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A Message from the Director

In Memoriam **Lawrence Blackwell** **1910 - 1987**

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department lost one of its dearest friends and supporters on February 23 when Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff died.

Mr. Blackwell had served the State of Arkansas with distinction during his years as a State Senator and Highway Commissioner.

Perhaps his greatest contribution to the State came during the 1951 Legislative Session. Along with Senator Milton Mack of Batesville, he drafted what has become known as the Mack-Blackwell Amendment to the State Constitution.

That amendment created the present Highway Commission and removed the Commission from the political control of the governor. The amendment evolved from one of the state's greatest political furors in the late 1940's and early 1950's. Questions were being raised about hiring and spending practices, as well as the building of roads for political advantage.

Mr. Blackwell served as a state senator from 1947 to 1955 and was appointed to the Highway Commission in 1958 by Governor Orval Faubus to fill a vacancy created by a death and served until 1961. He was appointed again to the Commission by Governor Winthrop Rockefeller in 1967. He served until 1977.

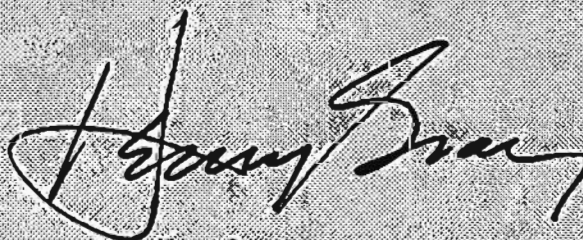
After leaving the Commission he was frequently asked about his role in creating the amendment and he cautioned voters against proposals to enlarge the Commission.

Mr. Blackwell served on the Pine Bluff City Council from 1936 to 1941 and as Mayor from 1941 to 1943, when he resigned to enter the Navy, where he served as an Air Intelligence Officer in both the Pacific and Atlantic.

Born in Pine Bluff on June 24, 1910, he entered Vanderbilt University as a pre-medical student, but changed to pre-law. In 1935 he received an L.L.B. degree from Harvard Law School.

He is survived by his wife, Mal Banks Blackwell; two sons, Banks Blackwell of Pine Bluff and Alan Blackwell of Little Rock; a daughter, Ann B. Sullivan of Louisville, Kentucky and six grandchildren.

All of us at the Highway and Transportation Department were deeply saddened by his death and we express our condolences to his family.



Henry Gray
Director of Highways & Transportation

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Bobby Hopper Elected Chairman of Highway Commission



Commission Chairman
Bobby Hopper



Commission Vice Chairman
Raymond Pritchett

Bobby Hopper of Springdale has been elected to serve as Chairman of the Arkansas State Highway Commission. He replaces Patsy Thomasson whose term on the Commission has expired. Hopper had been serving as Vice Chairman.

Raymond Pritchett of Maumelle was elected to serve as the new Vice Chairman.

Hopper, a native of Gassville in Baxter County, was appointed to the Commission in January 1983 by Governor Bill Clinton to fill the unexpired term of F.H. Martin of Fayetteville.

Following graduation from Cotter High School, Hopper served in the U.S. Army and the Korean War. After his discharge from the Army he managed a Ford dealership in Albuquerque, New Mexico for 14 years before moving to Springdale where he operated his own Ford dealership. He sold the dealership in 1980 and continues to be involved in other business interests in Springdale.

He is a member of the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, where he has served on the Board of Directors, the Springdale Rotary Club, and is a past member of the Springdale Civil Service Commission. He and his wife, Lois, have a married daughter, Regina Blakely, and a married son, Robert.

Pritchett was appointed to the Commission in January 1981 by former Governor Frank White. He is a graduate of Lepanto High School and Hendrix College. He has his own accounting firm and is an active member of several CPA associations, including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Pritchett has been very active in the Jaycees; serving as president of the Conway Jaycees, state president, and national treasurer. He was appointed by President Reagan to serve as a member of the Advisory Council of the Small Business Administration.

He and his wife, the former Sharon Kay Pearson, have three sons, Raymond III, Jonathon and Gary.

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Governor Bill Clinton administers the oath of office to Commissioner Bill Clark

Bill Clark Appointed to Highway Commission

L.W. "Bill" Clark, of Hot Springs, was appointed to the Arkansas Highway Commission by Governor Bill Clinton, January 21. The 56-year old Clark replaced Patsy Thomasson when her ten year term expired.

Clark, who becomes the first Highway Commissioner from Hot Springs, said he was going to represent not just Hot Springs, but all Southeast Arkansas.

In making the appointment, Governor Clinton said he chose Clark because "he has the best chance to fairly represent all three geographic regions well. His clear charge is to treat them all equally and fairly." He added that Clark has "the time and the ability to quickly begin exerting leadership" on the Commission.

Clark is president of L.W. Clark, Inc. and Burgo, Inc., which has franchises of the Burger King Corporation. He has lived in Hot Springs for four years. Prior to that he was in the Cooperage business at Fordyce.

He is a native of Clarksville and a graduate of Clarksville High School. He attended Hendrix College for two years before joining the Air Force in 1951. After four years in the Air Force he returned to Arkansas and graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1957 with a degree in business administration. He is a member of the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, the State Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of the Associated Industries of Arkansas. He was appointed to the State Racing Commission by Governor Clinton in January 1986 and resigned that post to accept the Highway Commission appointment.

Clark and his wife, Barbara, have two sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren. They are members of the Methodist Church.

Rural Road Progress Report



Two years after the passage of Act 456, (the Ten Year Rural Highway Construction Program) over 23 percent of the 4,850 miles of rural highways identified in the program have been improved.

When the State Legislature approved the program in 1985 the most urgent need was the improvement of travel conditions on hundreds of miles of deteriorated highways. To provide that relief, 797 miles of highways have been resurfaced at a cost of \$46 million. An additional 95 miles of gravel highways have been paved at a cost of \$25 million.

Improvements on other highway sections that had deteriorated badly enough to require reconstruction have also begun. Most of the projects, because of their higher costs, have required federal aid funds matched by state funds. Nearly \$133 million in federal aid projects have been awarded to contract on the Rural Highway Program. This includes \$24 million matching funds provided by Act 456.

The program also identified certain industrial and airport access roads that would be improved or constructed. Industrial access roads have been built in Nashville, Crossett Harbor, Trumann, Eudora and Morrilton. Airport access roads at Morrilton and McGehee are nearing completion.

The program is the result of over two years of effort at the grassroots level to inform the public of the needs. The program is funded by a 4-cents-per-gallon increase in the State motor fuels tax and a 2-cents-per-gallon increase in the diesel tax. The Department receives 70 percent of the revenue produced by the additional tax and the remaining 30 percent is divided between counties and cities.

The rural highways on the State Highway System have been victims of inadequate highway funding for years. The ambitious Rural Highway Construction Program has begun to reverse that damaging trend.



Department Conducts New Pavement Marking Research Project

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is using a new type of pavement marking material in a research project on Highway 87 in Stone County.

Normally, the centerline striping is done with a reflective traffic paint; however, on the Highway 87 project, the Department used a new reflective pavement marking tape.

The yellow, 4-inch wide tape, which has an adhesive backing, is laid by means of a special dispenser. Nearly 71,000 linear feet of the tape was placed on a 7-mile section of Highway 87 from Highway 66 at Mountain View to South Sylamore Creek in November.

The Arkansas Highway Commission awarded a \$2.3 million contract to Rock Products, Inc., of Heber Springs, in November 1985 to reconstruct the highway. This section of Highway 87, which was a gravel highway, is part of the Rural Road Program which was approved by the State Legislature in 1985 and is funded by an increase in the State motor fuels tax.

The Department will monitor the durability and other qualities of the reflective tape over a period of time to determine if its initial higher costs, compared to reflective paint, is justified. Generally, a rural highway needs to be re-striped with traffic paint at least every other year or so, depending on traffic volumes, surface type, and other conditions.

A similar project was completed recently on Interstate 30 near Prescott and another one is scheduled for a section of Interstate 40 in North Little Rock that is currently being reconstructed. The materials that will be used on I-40 is a thicker tape that is designed for use on heavy traffic volume sections of highways.



As the special dispenser is pushed down the highway, the tape is placed on the pavement.

The reflective tape centerline will be monitored to determine its durability and other qualities.





The new Central Shop is located on Sibley Hole Road just west of the Central Office Complex

Central Shops Moved to New Location

After 38 years at Jacksonville, the Central Shops have been relocated to new quarters off Baseline Road in Little Rock about a mile west of the Central Office Complex.

Work on the new facilities began in 1985 and the move was completed in November of last year. The new shops are located next door to the Sign Shop, which moved from North Little Rock in 1979.



Larry Watson, Central Shop Supervisor, looks over a work order with Secretary Peggy Gaines

The old Jacksonville shop was located in two warehouses that were originally a part of the former Arkansas Ordnance Plant. Each building was 40' wide by 603' long.

"Overall, we have less space here than we did at Jacksonville," Larry Watson, shop supervisor, said. "However the space is better utilized. We had a lot of wasted space at the old location," he added.

Watson oversees the work of 22 employees. Their work ranges from heavy equipment repairs to cabinet making. Most of the work space is located in a 25,110 square foot building housing the administrative offices, parts room, automotive shop, carpenter shop and welding shop. A service station, paint and body shop and two storage buildings are located behind the main building. Three other buildings located on the same property house equipment used by Heavy Bridge Maintenance, a chemical storage building and a covered storage building.

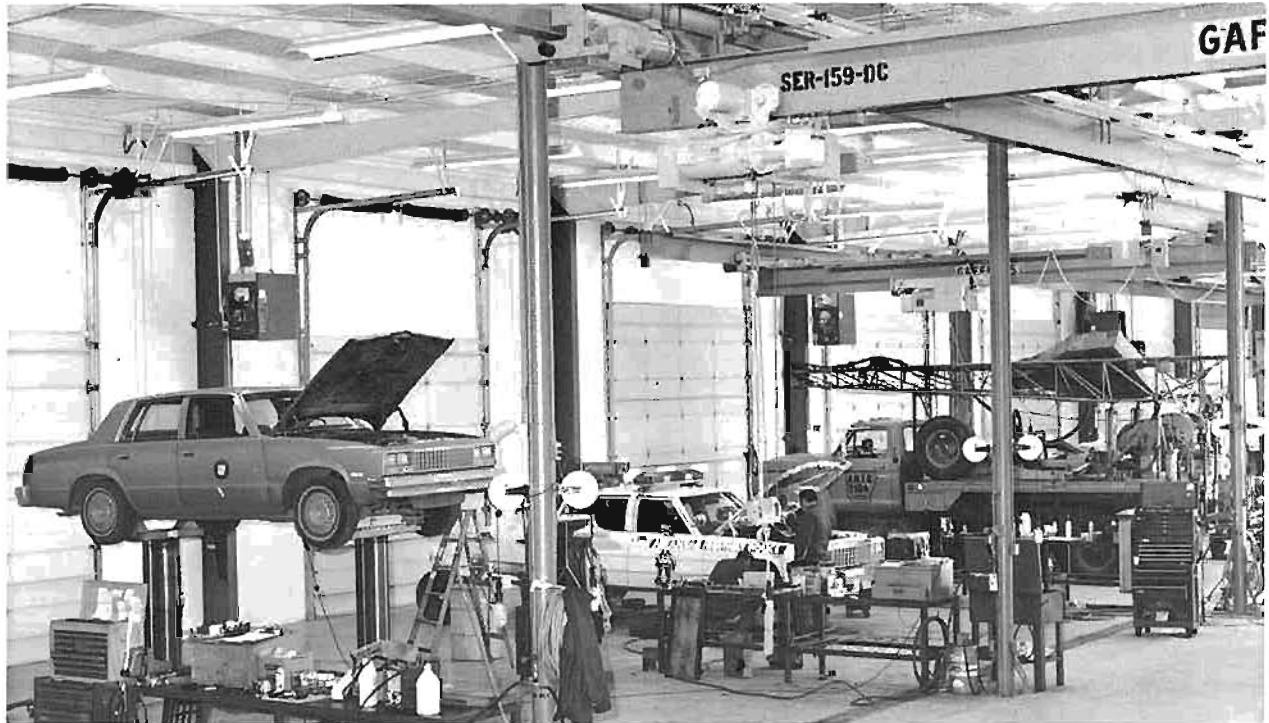
The total costs of the buildings and paved parking lots and driveways was approximately \$1.9 million.

