

ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Future Federal Funding Still In Question

Federal highway funding, like all other federal government programs, is feeling the effects of the Gramm/Rudman/Hollings deficit reduction act.

Beginning March 1st, Arkansas' current fiscal year funding was further reduced by 4.3 percent. We started the fiscal year with a preliminary limitation of \$114.7 million, which was \$8.6 million less than 1985. In December 1985 Congress adjusted the amount to \$110.2 million, or a decrease of \$4.5 million. Our obligation limitation is now set at \$105.2 million, which is an overall reduction of approximately \$18.1 million from our 1985 limit.

This cut in Federal-aid highway programs will affect new highway projects that would have been put under contract this fiscal year. Projects already obligated from prior years but not yet completed are not affected.

The outlook for the next four years remains questionable. The Administration's "Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 1986" has been submitted to Congress. This four-year bill proposes changes to the highway, transit and safety programs at a reduced funding level. Under the bill both the Highway Trust Fund and the existing user fees would be extended to 1992; except that gasohol, methanol, and ethanol exemptions would be repealed.

The Act proposes to combine Interstate completion, Interstate rehabilitation, and Primary programs and reduce the level of funding. Arkansas would lose an estimated \$11 million a year for these programs. We also could lose about \$15 million a year under the present Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation, Secondary, and Urban Programs.

Federal funding for rehabilitation work and bridge replacement is very important to our State. Arkansas' Interstate System was one of the first in the Nation to be completed and we are now in the midst of a major rehabilitation program to upgrade and repair our Interstates. Many of the bridges on the State Highway System are in need of replacement, and we have been fortunate over the past few years in our efforts to meet this need. However, if the federal funding levels are reduced by the amounts proposed, Arkansas will suffer greatly.

The additional State funds provided by the Rural Road Program that was passed by the State Legislature in 1985 have been put to good use; however, if we lose additional federal funds, then our progress on the Rural Road Program will be slowed considerably.

The State Highway Commission is very concerned about the future of federal funding programs. We will be following the Congressional hearings on this bill very closely. It is our hope that Congress will see fit to maintain a level of funding necessary to meet the growing demands on our Nation's highways and transportation system. The burden on the states is already a great one. Reduced federal funding will only serve to increase that burden at the expense of the highway users.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Henry Gray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Henry Gray
Director of Highways & Transportation

ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS



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FRONT COVER PHOTO -- State Highway 5 in Lonoke County just south of the White County Line. Photo by John Jackson.

BACK COVER PHOTO -- The new "Welcome to Arkansas" sign commemorating Arkansas' Sesquicentennial on Interstate 30 at Texarkana. Photo by John Jackson.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ARKANSAS!



150 Years of Statehood Being Celebrated

The year 1986 marks the 150th anniversary of statehood for Arkansas. Special events celebrating the sesquicentennial will be held throughout the State in the months to come. In this issue of 'Arkansas Highways', and in the three issues to follow, we will highlight some of the historically significant events relating to transportation in our State.

Although the State Highway and Transportation Department has not been in existence as an agency for 150 years, the importance of transportation in the development of the State has long been recognized.

For the early travelers it was back-woods trails and rivers and streams that made up the transportation network. As time went on military manpower was used to build a limited mileage of "military" roads from east to west (Memphis, Tennessee to Fort Smith, Arkansas) and northeast to southwest (St. Louis, Missouri to near Ashdown).

With statehood in 1836 came Post Roads. These roads were built and maintained under contract with the Post Office and Agriculture Departments. And, of course, the railroads had a tremendous impact on transportation in the state.



Twenty-five bales of cotton on a six-mule team hauled over gravel roads in St. Francis County.

Prior to 1913 the State took no part in road building. Each individual county was totally responsible for all public roads in that county. The first State Highway Commission was created by Act 302 of 1913 as a three-member appendage of the State Land Office where it remained until 1929. The Land Commissioner served as Chairman of the Highway Commission, and the Governor appointed the other two members for two-year terms.

No State Highway System was set up and direct control of road building remained with the counties; although the State Highway Engineer, using county and state convicts, was authorized to prepare road materials for the roadwork.

In 1915, Act 338, the Alexander Road Law, was passed to facilitate the organization and funding of road improvement districts and it directed the State Highway Commission to make preliminary plans and specifications, and to approve plans made by other engineers for such districts.

In 1917 all public roads in the State, except streets in cities of the first and second class, were designated as State Roads and eligible to receive Federal Aid under the Federal-Aid Road Act of 1916.

Then, in 1921, the State was divided into five Highway Districts with an engineer in charge of each District to handle the State's part in supervision of State and Federally aided construction. Also in 1921, the first motor fuels tax in Arkansas was levied at



Early construction work on the State Highway System required lots of man- and horsepower.

ent per gallon.

In October 1923, the Legislature, in Special Session, passed the Harrelson Road Law which for the first time established a State Highway System comprising 6,637 miles. It also increased the State Highway Commission membership to five and the state was divided into six Highway Districts.

The size of the Highway Districts was reduced in 1925 and their number increased from six to ten, an administrative unit that still proves practical and efficient today.



Travel in the early days was risky business.

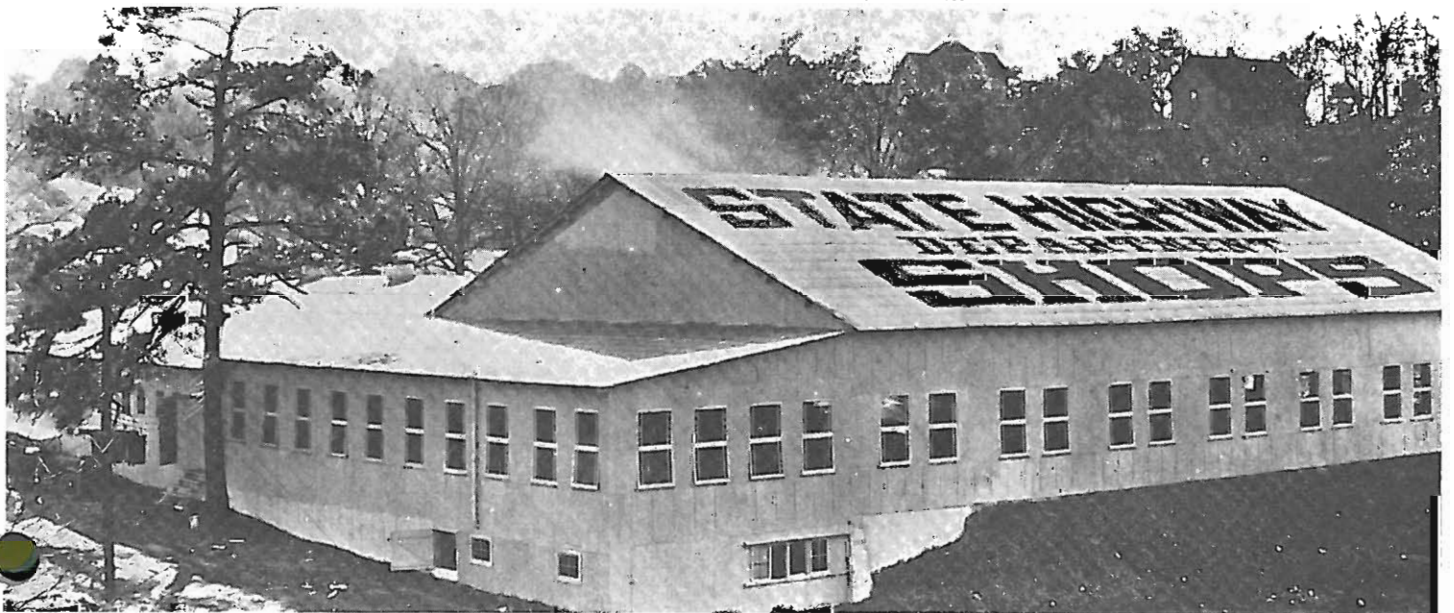
The Martineau Road Law, Act 11 of 1927, reaffirmed the State Highway System as designated in 1923 and also set up a system of borrowing for highway needs, up to \$13 million a calendar year.

Act 656 of 1929 re-codified all existing road laws and re-established the State Highway System and the State Highway Commission, but this time as a separate State agency. This eliminated the Commissioner of Lands as Chairman and provided for a fifth member to be appointed by the Governor from the State-at-large.

The State Highway Audit Commission was created in 1931 and, as a result, Act 3 of 1933, re-organized the State Highway Department, recalling the existing Commission and creating a new Commission of the same number appointed by the Governor from the State-at-large and confirmed by the Senate. Act 3 also established the position of a Director of Highways to be named by the Commission.



Street paving projects in the early years always attracted a large crowd of on-lookers.



The Repair Shop of the State Highway Department located behind the State Capitol Building in Little Rock in the early 1930's.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ARKANSAS!

In 1935, Act 328 increased the membership of the Commission to seven. It also provided that the Director would be appointed by the Governor to serve as chief executive officer of the Department.

Act 6 of 1941 added to the State Highway System the extensions of highways in incorporated towns and cities of 2,500 or more population.

In 1945 the Legislature increased Commission membership to ten. The Commission and a Director of Highways were all to be appointed by the Governor for terms coincident with the Governor's term.

Act 239 of 1949 added two members-at-large to the Commission, one to serve as Chairman and the other as Vice-Chairman. Commission membership continued at 12 until the implementation of Constitutional Amendment 42, adopted by the people in the General Election of 1952.

Amendment 42, now the basic law, reduced membership on the Commission to five persons to be appointed by the Governor for staggered ten-year terms. The Commission elects from its members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman and appoints a Director as the chief executive of the Department. Act 123 of 1953 was the enabling legislation to implement the so-called Mack-Blackwell Amendment.

Act 192 of 1977 changed the name of the Highway Department to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. This more accurately describes the Department's powers to coordinate state planning for all modes of transportation and to administer federal programs for public transportation and railroad rehabilitation projects. The Act specified that the Commission will retain the name Arkansas State Highway Commission. The Director became known as Director of Highways and Transportation.



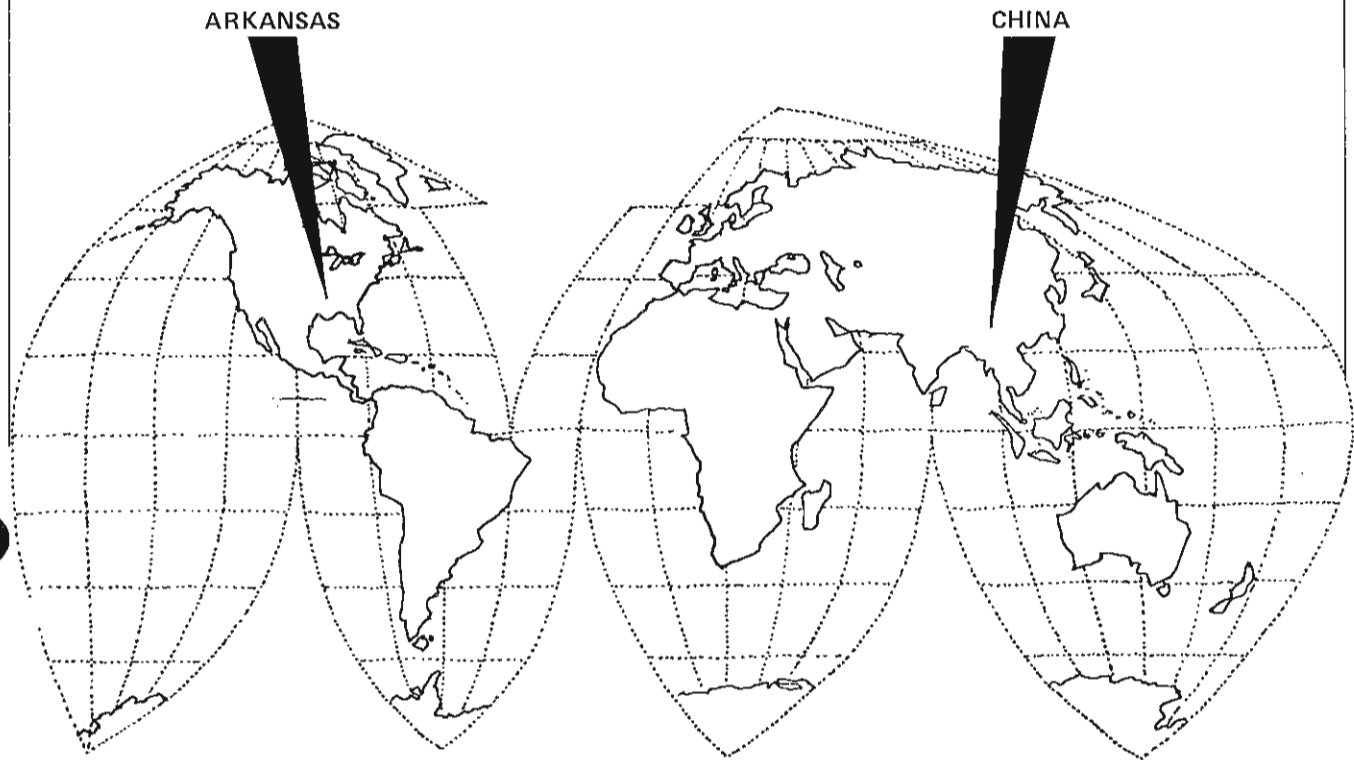
A road grader being pulled by a bulldozer.



DEPARTMENT ENGINEER VISITS CHINA

Highway Construction Discussed With Chinese Hosts

The following article was written by Steve Heye of the Programs and Contracts Division. Heye was one of 50 American highway engineers who visited China for three weeks in December 1985 to observe and assist Chinese engineers with their highway program. At the time of his trip, Heye was assigned to the Construction Division.



CHINA - A name that brings images of great ancient empires, millions of people, and a mysterious culture. China also is a country that is trying very hard to improve itself in all areas, including transportation.

I received a letter last July from the People to People-Citizens Ambassador Program inviting me to be part of the first delegation of American highway engineers in over 50 years to visit China. Besides having to collect the personal finances for the trip, I had to prepare a 20-minute presentation in a topic area chosen by our Chinese hosts. My paper was on rehabilitation of concrete decks.

