry is married and has a 17-month old son, Matthew. We welcome her to the Department.

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Mary Lee McCown and J.R. Chaney

Mike Satterwhite, son of Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Randy Satterwhite, is the hottest junior golfer around this year (led the 1985 Batesville High golf team to their first Class AAA State Championship). He has won three straight tournaments including the State High School Championship, the Southwest Regional Tournament, and the High School Over-all. He also won the Cadron Valley Invitation in Conway.



Mike Satterwhite

On March 22 the Job Superintendents, Area Foremen, and district office personnel surprised Sharp County Area Foreman R.W. (Buck) Reynolds with a retirement party. His wife and daughter were on hand to help enjoy the cake and coffee. We would like to wish him a happy retirement and hope he'll be stopping by for a visit now and then.

Best wishes to C.E. Pectol of the Sign Crew who retired May 16 with 32 years of service.



Mr. and Mrs. R.W. (Buck) Reynolds

Kathryn Chaney, daughter of Jim and Shirley Chaney, is a 1985 graduate of Southside High School. Kathryn plans to attend UCA this fall.



Kathryn Chaney

Sandra Coles, daughter of our Sign Crew Foreman A.L. Coles and his wife, Shelba, graduated from Desha High School. She also plans to attend UCA.



Sandra Coles



Kirby Chisam

Kirby is the two year old niece of Equipment Supervisor Charles McClusky. This little cutie lives near the District Headquarters and pays us a visit occasionally.

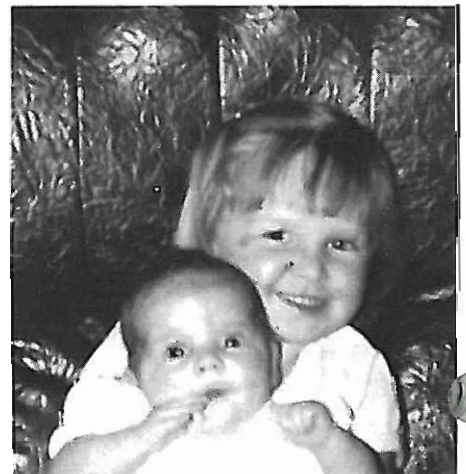
DISTRICT SIX

We want to say farewell, good luck and you will be missed to Mr. Ralph Fulton who will be leaving us to go to District Nine. He will be replaced by Mr. Roger Almond who is transferring from Materials and Research. Mr. Almond is not a newcomer to District Six as he was our Assistant District Engineer for three years. Welcome back Roger!

Congratulations to Louis and Kay Turner on the birth of Bryon Levar born April 24 weighing 4 pounds and 2 ounces. Louis works with the Malvern Area Headquarters.



Bryon Levar Turner



Kaci Ruth and Kari Ruth Erwin

Born to Carl and Sarah Erwin of Malvern, was a girl, Kaci Ruth on April 17. Kaci weighed 7 pounds and one-half ounce. Holding Kaci is her 3-year old sister Kari Ruth. There grandparents are Ed and Ruthie Erwin of Magnet Cove and Donald and Barbara Brown of Hot Springs. Carl has been with the Malvern Area Headquarters for 14 years.

Jimmy Finley of the Malvern Area Headquarters got up early to get this turkey. It weighed 19 pounds and had a 9-inch beard, and was killed in Grant County.



Jimmy Finley

We want to welcome Vicki Leigh Jondro who is working as office attendant for Jerry Zuber, Foreman of the Interstate Maintenance Crew. Vicki is from Tulsa.

DISTRICT SEVEN

This lovely young lady is Miss Toni Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Ross of Camden. She is our summer employee in the District Office. Her hobbies include swimming, skiing, volleyball and riding three-wheelers. She attends the University of Arkansas at Monticello where she is majoring in Wildlife Management. Considering her love for the outdoors, we are fortunate that she is working inside this summer.



Toni Ross

Larry Hollis, Assistant District Maintenance Superintendent, spent a very successful and busy turkey hunting season this April. He is pictured with one of his kills which featured an 11½" beard and 1¼" spurs. Along with diligently hunting the elusive turkey, Larry managed to squeeze in time to get married. He has already converted his bride to turkey hunting. Congratulations Larry and Bobbie!