The automotive shop is responsible for the maintenance of all vehicles and equipment assigned to state-wide use. This includes all pool cars, the central office fleet, Traffic Division, Materials and Research Division, Heavy Bridge Maintenance and Highway Police.

"We can now do front-end alignments and brake jobs with new equipment that was purchased for this facility," Watson said. "We also do all the safety inspections on new vehicles assigned for state-wide use."

The 7,300 square foot parts room can provide a wide variety of spare parts for vehicles, including windshields and tires. Maintenance supplies needed by the districts are also kept. If a department vehicle is involved in an accident, the paint and body shop can make almost any repair. The service station provides fuel for the various department vehicles and can also handle minor repairs, if needed.

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Over 10,000 square feet of space is available in the new automotive shop



Terry McCallister's carpentry skills are called on to make anything from a shelf to a computer work station.



Ricky Cranford is the welder at the Central Shops



Norman Post operates the new brake machine



Guy Ashenberger removes a tire from the supply room

Sign Vandalism Proves Costly to Department

As we travel the State's highways we see them every day. . . signs directing us to our destination, warning us of sharp curves, calling our attention to "stop" and "yield" conditions, merging traffic and telling us the maximum speed limit. All of the messages are necessary to ensure a safe journey, and every effort is made to eliminate all unnecessary signs, thus minimizing confusion and the number of roadside sign posts that might be struck by an errant motorist.

"Signs are inspected periodically and we replace all damaged signs immediately," said Lee Gibbons, Traffic Services Section Head.

Age and weathering take their toll, but vandals provide one of the biggest problems, according to Gibbons. "Over the past few years the State has spent about \$120,000 a year just to replace and repair signs damaged by vandals or stolen from the roadside," he said.

Halloween is the most popular time of year for sign vandals. Graduation time ranks a close second. The most common types of vandalism are gunshot and spray paint. "Gunshot damage is so common, it leads one to believe its spend season on the roadside sign year-round," Gibbons said. "We are also noticing an increase in gunshot damage to the large green overhead signs on the Interstate routes," he added.

The Department is doing all it can to battle vandals. A sign reclamation plant was purchased in 1979 and Gibbons said it has been well worth the costs. "We have reduced our aluminum purchases and have been able to recycle vandalized and weathered signs," he said.

The Department has processed more than 542,000 square feet of material at a savings of \$505,000. The initial cost of the plant was \$50,000.

"We have spent more than \$1.2 million annually in an effort to upgrade signs. Last year about 64,200 signs were replaced at a cost of about \$42 per sign," Gibbons said. About ten percent of that was attributed to vandalism. "That's money that could have been better

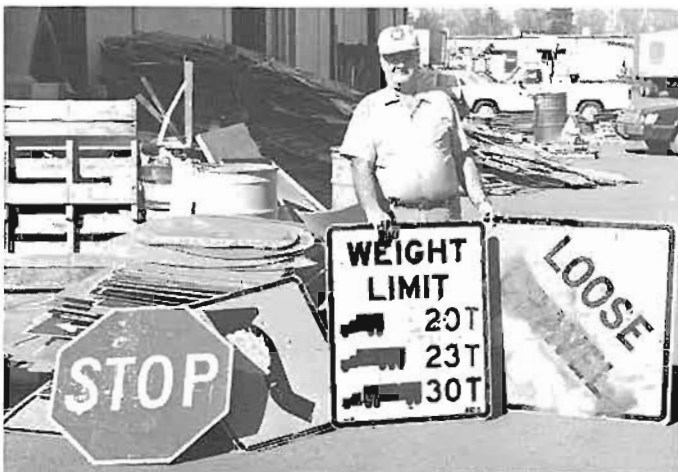
spent for replacing wornout signs and upgrading pavement markings," he added. There are approximately 410,000 signs on the State Highway System valued at more than \$16 million. Vandalizing these signs is not only expensive, its also a crime.

Anyone who purposely destroys or damages any property valued at less than \$500 can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor and fined up to \$1,000 and/or sentenced up to one year in jail. If the property is valued at more than \$500 the crime becomes a Class C felony with a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or a sentence of not less than two years nor more than ten years.

Anyone who witnesses sign vandalism is urged to contact the nearest law enforcement agency.



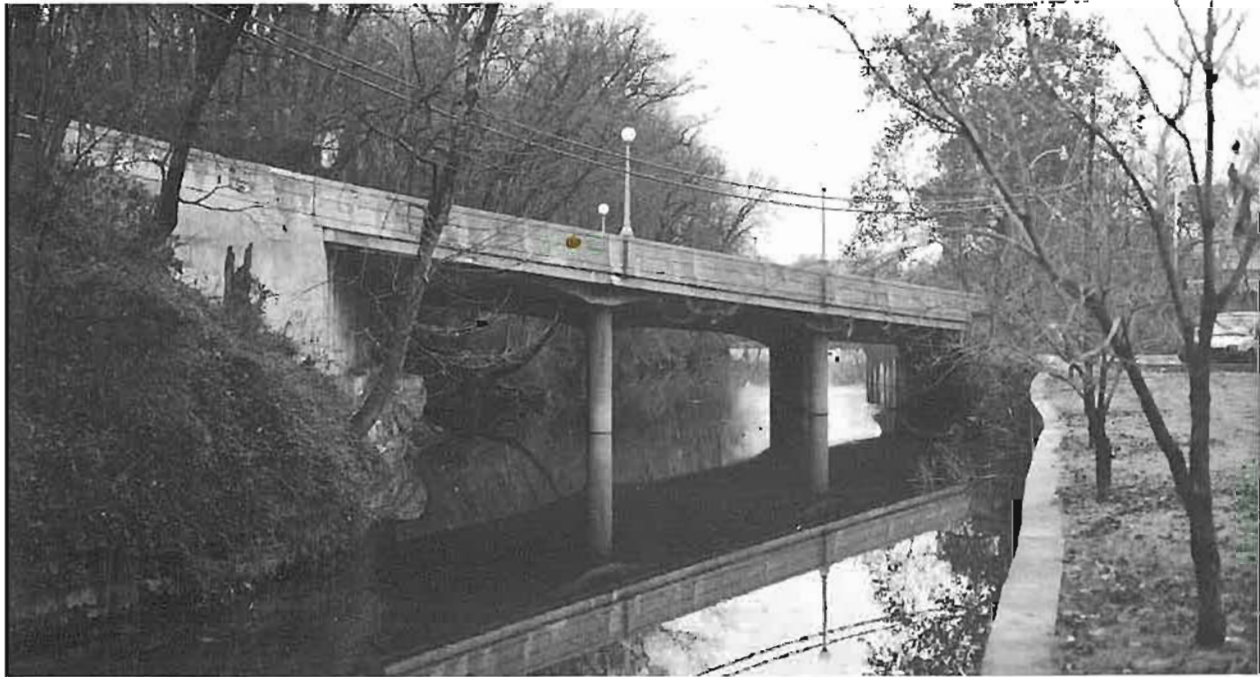
Pruitt feeds an old sign in the sander to remove old paint



Henry Pruitt displays examples of vandalized signs



Sandy Williams places a new reflective sheet on a reclaimed sign



The new Highway 43 bridge across Sager Creek retains an old-fashioned look by using globe style lights

New Mt. Olive Bridge Retains Quaint Look

Siloam Springs and highway officials didn't let a little bad weather interfere with the long-awaited dedication of the new Highway 43 Sager Creek bridge on Mt. Olive Street, December 16.

The ceremony was delayed about 45 minutes as the Department plane, carrying several Highway Commissioners, circled overhead looking for a break in the weather to land. Once darkness set in, those already at the bridge site broke out the red ribbon and stretched it across the bridge so the ribbon cutting ceremony could be held. The speeches were delivered later at a dinner held to honor the Highway Commission.

"We've waited 20 months for this bridge to be built," Chamber of Commerce President Tommy Free, said. "It's well worth the wait." He and other local officials, including State Senator Morrill Harriman, State Representative Jerry Hinshaw and Mayor Bill Foreman, thanked the Highway Commission for their work on the bridge.

Although the original structure across Sager Creek had served Siloam Springs well over about 50 years, numerous repairs over the past few years were unable to save it from the inevitable. In March 1985 the Highway Commission awarded a \$525,000 contract to R.R. Tway of Oklahoma City to replace it.

Not just any bridge would do. The Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce Downtown Revitalization Committee requested that a new bridge be designed to conform to the other older bridges across Sager Creek.

As a result, wrought iron railing and conventional lighting gave way to a concrete parapet wall and four old-fashioned light posts that lent the structure a quaint look suitable to the rest of the downtown park area.



Siloam Springs officials cut the ribbon to officially open the Sager Creek Bridge to traffic



A Little Rock & Western train pulls away from the grain elevator at Wayne Poultry

Railroad Rehabilitation Contract Signed

A contract between the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and Continental Grain Company for the rehabilitation of the rail line between Perry and Danville was signed February 6 at the Wayne Poultry Feed Mill in Danville.

Henry Gray, Director of Highways and Transportation, signed for the Department and Joe Cooper, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Continental Grain Company of Chicago, Illinois, signed for his company.

The 35-mile line was once owned by the former Rock Island Railroad and has been leased by Continental Grain Company to assure rail transportation to their Wayne Poultry Division at Danville. Continental Grain Company has already completed the rehabilitation work. The signing of the contract clears the way for Continental

Grain to be reimbursed for its share of the costs associated with the work. The Little Rock and Western Railway Company will provide freight operations on this line.

Restoring the rail line to Danville and Yell County is expected to encourage economic growth and development. Wayne Poultry has indicated the restored line will allow them to hire about 125 additional employees and add 60 chicken houses in Scott, Perry, Yell and Logan Counties. Presently, Wayne Poultry uses about 1,000 hopper car loads of grain each year and expects to increase that to 3,500 per year.

Gray told officials he was especially pleased to see the line back in operation because it would directly benefit the traveling public through safer roads and highways

and indirectly through lower maintenance costs.

"For instance, it is estimated that during the first year of operations, approximately 4,000 trucks would be needed to move the tonnage expected to be hauled over this line by the Little Rock and Western Railroad," Gray said.

Ark. State Representative Lloyd George of Danville, who worked closely with Continental Grain officials and the Department in securing the Federal grant, said the rail line was a tremendous asset to the overall transportation network in the area. "This is a rural area that is heavily dependent on the poultry industry. The Rural Road Program has certainly helped by providing improved highways. Now we can expect continued industry growth with the acquisition of this rail

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ne," George said.

The Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 required each state to develop a State Rail Plan in order to receive Federal rail assistance funds. The AHTD is the agency responsible for administering the funds, awarding the contracts, and inspecting the work as it is performed. The Perry to Danville line is the sixth rehabilitation project to be let to contract by the Department and brings to 185 miles the total miles of track rehabilitated in Arkansas.