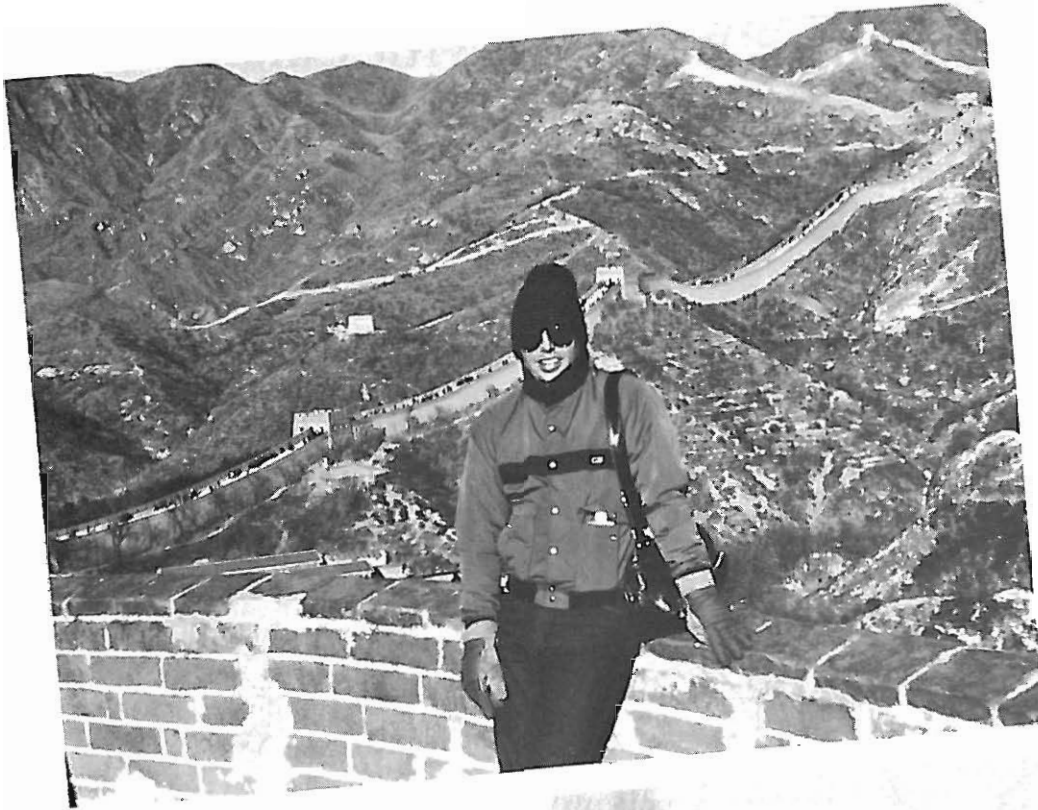
The group sponsoring the trip, People to People, was started by President Eisenhower in 1956 to act 'clearing house' for foreign organizations to connect American counterparts. In our case, the China Highway Society asked for American Civil Engineers who specialized in highway work, but would not have

the opportunity to visit a foreign country in a professional capacity.

The day after Thanksgiving the delegation assembled in Seattle for a briefing. The delegation was divided into two groups of 25 engineers each. The group was very diversified in experience, consisting of city, state, and federal agencies, private contractors, retired construction workers, students and professors of civil engineering.

After an overnight stay in Tokyo we arrived in Beijing, the capital city, on December 2. We stayed in Beijing a week for a series of meetings with heads of Chinese highway policy. We learned that the Chinese are embarking on a freeway highway network similar to the U.S. Interstate System. We also discussed city and suburban street problems as well as mass transit.

Our days were spent in conferences and at night we would visit shopping areas and various Chinese ethnic restaurants. By the fourth day we were able



Steve Heye
on the
Great Wall
of China.

A "typical" Chinese highway
north of Beijing.
Separate bicycle roadways
are constructed
along the outside
of the traffic lanes.



to put modern engineering on hold and saw some of the ancient engineering of the region, such as the Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Forbidden City, Sun Temple and Tien'min Square.

On December 6 my group left Beijing for the northeast city of Shenyang, the largest city in this region. It is the location for China's first freeway which will be completed in 1990. The highway will run from Shenyang to the port city of Dalian, a distance of about 200 miles.

Because most Chinese own bicycles instead of autos, the road will be used mainly by large trucks and intercity buses.

The construction process is similar to ours, however, there are some differences. Almost all pile drivers are in the major cities being used for high-rise construction, so piles are drilled and poured in place. All bridges are prestressed or slab span decks since steel is in short supply and is only used when concrete cannot meet the requirements. Asphalt is now becoming the first choice of paving material since a process for removing paraffin from the asphaltic cement found in China is now in use.

Our stay in Shenyang was for three days and on December 9 we left the 5-degrees below of Manchuria for the 50-degree temperature of Chendu, a city in a

mountainous valley of western China.

We were in Chendu for two days. The city will be the host city for the 1990 Asian Games so most of our talks centered around transportation problems that will arise from that event. We also got to sample the spicy hot Chinese cuisine of Sichuan, named for the Province of which Chendu is the capital.

On December 11 the delegation arrived in the city of Nanjing on the wide Yangtze River. We again held meetings with the local Chinese engineers discussing a wide range of highway topics.

In Nanjing we visited the Yangtze River Bridge, a two-level steel structure over a mile in length. The bridge is the only crossing for over 500 miles and joins north China to south China. The bridge was thought impossible to build by the French and later the Russians, but the Chinese were determined and succeeded in completing the bridge in 1969.

On December 14 the group left for Guangzhou (Canton) to join up with the other delegation. We met with engineers from south China to discuss the other major freeway project, a toll road from Guang-

zhou to Hong Kong. This 70-mile road is scheduled to be completed in 1991.

The Chinese were interested in our ideas for erosion control and drainage since this is a tropical region. We visited several areas of construction and found it to be similar to that in Arkansas. The only difference was the use of human labor in many areas where we used machines, however, the Chinese do use several machines in construction.

It was in Guangzhou that we said goodbye to our Chinese engineer hosts, especially those who had accompanied us to all five cities that were visited. On December 18 we boarded a train to Hong Kong and our return to 'modern society.' After two days of resting and shopping, the delegation returned to the United States.

The three weeks I spent in China will be a part of my personal and professional life forever. I found the Chinese to be very friendly and energetic people. I only hope I can return in ten or fifteen years to see what progress has been made.



The two-level Yangtze River Bridge at Nanjing. The railroad portion of the bridge can be seen to the left. The statue in the center of the picture is one of four on the bridge dedicated to the Chinese workers.



The Chinese working on freeway construction near Guangzhou.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Highway 71 Hearings Draw Large Crowds

Two public hearings concerning the Department's plans for the relocation of Highway 71 in Northwest Arkansas attracted a combined audience of over 800 people.

The first hearing in November 1985 at Alma concerned the portion of the highway from I-40 to near Chester, a distance of approximately 15 miles. Over 350 people attended the hearing and the vast majority of those speaking expressed their support for the project.

The Highway 71 project has been in various stages of planning and discussion for many years, and many of the speakers at the hearing said they agreed with the proposal and that it was long overdue.

Comments relating to the safety of the existing highway were also numerous. Some of the speakers related personal experiences dealing with accidents they had while traveling the highway. Others spoke of the injuries and deaths that had occurred on the highway over the years and urged the Department to proceed as quickly as possible with the construction of the new route.

On February 25, 1986 the Department held a hearing in Fayetteville concerning the portion of the highway from Chester to Fayetteville. Again, the speakers pledged their support for the project. Many also said the existing highway inhibits the area's economic growth.

The Department proposes to construct a four-lane, divided highway on new location beginning just west of Alma on I-40 and proceeding north to Fay-

etteville, a distance of approximately 42 miles. The project has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration as a future Interstate highway. The Department will be able to use Interstate 4R funds to construct the highway with 95% of the funding being provided by the Federal Government and the State providing the remaining 5%. The project is estimated to cost about \$200 million and will take ten years to construct.

Construction on the south end of the project is expected to begin late in 1986. Traffic estimates show that approximately 7,000 vehicles a day will use the highway on the Alma end and 10,500 vehicles a day will use the highway on the Fayetteville end. By the year 2010, those numbers would accelerate to 10,500 and 16,000, respectively.



A large crowd of approximately 350 persons attended the Highway 71 hearing at Alma in November.

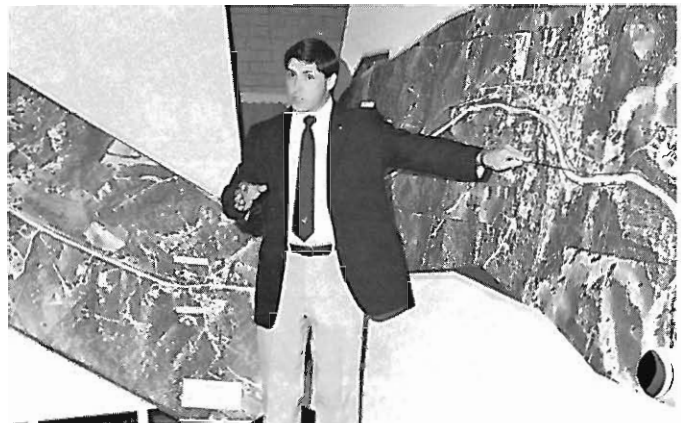
Highway 69 Improvements Discussed

Improvements to Highway 69 between Batesville and the Izard County Line were discussed December 10 at Cushman. About 70 people attended the hearing.

The proposed project would flatten curves and add climbing or passing lanes at several locations, according to Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters.

Walters told the audience that 3,245 vehicles are using the highway each day. That number is expected to increase to 5,200 over a 20-year period. The design being proposed is for two 12-foot travel lanes with 8-foot shoulders. Selected sections with climbing lanes will have three 12-foot lanes and a 6-foot shoulder.

The Department expects that it will be late this year or early 1987 before plans are ready for contract.



Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters points out design features on the Highway 69 project at Cushman.

I-55 Modifications Presented At West Memphis

Two years ago the Department held a hearing in West Memphis to discuss proposed changes to I-55 in the West Memphis area. As a result of that hearing, it



West Memphis residents gather around the display to study proposed design features on Interstate 55.

was decided that the area between Missouri Street and Club Road be held for further study. On December 17, 1985 the Department presented its proposal for modifications to that section.

Within the area of study the traffic volumes on the interstates average about 42,000 vehicles per day. The frontage road volumes range from 6,000 vehicles to 11,000 vehicles a day. As a result, the Department proposed to convert the frontage roads from two-way operations to one-way traffic to improve the safety. Also included in the proposal is the raising and widening of the Seventh Street overpass and the Ingram Boulevard overpass, the relocation of five ramps in the area, and the reconstruction of some of the interstate main lane pavement.

Much of the discussion at the public hearing centered around the conversion of the frontage roads to one-way traffic. Many of the business operators along the frontage roads objected to the conversion and urged the Department to reconsider the plan. It was agreed that more time would be allowed for comments from businesses in the area before a final decision would be made.

New Bridges At Hot Springs Supported



District 6 Engineer Roger Almond points out the proposed right-of-way limits on the Highway 7 bridge and approaches project at Hot Springs.

Plans for the replacement of two bridges on Highway 7 over Lake Hamilton at Hot Springs and the widening of the highway from two lanes to four lanes received support from those attending a public hearing in Hot Springs January 21.

Plans call for construction of two four-lane bridges about 115 feet west of the present bridge structures. The existing bridges were built in the early 1920's and are narrow, two lane structures. They will be dismantled when the new bridges are completed.

Several speakers mentioned the unsafe condition of the bridges and the increased traffic in the area. State Senator Bud Canada said it was important to the area to have an improved route over Lake Hamilton.

"One way that we must keep our record as the number one tourist city in Arkansas is to have better highways and bridges," Canada said.

The Department plans to be ready for a contract on the work by the end of 1986.

GROUND BREAKINGS

Pine Bluff Rail Relocation Project Underway

The long-awaited railroad relocation project at Pine Bluff officially began in November when officials gathered at the old Union Station to break ground on the first phase of the \$2.4 million project.

On hand for the ceremony were U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers, who was cited for playing an "instrumental" role in securing federal funding, Pine Bluff Mayor Carolyn Robinson, Jefferson County Judge Earl Chadick, several members of the Chamber of Commerce and about 50 other Pine Bluff residents.

The initial project will move the Cotton Belt tracks now on Third Avenue to Fourth Avenue alongside the Missouri Pacific tracks. Work is expected to take about nine months to complete. Moving the tracks closer together will reduce the number of at-grade crossings from 51 to 11.

Five overpasses, costing about \$4.5 million, will be constructed as part of the second phase of the work. The first overpass will be constructed at Plum Street.

The Highway and Transportation Department, which is administering the federal funds on the project, has been working with city and county officials for several years in an attempt to get funding for the project.



Officials shovel gravel to officially begin work on the Pine Bluff railroad relocation project.

Four Lanes Nearer To Jonesboro



Highway Commissioner Dalton Farmer, left, joins Jonesboro area officials at the groundbreaking on Highway 63.

The four-lane highway from Jonesboro to Memphis came a step closer to reality in November when the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce sponsored a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of work on the Highway 63 Relocation project near Jonesboro.

Work is already underway on the Payneway to Trumann end of the project, which will eventually provide a four-lane divided highway from Jonesboro to Payneway, a distance of 21 miles. Highway 63 is already four lane from Payneway to I-55 near Lake David.

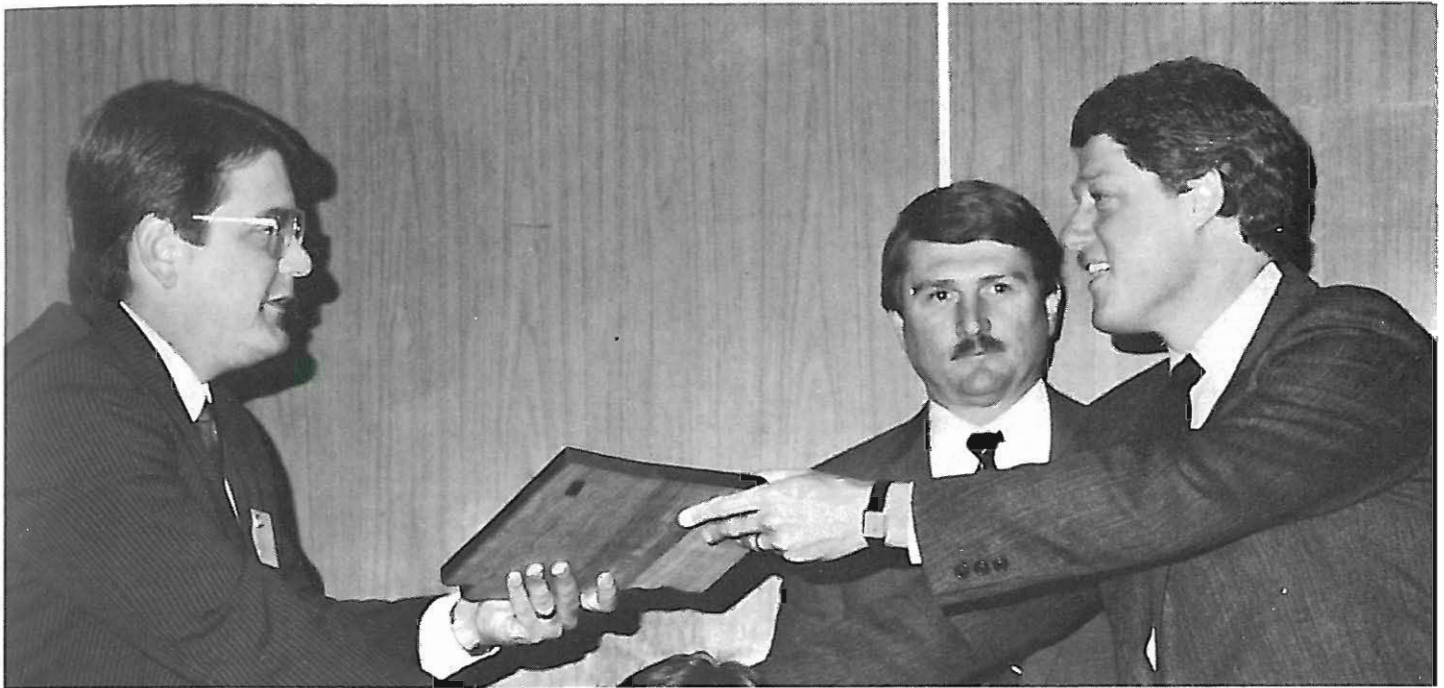
The groundbreaking ceremony held at Jonesboro was the start of work on a \$3.7 million contract for earthwork on a 5.1 mile stretch from Jonesboro to Bay. The contract for the work was awarded in November to the Ronald S. Terry Co., of Memphis.