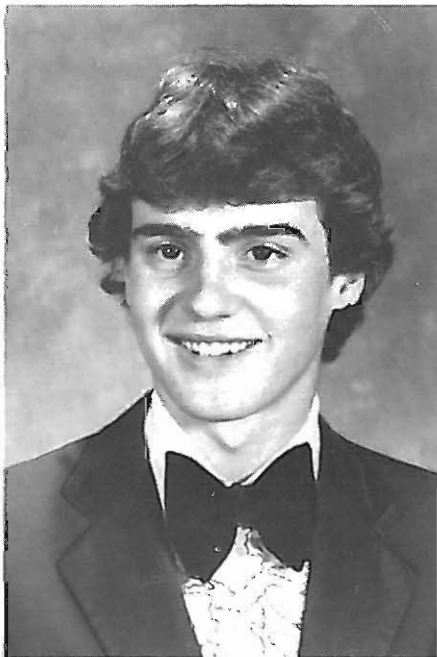


Larry Hollis

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to our recent service award recipients. They are: H.R. Duvall, C.L. Adney and Terry Schimmel, 5 years; E.A. Riedmueller, Jack Stobaugh, John Sutton, Billy J. McAlister, Bruce Adams, and Gary W. Burnett, 10 years; Patsy King, Virgil Proctor, and Charles W. McMillian, 15 years; Sam Ramey and Chester Patterson, 20 years; and Edwin H. Shinn, 25 years.

Congratulations to Ricky Stormont on his graduation from Russellville High School this past May. Rickey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Stormont. He is working part time at K-Mart and plans to attend Arkansas Tech University this fall majoring in Civil Engineering.



Ricky Stormont

We are also proud of Angie Rives, daughter of A.G. Jr. and Delores Rives of Clarksville. Angie graduated in May from Clarksville High School. She is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Rives, Sr. of Little Rock. (A.G. Sr. is retired from AHTD).



Angie Rives

Sara Elizabeth Willcutt, 3-year old daughter of John and Shelia Willcutt, won the "Arkansas State Tiny Miss Modeling Title" at the state finals of the "Our Diamond Miss Pageant" in Fayetteville in April. Sara received a TV, crown, banner, 3-foot trophy, scepter, and velvet robe for this title. Sara also won the overall "Cover Girl Title" award. Her picture will be on all program books and posters for the 1985 pageants throughout Arkansas. She won several prizes including another TV for this award. Sara's Cabbage Patch Baby was crowned the 1985 "Our Diamond Miss Baby Doll". Sara now advances to the National Finals in Dallas, Texas. Her daddy is an employee in our Johnson County crew and she has a brother, Damon.



Sara Elisabeth Willcutt

We were all saddened recently by the deaths of three of our retirees, O'Neil Reece, Earl (Doc) Hankins, and Bill Hickey.

Steven and Matt Young were exhibitors at the Louisiana Regional Preview of Angus calves held June 20-21 on the LSU campus at Baton Rouge. They placed first and second in their class of fall heifers, and Matt went on to show the Fall Calf Champion. The next stop for the boys and their calves will be Tulsa, Oklahoma for the National Junior Angus show. Both boys have high expectations after a great showing

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against very good competition. They are the sons of Assistant District Engineer M.C. Young.



Matt and Fall Heifer Champion



Steven and Matt standing 1st and 2nd in Class

James Chronister of our Pope County Crew killed this turkey on April 14. The turkey weighed 21½ pounds and had a 9¼" beard. Congratulations James.



James Chronister

DISTRICT NINE

On June 5, 1985, the following service awards were presented at the District Supervisor's Meeting: Leslie Gregory and Wade Whitney, 30 years; Rayma King, 20 years; Gary Fancher, Edward Carson, Marcie Holt, and

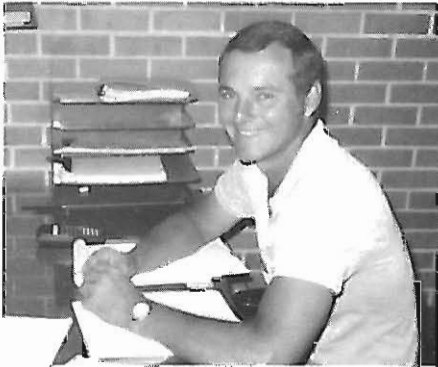
Tommy Jackson, 15 years. Congratulations to all!



**(Front) Gregory, Holt, King
(Back) Fancher, Jackson, Whitney**

Assistant District Engineer Jim Briley traveled to Oklahoma on his vacation and went on a cross-country bike ride. He covered over 500 miles in sun and rain and came back to work worn out and blistered. Now he knows what to look forward to next year.

Congratulations are extended to Butch Martin, who was promoted to Resident Engineer at Yellville. Butch has been with the Department since 1973 serving as Highway Engineering Aide, Civil Engineer and Assistant Resident Engineer. We wish Butch, his wife, Vicki, and daughter, Jennifer, the best of luck in this new move.