The estimated cost of the project is \$177,210. Continental Grain Company will be reimbursed approximately \$124,047 under the Federal Railroad Administration grant contract which was signed. The work included tie replacement, weed and brush control, rail replacement, ballast, cross bucks and other track work as needed to meet FRA class two track standards.



Director Henry Gray, fourth from left, presents facsimile check to Joe Cooper. Others in photo are from left: Highway Commissioner Raymond Pritchett, Wayne Poultry Manager Wallace Thacker, Highway Commissioner Ron Harrod, State Representative Lloyd George, Yell County Judge James Lee Witt, and Danville Mayor John Ed Chambers III.

Highway Interchange "Brightened"

The Interstate 40-Highway 1 Interchange at Forrest City has a "bright" new look. Work was completed in November on the installation of new lights on the interchange ramps. The Highway Commission awarded a \$268,000 contract in November 1985 to Apex Contracting, Inc. of Paris, Kentucky, for installation of the lights.

The project consists of installing two high mast illumination poles 100 feet tall, four high mast illumination poles 150 feet tall and 27 illumination poles 40 feet tall. Work on the project began in July 1986 and was completed in November. The project was funded with 90 percent Federal and 10 percent State matching funds.



The Highway 1-Interstate 40 Interchange at Forrest City sports new high mast lights

Highway Extension Improves Industrial Access

The first highway dedication ceremony of 1987 was held January 2 at Conway to officially open the 1.5-mile extension of Highway 286 and frontage road improvements.

The \$610,701 project was financed with 100 percent State funds from the Rural Road Program and provides improved access to the Industrial Park East at Conway.

"The purpose of this ceremony is to point up the importance of working together for industrial development," Jim Brewer, president of the Conway Development Corporation, said. Brewer said the construction of the project represents what can be accomplished by state, county and city officials to attract industry and improve the transportation network.

State Senator Stanley Russ of Conway echoed Brewer's remarks. "The highway improvement and the road to the Industrial Park East will provide access to an area that has a potential for industrial development that would not have been available otherwise," he said.

Highway Commission Vice Chairman Raymond Pritchett of Maumelle said he was invited to Conway about six years ago to discuss highway improvements. He said he thought the officials wanted to discuss the Highway 65 improvements, but they were concerned about the extension of Highway 286.

He said the Highway 65 project was easier to finance because of the availability of Federal funds. It was not until the State Legislature approved the Rural Road Program in 1985 that state money was available for industrial access roads. "That program gave us the money we needed for projects such as this," Pritchett said.

State Representatives Bill Sanson and Bill Stephens also addressed the group at the ceremony. Sanson recognized the foresight of state and local officials to construct the highway extension and access road to the park. Stephens said Faulkner County is one of the fastest growing areas in the state. He reminded highways officials there are additional improvements needed in the county that will require state aid. "We will be calling on you," he said.

About 100 persons attended the ceremony, which was sponsored by the Conway Development Corporation and the Conway Chamber of Commerce. The highway officials met with local officials to discuss additional highway improvements in Faulkner County at a luncheon after the ceremony.



Highway Commission Vice Chairman
Raymond Pritchett



Natalie Fox, Miss Conway, is assisted
at the ribbon cutting ceremony by Commissioners
Dalton Farmer, Ron Harrod and Raymond Pritchett



The Highway 286 extension will improve
industrial access in the Conway area



AHTD Retiree's Association Executive Committee

AHTD Retiree Association Continues Growth

Four years after its founding, the AHTD Retiree Association now claims a statewide membership of 626, which is 42 percent of all eligible retirees.

Formed in 1983, the Association's chief purpose is to provide a means for retired Highway and Transportation Department employees to keep close ties with their fellow workers and also to keep them informed on matters regarding legislation that pertains to retirees.

Ralph Jones was re-elected President of the State Chapter in October at the Association's annual meeting. Raymond Jones was elected Vice President and Sibyl Maddox was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The statewide membership has jumped approximately 25 percent over last year, and the development of the District Chapters was recognized as the reason for the increase. District Two was honored at the Annual Meeting for leading all districts with 64 percent of that district retirees as paid members, 74 out of 116 retirees. District Four is second with 52 percent membership, 62 out of 119. District One had the greatest growth, a record increase of 126 percent, from 27 members to 61.

The Association's Executive Committee has set a goal of 700 members for 1987. The Committee also voted to increase to \$5.00 the amount of the \$10.00 annual membership dues that will be returned to the District Chapters for their operations.

In other action, the Committee clarified membership qualification to include spouses of deceased retirees, anyone who has a vested interest in the retirement system or insurance program which would include future retirees and anyone who has an interest in the Retiree Association and would like to take an active part in the meetings or by payment of dues would like to help in the Association's program and aims.

Anyone interested in joining the Association should contact Sibyl Maddox, 202 Santa Fe Trail, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205. Checks should be made payable to AHTD Retiree Association. A membership application was included in the January Retiree Newsletter that was mailed to all 1500+ AHTD retirees. The application can be turned in to the local district chapter and it will be forwarded to the State Chapter.

Retiree



Association

Southern Bypass Discussed at Pine Bluff

The proposed design of the Highway 65 Bypass, and its affects on the wetland areas south of Pine Bluff, were presented at a public hearing January 6 in Pine Bluff.

A crowd of more than 400 people showed up to review the preliminary plans and ask questions about the various aspects of the project. More than 60 people spoke during the four-hour meeting.

The project consists of constructing a four-lane, divided highway on new location beginning west of the Bryant Street exit on existing Highway 65 and proceeding southeast and east around the southern edge of Pine Bluff and ending at the existing Highway 65/Highway 65B Interchange. The new route would be approximately 11 miles long. It's cost has been estimated at about \$51 million.

A location public hearing was held in 1985 to receive comments on three alternate routes and the preferred route was selected following that hearing.

"We do feel that the advantages of a southern bypass greatly outweigh the disadvantages," Pine Bluff Mayor Carolyn Robinson said. She said the basic issues were public safety and the increased potential for economic growth.

Pine Bluff businessman Jack Smith said there are always those who will feel they are being impacted negatively by progressive growth. However, many of those people realize the project is needed. "We've made all the

progress practically that we can make until we open up our transportation system and until we assure Pine Bluff of a place on the Interstate System," he added.

Steve Lux, representing several neighborhood groups opposed to the location of the bypass, said he supported the concept of a southern bypass; however, his group favored a different route. Lux said alternate "C", as presented at the 1985 hearing was a more practical route from a cost standpoint, and was technically feasible.

Speakers from as far away as Dermott and El Dorado said they supported the project because of the positive impact it would have on opening up south Arkansas to economic development.

In 1984, the southern bypass project was one of two projects in Arkansas approved by the Federal government as future Interstate highways. The other route is Highway 71 in Northwest Arkansas. This designation means that federal interstate 4R funds can be used to construct the facilities, as long as they meet Interstate standards. Once the construction is complete, then the routes will be made a part of the Interstate System. However, all work must be completed by November 1996.

Because of the tight time schedule, Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters said the Department hopes to begin right of way acquisition late this year with the first construction contract coming in early 1988.



Over 400 people attended the Pine Bluff public hearing to learn more about the proposed Highway 65 Bypass



Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters points out details of the Highway 67 Relocation project to State Senator Jim Wood of Newport

Highway 67 Extension Project Supported at Newport

The Department's proposal to extend the Highway 67 Relocation project from Highway 14 to Highway 18 at Newport received strong support at a public hearing in Newport, November 18.

All 18 persons who spoke at the hearing expressed support for the project and urged the Department to move along with the final plans as quickly as possible. "We feel that the design is probably the best possible that could take place on Highway 67 in this portion of the city and will enhance the city greatly from an economic standpoint and also from a growth standpoint," Mayor Wayne Beard said.

Lindley Smith, president of the Bank of Tuckerman, which is just north of Newport, stressed the importance of the new highway to the area. "It will make the industrial park much more accessible as a major drop-off and pick-up point for interstate traffic, eventually leading to more development in the industrial area; thereby leading to more employment," he said.

Newport resident Kaneaster Hodges, Jr. best

summed up the feelings of the local residents. "We want the project, we support the project, we need the project, and we deserve the project. I can't cover it any more adequately than that," he said.

The three-mile extension is a part of the overall upgrading of Highway 67 from North Little Rock to Newport which began many years ago. The highway has been constructed on new location to Interstate standards as far as Bradford. Several construction projects between Bradford and Highway 224 just south of Newport are currently underway. Included along this section is the new White River Bridge. Completion of this work is expected by late summer or early fall. Several contracts will be awarded for work between Highway 224 and Highway 14 over the next few years.

According to Roadway Design Engineer Bob Walters, work on the four-lane, divided highway between Highway 14 and Highway 18 probably will begin in about two to three years, with an estimated completion date of late 1992.

Highway Police Receive Refresher Training



A.H.P. Refresher Course Graduates

In October, the Arkansas Highway Police Division conducted a one week Law Enforcement Officer Refresher Course at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock.

The course was the first of what will become an annual event. The forty-five officers who attended received classroom instruction and practical training in; weight and license enforcement, hazardous materials, report writing, officer survival and DWI enforcement.

The 50-hour training course concluded with a 150 question written examination and individual firearms qualifications. Corporal Doyle Crouch of Ashdown and Sergeant Dan Farley of Pine Bluff, tied for top academic scores. Cpl. Crouch also came away with the top firearms score and achieved outstanding student overall.

Gray Appointed to Chair Railway Conference



Henry Gray

Highway and Transportation Department Director Henry Gray has been appointed to serve as chairman of the National Conference of State Railway Officials. The Conference is a Standing Committee of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The appointment was made by John R. Tabb, President of AASHTO. Gray will serve as chairman for the next two years.

As a Standing Committee of AASHTO, the Conference is responsible for reviewing, evaluating, and recommending transportation legislation and exchanging technical information and policy positions on railroad matters. The Conference members also evaluate and suggest revisions to Federal regulations; reach a common viewpoint of the States on rail policies and problems; provide technical expertise and management training for State railroad connected agencies; and coordinate activities with transportation users and the railroad industry.

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Bob Walters, left, Roadway Design Engineer, explains plan sheets to Legislators

Freshmen Lawmakers Tour Central Office

Seven of the State's freshmen legislators were given a tour of the Central Headquarters, February 23. This was the second time the Highway Commission has conducted such a tour for lawmakers. The practice started during the 1985 Special Session.

The legislators were welcomed by Commission Chairman Bobby Hopper and then heard brief presentations by the various assistant chief engineers and division heads regarding the many aspects of the Department.

"Over the upcoming years, as your legislative careers continue, you will be faced with many pieces of legislation dealing with this Department. Some of it will be fairly simple to understand, and then again, some of it will be very complicated," Hopper said.

"Hopefully, you will have a better understanding about this Department after today's tour and you will meet some of the people you will need to contact in the future about concerns of yours or your constituents," he added.

Following the briefings, the legislators were given a tour of the facilities to view firsthand the diverse work activities of the Department. The tour included stops at District 6, Photogrammetry, Planning, Roadway Design and Computer Services.



Larry Fenton, left, Section Head - Photogrammetry, explains how aerial photography is used in surveying.



Roger Almond, right, District 6 Engineer, shows legislators a map outlining the counties in his area of responsibility.

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AHTD LETTERS

AHTD Director
Little Rock, Arkansas

December 8, 1986

Dear Sir:

I just made a trip through your fine state via the interstate highway. I live in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin which is 60 miles north of Milwaukee. I've been through your state about 6 times now, and I enjoy it more every time I go through.

I have a daughter living in San Antonio, Texas. I have to congratulate you on the good highways you have in your state. I travel 55 - 40 & 30 through your state. You have the finest highways in the nation. The bypass 440 around Little Rock is exceptionally good.