Speaking at a luncheon following the ceremony, State Senator Jerry Bookout noted a spirit of cooperation among business and community leaders in the Jonesboro area in the last couple of years which he said has helped the area progress.

Highway Commissioner Dalton Farmer of Jonesboro echoed Bookout's praise for the cooperation in the area.

SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Transit Administrators Meet In Hot Springs



Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, right, presents the "Friend of Transit" award to State Representative Bruce Hawkins and State Senator Allan Gordon.

Over one hundred participants representing all phases of the transit industry from Arkansas and surrounding states attended the Second Annual Arkansas Transit Association Annual Conference November 6-8, 1985, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The conference was funded with a technical assistance grant from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

Governor Bill Clinton addressed the General Session complementing transportation providers for the valuable service they render to the citizens of Arkansas. Governor Clinton expressed support for transportation programs and states, "Get a budget proposal early on to work into the budget planning process. Present it to legislative leaders and the Governor, I'll look favorably on it. If we start enough, it will be well received."

State Senator Allen Gordon of Morrilton, and State Representative Bruce Hawkins, both of Morrilton, were presented with the annual "Friend of Transit Award." Governor Clinton described Senator Gordon and Representative Hawkins as "two of the finest and most effective...not ashamed to stand up for what they believe."

Featured speakers during the Conference included Mayor Jim Randall of Hot Springs; State Representative John Miller of Melbourne; State Representative William Randall of Hot Springs; A.E. Johnson, Jr., AHTD Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning and Development; Wilbur Hare, Regional Administrator, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, Region VI; and U.S. Congressman Tommy Robinson of Arkansas.

Pulaski County Judge Don Venhaus delivered a rousing introduction of the featured speaker, John Robert Starr, Managing Editor of the Arkansas Democrat, at the Luncheon Banquet.

Sessions on both days focused on issues of concern to the transit industry and featured several outstanding speakers and noted professionals. They included: Norman G. Paulhaus, Deputy Director, Office of Technology and Planning Assistance, U.S. Department of Transportation; W. David Lee, Program Director, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Robert Lower, Program Manager, Chief Mass Transit Safety and Security Division, Transportation Safety Institute; and Isaac, President, National Association for Transportation Alternatives.

CONTEST WINNER

McKown's Photograph Selected For 1986 Tourist Map

AHTD Director Henry Gray presented a Certificate of Excellence and a custom framed and matted print of the winning photograph to Jerry McKown on December 12, 1985.

Jerry, an employee of Records and Reproduction, submitted the winning entry for the 1986 State Highway Map Contest. His photograph of Interstate 430 bridging the Arkansas River in Little Rock was selected from more than 50 photographs submitted by nine employees.

The selection committee was impressed with the many entries and the excellence in photography and subjects presented. We encourage your participation in the 1987 State Highway Map Photo Contest. For more information contact Charles Frazier, Section Head of Mapping and Graphics, Planning Division.

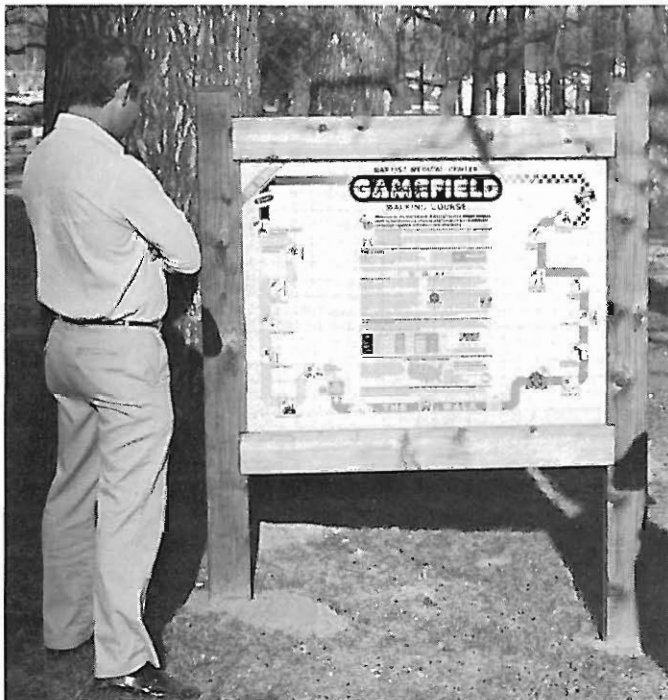


Henry Gray and Jerry McKown

EXERCISE WALKING COURSE COMPLETED

Employees Being Encouraged To Participate

With springtime approaching, many Central Office and District Six employees are expected to begin using the recently completed Exercise Course on a daily basis.



AHTD employee Larry Foreman looks at the exercise course layout.

The Department was awarded a National Fitness Campaign Grant sponsored by the Baptist Medical Center and Wells Fargo Bank to promote physical fitness. The money from the grant was used to construct an exercise gamefield/fitness course and an exercise walking course on the grounds of the Central Office Complex. The course is approximately one-mile in length. Markers have been posted each one-eighth mile. Three miles is the recommended walking distance and a goal for participants is three to four times each week.

Highway Commission Minute Order 85-273 authorized application for the grant and recognized the value of "Wellness Through Fitness" among employees and the need to reduce health care costs and absenteeism through effective health maintenance.

More and more employees are accepting individual responsibility in realizing that daily exercise and good nutrition are necessary to enhance the quality of life and one's longevity, and are to be commended for their positive attitudes.

A committee has been appointed to promote the use of the course and encourage employee participation in programs such as aerobics and structured weight loss programs.

For information about the exercise course contact Don Potter, Hydraulics Section Head, who is chairman of the committee.

AHTD RETIREES

Association Continues To Grow

The AHTD Retirees Association has shown another year of growth by increasing its membership from about 400 in 1984 to 500 members in 1985. The development of the District Chapters has contributed greatly to the growth in membership, which now accounts for about one-third of all retirees.

Ralph Jones of Little Rock was elected President of the State Chapter in November at the Association's Annual Meeting. Marvin Beckett, Immediate Past President, was elected Vice President, and Sibyl Mattox was elected to continue as Secretary-Treasurer for 1986.

Former Association President Hurley Perkins presented Beckett and Mattox with plaques in appreciation for their service to the group over the past year. Following the presentations the membership heard remarks by Governor Bill Clinton, Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson, and AHTD Director Henry Gray.

Among the items of business conducted, the Executive Committee approved a budget for 1986 that would increase to \$4.00 the amount of the \$10.00 annual membership dues that will be returned to the District Chapters for their operations.

The Retirees Association was formed in 1983 with its chief purpose being to provide a means for retired AHTD employees to keep close ties with their fellow workers and to keep retirees informed on matters regarding legislation that pertains to retirees.



Marvin Leroy Beckett and Hurley Perkins



Hurley Perkins and Sibyl Mattox



1985 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (standing left to right) Marvin Leroy Beckett, State President; Guy Bennett, D-9 President; Hugh Treese, D-6 Vice President; Donald Lemmons, D-10 President; John Sanders, D-8 President; Hurley Perkins, State Vice President; W.V. Bradshaw, D-7 Vice President; Bill Joe White, D-1 President; R.G. Burge, D-5 President; and Ernest M. Birmingham, D-5 Vice President. Seated left to right: John Hume, Chairman Legislative Committee; George Karnes, D-2 Secretary-Treasurer; Lester Rabb, D-2 Vice President; H.L. Hodnett, D-4 President; James Seay, D-4 Vice President; Sula Burnham, D-7 President; Sibyl Mattox, State Secretary Treasurer; and Edgar Andrews, D-3 President.

AHTD LETTERS

September 30, 1985

November 1, 1985

Mr. William Tyler
AHTD District 3 Engineer
Hope, Arkansas

Mr. Bill Montgomery
Highway Department
Osceola, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Tyler:

Dear Sir:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Coca-Cola Bottling Co., co-sponsors of the Seventh Annual Great Arkansas Cleanup at Millwood Lake, wish to convey their sincere appreciation for the support extended to us for the Great Arkansas Cleanup. Ms. Paula McAlister, local Corps of Engineers Coordinator for the cleanup, also expresses her appreciation for your cooperation in arranging for the highway right-of-way mowing around Millwood Lake prior to the cleanup.

My husband and I have just returned from an extended trip throughout the midwest by car.

We stopped at one of your rest areas, location number 1047B, Osceola, Arkansas on Interstate 55.

We would like to let you know and whom it may concern that the lady by the name of Emma Barbee had just cleaned the restrooms and they were spotless. What a wonderful and dedicated person she must be. We think she deserves a lot of praise especially we the Public who use the facilities and appreciate cleanliness.

Sponsors of the statewide endeavor feel that through this project the public is extended the privilege of becoming an active participant in maintaining a natural environment. The undertaking, which has had such a remarkable response from Arkansans of all ages, could never have achieved the success it has attained if agencies such as yours were not interested in restoration of the natural environment.

Hope she is well paid for her rewarding work, for all of us who can truly say a job well done and appreciated by us.

Thanking you,
Mr. & Mrs. John Davis
Youngtown, Arizona

The right-of-way moving services that your department performed just prior to September 7 provided a clean and safe area for the hundreds who volunteered their time and efforts to remove accumulated litter from the shoreline and surrounding areas. With your continued support, our community and state will continue to maintain that "Arkansas is a Natural."

To All AHTD Employees:

For the special
thoughtfulness you've shown
in what you all have done,
This brings appreciation and
warm thanks to everyone.

Please, be assured that your support by providing the mowing services was truly appreciated by all who participated in the Great Arkansas Cleanup of 1985.

Sincerely,
David G. Meador, Res. Engr.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Ashdown, Arkansas

It was a shock to learn our small son had cancer and would need surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. Your kind and generous gift has made our burden easier to bear. The Highway Department will always be remembered by us as a lot of people who care about others. Thanks so much.

October 15, 1985

Ricky Pollock and Family
Wilmot, Arkansas

Mr. Joe Barnett
AHTD District 10 Engineer
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Joe:

Editor's Note: Ricky Pollock is related to Sylvia Doster of Computer Services. AHTD employees donated \$686 at Christmas time to the family to help pay expenses at Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

October 1, 1985

Just wanted to let you know we appreciate the quick action taken on curing the bumpy conditions on state routes in Blytheville. The crews have really been doing a good job.

It was also good to have you meet with our Chamber Streets & Highways Committee as well as the Blytheville Unlimited Group. We feel that the meetings were very beneficial.

Thanks for your good work in the Blytheville area.

AHTD
To Whom It May Concern:

Sincerely,
Jerry Bohannon, Exec. VP
Chamber of Commerce
Blytheville, Arkansas

I am writing this letter regarding one of your employees, Billy J. Montgomery.

Last week my daughter left her wallet at the rest area near Osceola. We figured the money, cards and pictures were

me. Much to our surprise, a package from Billy Montgomery arrived with the contents intact, including the money. It could have been awful easy to take the money and discard the wallet, or return the wallet without the money to us. It takes a person with a lot of character and honesty to do what Billy did. People like Billy do not come around too often in our society.

I feel this letter of commendation should be on Billy's personnel record. If an opportunity for advancement arises in Billy's area, take this letter into consideration when making your decision.

Billy J. Montgomery's character and honesty are above reproach.

Sincerely,
Edward Pudle
Sterling Heights, Michigan

EDITOR'S NOTE: John Stewart, Rest Area Attendant, was the person who found the wallet and turned it in to Bill.

November 5, 1985

Mr. Ralph Fulton
AHTD District 9 Engineer
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Fulton:

I want to thank you and the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for the recently completed overlay of Highway 71 through Rogers.

I have heard many expressions of thanks by Rogers' citizens. It was very timely to have it completed just prior to the thousands of tourists who were here for the War Eagle Fair weekend.

Thanks again to all concerned. We appreciate the fine relationship we have with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department and Commissioner Bobby Hopper.

Sincerely,
CITY OF ROGERS
John W. Sampier, Jr., Mayor

November 20, 1985

Mr. Ralph Fulton
AHTD District 9 Engineer
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

On behalf of our mail carriers and myself, I want to express my thanks of your department on the recent resurfacing of Highway 126 between Gassville and Midway, in Baxter County.

The Postal Service has a very active Safety Program and this morning I "street observed" the Route One Carrier (sub) as she delivered mail on Highway 126. It is great that the carrier can pull off the main line of travel to serve the boxes and still be on the hard surfaced roadway. The fact that the carrier

can be off the main line of travel to serve the boxes in safety will be a big help in our on-going Safety Program.

Again, let me express our thanks and congratulate the department on the work done on Highway 126. If we can be of any help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Messick, Postmaster
United States Post Office
Gassville, Arkansas

November 21, 1985

Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

My husband and I have just completed a three month trip around the United States, and feel we want to go on record as saying that your department has put out the best State Map of any we have seen. We only wish that other states could have a good look at it and incorporate some of your maps excellent features.

Cheers for all of you who worked on it.

Frank and Lorraine Vail
Bakersville, California

To AHTD:

This is just a note to tell you how much I appreciate your efforts to providing such clean rest areas in Arkansas.

I travel by car quite a bit and I'm quite conscious of the rest areas. I'm an old-time Girl Scouter and always try to leave a place cleaner than I found it, but nearly always the rest areas of Arkansas are clean.

If you have travelled and found some of the places I have maybe you can appreciate as much as I do, the fabulous job all people in the Highway Department do.

While in some rest areas I've talked to other travellers and we all agree Arkansas had the best rest areas we've seen. I hope the other travellers wrote, but in case they didn't, thanks to all of you from many of us travellers.

Mae Kesinger
Leao, Kansas

December 5, 1985

Chief John Bailey
Arkansas Highway Police
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear John:

On Wednesday, December 4, my mother, sister, and I were returning to Little Rock from St. Louis. We were one hour north of Little Rock (Judsonia) on the freeway when

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our car broke down. It was late in the afternoon, we could not get the car started, and there was not a sign of a gas station. Being the mechanically minded women we are (HA!) we threw up our hands in desperation and I climbed up the freeway bridge and started walking down a country road to the first house to use the phone. The only mechanic within close range was not in and so I had to sit and wait for his return. My mother and sister, sitting on the freeway, finally spotted a police car and needless to say, they started waving! The police car stopped and who should it be but, Arkansas Highway Policemen, Brian Harwood, Nelson Farmer, and Glendale Floyd. They used jumper cables to start the car, they left Brian with my Mom and sister, and Nelson and Glendale came hunting for me and gave me a ride back to the car.