Butch Martin

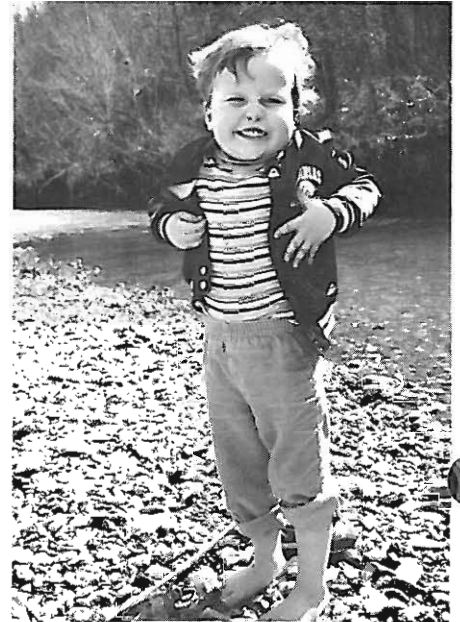
Jimmy and Jackie Young have every reason to be proud of their lovely daughter, Katrina, who was an entrant in the 1985 Little Jr. Miss Arkansas Pageant at the Riverfront Hilton on March 24. Katrina is 11 years old, and she received a t-shirt and trophy for entering. Jimmy is a Finish Carpenter for the District Bridge Crew.



Katrina Young

On Saturday, June 22, we had the first District-wide Picnic that we've had in several years, at the Lead Hill Pavillion at Diamond City. There was lots of good food, and everyone had a great time playing horseshoes and badminton. We hope next year's picnic will be even bigger and better.

Trace says the water in Dry Fork Creek on Granny and Papa's farm in northwest Arkansas is "too cold" for wading and swimming, but "just right" for fishing. Trace caught his first fish in the creek in May 1985. Trace (James Melton Glisson, III) is the son of Jimmie and Karen Glisson, Jr. of Berryville.



Trace Glisson



Trace Glisson

The Harrison Resident Engineer's office has had several of their employees retire this year. Herb Robinson, Office Technician, retired in February with 20 years service. Wallace Harrison, who was Construction Project Supervisor, retired on May 7 with 35 years service. Then on June 17, a retirement party was held in honor of Marion Downs and Harold Culdice. Marion, who was Advance Construction Field Engineer retired after 34 years service, and Harold, Construction Party Chief, retired after 31 years with the Department. All for of thses fine men will be missed by all!

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Herb Robinson and Wallace Harrison



Harold Culdice and Marion Jones



Charles Hesselbein and Johnnie Mangrum



Charles Hesselbein and Joe Hester

On May 11, a retirement party was held at the home of Bill Kerr honoring R.G. "George" Moss. George is shown with his wife, Shirley, and District Engineer Joe Barnett, after receiving a gun, knife, and watch. George began working for the Department in July 1956 and has worked in many different positions during his tenure. He will be missed by the multitude of friends who enjoyed the pleasure of working with him. We would like to wish George many happy years of retirement.



George and Shirley Moss

We also parted with another dear friend, Mr. Johnnie Mangrum, Greene County Area Headquarters Attendant, who retired on June 18 with 10 years of service. We will miss Johnnie's bright personality and look forward to visits from time to time. Best wishes Johnnie for many happy years.



(left) Johnnie Mangrum



Charles Hesselbein and Delmar Hutchinson



Charles Hesselbein and Gene Dunn

DISTRICT TEN

The lazy, hazy days of summer have finally arrived, but District Ten has been a hub of activity with work progressing rapidly on many of our major projects. To watch the progress on projects such as the Highway 412 Railroad Overpass in Paragould makes you feel good to know that our organization is contributing to the needs of communities, not only here in Paragould, but across the entire state of Arkansas.

Bob Glover, District Ten Materials Supervisor, underwent bypass surgery in April. Bob is back at work now and seems to be going very well. We were thankful for his speedy recovery and welcome him back.

Service awards were presented to Johnny Mangrum, Greene County Area Headquarters Attendant, 10 years; Gene Dunn, Greene County Maintenance Crew, 15 years; Delmar Hutchinson, Clay County Maintenance Crew, 15 years; Cecil Nelson, District Maintenance Crew, 5 years; and Joe Hester, District Bridge Crew, 10 years. We would like to congratulate all on their achievement and hope to have them all with us for many more service certificate presentations.



Charles Hesselbein and Cecil Nelson



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