I thought I'd take time out and let you people know what a great state you live in and commend you on your highways.

Thank you,
Frank E. Blitzke
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

January 5, 1987

AHTD District 1
Wynne, Arkansas

Sir:

December 17, 1986 on our way to Brownsville, Texas, we had van trouble just west of Brinkley on I-40. We put our hood up and hoped we would get help, but no one stopped, until one of your county workers stopped and helped us.

He refused the money we offered him. My husband and I want to thank you for having such a nice employee working for the county.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meyer
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Editor's Note: The employee who helped the Meyers was George McDaniel, Crew Leader with the Monroe County Maintenance Crew.

November 6, 1986

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing you concerning one of your maintenance workers, Billy Currie. We had an accident two weeks ago on our way home from Batesville, Mississippi to St. Louis, Missouri. The spring in the gear

shift came apart and the car jumped out of gear. He came and fixed it for us and wouldn't take anything. We were grateful to him and said we would write to his supervisor and tell him what a fine person he was and think you should know about it. We have told everyone Arkansas is a fine state and Osceola is a fine town with wonderful and loyal workers.

Thank you,
Mrs. B. Woods
St. Louis, Missouri

October 31, 1986

Mr. Allan Holmes
District 4 Engineer
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Allan:

A word of commendation is in order for the good work done by the mowing crew along rights of way in our area. Several persons have commented on the way Highway 64 looks.

Sincerely,
Arnold D. Feller, Mayor
City of Mulberry, Arkansas

November 11, 1986

Mr. Joe Barnett
District 10 Engineer
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Barnett:

Mississippi County Community College is most appreciative of our campus improvement sponsored by your efforts. The Highway Department project, involving the placing of drainage tiles and closing the open ditch along the west side of Highway 61 South, has been completed in a most outstanding manner. The improvement will accommodate the development of activity areas, provide the opportunity for improved landscaping, and offer better maintenance of our grounds.

The entrance to our campus has been greatly enhanced by the project and will be enjoyed by the citizens of our district indefinitely. We appreciate your participation in this project and want you to know that many positive comments have been received about the results.

Sincerely,
John P. Sullins, President
Mississippi County Community College

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October 15, 1986

Mr. Henry Gray
AHTD
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Henry:

A little over a year ago the Federal Highway Administration took a strong position on compliance with the National Inspection Standards and the load posting of bridges not capable of carrying legal loads. This was the result of some outside pressure and a National concern about the safety of the traveling public. In taking the action, we, as an agency, were quite concerned about the reaction of local governments and the potential degree of success. This was especially true in this Region where counties and cities are very independent in the maintenance and operation of the local road systems.

The action of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department in developing a compliance plan and carrying it out is very commendable. I understand, from our Division office, that the load posting of the off-system bridges is virtually 100% complete and inspection frequency is now on schedule. I know this took a firm commitment on your part and a great deal of time, effort and coordination on the part of the Department staff. The degree of success obtained in such a short timeframe is no small accomplishment. The entire Department should feel very proud and gratified in increasing public safety and awareness. I would like to personally extend my congratulations and hope that you will pass them along to the members of your staff involved in the effort.

Sincerely yours,
W.S. Mendenhall, Jr.
Regional Administrator
U.S. Dept. of Trans., FHWA

December 23, 1986

To Whom It May Concern:

I just wanted to say thank you to a very nice man. He is employed by AHTD in Russellville, Arkansas.

On December 17, 1986, I had a flat tire on I-40 just as I got on the highway. I saw a Highway Department truck sitting there by the bridge. I just knew when I saw it I was saved. You see, I was going after my little girl at school and had four more children in the car (I babysit some).

Mr. Bill Martin changed the flat and made the whole experience a lot easier. I just thought someone should know that you do have nice people working for the state.

Thank you, Mr. Bill Martin.

Shelia Wilcutt
Clarksville, Arkansas

November 9, 1986

Mr. Henry Gray
AHTD
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gray:

A few weeks ago I drove through Arkansas alone, coming to Washington from California. I stopped at a rest area just west of Little Rock for a rest. It was the prettiest I have been in and I liked the way it was landscaped and natural looking.

The attendant, Mr. Duane Stokes, explained how the rest areas operate and was very helpful.

They are very welcoming on a long drive and I want to thank you for keeping yours so generous (lots of room) and beautiful.

Yours sincerely,
Tony Waite
Inverness, California

January 12, 1987

Mr. Allan Holmes
District 4 Engineer
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Holmes:

Thank you for the approval and installation of equestrian warning signs on Highway 156 here in Fayetteville.

I am sure that this will help make the drivers in the area aware of the situation. All the friends and neighbors think it is a wonderful idea.

Thank you again,
Alline R. Fulton
Fayetteville, Arkansas

January 7, 1987

Mr. Steve Teague
Programs & Contracts Division
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Teague:

I would like to write this note expressing our thanks to your department for their prompt consideration and helpful attitude in processing our Prequalification Questionnaire. The efforts of Marvin Staton are to be commended.

Again, we thank your department for their cooperation.

Very truly yours,
Richard Rosiek, President
Rosiek Construction Co., Inc.
Arlington, Texas

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AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

DECEMBER 1986

35 Years

Cloyce A. Gibson District 10

25 Years

Charles D. Broadway District 6
Mona G. Mahl District 4

20 Years

Jearl E. Baker District 4
Kenneth H. Bearden Surveys District 8
William F. Chwalinski District 3
Cecil W. McCorkle District 3
LeRoy McLain State Aid

15 Years

M.J. Fox District 2
Paul G. Howell District 7
Richard Johnson District 2
Leonard Payne Traffic
Garland R. Wright District 7

10 Years

Vernon M. Blake District 6
John W. Casey District 5
Jack D. Castleberry District 6
Elbert S. Cornett District 6
William D. Diggs District 6
George D. Garrett District 6
James E. Hurst District 1
Fernie Speights Planning
Eddie J. Webb District 6

5 Years

Terrance M. Kimble District 10
Roosevelt Nolan District 6
Charles R. Pennington District 2
Idonna Sue Smith A.H.P.
Jesse C. Stringfellow District 2
Louis D. Turner District 6

JANUARY 1987

30 Years

Maurice D. Head Equip.&Proc.

25 Years

James A. Allbritton District 2
George F. Price District 8
Thelma F. Routh Planning
Herman Schmidt, Jr. Legal
John A. Walker District 9

20 Years

Dale Aaron District 3
Mikel L. Neal District 4
Crosby L. Stephens District 2
Dale H. Thurman District 1

15 Years

Lonnie K. Dickey District 5
Walter F. Gray District 8

David A. Lambert
Truett Leavell, Jr.
Danny J. Smith
Robert L. Walters

Maintenance
District 8
District 8
Roadway Design

10 Years

Julia A. Akers
Donald E. Baker
Richard C. Blaine
Verlin O. Brown
Roy G. Cockran
Bobbie Jean Collins
Danny G. Douglas
Garry D. Franklin
Jodie R. Ham
Michael L. Harris
Robert E. Lee, Jr.
James M. Newcomb
Jodie Owens
Bill Richardson
Gerald Stachurski
Edwin Stout
Kevin White
Phillip Wood
Jerry Zuber

Computer Services
District 9
Fiscal Services
District 10
A.H.P.
Traffic
District 10
District 8
District 3
Environmental
Computer Services
Public Trans.
M&R
Environmental
Planning
District 4
District 1
District 5
District 6

5 Years

Patricia A. Baldwin
Gary D. Brown
Diann Gawtney
Edward E. Haney
Janette Thompson

District 10
M&R
Fiscal Services
District 6
Personnel

FEBRUARY 1987

35 Years

Paul Blankenship District 7

30 Years

Robert L. Mainer District 4
Charles N. Mings District 4

25 Years

Joe T. Akin District 2
Martin H. Childers Maint. HB
Granvie Collins District 5
Arbie J. Glover District 1
Thomas Mays District 7
Johnnie Nalley Maint.-Radio
Kenneth R. Perry District 6
Leo Seal District 4
Gerald L. Sneed District 5

20 Years

Allen Alexander District 10
Bryan Davis Planning
James R. Fultz District 9
Philip Gowen Legal
George Green Jr. M&R
Jerry W. McKown Reproduction
Victor C. Moody Final Estimates

15 Years

Billie G. Boyd Chief Engineer

Dennis Jarrett
Ann Johnson
Carroll G. Johnson
Frank E. Knowles
Charles W. Newberry
Darrell Sanders
Michael Selig
Vernon Terpening
Randy Tomlinson

District 9
Equip.&Proc.
District 9
Reproduction
District 5
District 9
Traffic
District 9
District 5

10 Years

Eddie Bryant
Charles Carrouth
Raymond Cox
Stanley Garver
David Harmon
Charles F. Harvill
Birdie Laws
Guy Luker, Jr.
Burney McClurkan
Benny C. Milam
David J. Myers
Jerry Phillips
Franklyn Shavalia
Tommy Thomas
John Thompson
James Weston
Ronald Winkler

District 1
Maint.-HB
District 6
Final Estimates
Right of Way
District 10
District 6
District 6
Environmental
District 8
District 8
District 10
District 10
District 6
District 3
District 6
Maintenance

5 Years

Glen R. Applegate
Michael Funderburk
John Gorton
Michael McCorkle
Benny Oliver
Steve A. Reeves
Wayne C. Self
William Waggle

District 3
District 3
Traffic
M&R
District 7
District 4
District 3
District 1

RETIREES

November 1986

Howard Bledsoe M&R
Morgan Y. Bryant District 1
Leland C. Greenhaw District 4
Charles J. Pollard AHP
Billy J. Robins District 10
Leslie B. Gregory District 9

December 1986

Donald T. Brown H&M
Georgia Russenberger District 6
Ursula Schlesier Planning
J.T. Sisk District 9

January 1987

Howard Allen District 8
Finis D. Brewer District 10
Cecil Garrett District 8
John W. Odum District 5
James M. Plum District 7
Cecil E. Short District 10
Robert H. Walters District 6

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL OFFICE SERVICE AWARDS



35 & 40 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS: Irene Hawkins and John Hall, 35 years; Jackie Wallace, 40 years.



30 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS: (Front) Veral Pinkerton, A.C. Ledbetter, Lewis Wade. (Back) Pat Thompson, Don Potter and Floyd Pharris.



25 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS: (Left to right): Mary Wilson, Dan Morgan, Doyle Carson, Don Finkbeiner, Bobby Parker, Cal Porterfield, Carolyn Stringer, Gary Sipes, Jim Briley, Raymond Wayne Major, Jim Barnett, and Dewayne Combs.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Congratulations to Sergeant and Mrs. Jan Weinberg on the birth May 22, 1986 of their daughter Sara Beth. Sgt. Weinberg is senior officer of a North Little Rock Patrol Unit. Sara has a 3 year old sister named Seth. Sara was 4 months old when this picture was taken.



Sara Beth Weinberg

Lt. Joe D. Upton, Supervisor of the West Memphis Weigh Station, killed this 10-point deer on Thanksgiving Day. The deer weighed 165 pounds, dressed.



Lt. Joe Upton

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

The Construction Division honored four employees with service award parties. Rita Fleming, Annette Stanton, and John Howell celebrated 10 years of service with the Department and Ann Harrell 15 years. Congratulations!

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**Reta Fleming, Gary Joe Lewis,
and Annette Stanton**



**Calvin Peevy, Ann Harrell,
and John Howell**



Lucehia Harrell

Lucehia Harrell, age 8, was awarded a silver buckle after finishing 8th overall for the year at the Mid-State Horseshow Association. She also won trophies for 1st and 3rd place in

the walk and trot class. Her very proud mother is Ann Harrell, who is also an accomplished horsewoman.