John, these three men had been attending a meeting all day in Conway, and while they did not say, I suspect that because of the time of day, they were off duty. Regardless, they took the time to help us and they were so courteous and kind to three damsels in distress! I appreciate their help and I want to commend them to you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gay (Frank) White
Little Rock, Arkansas

January 8, 1986

Superintendent
Arkansas Highway Department
Batesville, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

I am writing to commend the honesty of your employee, A.J. Duchanoy. We were enroute midway, Arkansas to Florida for a vacation trip, stopped at the rest area, where I forget my purse. Didn't discover my loss for over twenty miles or so and then doubled back, worrying all the way that my purse would be gone with all my travelers checks, etc. and having to give up our vacation. You can't imagine the relief and gratitude when we came upon Mr. Duchanoy and he had put aside my purse! He refused to accept a small gratuity, so I am sending enclosed a check, which please give Mr. Duchanoy. If he won't use it, then he can give to his church, but I just had to try to show the depth of my appreciation in some little way.

My faith in human nature is again restored.

Most sincerely,
Genevieve MacHarg

January 8, 1986

Mr. Allan Holmes
AHTD District 4 Engineer
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Holmes:

On behalf of the citizens of Fort Smith and the surrounding area who travel Wheeler Avenue, we sincerely thank

you for your efforts in expediting the installation of the traffic signal at Wheeler and South "Y" Street.

Your responsiveness to a dangerous situation has no doubt relieved the fears of everyone using the intersection.

We value the spirit of cooperation between the Arkansas Highway Department and the City, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
William 'Bill' Vines, Mayor
City of Fort Smith, Arkansas

January 16, 1986

Mr. B.K. Cooper
AHTD Chief Engineer
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Please accept this late letter of appreciation for your welcoming address during the recent meeting of our group in Hot Springs. We normally have an address from one of the host states' administrative or managerial staff, but we especially appreciated your words since we know of the heavy demands on your time. Your words were well received since the sincerity of your welcome we felt by our whole group.

After pausing to look at the facilities, the setting and the beauty of the season, we look forward to another meeting in Arkansas in a few years. We appreciate the effort of your staff and the hospitality of the residents of Arkansas. It's extremely hard to top the atmosphere of "home folks" and you folks certainly exude that feeling.

Thanks again and we look forward to other associations in the future.

Very truly yours,
Charles Whittle, Chairman
AASHTO Task Force on Hydrology and Hydraulics
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mr. Henry Gray
AHTD Director
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Henry:

Just a line to let you know the badge of authority and confidence, now being worn by many of your employees, is appreciated.

On January 7, 1986, at approximately 5:00 p.m., my wife and I were driving east on Interstate 40 in Johnson County. I suddenly realized that one of my rear tires had been punctured and was going flat swiftly.

As I was stopping on the shoulder in the median, a pickup passed, slowed, entered the median and turned around. I was getting the luggage out, the pickup pulled up and a young man got out and came over to help.

Then I recognized the badge of authority and confi-

ence mentioned before. It was the headwear bearing the AHTD logo and being worn by this young man. To me it was not a yellow or Omaha orange cap. It was a golden badge of authority, (the wearer knew what the motorist needed and how to help them), and confidence, (the motorist knew there would be no mugging or other violence committed by the wearer).

The gentleman replaced the tire and wheel with the spare quickly, professionally, and politely. His name is Melton

and he is employed as station attendant at the Johnson County Area Headquarters at Clarksville.

I'm sure you have many more employees with the same fine quality and traits and I deeply appreciate them. Keep up the good work.

Yours truly,
John H. Sanders
Russellville, Arkansas

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

OCTOBER 1985

30 Years

Clarence F. Bauman District 8
Hugh G. Bell District 9
Francis L. Wagner Fiscal Services

25 Years

Jessie E. Davis District 1
James D. Holman District 4
Lee C. Watson District 5

20 Years

Arthur C. Ball District 10
Robert L. Hodges District 9
Jackie T. Rainwater District 10
Marroll L. Sigler District 8
James A. Upshaw District 10
Johnny L. Yelvington District 2

15 Years

Arvil E. Bartlett District 5
Mona F. Dallas District 1
William T. Daniel Reproduction
Darrell G. Fullbright District 5
Billy G. Lee District 4
Wilard D. Martin District 8
Ernest L. Pearce District 5
Melba J. Shepard EEO
George E. Tucker District 4
Thurman Wright AHP

10 Years

Kerry L. Blair District 8
Johnnie K. Denton District 8
Forest D. Jessup, Jr. District 3
Lee G. Jones AHP
J.T. Kingston District 10
James L. Meadows District 7
Teddy D. Miller District 10
James R. Neal District 2
Samuel Staff District 7
Bryan C. Stewart Internal Audit
Phyllis K. Taylor District 5
Richard V. Williams District 9

5 Years

Shirley Barnes Computer Services
Gary L. Davis District 6
Robert B. Elliott Planning
Charles F. Evans District 10
Charles Everett District 5
John L. Harris Environmental
Jeanie K. Hoggard Fiscal Services
Karen S. Horton Legal

John F. Isom Environmental
Ricky D. Law District 4
Adrien T. Lewis AHP
David W. Quast AHP
Larry D. Sanders District 5
Morton J. Wheatley District 6

NOVEMBER 1985

30 Years

Donald T. Brown Heavy Bridge

25 Years

Jackie L. Cheatham District 4
Jessie W. Millican District 7
Grady M. Rose District 4

20 Years

Harley E. Crossen District 1
Oral Q. Fendley District 6
Billy D. Hudson District 9
Weldon R. Walley District 5

15 Years

Jackie W. Brisco District 9
Paul E. Hoggard District 5
Douglas W. Huckaba Radio
Harold E. Huey AHP
Patsy L. Latson Reproduction
Joseph S. Lucas District 1
Charles Means Materials & Research

10 Years

Jackie G. Cossey District 8
Laura E. Malat Personnel
Ronald W. Nordman District 6
James D. Stone AHP
Hosea R. Taylor District 6

5 Years

Timothy A. Baber District 6
Gloria Candelaria District 3
Tammy G. Collier Fiscal Services
Clifford E. Cox District 7
Herbert D. Ensey Traffic
Lester W. Fincher District 3
Terry Green District 6
Paul W. Mascho Jr. Materials & Research
Roosevelt J. Morton EEO
Thomas H. Osborne Jr. District 2
Amel R. Taylor District 6

DECEMBER 1985

30 Years

Billy K. Cooper Chief Engineer
Bonnie G. Hill Fiscal Services
William F. Hulan District 3

25 Years

Jerry F. Conway Computer Services
Henry C. Eggleston District 8
Lawrence H. Fletcher District 8
Lloyd Hall District 6
Bobby G. Hubbard District 5
Denvil P. Sparks District 3
Clifford E. Thornsberry District 4
Don D. Wilkinson District 4

20 Years

Charles T. Webb District 5
Thomas E. Whitlow AHP

15 Years

Jack A. Biffle District 8
Maude H. Harris Planning
Jurld E. Payton District 8
John R. Roy Sr. District 8

10 Years

Winfred P. Cummings District 5
Leonard B. McCoy District 7
Miles E. Pangle AHP
Mack G. Sides District 6

5 Years

Billie G. Craig District 4
Charles M. Fryer District 1
Dorothy I. Orton District 6
Terry D. Rowland District 7

JANUARY 1986

30 Years

Frank Novack District 2
James D. Pierce District 2

25 Years

Morgan Y. Bryant District 1
Von Z. Sturdevant District 8
James D. Barnett Traffic
Raymond W. Major Bridge

20 Years

Susie D. Boyett Traffic

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Charles R. Breeding AHP
 Richard W. Henrikson Traffic
 Peter A. Escarre, Jr. Reproduction
 Robert H. Gossett Materials & Research
 Robert H. Green, Jr. Roadway Design
 Jimmy W. Smith District 1
 Fay Sullivan Computer Services

15 Years

Donald W. Donaldson District 3
 Charles B. Ludwig District 10
 Nancy P. Mahan District 10
 James F. Marchall Materials & Research
 Bernard W. Mize District 7
 Roy E. Morris District 1
 Raymond W. Roach District 4
 Angela V. Vick Permits
 Mondell Aynes District 4
 Barton K. Benson Materials & Research

Johnie J. Bradshaw District 7
 Jack D. Drewry District 9
 Oll T. McGuire District 8
 Stephen B. Teague Programs & Contracts

10 Years

Troy L. Adams District 2
 Sammy J. Biggers District 7
 Donald F. Cheatham Surveys
 Joe M. England District 3
 J.C. Everette District 2
 Donald R. Haskett AHP
 Tommy G. Lorenzo Planning
 Donald R. Lynn District 7
 Walter H. McClain District 2
 Elbert D. Spakes District 2
 Rex A. Spurlock Traffic
 Mary R. Green Computer Services

Gregory R. Howerton District
 Richard A. Pierce Equip. & Proc.
 Harden Steele Jr. Fiscal Services

5 Years

Daphne J. Baker Public Transportation
 Charles G. Bishop Jr. Radio
 Thomas F. Black Surveys
 Carl W. Landers District 6
 David H. McNeely Bridge
 Lorie R. Merrick Prog. & Contracts
 Stephen B. Peebles District 6
 Bobby G. Phillips District 4
 Kenneth H. Raines Surveys
 Dana E. Benetz Computer Services
 Margaret A. Bevans Roadway Design
 Marilyn Boyles Planning
 John C. Goff Internal Audit

AHTD RETIREMENTS

OCTOBER 1985

Clarence F. Bauman District 8
 Bobby G. Davidson District 7
 L.G. Jones District 1
 Hubert R. Holland Programs & Contracts
 Herbert E. Hooten Right of Way
 Melvin B. Polk Ark. Highway Police
 Norman D. Pumphrey Construction
 Louie Quinn District 1
 Max L. Ray, Jr. Ark. Highway Police
 Carion C. Tidwell District 2
 Loyd C. Cochran District 8

NOVEMBER 1985

Hayden G. Dillinger District 5
 Eddie L. Ennis District 1
 Gaylord C. Evans District 7
 Oather A. Loe District 7
 Denvil P. Sparks District 3

DECEMBER 1985

Henry Armstrong District 1
 Earnest C. Arnett District 3
 Lester N. Garrison District 7
 Charles Gibson District 9

Clovis A. Horn District 3
 John J. Milliken Planning

JANUARY 1985

Jack A. Biffle District 8
 Vard Carpenter District 4
 Zenna H. Higgs District 8
 Howard E. Morehead District 5
 Thomas E. Whitlow Ark. Highway Police
 Bobby S. Wright District
 Durward Zumwalt District 10
 William N. Bice District 4

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL OFFICE

On December 12, 1985 the Department held its annual awards presentation in the auditorium with Commissioners Patsy Thomason and Raymond Pritchett making the presentations to employees who have 25, 30 and 35 years of service and to employees who retired in 1985 with more than 25 years of service.

Those receiving service awards for 25 years of service were: Jim Bartlett, Right of Way Division; Fred Clark, Materials & Research Division; Jerry Conway, Computer Services; Chuck Freeman, Programs & Contracts Division; Frank Harrison, Bridge Division; J.E. McCarthy, Fiscal Services Division; Frank Pitts, Equipment & Procurement Division; John Sage, Bridge Division; Gary Wilmoth, Computer Services Division; Don Brown, Maintenance Division and Lawrence Fletcher, District 8 Engineer.

Receiving 30 year service awards were: Billy K. Cooper, Chief Engineer; Nathan Garrett, Right of Way; Bonnie Hill, Fiscal Services; Joe Magness, Construction; Patsy Roling, Records & Reproduction; Jim Tucker, Maintenance; and Lee Wagner, Fiscal Services.

Receiving awards for 35 years of service were: Billy Looney, Public Affairs; and Max Koehler, Chief Engineer's Office.

Retirement Certificates were presented to Oren Cossey, Surveys, 26 years; Walker Watson, Right of Way, 27 years; Herbert Hooten, Right

of Way, 28 years; Hubert Holland, Programs & Contracts, 31 years; Norman Pumphrey, Construction, 33 years; Hershel Russell, Planning, 33½ years; Oscar Neeley, Maintenance, 35 years; and Nathan Bingham, 37½ years. Congratulations to all.



RETIREMENTS: Hubert Holland, Walker Watson and Norman Pumphrey.



25 Year Service Awards: Frank Pitts, Jerry Conway, John Sage, Chuck Freeman, Jim Bartlett, Frank Harrison, Jim McCarthy and Lawrence Fletcher.



30 Year Service Awards: Billy K. Cooper, Lee Wagner, Don Brown, Joe Magness and Patsy Roling.



35 Year Service Awards: Bill Looney and Max Koehler.

BRIDGE DIVISION

Congratulations to Garland Land on being promoted to Staff Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer in the Maintenance Division in January. He will be working with David Lambert and John Hall who were at one time bridge designers. We hate to see Garland go but wish him success in his new position. A dinner at SOB restaurant was held in his honor. After dinner the party moved upstairs for pool, darts, and pinball. Debbie Gross and Angie Vick scored 283,000 on the pinball machine against Mike Coogan and Jamie Mauer, beating them by 200,000.

J.P. Sumner organized the Bridge Division Astronomy Society to view Halley's Comet. He set up his 2.4 refractor telescope on a scenic spot at Pinnacle Mountain. Everyone enjoyed two memorable evenings viewing the comet and the celestial bodies in the earth's atmosphere. Another field exercise is planned for March at 4:30 a.m. The location has not been decided.

Glenn and Lydia Cheatham are the proud parents of a daughter, Stephanie born November 26, 1985. They had the good fortune of finding just the home they were looking for when they were driving out in the Salem area

in Saline County. Their home in Pecan Lake sold right away and in a matter of weeks Glenn and Lydia were moving to a more secluded spot.



Glenn and Stephanie Cheatham

Mike Coogan has ordered a four-wheel drive Ford truck. Before long he will be able to take the load off his RX-7. Mike has so much camping and biking gear he probably won't have room for some of our stuff on the next outing.

L.D. and Susan Finister's daughter, Lona, was married to Nicholas Panyard on December 28, 1985 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Little Rock. Nicholas is employed as retirement accounts administrator with Savers Federal Savings and Loan. Lona, a Hendrix graduate, is a certified public accountant with Deloitte, Haskins and Sells. We wish them many years of happiness and success.