The annual Christmas party was held this year in the beautifully decorated home of Stanley and Penny Garver of Benton. Everyone had a good time and thanks again Stan for having us.

Our sympathy was extended to James Moore on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Vivian Moore of Hot Springs. In December to Bobby Joe Parker on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Viola Lee Parker of Dermott and to Frank Russenberger on this loss of his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Lock of Little Rock in January.



Michael and Travis Adams

Tina Adams' sons, Travis and Michael, participated in the Arkansas Karate Championships representing Southwest YMCA. Travis, age 15, won 1st place in forms and sparring and Michael, age 11, won 2nd place in forms and 3rd placing in sparring.

Congratulations to Rita Fleming's daughter, Michele, for being on the Dean's List at ASU in Beebe where she is a freshman.

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Mitchell Bradley Webb is a bundle of joy, as you can see from his picture. Mitch was born April 18, 1986 to proud parents Mike and Cindy Webb.



Mitchell Bradley Webb

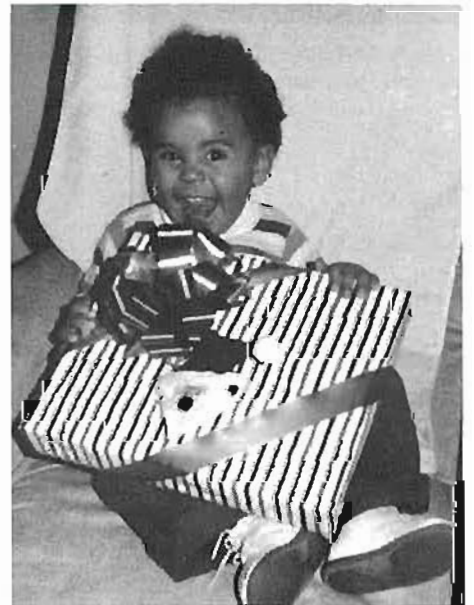
During hunting season this year, Gary Bulloch killed three bucks and along with his party, killed 273 mallards.

INTERNAL AUDIT SECTION

Mark Anthony Wesson, Shirley's active 15-month old is really keeping her busy and on her toes these days. He seemed to understand what was going on around him in preparation for Christmas. Mark had lots of fun riding the Christmas train at the Malls, attending parties and opening gifts when the time was appropriate, but he didn't like the idea of sitting on Santa's knee for a picture. As you can see from this picture, Mark loves taking pictures without Santa and receiving gifts.



**Phillip Horton, Mark and Shirley
Wesson with Santa**



Mark Anthony Wesson

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MAINTENANCE DIVISION

On October 31, 1986, Maintenance Division said "goodbye" to Don Brown. Don retired with 31 years of dedicated service. We celebrated his Happy Retirement with cake, punch and other goodies. Don's Heavy Bridge Maintenance crews gave him a gift certificate so he could get just what he needed for his retirement. Don will certainly be missed by all of us in Maintenance. Although we have said goodbye we hope it's not for good. Don is always welcome to drop by and visit us whenever he likes.



John Hall and Don Brown



Melba and Don Brown

Ralph Buchanan has taken over where Don left off, Ralph is no stranger to us. He has been one of the Heavy Bridge Foremen. We just moved him into the office and we see more of him now than when he was out in the field. Con-gratulations Ralph! We are happy to have you in the office.

In November, L.R. Stone, a Rough Carpenter in one of our HBM crews, received his 5 year service certificate and pin from Mr. Buchanan. Congratulations on 5 good years of service.



Ralph Buchanan and L.R. Stone



L.R. Stone and Crew

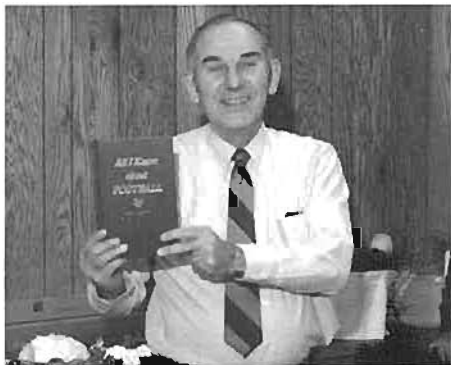
On Monday, January 12, 1987, John Hall, Maintenance Engineer, presented David Lambert with his 15 year service pin and certificate. Congratulations David!

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

The Christmas party was held in the structural lab. There was plenty of turkey, ham, cheese dip, vegetables, food and more food. Excellent Christmas music was played and several of our retired employees showed up. Ralph Hall, Engineer of Materials & Research, made a detailed speech of his hunts this year and even showed the crowd his massive antlers which he has collected this year. The crowd oooo'd and ahhhh'd at the spectacular sight. A special award was presented to Jake Clements for his outstanding knowledge of the sport of football. Watch out John Madden.



Christmas Party at M&R



Jake Clements and his book

We are happy to have the Research Crew back in the Materials & Research Building. For the past 7 years Research has been over at the Sign Shop facilities. Now we got them where we

need them. Keep up the good work.

Jerry Stacks, Engineering Research Technician is celebrating 30 years of service with the Highway Department. Jerry started with AHTD back in 1956. Keep up the good work Jerry. Jodie Owens, Geotechnical Section, received his 10 year service award in January. Congratulations to him also.



Jerry Stacks and Ralph Hall

My how time has flown since Karen McDaniels, Secretary for Materials and Research, had that baby shower September 12, 1986. Now she and her husband, Bob, have a beautiful healthy baby girl! Kelli Lynn was born October 13, 1986. We congratulate Karen and Bob on an excellent job well done.



Kelli Lynn McDaniels

Research Engineer Paul Simms and his wife, Janet, had a beautiful little girl, Angela Marie, born November 8, 1986.

Tom and Therese Greenway are the proud parents of a baby girl, Holly Elizabeth, born October 13, 1986 at Doctor's Hospital. She is very beautiful and Tom's real proud of her.

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Holly Elizabeth Greenway



Angela Marie Simms

Christy and Rudy Westbrook took a cruise to Nassau this past December. They soaked up the sun and had a great time. She's still got a great tan. Boy, some people have all the luck.

Terry Pearson got remarried November 20, 1986 to Elizabeth, the ex-wife, he still has two kids. Liz had a 3 month vacation from his gripping and moaning. He's doing a whole lot better. So all the kids, wife, and Terry are happy back together, except for the dog. Terry, you'll do fine.



Bob Gossett and Jerry Stacks

The 1986 fall hunting season was good this year for M&R. Bob Gossett, High Tech Scientist, got a 6-point buck and a flattop (doe) with his muzzle loader. Terry Tucher, chemist, killed a nice 8-point buck in Prairie County. Earl Kirkpatrick, Area Engineer, took a 7-point and a 4-point buck in the first week of the regular gun season. Ralph Hall, Engineer of M&R, killed a nice buck. Ask him to show you the horns in his pocket.

Paul Simms and Greg Harding of Research, just got back from Washington. They were there for the National Transportation Research Board.

John Tull transferred from Buildings and Grounds to the Equipment Section. The boys in the back sure needed some help and now hopefully they'll get it.

Jim Reynolds finally took that big step and moved out on his own. He's living in a new home. Way to go Jim! Last, but not least, Tyler Nicholson took a vacation after the holidays and was missed by all in the Division.

PERSONNEL SECTION

Sam Walton and the Eastman Kodak Company should know that the Personnel Staff at the Highway Department has inside information on the cause of the soaring increase of dividends paid to company stockholders in the fall of 1986. We happen to know its because a new Maumeille grandmother bought every baby item Wal Mart had in stock and a local grandmother, answers the switchboard with one hand, and collects pictures with the other.

Jane Craft loaded her car every afternoon last fall with gifts for granddaughter "Blair" born October 1 to daughter Polly, and grandson "Shane" born November 6 to her other daughter Kay. Blair is just as beautiful as cousin Shane is handsome.

Beaming just as proudly, with pictures always in hand (just in case you ask) is Anna Elam, our switchboard operator. Her handsome grandson, Brent Alan was born August 1 to Anna's son, Ronnie.



Blair Benfell



Shane Howell



Brent Alan Elam

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

The Photogrammetry Section had its annual Christmas Party December 23. We had barbeque, shrimp, and all the trimmings plus apple dumplings for dessert. (The apple dumplings were made by Randy Boyd's mother and we appreciate her making them for our luncheon.) Everything was delicious and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Our deer hunters had good luck this deer season. Terry Gaither bagged two deer and Robert Kesl and Roy Walden each killed one deer. Too bad we didn't get any pictures to go in the magazine for proof.



Photogrammetry Christmas Party

PLANNING DIVISION

We would like to welcome Steve Alexander to the Public Transportation Section. He will be working with the Section 18 Rural Public Transportation Program.

John Haynie joined the staff of Central Arkansas Transit where he has assumed the responsibility of General Manager and we wish

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...m the very best in his new position.

John Bodiak returned from a visit with relatives in New Jersey.

Mimi Nation enjoyed a week long vacation in Colorado skiing and sight seeing and returned with bones intact this time.

Congratulations to Mickey Newcomb for completing 10 years of service with the Department.



Jim Head and Mickey Newcomb

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Our own "Arkansas Traveler" Steve Heye, continued racking up the mileage in 1986. After a hiking trip to Zion and Bryce National Parks in May, Steve went to the Pecos Wilderness in New Mexico in October. He spent a week hiking in rugged mountain terrain, then promptly turned his ankle in Santa Fe while stepping up onto a curb, the night before the trip home. Steve said he was glad that Christmas would be spent at his parent's home in Florida where "streets don't have curbs". The ankle shouldn't slow our "traveler" down in '87 as a trip to Alaska is in the works.

Mary Sanders' son, Randy, and his wife, Ann, recently returned from Las Vegas where they spent Christmas week for a second honeymoon. They had a great time even though they missed being at home with both their families. Mary's daughter, Holly, has been selected to represent her church at Bethel Jr. Miss GA Association pageant to be held in Conway.

Howard Jackson's mother came from Ohio to spend Christmas with Howard and his children, Howard and Andrea.

Barbara Vinson is sporting a brand new four-wheel drive Dodge pickup. Barbara also spent Christmas with her children and grandchildren in Newark.

Tonaz Rogers, our COE student from Mills High School, will be graduating May 23, 1987. After graduation she plans to join the Army National Guard and attend a trade school.

Pictured here are Tammy Goshien's new nephew, Robert Anthony Goshien, Jr. who was born December 31, 1986 (great tax deduction) and her niece LaCretia Brook Goshien, who just turned 6 years old on February 1. LaCretia is in kindergarten and also takes gymnastics.



Robert Anthony Goshien, Jr.



LaCretia Brook Goshien

RADIO SECTION



Louis S. Dillard

Louis S. Dillard transferred from the Mail Room to become a Telecommunications Operator in the Radio Section. We are delighted to have him and he is performing in an outstanding manner.

Louis was born in North Little Rock in 1954 and after high school, attended UALR for two years. He plans to graduate with a degree in

Business Administration with emphasis on accounting. Also, he plans to complete requirements for his real estate license in the near future.

Louis is married to Deborah who is employed by Allstate Insurance. They have two children - Tameka De-Unarda, 10, and Tan-nilla Denise, 4.

Louis enjoys fishing, basketball, hunting, and softball, not in that order - he is tough in softball as the pitcher.

Welcome Louis - you are a tremendous asset to our Radio Section.

RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

On October 14 a reception was held honoring Al Dunn, Section Head, for 20 years of service with the Department. Assistant Director Gip Robertson presented his service certificate and pin. Many relatives, friends and co-workers helped Al celebrate the occasion. Congratulations Al for 20 years of devoted and loyal service.



Al Dunn and Gip Robertson

Refreshments were served and a baby gift presented to Credonna Nalley. Credonna has left work to await the arrival of the "stork".



Al Dunn and Credonna Nalley

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Refreshments were served in honor of Deb Dyer who has been working in our Map Sales Section. Deb transferred to District 6. We sure miss her but wish her the very best in her new position.

Tereesa Latson, daughter of Bud and Pat Latson, and her girlfriend from Australia spent 6 weeks touring Europe. They visited in the homes of many missionaries. Some of these missionaries they met while attending Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas.

Also congratulations to the Latson's on the arrival of their darling granddaughter, Anastasia Mari', on October 31, 1986 weighing a little over 7 pounds. Proud parents are Vaneesa and Ricky Pumphrey. Tasia is a little doll.



Anastasia Mari' Pumphrey

Here she is! This is the little angel delivered to Caceia Coleman on September 23, 1986. Her name is Jennifer Laymonta.



Jennifer Laymonta Missouri

Congratulations to Larry and Janet Foreman and daughters who moved into their new home just before Christmas. I know they are happy to get moved in and settled.

We are happy to have Stephanie Wilson working with us in our Map Sales Section. Her hobbies are snow skiing, camping and shopping. She will be leaving us in March to return to Western Washington University in Bellington, Washington. She will be a sophomore majoring in history.

RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION

We would like to welcome a new employee, Shirley Shelton, to the Right of Way Division. She is working in the Administrative Section as an Abstractor. She has worked in the title field since 1969, with five years in the oil and gas field as Research Analyst and Lease Broker. She is single and has two children, Alan, who is a senior in college and Valerie, who is married and lives in North Little Rock. Her hobbies are playing the organ and doing aerobics.



Shirley Shelton

Congratulations to Willard and Shirley Holt on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth. Hannah was born January 5, 1987, at the Baptist Medical Center weighing 7 pounds and 15 ounces. Willard is a Utility Coordinator in the Utilities Section.



Hannah Elizabeth Holt

Our Number 1 hunter in the Right of Way Division, Randy Reed, has been at it again. This time, besides the three deer he killed during deer season, he decided to go bear hunting and he and his friends killed two bears. The scary part of that is that after one of the bears was shot, he went into a cave and Randy went in after him. The bear did not get away - luckily

Randy did.

Congratulations to Lance Kling, who killed his first deer on Thanksgiving Day with a new gun that his grandfather just gave him. Lance has been hunting with his Dad in Monticello for three years and enjoys spending his time at deer camp. Lance, the son of Marie Kling, is 8 years old.



Lance Kling

We were all saddened by the death of our fellow co-worker and friend, Don Galloway, on January 26. We would like to extend our sympathy to Don's wife, Sandy, and his family which includes his mother, Mrs. Hazel Holland Galloway of West Helena; two brothers, Ray Galloway of Helena and Tommy Galloway of Houston, Texas, and a sister, Mrs. Carol Stone of Memphis, Tennessee. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews who loved him dearly and a host of friends. Don was one of those rare individuals who everybody likes and he will be missed.



Forrest Bogart

We were also saddened by the death of Forrest Bogart, 87, of Forrest City. Bogey, as he was known to those who worked with him, died

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October. He had been retired since 1964. He began his 37-year career with the Department in 1927 and worked in the Right of Way Division many of those years. He was a charter member of the St. Francis Historical Society and was a 3rd Degree Mason. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; two daughters; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

ROADWAY DESIGN

The Roadway Design Division would like to congratulate two of our employees on the arrival of their daughters.

Rachel Leigh Cruce was born on July 24, 1986 weighing 6 pounds and 6 ounces. Pictured with Rachel is her older sister, April Marie Cruce, who is 4 years old. The proud parents are Martin and Nancy Cruce.



April and Rachel Cruce

Aerial Katherine Wood was born on October 21, 1986 weighing 8 pounds and 4 ounces. She is the daughter of proud parents David and Leslie Wood. Congratulations to both of these families.



Aerial Katherine Wood

Nineteen month old Michael Jones is the grandson of Marty Bevans. He is the son of John and David Jones of Oceanside, California. Michael is now living with his grandmother in Little Rock.



Michael Jones

We also would like to welcome three of our newest Engineers. Mike Fugett in our Freeway Design, John Mathis in Urban Design and Kevin Thomson in Primary Design. Welcome aboard!

Roadway is very proud of its own Charlie Clements, who bowled a perfect score of 300 on December 12, 1986. Congratulations Charlie!

In October some of our employees were honored with a small service award party and were presented their Certificates of Service by Bob Walters, Roadway Design Engineer. Those receiving awards were June Booher, 10 years; Ron Cofer, 15 years; Bill Duncan, Bob Green and Dick Siegler, 20 years; and Gary Sipes, 25 years.

Also recognized with 20 years of service was Benny Robbins. Her Certificate of Service was presented by Brooks Nichols, Assistant Chief Engineer of Design. Congratulations.



Brooks Nichols and Benny Robbins

SURVEYS DIVISION

Well, I was expecting a lot of hunting excitement for this issue but all our hunters could come up with was a feeble story...no pictures, no glory!

We have had a couple of bouts of bad luck lately. Sue Trost, Jim Trost's wife, had emergency surgery but is recovering nicely. We wish

her well. Also, Gerald Kirksey, Survey Party Chief, nearly cut his thumb completely off. The seriousness of this is not yet known, but we are all hoping for the best.

Now for some good news. . .Ed Hoppe, Staff Surveys Engineer, and his wife, Celeste, are expecting their third child in July. All the details will be in following issues.

J.L. Brown, Senior Surveys Aide, received his 15 year service pin and certificate, and we had a small reception honoring Kenneth Bearden and Leon Holland, Survey Party Chiefs and Doye King, Survey Specialist. Congratulations to you all.



Kenneth Bearden, Leon Holland and Doye King

The Surveys Division held a training session for all the Survey Party Chiefs and Surveys Instrumentmen. The men all felt that it was a very informative meeting that helped them with their new HP41CV calculators.

We also celebrated Gerald Kirksey's 30 years of service with the Department at this meeting. Congratulations Gerald!



Gerald Kirksey

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TRAFFIC DIVISION

The Traffic Division would like to welcome three new employees, Vernon Stills, Gene Morrison and Henry Jackson. They are working at the Sign Shop.

Best of luck to our fellow employee Kevin Petray who is leaving us shortly to transfer to District 4 to work with John Sharum on the new Highway 71 project. He had been with this Division since November 1985. He graduated from Arkansas Tech in Russellville with a degree in General Engineering and is an accomplished bluegrass musician. He has contributed a great deal to our office and will certainly be missed.

To bring everyone up to date on the "latest" events, we would like to announce the birth of Steven Allen to Rex and Gina Spurlock. Steven was born in September 1986. Personally we are very happy for Rex and Gina that they finally have a son following three beautiful little girls Leslie and Laura (twins) age 7, and Katherine age 2. Also we would like to congratulate Danny Moore on his marriage to the former Cindy Markley in November 1986. She is a real sweet girl and a great softball player too.

We would like to congratulate several of our employees upon receiving their service awards. They are John Gorton, 5 years; Bobbie Collins, 10 years; Leonard Payne and Mike Selig, 15 years.

Shown below is a picture of our annual Christmas dinner. As you can see, we had an assortment of delicious food and no one went away hungry.



Traffic Christmas Party

DISTRICT ONE

Approximately 150 employees, retirees, and guests attended District One's Christmas Open House on December 19. Our special guest was Highway Commissioner Dalton Farmer who graciously assisted District Engineer Ray Woodruff in presenting service awards to the following employees: Willie Anderson, Vic Capshaw, Wayne Crawford, Tommy Curbo, Kenneth McMickle, Roy Morris, Glen Reed and Robert Skinner, 15 years; Kenneth Brazile, John Chambers, Freddy Everhart, Jimmy Goad, Floyd Harrell, Billy Morgan, Jimmy Smith, Norwood Smith and Junior Woodard, 20 years.

Receiving 30 year service awards were Charles Jackson and Charles Perry and receiving his 35 year service award was Bill Meachum.

Employees who had retired during 1986 were also recognized. They were John Allis, Gene Horton, L.C. McClinic, C.B. Pierce, Lewis Shafer, John Ashby, Morgan Bryant, and Bobbie Wright. We are always glad to see our old friends and former co-workers. Christmas carols were played during the afternoon and food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to everyone who helped put this party on.



35 Year Award
Meachum and Farmer



20 Year Service Award Recipients



15 Year Service Award Recipients



30 Year - Jackson and Perry



Farmer and Crawford

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DISTRICT ONE 1986 RETIREES



Bryant and Farmer



McClinic and Riley



Shafer and Farmer



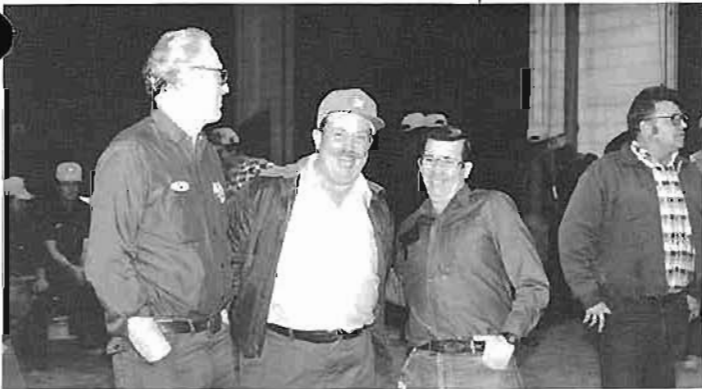
C.B. Pierce



Clems and Ales



Wright and Farmer



"We're so happy to be here"



Food and Fellowship

DISTRICT ONE CHRISTMAS

Ready and waiting



The Boss is Busy



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David and Brenda McFadden were very happy to have two new grandsons under their Christmas tree this year. Matthew Aaron was born October 28 He is the son of Jody and Karen McFadden of Jacksonville. He has a big brother, Joshua, who is 2. Steven Paul was born December 6 and is the son of Paul and Christi McFadden of Paragould. Granpa David is our Maintenance Job Superintendent.



Joshua, Matthew and Steven

The smiling doll pictured is Virginia Gator, daughter of James and Teresa Gator of Gretna, Louisiana. Virginia was born June 25, 1986 and her proud grandfather, Equipment Supervisor Jimmy Smith, was very glad to provide us with her picture.



Virginia Gator

Congratulations to Service Station Supervisor John Smith, and wife, Sandra, on the birth of their son, Jonathan Gary, on December 1, 1986 weighing 6 pounds and 8 ounces.



Jonathan Smith and nurse

Sign Foreman Jimmy Goad has been a volunteer with the Boy Scouts for the past four years. He was recently awarded the Arrowhead Honor for Excellence of Performance in carrying out the commissioner mission. He was also given the Award of Merit, the highest award given by the District Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations to Jimmy on a job well done.



Jimmy Goad

DISTRICT TWO

The holiday season was enhanced by a lovely open house at the District Headquarters for all employees and retirees. An added pleasure was having Highway Commissioner Patsy Thomasson present the service awards for 1986. It was nice to have a chance to let Patsy know how much we all enjoyed working with her and to show our appreciation for her efforts for the Department. Among the pretty decorations and friends and family present the following received awards: Frank Novak, James Pierce, and Thomas White, 30 years; O.Z. McGehee, Scarler Lyons, A.C. Jackson, Gary Williams, and Jim Briley, 25 years; DeQuince Lewis, 20 years; Richard Johnson, Mass Junior Fox, and Thomas Simmons, 15 years; Jessie Stringfellow and Charles Pennington, Jr., 5 years.