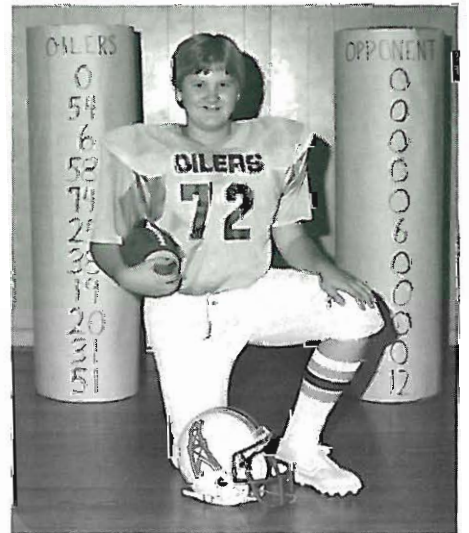
Tom Ballard and his wife, Kathy, have moved from Little Rock to a home in Mabelvale.

An update on Charlie Hart's truck that caught fire on the way to work back in the fall. The truck was finally repaired after weeks and many trips back to the shop. Charlie planned a hunting trip to test it out. The trip turned out great. He killed a deer, spotted a few more and got home safely in the truck. Charlie and Dianne have just bought a home at 800 Pierce Street and will be moving this weekend. All of

us here in Bridge will stay by our phones in case they want to give us a call for help.

CONSTRUCTION

David Peevy, son of Calvin and Marilyn Peevy, plays center and tackle on the undefeated Senior Oilers team. They were also victorious at their Super Bowl playoff. He is a sixth grader at Franklin School. Congratulations David and to the others on the team.



David Peevy

We started the holiday season with our annual Christmas party at the Reynolds Pavilion on Hurricane Lake. Joining us was Norman Pumphrey who donned his Santa Claus suit and handed out presents to the children. Afterwards we enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner. Everyone had a good time and are looking forward to next year.

On December 20 we had a holiday luncheon in the office and also honored Bill Mulhollen whose birthday is December 25. We were joined by several guests including his wife Yvonne.

Joe Magness became a proud grandfather when his daughter, Melissa Minick, gave birth December 20, 1985 to Lainie Carrissa. She weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces. We wish Melissa, Chris, and little Lainie the very best.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Kelli Mulhollen, daughter of Bill and Yvonne Mulhollen, became the bride of Marine Lance Corporal Joe Cannon, Jr. on October 18, 1985. They exchanged vows at the Wynne Church of Christ and are now at home in LeJeune, North Carolina where he is stationed. Our congratulations and best wishes to you both.



Kelli and Joe Cannon, Jr.

ENVIRONMENTAL

We are happy to welcome two new employees to the Division. David Williamson, an archeologist, is from DeQueen and now lives in Little Rock. He graduated from Henderson State University. David raises rottweilers and enjoys white water canoeing.

Our new administrative aide, Brenda Guest, transferred from Highway Police. She replaces Cassandra Hale who moved to Virginia to join her husband who is in the Navy. Brenda is from Scott and now lives in Little Rock with her two children, Maurice, 5, and Janelle Renee, 3. She is studying Business Data Processing at Capitol City Junior College and enjoys bowling and softball.



Maurice, Brenda and Janelle Guest

It was a good hunting season for Gary Bulloch. On his first hunt, he killed a 6 point deer at 6:35 a.m. and then killed a 7 pointer twenty

minutes later. During duck season, Gary and party killed 148 mallards. Not bad Gary!



Gary Bulloch

John and Wendy went to New Orleans to attend the Sugar Bowl. They joined old friends and a good time was had by all.



John Harris at Sugar Bowl

Mike Harris' 6 year old daughter, Jennifer, is on a winning soccer team, the Torpedos. Spring season, they were undefeated and won the YMCA League Championship. They placed second in the Fall Championship. Looks like athletes run in the family.



Jennifer Harris

Edison Edward Lucian Sullivan, Elaine's active 3 year old son, keeps her busy from

dawn 'til midnight. He is very independent, loves reading books, coloring and watching Johnny Carson and David Letterman. Edison takes gymnastics and likes to march, walk on the bar and tumble.



Edison Sullivan

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

This office recently honored two gentlemen for their service to the Highway Department, and particularly for their dedication and contribution to the various aspects of the work in this office.

Frank Pitts, Equipment Specification Specialist, has served the department for 25 years and Henry Plunk, Buyer, has served for 15 years. Both men began working at the Central Warehouse in Jacksonville.



Frank Pitts and Henry Plunk

INTERNAL AUDIT

We would like to welcome two new auditors to our Section who will be involved doing the Motor Fuel Tax Audits. Debra Kinglow began work on October 10, 1985 and Ann Helms came about two weeks later on October 24.

MAINTENANCE

During the last few months we have had several parties in the Maintenance Division. Back in July and August we had parties for Oscar 'Slick' Neeley, who recently retired, and Jim Tucker, who received his 30 year service pin. Slick's retirement was celebrated with cake and punch. His crew gave him a beautiful watch. We had coffee and donuts for Mr. Tucker to celebrate his 30 years with the Department.



Jim Tucker and Calvin Peevy

Harold Cox, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Crew Leader, received his 5 year service pin. It was presented to him by Don Brown, HBM Supervisor, in July 1985.



Don Brown and Harold Cox

We had a "change of command" recently. John Hall was promoted to State Maintenance Engineer. Mr. Peevy, as you know, is now State Construction Engineer. We congratulate Mr. Hall and Mr. Peevy. Mr. Peevy still drops in to say hello now and then.

David Lambert was promoted to Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer replacing John Hall. Congratulations David.

In December we were busy eating. It began with a celebration of Don Brown's 30 years with the Department, by having cake and punch. The rest of the month we had Christmas goodies in the office almost 'til Christmas Day. Also, we had our annual 'feast'. It was good, but we're all paying the price for all those extra pounds! Am I glad it's over so I can rest my jaws!

We would like to welcome aboard Garland Land. He transferred to us from Bridge Division as our new Staff Bridge Maintenance Engineer. Glad to have you with us Garland!



John Hall and Don Brown

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

We would like to wish a special welcome to our numerous new employees in this issue.

In October 1985, Terry Tucker started to work in the Chemistry Lab as a Chemist. He and his wife have two children, Ryan, age 4½, and Lauren, 6 months. His wife, Debbie, recently opened a pharmacy which is located in Searcy where they make their home. Terry enjoys duck hunting in his spare time.

Scott Pullen is working in the Geotechnical Soils Section part time while attending UALR part time. Four new people were hired for the Drill Crew. They are: Roger Mahan, Charles Whitehead, Samuel Kizer and Mark Harris. We are glad to have all of these additions to our Division.

Welcome back is in order for Terry Parson. After working in Public Transportation for a period of time, he is back in M&R in the Geotechnical Soils Section again.

Fred Clark is to receive his 25 year service certificate in front of the Commissioners this year. We would like to commend him for a job well done.

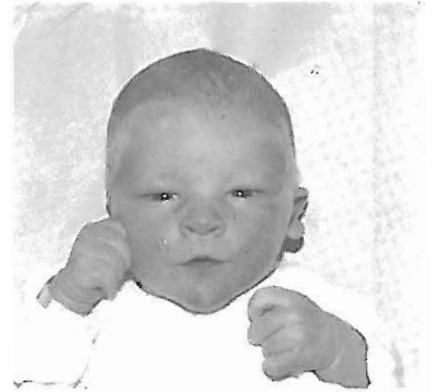
Tyler Nicholson was promoted to Section Head - Geotechnical in September. We congratulate him.

Dale Gossien and his German Shepherd dog, King Sam, obtained qualifying scores in the Novice Class at obedience trials held by the Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club and the Little Rock Dog Training Club during the December 1985 Arkansas Kennel Club Dog Shows held at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds. Dale has been a member of the LRDTIC since March 1985 and has found dog training to be an enjoyable hobby.

Luck was with Bob Gossett during deer season this year. He tagged two deers - one 4-pt. and one 8-pt. Good job Bob!

We would also like to congratulate our boss, Ralph Hall, on the deer he got.

Jim Martens and his wife, Ginger, are the proud parents of a baby boy born on October 17, 1985, weighing 9 pounds and 9½ ounces. They named him Brandon Layne. Jim and Ginger have one other child, Greg, age 2½.



Brandon Layne Martens

Jodie Owen's pretty daughter, Robbin Sowell, was crowned the 1985 Football Homecoming Queen at Magnet Cove High School. Jodie Owens is a Geotechnical Party Chief. Congratulations Robbin.



Robbin Sowell

Congratulations to Donna (Hays) McGehee on her marriage to Carl McGehee on October 22, 1985. The happy couple bought a house and are now living in Perryville.

Terri Claiborne worked with us during the Christmas holidays until she had to return to college. We will see you again this summer Terri!

Research had one holiday casualty. Preston Wright was hobbling around with both big toes broken. He dropped a Christmas present on his feet.

Alan Meadors is the proud owner of a new 1986 Nissan truck.

Congratulations to Greg Harding and his wife, Penny. Their first child is due in June.

PERSONNEL

Pictured is Jane Wilson, Personnel Officer, presenting Laura Malat with a certificate and charm commemorating her 10 years of service with the Department. Everyone shared Laura's celebration by serving a potluck luncheon.

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Jane Wilson and Laura Malat

On December 18, the personnel staff enjoyed a Christmas Luncheon at Michael's Restaurant at Otter Creek Holiday Inn; and, to double the pleasure, we celebrated the Boss' (Jane Wilson) Christmas Day Birthday. Also enjoying the occasion with us was Gene Cagle. We must admit he knows how to handle himself quite well while being surrounded with nine women.

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Photogrammetry's Christmas Party was a big success this year. We ordered peel-and-eat shrimp and the trimmings from Kroger and catfish from Young's; and we all got our fill of seafood. Some of our spouses were able to join us for lunch and it was nice to have them with us.



Photogrammetry's Christmas Party

Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable Christmas. Larry Fenton and Bob Barnett both got to spend Christmas with their grandchildren. This gave them another opportunity to spoil them. After all, isn't that what grandchildren are for?

Randy Boyd and his family have had quite a bit of excitement lately. First, he sold one of his ideas for a computer program to a computer publication. Then, he and his family spent Christmas and New Year Holidays at Disney World and Epcot Center in Florida. Randy said they had a very enjoyable time at both places. He recommends them both highly.

Ferrel Magby and 'Doobie' Kesl are now driving different vehicles. Ferrel is now the proud owner of a Mercury Cougar. It is a pretty tan color and is loaded with extras. I'm sure he really enjoys driving it.

After months of working on it, 'Doobie' is now driving a reconditioned Pontiac Firebird. Lookout everyone! Get out of his way when you see him coming.

PLANNING

We would like to announce the addition of Tammy Jo Teltow to the Mapping and Graphics Section. Tammy is married and a graduate of Arkansas Tech University. She and her husband Randy don't have any children yet, but she does have a miniature dachshund named Tippy Toe Teltow that she treats like one. We think Tammy will be a great asset to the Mapping and Graphics Section. We want to take this opportunity to welcome her and hope that her employment at AHTD will be enjoyable.



Tammy Jo Teltow

Also joining Planning Division is Patrisha Keith. Patrisha will be working in the Rail Unit as a Planning Technician. She is single and a native of Eudora. Patrisha came to AHTD from Los Angeles where she working in education sales. Welcome to the Rail Office Patrisha.



Patrisha Keith

Statewide Planning said goodbye to two of our employees. In September we sent Ed Rinke off with lots of wishes for good luck and some gifts he may never forget. Ed accepted a position with the City of Fort Smith. In December Dorothy Smith left us to work for First Commercial Bank in Data Processing. Ed and Dorothy were loved by all and will be missed a lot.

We would also like to welcome two new

employees. In June Jerry Jansma joined our staff as a Planning Engineer. Jerry and his wife, Harriet, moved here from Fayetteville. Jerry loves gardening and speaks fluent German.

Mark Jones is a transfer from the Traffic Division. He is single, friendly and lots of fun to work with. Welcome Mark and Jerry!

Kathy Upchurch's husband, Billy, was chosen as Driver of the Year by Affiliated Food Stores in an awards ceremony held December 7. Billy has logged over 133,000 safe miles on the highways of Arkansas and Louisiana. He has had 26 consecutive accident-free months. Congratulations Billy!

Eric and Judy Phillips took a trip during the Christmas holidays to Park City, Utah to do some snow skiing. It sounds like they had a wonderful time and Eric assures us that all the trees on the slopes are still standing.

They call her TAMBO! Statewide Planning's Tammy Willis bagged this 6 pointer in Nevada County. It was the biggest taken at the camp that season. Husband, Wayne, of Right of Way, was along to help carry the kill, reload the guns, and take pictures. Tammy continues the Statewide Planning tradition -- Kathy Upchurch had kills in 84 and 85.



TAMBO Willis

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

It's been a busy six months in the Programs and Contracts Division. Hub Holland retired at the end of August and the Division gave him a retirement party at Coy's Steak House. He received a lot of nice gifts and everyone had a great time.

There has been a lot of changes in this Division. Steve Teague was promoted to Engineer of Programs and Contracts, Lonnie Parson was promoted to Assistant Division Engineer, and David Mayo from State Aid joined us the first of January. Congratulations and welcome to the Division.

Roy Douglas left us and went to Program-

ing and Scheduling back in September and Dean Purkiss joined us taking Roy's place.

Jim Garrett is leaving our office to go to State Aid replacing David Mayo. We really hate to see Tommy Littleton leaving our Division but we welcome Steve Heye who will be replacing Tommy.



Hub Holland

Judy Fort and Mary Sanders received their 5 year service pins in August. Congratulations.

Millie Houston's son, Ben, got married on September 28 at Melissa Rawls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rawls. They reside in Little Rock.

Mary Sander's son, Randy, got married on August 29 to Ann Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Moss of Bryant. They reside in Benton.



Ann and Randy Sanders

Tommy Littleton just got back from a cruise in the SS Norway. Tommy and his wife were gone a whole week and everyone in the office was green with envy! They went to Nassau Beach in the Bahamas.

Marvin Staton and his wife went to visit their daughter and her family, who live in Georgia, for Christmas.

Barbara Vinson has a new grandbaby named Cherie Renee Vinson and you can bet Grandma's very proud.

We were all saddened by the death of Ken Rounsavall who died in October. He will be missed very much.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

John Bodiak is pictured receiving his 10 year certificate for dedicated service to AHTD. Congratulations John.



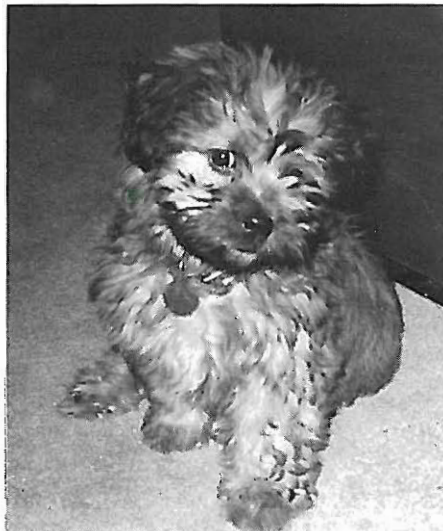
John Bodiak and Jimmy Head

We have two new employees, Ray Paschall and Mickey Newcomb. Ray came to PTU from the Department of Finance and Administration and Mickey came from District 6 in Hot Springs. The two of them so far have learned UMTA is not just a sound used when cleaning the throat. We welcome them aboard!