Service awards previously awarded were James Reeves, 20 years; James Crockett, 15 years; and Billy Carter and Arthur Huggins, 10 years.

Ambassador of Good Will Retirement Certificates were presented to Frank Novak, Resident Engineer at Monticello; A.M. Murphy, Bridge Crew; Richard Waller, Area Foreman in Desha County; and M.S. "Sam" Smith, District Engineer.

It is always nice to be able to recognize

these dedicated employees and especially a pleasure to get together with old friends and retirees that we think about constantly.



1986 Retirees - Richard Waller, Frank Novak and A.M. Murphy with Commissioner Thomasson



30 Year Awards - Thomas White, James Pierce and Frank Novak with Commissioner Thomasson



25 Year Awards - Com. Thomasson, Scarler Lyons, Jim Briley, O.Z. McGehee and A.C. Jackson



20 Year Award - DeQuince Lewis and Commissioner Thomasson

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15 Year Awards - Richard Johnson, Junior Fox and Tommy Simmons



Max Bagwell and James Crockett



James Reeves and Jim Briley



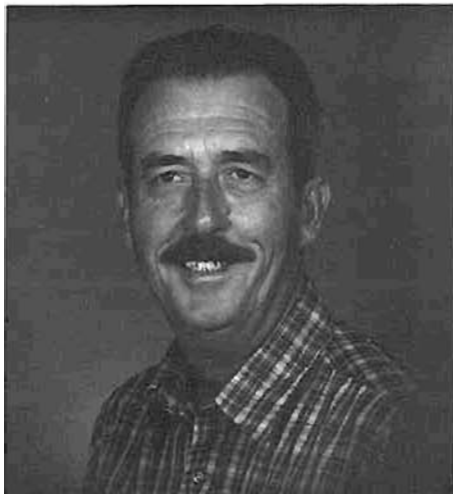
Lee Huggins and Jim Briley



District 2 Christmas Open House

With great sadness we said goodbye to two of our favorite people that we will never forget for the memories they left with us. Brewster Shalmy, retired Maintenance Superintendent for District Two with 41 years of service, passed away in December. He never forgot his dedication to his fellow employees as he spent his last years working zestfully with the District 2 Retirees Association where he served as President. He always held the welfare of his employees and their families first. He is survived by his wife, Sunny, two sons, Pat and John Thomas and 6 grandchildren. Brewster fought a battle with Cancer and was active to the end. All those that worked for Mr. Shalmy thought he "was one of a kind" and we will never forget him.

One of our favorite people, Gary Williams, passed away on December 22 after a 6-month battle with Cancer. Gary was the Assistant Resident Engineer at the Pine Bluff Office and had 25 years of service with the Department. He is survived by his wife, Brenda, two sons, David and Keith, and a daughter, Annette. He also had four grandchildren. Gary was known for his good attitude and easy going personality. He was special to many people that worked with him and will always be remembered for all the extra help and time he gave to all.



Gary Williams

Congratulations to Barbara Fox and James Manes on their marriage on December 20 in Monticello. Barbara is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Fox of Monticello. Johnny is employed in the Drew County Crew. Barbara is employed as the migrant teacher at the Dermott Special School District. James is the son of Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Manes of Dumas and is a self-employed farmer. The couple will make their home in Dumas.



Mr. and Mrs. James Manes

It's about time for Ben to settle down. Shown in the picture are Martha and Ben Novak. Ben is Lead Person in the Drew County Crew at Monticello. We offer all our best wishes to the couple and know they'll be happy in the future.



Ben and Martha Novak

Congratulations to the daughters of Ricky Neal, Area Foreman in Cleveland County, with their fish catch. Seems like hunting and fishing run in the family, look at the picture of their Dad and his deer. Karen is 6 years old and Kelly is age 11. You have two great daughters Ricky and Pat.

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Karen and Kelly Neal

District 2 deer hunters should be quite proud of their trophies this year. Those are some nice deer, fellows.



Rickey Neal



Joe Hays



Tommy White



James Chalk

We wish a speedy recovery to Joe Hayes, one of our retirees. Joe is shown in the picture deer hunting last fall but he has recently undergone open heart surgery. He came through the operation just fine and is recovering at home. His wife Helen is doing a great job as his nurse. Good luck, Joel



**November Crew of the Month
Richard Morgan and
Asst. DE Bob Cornish**

Shown in the picture below is Raylene Cotton, daughter of Thomas Cotton, Area Headquarters Attendant at Stuttgart in Arkansas County. She is a Senior at North Pulaski High at Jacksonville and is 18 years old.



Raylene Cotton

One of our "long time retirees" Willard Patterson Johnson passed away while deer hunting in November. He was 73 year of age and left a wife and two daughters. Willard had worked in the Drew County Crew at Monticello. We offer our sympathy to his family.

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department. Billy A. Turpin and Dale Aaron for 20 years and Gary W. Barham and Jodie R. Ham for 10 years.

Recently at a Supervisor's Meeting, Sonny Carrell was presented his 5 year service certificate and Ken Cowart his 15 year award by District Engineer William Tyler. Congratulations to both.

In lieu of our usual Christmas Dinner, District 3 employees were invited to a Christmas Open House and Awards Presentation. Those receiving awards were Phil Koeizer, Jack Holder and Thomas Adams for 30 years; Dale Fulmer for 25 years; David Carmack for 15 years and Elmer Clark, retiree, received his Public Relations Certificate. All the certificates were presented by Commissioner Ron Harrod.



DE William Tyler and Sonny Carrell

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DE William Tyler and Ken Cowart



Phil Koetzer and Com. Harrod



Jack Holder and Com. Harrod



Thomas Adams and Com. Harrod



Dale Fulmer and Com. Harrod



David Carmack and Com. Harrod



Elmer Clark and Com. Harrod



District 3 Christmas Open House

The District Shop Crew got together recently and had coffee and donuts to present Cecil McCorkle with his 20 year Service Certificate. The certificate was presented by Jerry Whitehurst, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Jerry Whitehurst and Cecil McCorkle

We would like to welcome Kit Core to District 3. Kit transferred from District 4. He is the new Area Foreman in Little River County. The Little River County Crew would also like to welcome Chris Moon, Kirk O'Guinn and Buford Brown as new employees. Also, Richard Wheeler and his wife, Carolyn, are expecting a new arrival in September. Congratulations!

The Texarkana Resident Engineer's Office crew had an awards ceremony on December 8. Resident Engineer Ronnie Garner presented Dale Fulmer, Emmett Barrett and Gary Roberts with their service awards. Their combined years of loyal service totaled 65 years. Coffee and donuts were enjoyed by all. Congratulations fellows.

On December 12, the R.E. Office crew gathered again for their Christmas Party. A good time and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Susan Candelaria, daughter of Gloria Candelaria, gave her Senior Voice Recital at Henderson State University on January 22, 1987. Susan will be graduating from Henderson in May with a Bachelor of Music Education and Music Therapy Degree. Gloria is also proud to announce the birth of her second grandchild, Alyssa Beth Sims, born on November 9, 1986.

DISTRICT FOUR

Service awards for District 4 this time include Jerry Hunsucker, Waldron RE, 15 years; John Marley, Van Buren RE, 20 years; Merl Bates, Bridge Crew, Waldron, 15 years; Mark Williams, Sebastian I foreman, 10 years; H.L. Henry, Crew Leader, Polk County, 20 years; and Jearl Baker, Polk County Foreman, 20 years.

Service awards were presented by Commissioner Bobby Hopper to J.D. Kuykendall, Van Buren RE office, 35 years; Alvis Pense, Crawford County Foreman, and Don Turner, Maintenance Superintendent, 30 years; W.H. Smithers, Olen Brooks, and W.H. Johnson, all from the Van Buren RE office; and to Mona

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Mahl, District Secretary, 25 years.

Retirement Certificates included Bill Bice, Van Buren RE Office, Harlon Oliver, Bridge Crew, Waldron, Vard Carpenter, Sealing Crew, and J.D. Holman, Springdale Maintenance.

Door prize tickets were drawn by Anna Graham, daughter of Pat Graham from Crawford County. A hot air popcorn popper was won by David Lawson, Bridge Crew, Ozark, and the fruit basket by Jerry Clemence, Sign Crew from Springdale.

Lots of good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard getting it all done.



Jerry Hunsucker and Carl Sanders



John Marley and Carl Sanders



Jearl Baker and DE Allan Holmes



District 4 1986 Service Award Recipients



Merl Bates and Kim McDowell



Mark Williams and DE Allan Holmes



Jearl Baker and H.L. Henry

Congratulations to Willie Leming, Loader Operator, from Lincoln, who was married September 20, 1986 to Lynn Wilton. After a wedding trip to Florida, Willie and Lynn will make their home in Lincoln.



Lynne and Willie Leming

Keith Joshualee Todd was born August 9, 1986 to James and Ruth Todd. He weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces. James is Sweeper operator from Springdale and has been with the AHTD for 15 years.



Keith Joshualee Todd

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A retirement party was held at Springdale Area headquarters July 16 for J.D. (Fox) Holman who retired after 25 years of service. J.D. was a finish dozer operator. Besides the crew at Springdale, Don Jennings, John Shastid and C.W. Ward, (retirees) attended the party. Co-workers presented J.D. with a rod and reel along with other fishing equipment to pursue his favorite pastime. Everyone wishes J.D. many long year of health and retirement. He will be fondly missed.



J.D. (Fox) Holman

R.C. Walker is our new Permit Officer. He was Crew Leader at Sebastian II before coming to the District Office. Good luck R.C.



R.C. Walker, Permit Officer

Herb Cross is our new caretaker at the District Office. Welcome Herb! Carl Sanders, Wayne Goodson, Paul Banzah and Ed McLaughlin teamed up to play golf in the Have-A-Heart Golf Tournament in October. David Becker and Nick Mings also played with other teams. They said it was for a good cause and they had lots of fun but scores were not discussed.

Ronnie Melton transferred to District 4 from District 8. Ronnie was area attendant at Clarksville before transferring to the Resident Engineer Office at Van Buren. Welcome Ronnie.

Cindy Shone, Skilled Trades Trainee, and Dana Hill were married November 25, 1986 in

Eureka Springs. Congratulations Cindy and Dana.



Cindy Shone Hall

Pictured are two great hunters from Lincoln. Donald Pergeson, Multi-axle Truck Driver with his 8-point buck and Larry Meyer, Crew Leader, with his 7-point buck.



Donald Pergeson and Larry Meyer

Ed Slaughterbeck and Randall Barnett from the Waldron RE office had good luck in the deer woods. Randall, a Construction Instrumentman, shot two bucks, one 8-point and one 9-point. Ed, Assistant RE, got an 8-point buck.



Randall Barnett and 8-point



Randall Barnett and 9-point



Ed Slaughterbeck and 8-point

In November, Sam Turner, Inspector, R.E. Office No. 43, went to central Colorado and came home with this 10-point beauty. Everyone accused him of finding it caught in a barbed wire fence. Sam even shared some of his deer meat with the rest of the R.E. crew.



Sam Turner and 10-point

Danny Lister, Sign Crew foreman, and wife, Jean, are the proud new grandparents of Matthew Kyle, born January 19, 1987 weighing

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6 pounds and 2 ounces. His parents are Randy and Pam Lister.

The last of November saw Dean Nichols, Advance Construction Field Engineer, in the hospital, twice. He's back at work now and doing fine and everyone's glad.

In December R.E. Office No. 43 had their annual Christmas dinner. It was a time of good food, singing, fellowship and lots of fun. Jerry Stukey, Senior Inspector, missed the party and instead took his family to Disney World. They thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

P.J. Smith, Construction Helper, tried out for the new movie to be made in Northwest Arkansas. There may be a star in our midst and we didn't know it. Don Gorton, a junior at the University of Arkansas, has joined R.E. No. 43 part time. Welcome Don.