Mack Thompson is cruising around in a new Oldsmobile these days, or let me say, he did get to drive it to work once.

We mentioned in the last article John Haynie is building a new home. That project is still underway and John anticipates the home will be paid for by the time the builders have completed the task.

Daphne Baker has a new puppy who's favorite past time is ripping mini blinds out of the windows. Daphne is considering taking out a home improvement loan for the damages "Sassi" has managed to do these last three weeks. To pay the loan back Daphne has decided to hire Sassi out for demolition work.



Sassi

RADIO

In November, Douglas Huckaba, Communications Maintenance Specialist, was presented his 15 year service certificate and pin by Cal Porterfield, Radio Sesion Head.



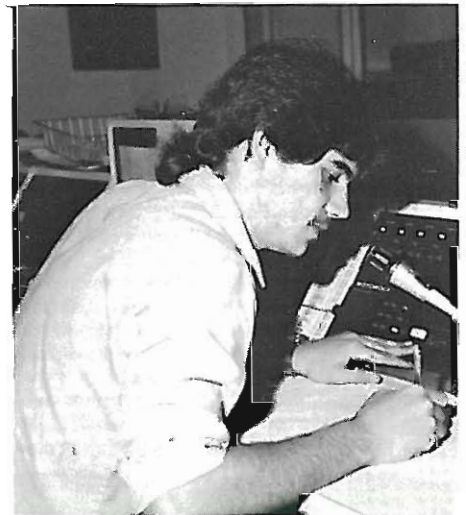
Cal Porterfield and Douglas Huckaba

Fellow employees attended - coffee and cake were served. Congratulations Doug.

Brad Daniel recently transferred from Mail and Supplies to the Radio Section as Telecommunications Operator.

Brad is attending Southern Technical College majoring in electronics. He graduated from Mills High School and has many hobbies - skiing (his favorite) hunting, fishing and 3-wheeler riding.

Welcome Brad! We're glad to have you in Radio.



Brad Daniel

REPRODUCTION

Congratulations to Patsy Roling who recently completed 30 years with AHTD. Her charm was presented by Section Head Al Dunn. Her service certificate was presented at the Awards Ceremony by Commissioners Patsy Thomasson and Raymond Pritchett. Refreshments were served in her honor to co-workers and friends and a delicious potluck was enjoyed by co-workers.

Lynn Herrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herrington, and Johnny Ross, son of Mr.

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and Mrs. George Ross, were married October 7. Refreshments were served and gifts presented to Lynn by her co-workers. Lynn says 'thanks' to Reproduction.



Patsy Roling and Al Dunn



Lynn Ross and Al Dunn

Desha McEntire, daughter of J.A. and Ginger McEntire, and Mark Fairbrother, son of Dick and Sandra Fairbrother, were wed November 8. They spent their honeymoon in Eureka Springs. Refreshments were served and gifts presented to Desha by her co-workers. Desha also received many beautiful gifts at a shower on 10th floor. Congratulations to these two couples. We just wish them the very best!

Congratulations to Tommy Daniel and Patsy Latson who were presented their 15 year service pins and certificates by Al Dunn. Tommy is an Offset Press Operator and Patsy is Section Secretary. Refreshments were served by co-workers and friends.

On December 8 Tommy Daniel went to Dallas and ran in the 26-mile marathon. He finished in 4½ hours. Congratulations Tommy!

Congratulations to Jerry McKown who won the State Highway Map Photo Contest. His beautiful winning picture will appear on the 1986 State Highway Map. He was presented with an 11x14 custom framed print and a certificate of award by AHTD Director Henry Gray.

Two of our employees have transferred to other offices. Lynn Ross transferred to the 10th floor and Desha Fairbrother transferred

to Highway Police. Doughnuts and coffee were served in Reproduction in their honor. We miss them a lot but wish them both the best of luck in their new positions.



Al Dunn and Tommy Daniel



Patsy Latson

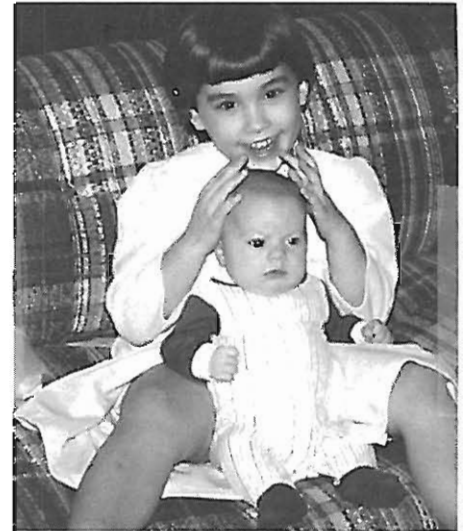
RIGHT OF WAY

Congratulations to Neil and Sharon Palmer on the birth of their son, Jared Adam. Jared was born July 28, 1985 and weighed 10 pounds and 12½ ounces. Neil and Sharon have a daughter, Erin, who is 3.



Jared Adam Palmer

Congratulations also to Dean and Sharon Farris on the birth of their son, Joshua Pryor. Joshua was born November 18, 1985 and weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces. Shown holding Joshua is his big sister, Christy, who is 5.



Joshua Pryor and Christy Farris

Randy Reed received his 10 year pin and service certificate in July at an office reception in his honor. Randy is a Right of Way Plans Designer in the Engineering Section of the Division. Congratulations Randy!



Fred Williams and Randy Reed

STATE AID

We are proud of Bill Hayes and his golfing. In September he won the First Place Trophy at a tournament on Labor Day weekend at Whispering Pine Country Club. Bill won the AHTD Tournament First Place Trophy and also received a golf bag. A hole-in-one was made by Bill in September. Congratulations Bill! We are proud of you.

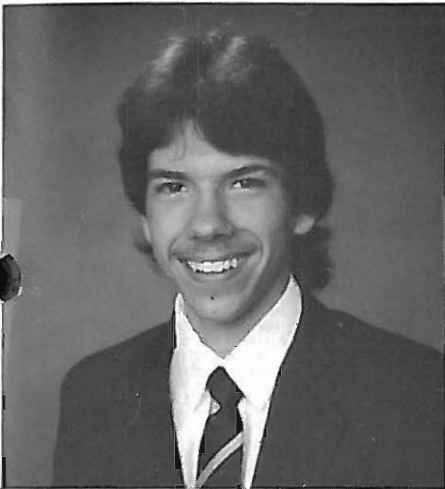
Daren Hayes, son of Bill and Betty Hayes, is a 1986 graduate of McClellan High School. He plans to attend the U of A at Fayetteville and major in architecture.

We will miss David Mayo, who left our office to work in Programs and Contracts. We miss you David! Our replacement for David is Jim Garrett from Programs and Contracts. If you are ever bored, just trade someone off to

other office. We are looking forward to many good years with Garrett.



Bill Hayes



Daren Hayes

TRAFFIC

The Traffic Division would like to welcome two new employees, Kenny Harmon and Kevin Petray.

Congratulations to Ben and Sheri Denton on the birth of their first child, a son. Adam Matthew was born on October 15 weighing 5 pounds and 3 ounces. Ben is a Sign Crew Foreman at the Sign Shop.



Adam Matthew Denton

Larry and Loressia Watson are the proud parents of a baby boy. Larry Duston Watson was born October 10 weighing 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Larry is a Sign Erector at the Sign Shop.



Larry Duston Watson

Shown is one of our six statewide Sign Crews. The Sign Crews are responsible for the erection of signs on new facilities and new construction along with assisting the Districts in upgrading existing signs along the highway routes in Arkansas. Over the past year, our six Sign Crews have installed over 24,000 signs.



Sign Crew
Kenny Harmon and Ben Denton

Also shown are two of our five Pavement Marking Crews. These Crews are responsible for the installation and maintenance of the pavement markings on the highway system. During the past year, the Pavement Marking Crews painted over 11,000 miles of highways.



Pavement Marking Crew
Rex Tate, Glen Milligan, James Campbell,
Billy Strickland and E.H. Hightower.



Pavement Marking Crew
(From top) Hollis Reynolds, Jerry Smith,
Mike Smith and Kenneth Ray.

DISTRICT ONE

IT'S A GIRL!

Carol Woodruff, wife of District One Engineer Ray Woodruff, was promised a headline if she had their first child before the deadline of the magazine and she just did make it. Laura Christine was born at 10:25 a.m. on January 23, 1986, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Forrest City. She weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces. At the time of this writing, baby, mother and father are all doing okay and I'm sure by the time for the next magazine the boss will have lots of pictures to show off.

A Christmas Open House was held on the afternoon of December 20 at District Headquarters with about 150 employees, retirees, friends and relatives attending. An important part of the afternoon was the chance to visit and catch up on what was going on with our retired. Our Christmas get-togethers would not be complete without our retirees. A special thanks to everyone who had a part in putting this party together. It could not be done without all the good help and everyone's willingness to do their part.



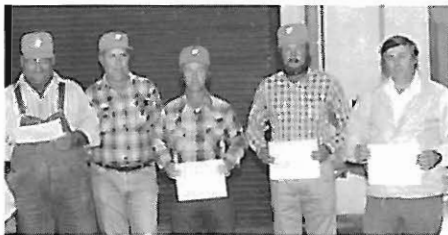
District Engineer Ray Woodruff presented service awards and retiree certificates to the following employees. 15 years: Mona Dallas,

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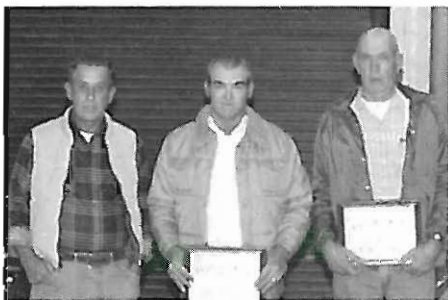
Joe Lucas, John Watkins and Bobby Weatherford; 20 years: Johnny Crawford, Gene Crossen, Gary Jackson, David McFadden and Jasper Riley; 25 years: Bobby Alford, Jesse Davis, Buck Wilkins and Odis Smith; 30 years: John Henry Adnrews and Glen Jones; 35 years: M.J. Jordan.



15 Year Recipients



20 Year Recipients



25 Year Recipients



30 Years - J.H. Andrews



35 Years - M.J. Jordan with Ray Woodruff

Retirees recognized who had retired during the year were: Henry Armstrong, Eddie Ennis, Glen Jones, Troy Lambert, Louis Quinn, Pat Russell and Bobby Wright.



District One Retirees

Ashley Lauren Kay, first grandchild of James and Joyce Kay was born August 12, 1985 in Houston, Texas to Stanley and Robin Kay. Grandpa James is a 30-year veteran with the AHTD and is our Lowboy Driver. James and Joyce have both been in the office with a stack of pictures like you wouldn't believe. They are definitely two proud grandparents.

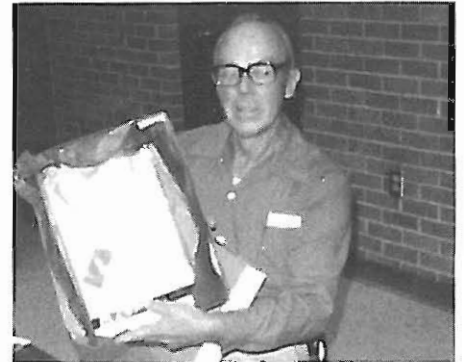


Ashley Lauren Kay

In order to prove his deer story, Sign Foreman Jimmy Goad had provided us with a picture of this 300 pound plus monster which he killed on December 23 near Clarendon. We all know how deer hunters like to exaggerate the size of their kill, but I guest Jimmy was really telling the truth this time.



Storeroom Supervisor Gene Horton was surprised by the office staff with a birthday party back in November. Special guests were his wife, Marion, his mother, aunt and a family friend.



Gene Horton

Kymara Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Sanders of West Memphis, will be a 1986 graduate of West Memphis High School. Charles is a Senior Construction Aide with the RE office in West Memphis.



Kymara Sanders

Congratulations to Joe DeWitt, Assistant Area Foreman in St. Francis County, for bowling a perfect score of 300. Way to go Joe!

Recent retirees from Woodruff County, Henry Armstrong and Bobby Wright, were honored with a fish fry at the Woodruff County Headquarters. This crew starts their retirees off right.



Bobby Wright



Henry Armstrong

DISTRICT TWO

The District Two Annual Awards Presentation was held during the month of December with a Holiday Open House. Guests were served refreshments from holiday decorated tables at the reception. Special guest was Highway Commission Chairman Patsy Thomasson. Ms. Thomasson presented service awards and retirement certificates to the following: Max Bagwell, 25 years; Melvo Pledger, 35 years; J.R. Davidson, 25 years; Garland Tidwell, retired; Ouida Grimes, 30 years and A.M. Murphy, 35 years. Also assisting with the awards was District Engineer M.S. Smith. Around 80 people enjoys the days' events and it is always nice to get to see old friends and retirees.



District Two Awards Recipients

The Employee Advisory Committee for the next year has been appointed as follows: M.A. Wray, Chicot County; R.D. Peters, Cleveland County; C. Montgomery, Arkansas County; Beulah Crain and Rebecca Rinchuso of Pine Bluff. These employees will represent District Two.

Jefferson County Area Foreman Bill Johns has been transferred to Job Superintendent over the District Maintenance Crew. Bill has 26 years with the Department.

CPR classes have been started for 1986. A new class of 13 employees have been certified and recertification has been scheduled for 94 employees. Instructors for District Two are Bettye Carter, Kelly Slater and Earl Raines. Jim Allbritton is an Instructors Instructor in CPR.

Thomas H. Osborne, Jr., Motor Patrol Operator in Chicot County, has received his 5 year service certificate from the Department.

Crew of the Month winners for September, October, November and December are Arkansas I at Stuttgart and Cleveland County. The winner of the Crew of the Year for 1985 is Arkansas County at Stuttgart.



Ricky Neal



Scarler Lyons

We were all saddened by the death of Claudie Lovell on January 18, 1986. Claudie was stricken by a heart attack and had been

hospitalized at the time of his death. He had celebrated his 60th birthday on December 23 and after completing 20 years with the Department had decided to retire. His friends in the District honored him with a retirement event on December 20 and presented him with several retirement gifts. Among these gifts were western boots, belt and shirt. Claudie had been a heavy equipment operator and recently the Job Superintendent of the District Maintenance Crew. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, a daughter, Shirley Farrer of Dale City, Virginia, and a son, Alan Lovell of Dale City, six brothers, five sisters and four grandchildren. His funeral was held at the Whiteville Missionary Baptist Church with burial at the Mount Zion Cemetery in Cleveland County. Claudie was a very dedicated employee and enjoyed his work with the Highway Department. He will be missed by his fellow employees.

Shown in the picture is Leo Harris and one of his deer kills for last year. He is a avid hunter and is employed as Electrical, Plumbing, and Mechanical Repair person for District Two.



Leo Harris

Welcome to Clayton Daniel McGilton, born on December 2 at Crossett to John and Cindy McGilton of Hamburg. John is a Motor Patrol Operator in Ashley County.



Clayton McGilton

Shirley Ann Ellingburg, a graduate of McGehee High School, has been chosen to be on the National Dean's List for 1986. She is a sophomore majoring in criminal justice at UMPB in Pine Bluff. Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellingburg of McGehee. Charles is a Truck Driver in Desha County.

Mary Baxter is our new District Secretary. Formerly from the extreme southeast community of Boydell, Mary has made Pine Bluff her home for a number of years. She has held various administrative positions with a wood products manufacturer for the past 14 years. Mary has one daughter and a 20-month old granddaughter.



Shirley Ann Ellingburg



Mary Baxter

Some of the 'great deer hunters' in Drew County are shown in the following picture. Joe Barnett is District Engineer in District 10, Keith Williams is the son of Gary Williams of the Pine Bluff Construction Office and Joe Akin is Sealing Crew Job Superintendent in District 2. Those look like fine deer. Congratulations fellows.



Joe Barnett, Keith Williams, Joe Akin

DISTRICT THREE

On December 19, 1985 District Three employees attended our Annual Christmas Dinner and Service Awards Presentations. Special guests for the occasion were Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod, Construction Engineer Calvin Peevy and Retiree John Tallant and

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their wives. Commissioner Harrod presented 30 year service awards to John W. Barham and William F. Hulan. John Tallant was our after dinner speaker.

We would like to congratulate the following on their years of service with the Department: Glorinda Candelaria and Lester Fincher for 5 years of service and F.D. Jessup, Jr. for 10 years.



John W. Barham and Commissioner Harrod



W.F. Hulan and Commissioner Harrod

DISTRICT FOUR

On December 19, 1985 we had our Annual Christmas get together and service award presentations. Guests included Commissioner and Mrs. Bobby Hopper and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gray. Commissioner Hopper presented service awards to: (as in picture shown below) back row - left to right: James Holman, Carl Sanders, John Faubus, 25 years; and Bob James, 35 years. Front row, left to right: Clifford Thornsberry, Grady Mack Rose, and James Hamilton, 25 years; Ralph Goodson, 30, years; Donald Jennings, retirement certificate; and Grayson 'Pete' Page, 25 years. Not shown in the picture is Jack Cheatham, 25 years. Also receiving a 25 year certificate was Don Wilkinson.



Awards Recipients

George Lee, Shop Foreman, received his 15 year service award from District Engineer Allan Holmes. Bud Passmore, Motor Patrol Operator, received his 15 year service award from David Becker, Sebastian II Area Foreman. Billy Hunt, District Bridge Crew, and

George Tucker, Van Buren RE Office, are shown with the 15 year service certificates. Our most sincere congratulations to all of these men for their long and dedicated service to the Department. These awards represent in excess of 380 years of service.



Wilkinson



Holmes - Lee



Becker - Passmore

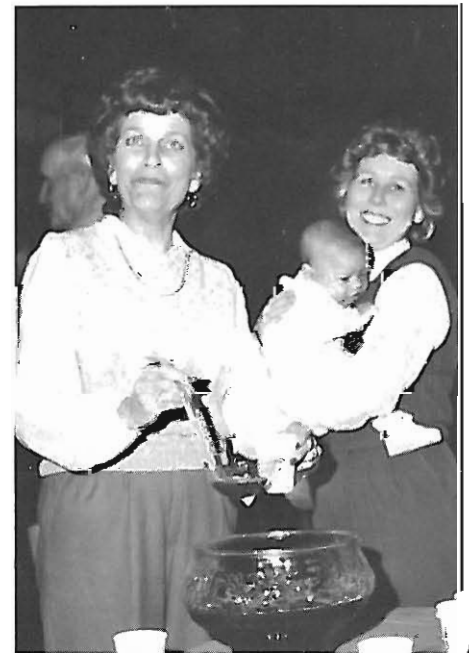


Hunt



Tucker

The District staff is responsible for getting things ready for the Christmas function and are called upon to do a number of things. Kathy Fortner, District Bookkeeper, helps with the punch while Nan Williams, District Receptionist, babysits young Mr. Griffin.



Fortner - Williams

In October, District Four supervisors and management personnel attended a two-day

Supervisors' Course presented by Dr. Bob Fisher and Dr. Bo Thomas of the University of Central Arkansas. This was Phase II of the program.



Supervisors' Class

Don Griffin, District Materials Supervisor, and wife Carolyn, brought the new Griffin arrival, Nathan Douglas, to the Christmas Party. Prouder parents you won't find anywhere. Congratulations Pea Gravel!



The Griffins

William Craig, Backhoe Operator in the Sebastian II Crew, and wife Carol, had a new arrival also. William Casey Craig arrived November 30, 1985 weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces. He is shown with his sister, Crista Marie. Our very best to William and Carol.



Crista and Casey Craig

Ray Jett, Office Manager, and his wife Mary, also had a new arrival. Shawn Edward Jett was born January 15, 1986 weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces. Congratulations Mo!



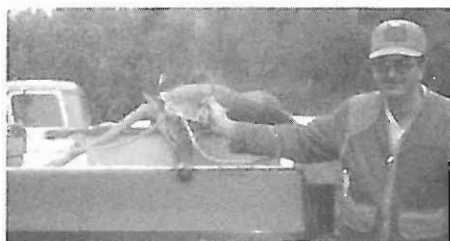
Shawn Edward Jett

On his way to attend our Christmas Party Johnnie Gray experienced some vehicle problems. Upon arrival, Aubrey Bowen and Kenneth Tucker, Shop Mechanics, fixed him right up and he returned to Little Rock without any trouble - and he wants to extend his thanks and appreciation to these guys for their fine work and professionalism.



Bowen - Tucker

Deer Hunters - we had some successful ones. Mack Rose, Waldron RE Office, bagged a 3-point and Hershall Henry, Joe Downs and Jr. Priddy, all of the Mena Shop, got spikes this year. Good hunting fellows.



Rose

Hershall Henry's daughter, Vondia, recently became engaged and we extend our congratulations to her.

The annual spring fishing tournament is just around the corner and the fish stories (tall tales) are already getting bigger and bigger.

David Becker, Sebastian II Area Foreman, has a very sad face. He is so disappointed that to date he has not had much snow or ice to do battle with. Ken Peerson, Headquarters Attendant, is not buying it either and neither are the rest of us. We are all grateful for the mild winter we've had so far and are anxiously awaiting spring.



Peerson - Becker

DISTRICT FIVE

We would like to congratulate the following employees on their years of service with the department: Lee Watson, 25 years; Charles Webb, Weldon Walley, Edward Dickey and Tom Jones, 20 years; Arvil Bartlett, Paul Hoggard, Darrell Fulbright, and Earnest Pearce, 15 years; Kay Taylor, 10 years; Charles Everett and Larry Dale Sanders, 5 years.

Also congratulations to Mr. Hayden Dillinger, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator with the Izard County Crew, upon his retirement. We wish him the best of luck!



Floyd Lancaster and Weldon Walley



Charles Webb and Lyndal Waits

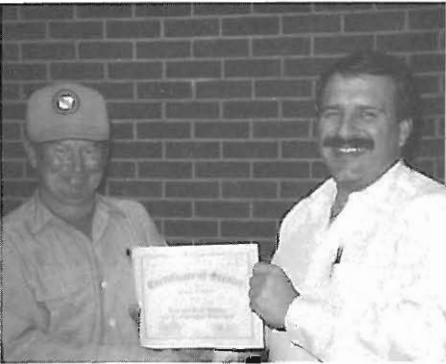
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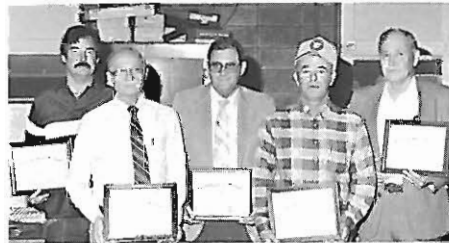
John Ed Smith and Edward Dickey



C.E. Pectol, Mary Lee McCown, R.W. Reynolds



Tom Jones and Lyndal Waits



Bobby Hubbard, Charles McCluskey, Floyd Lancaster, Lee Watson and R.W. Reynolds



John Smith and Family

John Ed Smith, Jr., Resident Engineer, was the honored guest at a surprise retirement party held at the District Headquarters. His wife, son and mother were among those at the ceremony honoring his 32+ years of service. District Engineer J.R. Chaney presented his service award and gifts from well wishers. We were also honored to have Mr. Flowers, Mr. Peevy, and Mr. Beaver present.

On December 10, the Service Awards presentations were held at the District Headquarters. Commissioner Raymond Pritchett made presentations to the following honorees: C.W. McClusky and F.E. Lancaster, 30 years; B.G. Hubbard, L.C. Watson and B. Bradley, 25 years service; M.L. McCown, retiree with 35 years service; C.E. Pectol, retiree with 32 years service; and R.W. Reynolds, retiree with 25 years service. Congratulations to all employees and our thanks to Commissioner Pritchett for his attendance and making the interesting presentations.



Candi Howell

Little Candi Howell, 2 year old daughter of Danny Howell, welder, won the title of Cutest Baby Girl at the Sharp County Fair. We agree with the judge's selection.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sexton hosted a Christmas Party for the District at the White River Country Club. We enjoyed the potluck and the fellowship.

We had at least one successful hunter since our last issue. Danny Fleetwood, Assistant Storeroom Supervisor, bagged two 8-point bucks. His hunting grounds are located in Sharp County.

The following employees would like to share recent pictures: M.J. (Mutt) Redding,

granddaughter, Crystal Ann Wiltrout; Donnie Schmidt, sons, John, age 11 and Daniel, age 2; Odell Moody, son, Michael Odell; Chris Johnson, sons, Christopher Blake, 1 month, and Joe Allen, age 10; Mickey Taylor, daughter, Sarah.

Lisha Drake, 7 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Drake and Brian Slayden, 7 year old son of Randall Slayden, won the titles of Queen and King of the Fall Festival at the Strawberry Elementary School. Dickey and Randall are both employees of the Fred Boutwell crew.



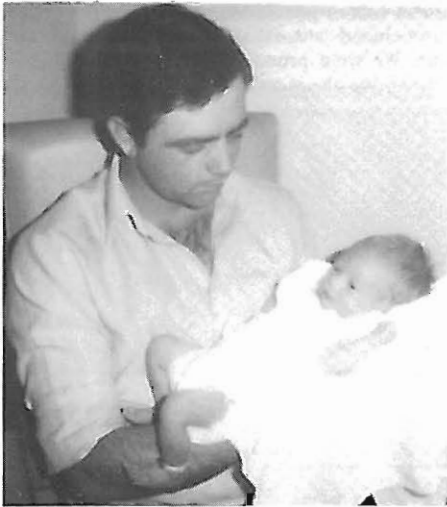
Fleetwood's deer



Crystal Ann Wiltrout



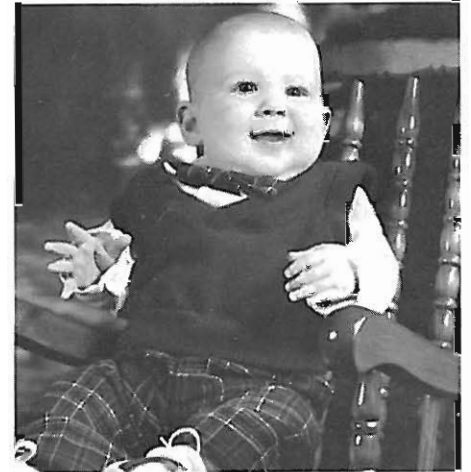
John and Daniel Schmidt



Odell and Michael Odell Moody



Randall Slayden and Lisha Drake



Phillip Keith Pool



Joe Allen and Christopher Blake Johnson

DISTRICT SIX

Congratulations to the following employees who were presented service awards from Highway Commissioner Patsy Thomasson in December: Johny Cheek, 25 years; Ron Nordman, 10 years; Lloyd Hall, 25 years; Verdell Small, 30 years; Leon Trickey, 25 years; Russell Owens, 30 years; H.R. Taylor, 10 years; O.Q. Fendley, 20 years; B. Baggett, 30 years; D. Spencer, 25 years and D.F. Gray, 25 years.



District 6 Award Recipients

While visiting friends and Alyth, Scotland during a recent November vacation, Al Kisner had the occasion to visit the "Birthplace of Golf" at St. Andrews. Al also toured many places in Scotland, and London, England with a stopover in Frankfort, Germany. He was accompanied on the trip by his daughter Anita Kay.



Al Kisner

Miss Mona Lisa Nichels, born on November 11, 1985 to Mr. and Mrs. William Nichels, is a contestant in "The World of Babies - Miss Miniature Diamond Queen" contest. Good luck Mona! William is a backhoe operator in the District 6 Construction Crew.



Mona Lisa Nichels



Sarah Taylor

DISTRICT SEVEN

Angela Kirkpatrick, 1986 senior at Fairview High School, is having an outstanding school year. Angela is the daughter of our Fuel Clerk, Charlotte Nutt. October 4, 1985 was a special day for Angela; she reigned as Homecoming Queen and also celebrated her 18th birthday. She is shown being escorted in the Homecoming festivities by her brother, Tim Kirkpatrick.

Angela serves as Senior Class President and is a member of the Student Council, Beta Club

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and National Honor Society.

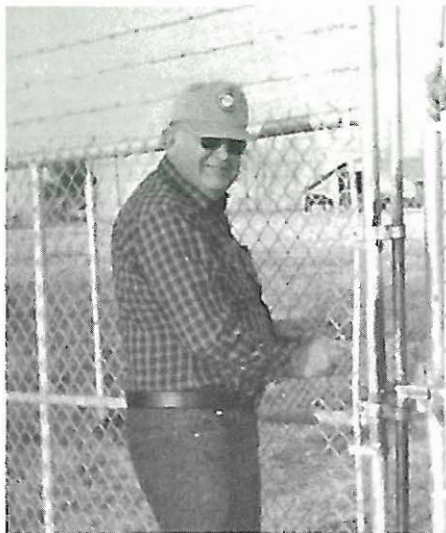
Angela was chosen as Drum Major for the Fairview High School Marching Band for the school year 1985-86. She has led the band in performing throughout the year and has done an excellent job. She earned first-chair in All Region Band and will try out for All State Band in February.

She was chosen as Class Beauty, Best All Around and Miss F.H.S. We are all proud of Angela! Congratulations.



Angela and Tim Kirkpatrick

On January 15, the Lafayette County Crew held a retirement party for J.L. Foster, Station Attendant. Jim was honored with a cake and was presented with a rod and reel by the crew. Guests were Mrs. J.L. Foster and five retirees; Jodie Waddle, Woodrow Brown, Otis Brown, Willie B. Cooper and G.P. Townsend. Jim is pictured with a big smile as he locks the gate for the last time. Good luck and best wishes Jim!



J.L. Foster

Duel (Tad) and Joanna Fendley are the proud parents of a new baby son born December 19, 1985 at Twin Rivers Medical Center in Arkadelphia, weighing 8 pounds. His name is Matthew Kyle Fendley. His proud father is a vegetation controller with the Clark County Crew. Congratulations.



Matthew Kyle Fendley

Shown in the picture are members of the Columbia County Crew and their guests at a Christmas potluck on December 23, 1985. Several of the wives attended and prepared the food. The crew really appreciated the efforts of these ladies. Surprise guests were James Jones, District Sign Crew Leader, and F.L. Lewis of the Highway Police.



Columbia County Crew

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to all of those receiving service awards. They were: Williard Martin, and Jerry Branch, 15 years; Kerry Blair, Johnnie Denton, Mark Koone, and Jack Cossey, 10 years; Carrol Sigler, 20 years.



District 8 Service Award Recipients

On October 5, District 8 had a district-wide picnic at the Dardanelle Lock & Dam.

We had lots of good food and lots of fun. The fun included a softball game and a football game. We were proud of all who worked hard to make our picnic a success.



District 8 Picnic



James McFerran (Chief Hamburger Cook)

Steve and Stephanie Payton celebrated their 1st birthday on January 18. They are twin grandchildren of J.E. Payton, Security Guard at District 8 Headquarters. They parents are Steve and Wanda Payton of Russellville.



Steve and Stephanie Payton

District 8 held its annual Christmas Open House on Friday, December 6, 1985. We enjoyed visiting with many retirees and spouses who attended. Highway Commissioner Raymond Pritchett presented 25 year service awards to R.C. 'Bo' Baskin, H.L. Allen, H.C. 'Buck' Eggleston, James A. 'Buddy' Paine, Delbert 'Deb' Pelham, and Edwin Shinn. There were lots of delicious treats enjoyed by every-

one and we are grateful for all those who contributed in many ways to the success of our open house.



District 8 Open House



Commissioner Pritchett and R.C. 'Bo' Baskin



H.L. Allen



H.C. 'Buck' Eggleston



James A. 'Buddy' Paine



Delbert 'Deb' Pellham



Edwin Shinn

Loyd "Butch" Cochran retired this last October. We miss him a lot. Butch retired with nearly 30 years of service with the Highway Department. On his last day of work, his crew gave him a big send off with coffee and cake. They also presented him with a new rod and reel.



Loyd 'Butch' Cochran

The Pope County Crew had a good deer season this year. Those killing deer during the blackpower season were Area Foreman Joe Stevens, 3 point, and Alan Hale, spike. During the modern gun season Hale again killed a 7 point, Gary Jordan killed a 9 point, Marvin Whorton an 8 point, Mike Johnston a spike, Danny Duvall a 3 point, and Bill Pruitt a 3 point. James Chronister got a 6 point with a bow, and Alan Hale's son, Jeff, age 14, killed his first deer this year, also with a bow.



Marvin Whorton



Alan Hale



Gary Jordan

The Conway Resident Engineer's Office (C.W. McMillian) had their Christmas Potluck luncheon on December 28, 1985. Lots of good food was enjoyed by all. Dean Simmons, who retired a couple of years ago, was able to join us. We were happy to have District 8 Engineer Lawrence Fletcher and also Sonny Lofland who were in the area and dropped by.

Everyone enjoyed seeing David (Huggy-Bear) Huggins receive his gift from Pat and Clara. His very one "Huglet" from Taco Bell.

Service awards received during the year were presented to Larry Rainwater, 25 years; C.W.

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'Bud' McMillian, Carrol Van Dalsen, and Pat King, 15 years; and Ed Riedmueller, 10 years.

A big congratulations to Danny Loyd who finally killed a deer during the last deer season.



Pat King and C.W. McMillian



Carrol Van Dalsen and C.W. McMillian



Lawrence Fletcher and C.W. McMillian



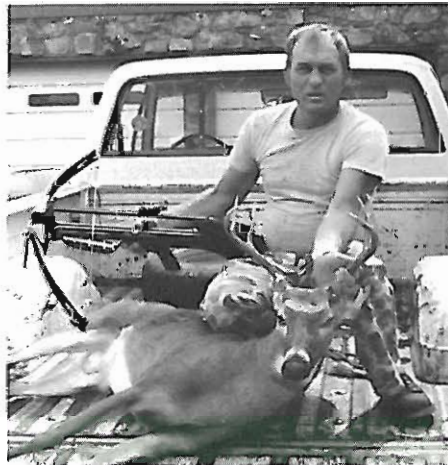
Ed Riedmueller and C.W. McMillian



DISTRICT NINE

District 9 Materials Supervisor J.L. Owens and his wife, Elaine, has every reason to be proud of their son, Captain Lionell Owens. Lionell was cited at 'Young Man of America' for 1985. This honor is made up of men who have demonstrated their excellence in professional endeavors and civic activities. Lionell has been serving as an International Lawyer for the past three years in the Philippine Islands and is presently stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Congratulations to Lionell and proud Papa!

Another deer season has come and gone again at District 9. David Dodson, Sign Erector of our District Wide Sign Crew, was one of the lucky ones and got a 6 point buck in October. Good going David!



David Dodson

Our annual District 9 Christmas Party was held the afternoon of Friday, December 20. Our Commissioner, Bobby Hopper, presented service awards and Ambassador of Good Will Awards to 10 recipients. Thirty year service awards were presented to L.B. Gregory, Crewleader of our Marion County Maintenance Crew, and Hugh Bell, Crewleader of our Boone County Maintenance Crew. A 25 year service award was presented to Larry Hodnett, District Maintenance Superintendent. Ambassador certi-

ficates (retirement) were presented to Harold Culdice, Wade Whitney, Jim Selby, Marion Downs, Jim McConnell, O.E. Taylor and J.L. Dickey. Another Ambassador award recipient, Wallace Harrison, was unable to attend. Congratulations to you all!



District 9 Service Award Recipients
Hugh Bell, L.B. Gregory, Larry Hodnett



District 9 Retirement Recipients

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to the families of J.T. Richardson, Boone County Area Foreman, and Junior Shelton, Newton County Area Headquarters Attendant, on the death of their mothers.

On January 10, the District Wide Sealing Crew honored J.L. Dickey with a retirement party. J.L. left the Department as Sealing Job Superintendent in December with 30 years of service. All of us here at District 9 wish J.L. the best of luck and many happy, healthy years of retirement.



J.L. Dickey

On Monday, December 23, the Marion County Maintenance Crew began the Christmas holidays with a big get-together. The employees enjoyed lots of good food and fellowship.



Marion County Maint. Crew Christmas Party



Marion County Maintenance Crew

DISTRICT TEN

Having had such a mild winter so far here in District Ten we are all holding our breath just wondering when "Old Man Winter" will decide to send his icy cold winds to Northeast Arkansas. Many of our employees and contractors have been able to advance remarkably well on projects that normally would wait until the Spring thaw. Sure hope our luck holds out!

Even with the unusually warm climate, everyone seemed to be in a festive spirit when employees gathered at the District Headquarters on December 20th for a magnificent potluck dinner to celebrate Christmas. Visions of the mouth watering array of pies, cakes, candies, ham, turkey and all the trimmings still dance in my mind just like visions of sugar plums danced in other little heads on Christmas Eve night. We all enjoyed the fellowship and had a wonderful time. Commissioner Dalton Farmer took time from his busy schedule to share in this special occasion with us, and of course, we had to put him to work while he was here. Commissioner Farmer presented service awards to A.J. Blaylock for 30 years service and Jerry 'Freak' Barnes for 25 years of service. A.J. is a Construction Project Supervisor in the Jones-



A.J. Blaylock and Commissioner Farmer



Jerry 'Freak' Barnes and Commissioner Farmer

boro Residency and 'Freak' is a Senior Inspector in the Osceola Residency. Both of these men are dedicated, hard-working people that have helped to make the Highway Department such a pleasurable place to work. We congratulate both on their awards and look forward to working with them for another 25 or 30 years.

Christmas always brings thoughts of home and family, and this happy family is that of Deward Zummwalt who recently retired from the District Sign Crew with 19 years of service. His lovely wife and daughter came by to help us wish him many happy years of retirement. The Sign Crew presented Deward with a pair of binoculars and Mrs. Zummwalt with a bouquet of flowers. Our best wishes Deward upon your retirement and be sure to visit whenever you can.



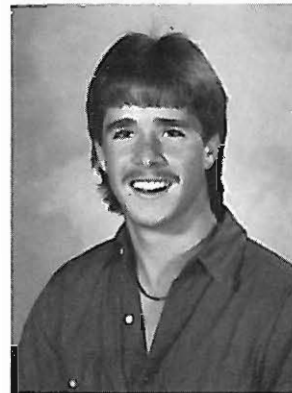
The Deward Zummwalt Family

Sleigh bells and wedding bells sounded harmoniously for Matt Troxel and Sherry Morton at the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Missouri on December 22. Matt is the son of our District Stockroom Supervisor, June Mayne, and Sherry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morton of Jackson. The lovely couple is residing in Cape Girardeau where both are continuing their education. Sherry is working on her Master's and Matt on a BS degree in Industrial Technology. Congratulations and many years of happiness!

Dickie Bob Hays, son of Senior Inspector Dick Hays who works in the Paragould Residency, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Members must maintain at least a 3.2 grade average out of a possible 4.0 and be selected by a faculty committee that evaluates each eligible student's scholarship, leadership, service and character qualifications. Dickie is a junior at Paragould High School.



Mr. and Mrs. Matt Troxel



Dickie Bob Hays

On December 7 Osceola Resident Engineer Frank Shepherd and his wife, Sandy, gave a Christmas party for the Osceola RE crew. The crew would like to thank Frank and Sandy for a 'great' party. Frank was presented with a gun case and Sandy a poinsetta to express a portion of the crew's gratitude.

Congratulations to James 'Buddy' Pounders on his recent promotion from Senior Inspector to Construction Project Supervisor.

Sherry and Lloyd Campbell are the proud parents of their first child, Erik Juane, who was born October 5 weighing 6 pounds and 3 ounces. Erik, being their first, is really special. Sherry is the Field Clerk at the Osceola Residency.



Erik Juane Campbell

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This handsome little fellow is T.G. Holloway, Jr., the first grandson of Earl and Annie Bragg. T.G. was born on October 7 weighing 5 pounds and 9 ounces. His mother is Kathleen Bragg, daughter of Earl and Annie. Earl is an Inspector at the Osceola RE office.



T.G. Holloway, Jr.

This pretty little lady is Brandi Nicole Smith, daughter of Douglas and Donna Smith, born December 12, weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces. Douglas is a Construction Helper at the Osceola RE office.



Brandi Nicole Smith

The Jonesboro RE Office had a small gathering during the month of December. An assortment of tempting tidbits were enjoyed by the crew while Resident Engineer R.J. Blackwell presented service awards to Bobby Wade for 10 years of service and Wayne Wood for 15 years of service. Congratulations to both!



Wayne Wood



Bobby Wade

Service awards were also presented to Arthur Ball, J.A. Upshaw, Paul Gatlin, and Jackie T. Rainwater, 20 years; T.D. Miller, J. Kingston, 10 years; and Charles Evans, 5 years. Congratulations to all of these men on their fine and dedicated service to the Department.

Of course no magazine article would be complete without a little bragging from one of the hunters in our bunch. Pictured is Randy R. Clark showing off his 8 point deer he killed on November 11. Randy is a Senior Construction Aide in the Paragould Residency. Congratulations Randy! (And I hope Santa forgives you.)



Randy Clark

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Congratulations to the following on their promotions within the Arkansas Highway Police Division. Chief John R. Bailey made the following presentations. Promoted from Patrolman to Patrolman First Class was J.B. Ketchum. Receiving a promotion from Patrolman First Class to Corporals were Reggie Chitwood, Jerry W. Booker, Curtis Williams, George Franks, Jr., Russell Paul, and Randall Harrison.

Receiving the rank of Sergeant was Paul M. Claunch and receiving the rank of Lieutenant

were Ronald D. Elmore and Joe Upton. Congratulations to each of the men.



Pfc. J.B. Ketchum



Cpl. Reggie Chitwood



Cpl. Jerry W. Booker



Cpl. Russell Paul



Cpl. George Franks, Jr.



Cpl. Randall Harrison



Lt. Ronald D. Elmore



Cpl. Curtis Williams



Sgt. Paul M. Claunch

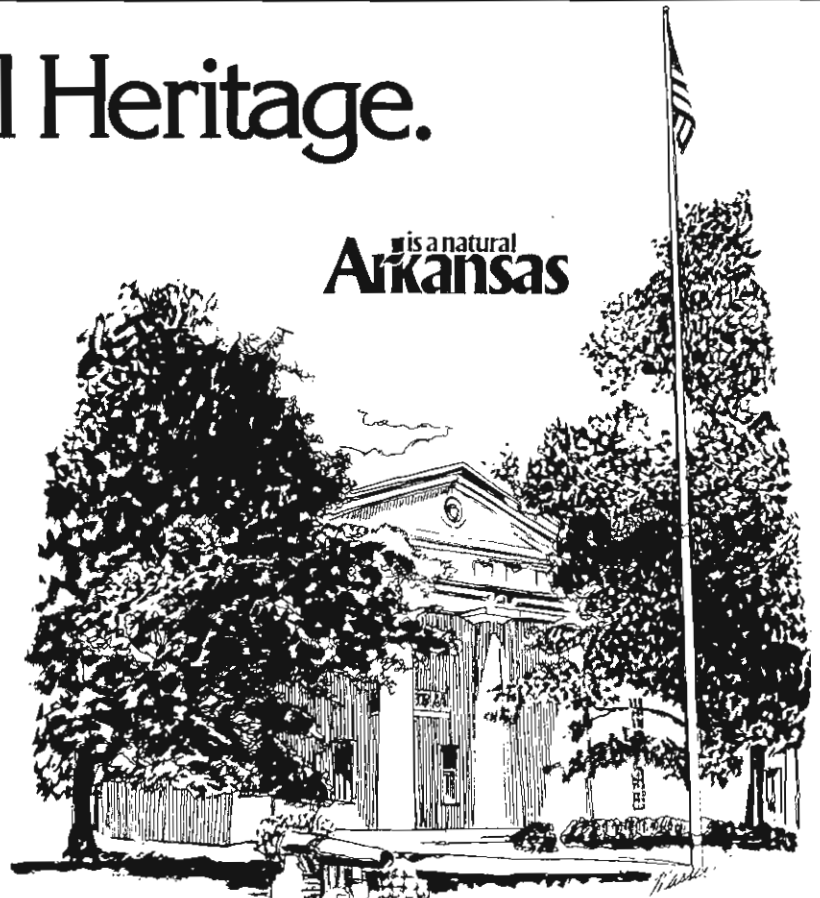


Lt. Joe Upton

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