The Polk County Maintenance Crew had their annual fish fry August 23 at Jenssen Park. Everyone ate too much, but had a nice time. This year's horseshoe champions were Troy Harris, and Dean Terrell.

Andre'a Roberts, daughter of Gene and Rene' Roberts, was a flower girl at the Acorn School Harvest Festival in October. Gene is Lead Person in Polk County.

A new employee at Polk County is Roger Simpson. He is 20 years old and single and he says "available". His hobbies include fishing, hunting and horseback riding. Welcome Roger.

Polk County had some deer hunters also. Hershall Henry killed a 12-point and Junior Priddy got a spike. Joe Downs killed a turkey during the last turkey season.

Plans are underway for a fishing tournament in Polk County. It is still undecided about which lake they will use.

We extend our sympathy to the family of D.C. Spencer upon the death of his daughter.

DISTRICT FIVE

On December 10, 1986 District Five held its annual awards presentation with Commissioner Raymond Pritchett making the presentations to the honorees.

Receiving a 30 year service award was Ellis Hill, Sharp County Area Foreman.

Those receiving service awards for 25 years of service were: Bill Stanton, Senior Inspector with the Jim Leggett Residency; Robert M. Hickey, District Materials Supervisor; Keith Richardson, Senior Inspector with the Hulon Rice Residency; Orville Elumbaugh, Low Boy/Float Truck Driver and Fred Boutwell, Job Superintendent.

Retirement Certificates were presented to John Ed Smith, Jr., Resident Engineer, 32 years; William Paul Cummings, Independence County Crew Leader, 30 years; Troy A. Case, Sharp County Motor Patrol Operator, 28 years; David Neighbours, Searcy Area Headquarters Attendant, 33 years and 10 months, and to Epps Price, Stone County Crew Leader, 25 years. Congratulations also to Jessie Hubbard, Dennis Williams, Leonard Cotter, Doyle Shrable, and Lonnie Dickey for 15 years of service.



District Five Railreers
John E. Smith, Jr., David Neighbours, Troy Case and Paul Cummings

Receiving service awards for 10 years of service were Larry Wood and J.W. Casey.

Michael Woodward bagged this 8-pointer about a mile from his home on Route 3 Thanksgiving Day. Michael is the 16 year old son of Eddie Woodward, Painter.



Michael Woodward

On November 1, 1986, Angie Grammer, Construction Helper in the Searcy Residency, and Ronnie Cantu were united in a beautiful private wedding ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. Congratulations to the new couple.

Susan Waits, daughter of Assistant District Engineer Lyndal Waits, is shown here with her dad on one of Susan's visits to the District Office. The girls in the office look forward to her visits. She always entertains us (sometimes her mom helps). They are real cuties.



Susan and Lyndal Waits

Patty Jackson, Field Clerk in the Swink Residency, had a new arrival. Ivory Ryan was born October 15, 1986 weighing 9 pounds and 1 ounce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sexton hosted a Christmas Party for the District at the White River County Club. A good time was had by all.

Gina Steward, Flag Captain for the Marching Razorback Band traveled with the band to Miami, Florida, for the Orange Bowl. The game score was a disappointment but the band members enjoyed several days in sunny Miami Beach. Gina is the daughter of Bald Knob Area Foreman Eugene and Jean Steward. They also traveled to Miami for the game. They traveled with The Back of the Bus Razorbacks, Inc.

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enjoyed the trip and watching Gina perform. Safety Officer Jim Dancey and his wife, Virginia, of Little Rock were also in the group.



Gina Steward

This young lady and gentleman are the niece and nephew of Linda Sellars of the Searcy Area Crew. The parents of Justina and Justin are Dickey and Genny Bennett. Dickey is a former AHTD employee.



Justina and Justin Bennett

DISTRICT SIX

Congratulations to District Six Service Award recipients for their years of dedicated service. The awards were presented by Commissioner Patsy Thomasson at our annual awards presentation ceremony.

Those receiving awards were: Charles Broadway, C. Wise, D.M. Snow, J. McMahan and A.C. Cunningham, 25 years; Henry Ward and Joe Bagley, 20 years; C. Erin, J. Carter and W. Dycus, 15 years.

Ten year service awards were presented to W. Clowers, D. Dennie, C. Hill, F. Inman, H. Jobe, L. Johnson, O. Lester, F. McNeil, A. Patterson, R. Bridges, M. Sides, J. Stovall, O. Gossett, D. Jackson, C. O'Neal and B. Washington.



**25 Year Service Awards
Broadway, Wise, Snow, McMahan and
Cunningham with Com. Thomasson**



**20 Year Service Awards
Henry Ward and Joe Bagley**



**15 Year Service Awards
Erwin, Carter and Dycus**



10 Year Service Award Recipients

Congratulations to Eileen Taylor who is the new District Secretary and to Judith Morrison who is our new Fuel Clerk. Welcome aboard to Deb Dyer, the new District Receptionist, who transferred to us from Records and Reproduction.

Congratulations to Georgia Russenberger, who retired as District Secretary, after over 24 years of service to the Department. Georgia was given a retirement party on November 14, but endured the added stay until her final farewell December 1. We all miss Georgia and wish her and husband Charles many more years of happiness together.



Georgia Russenberger

David and Judy Martin are the proud parents of their first child, Graham Ryan was born November 15, 1986 weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces. Pat Smyser, Garland County Headquarters Attendant, is the proud grandmother of her second grandchild and hasn't been bragging too much! Pat's daughter Sondra Jones of Covington, Louisiana blessed Pat with her first grandchild, Arianna Elizabeth, on March 17, 1986.



Graham Ryan Martin

Finish Motor Patrol Operator Kenneth Weaver and his wife Tina became the proud parents of a 6 pound, 3 ounces baby boy, William Keith, on December 3, 1986.



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DISTRICT SEVEN

Donald Brandon, Calhoun County Area Foreman, and his wife, Jamie, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jamie Arlene, to Christopher Jeffery Sutton of Monticello.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Dewey Brandon of Thornton, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Clark of Fordyce. She is a 1982 graduate of Fordyce High School and a 1986 graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a degree in Graphic Design. The wedding will be February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Thornton United Methodist Church.



Jamie Arlene Brandon

January 12, 1987 marked a milestone in the life of John Livingston, District Maintenance Superintendent. He celebrated his birthday. His wife, June, surprised him by having a cake delivered to the office. It sported a miniature forest scene complete with stream, trees, deer and - of course - the trusty deer hunter. We were all more than happy to help him celebrate by sampling the cake.



John Livingston

We have been deluged with "tail" tales from our many deer hunters. Donald Brandon, Area Foreman in Calhoun County, presented

proof of his hunting skills. On Friday, November 14, he bagged this 9-point buck. Nice going Donald!



Donald Brandon

On December 19, the Columbia County Maintenance Crew held their annual Christmas Potluck lunch. They were happy to have James Jones, District Sign Crew, and Curtis D. Pierce, District Construction Crew, as their guests. This is the second year that Mr. Jones just "happened" to be working in the area the day of the lunch.

The Crew would like to thank all of the wives, who, even though they could not attend because of work, sent all of the good food. Special thanks to Marva Davis who is not shown in the picture; she is the one behind the camera.



Columbia County Crew

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to all receiving service awards. They were: George Price, 25 years; William Chwalinski, 20 years; Danny Smith, Truett Leaveil, Jr., Walter Gray, Jerry Williams and Francis Jones, 15 years; Richard Keaster and Garry Franklin, 10 years.

Friday, December 12, 1986 was the date for our annual Christmas Open House. We enjoyed lots of good food and good company. We always enjoy visiting with our many retirees who join us. We are very appreciative of those who worked so hard preparing the delicious food. We enjoyed visiting with Commissioner Raymond Pritchett, who presented special awards to the following: James Calvin Gipson and Noah Moody, retirees; Thomas Kinslow and Billy Ray McAlister, 30 years; Fletcher Beavers, J.B. Havener, R.C. McConnell and Van Z. Sturdevant, 25 years.



District 8 Service Awards & Retirees

Those employees receiving their service awards on November 7, 1986 at the Russellville Resident Engineer's office were Jimmy Austin, Cletus Cravens, and Jean Blalock, for 20 years and to Allen Pruitt for 5 years. Congratulations to all.



Austin, Cravens, Pruitt and Blalock

We were so proud of our 1986 graduates. This pretty graduate is Charlotte Branch, daughter of Jerry Branch who is our Street Sweeper Operator on our District Wide Crew. Charlotte graduated last spring from Hector High School. We misplaced her picture and were not able to send it in for the special graduate issue.



Charlotte Branch

District 8 is blessed with very fortunate deer hunters. Clinton Littlejohn, District Parks Runner, killed an 8-point buck during the regular gun season with a 30.06 while hunting in the Piney Creek Wildlife Management Area. The antlers had over an 18 inch spread. The beautiful taxidermy work was done by District 8 Lowboy/Float Truck Driver Jimmy Don Eledge.

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Deer killed by Clinton Littlejohn

This beautiful 8-point was killed by Office Manager Al Hunt with a muzzleloader. Al and Permit Officer Don Wilkinson had good luck during muzzleloading and regular gun seasons. There were three 7-point and an 8-point killed in their camp near Seven Point Saddle in the Muddy Creek Refuge. Not that they would try to brag, but rumor is that they are planning a fall deer hunters school in which they plan to share their vast knowledge to those who were less fortunate this year.



Deer killed by Al Hunt

Another fine deer kill was reported by Noah Moody, retired Van Buren County Area Foreman. Noah is not ready to share his favorite hunting spot with us, but we hear that he does not have to travel far.



Noah Moody

District Maintenance Superintendent Tommy Kinslow received his 30 year pin at a recent Supervisor's Meeting. Cake and coffee were served. Others receiving their awards that day were George Duvall, 10 years; Dickey Williamson, and Don Wilkinson, 20 years; and Ray Wren, 15 years. Congratulations!



Tommy Kinslow



Duvall, Williamson, Wren, Wilkinson

A Christmas Potluck Dinner was enjoyed by all this year at the Conway Resident Engineer's office. We were especially glad to have Sherman James and Brad Thomas with us. Of course the meal would not have been complete without our Assistant RE's boiled custard.

Congratulations to our Senior Inspector, Fletcher Beavers, on receiving his 25 year service pin. Commissioner Raymond Pritchett presented his certificate to him at the District Headquarters.

Robert Burns, our Assistant Resident Engineer, has accepted employment with a Civil Engineering firm in his home state of Tennessee. Farewell was bid to him on January 9 with cake, coffee, a gift and our love. We wish you much success Berto, but you will be missed.

Now for the rest of the story - Dennis James' "Big" deer kill. Pictures don't lie -- or do they?



Dennis James' "big" deer kill

Another deer season has come and gone. Charles Blevins was lucky this year and killed a 5-point buck. Charles is Motor Patrol Operator in the Boone County Area Maintenance Crew. Good going Charlie!



Charles Blevins

We have had several new "poppa" and grandpas around the Department the past few months. Rick Gordon and his wife, Sandy, are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Katherine Louise, born on October 7 weighing 6 pounds and 4 ounces. Rick is Construction Helper in the Harrison Resident Engineer's office and works in the Materials Lab.



Katherine Louise Gordon

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Arlo Breedlove, Lead Person from the Newton County Maintenance Crew, is grandpa again. Ashley Ann was born October 12 and weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Ashley's parents are Danny and Colleen Breedlove.

On October 15, Roy Norman and wife, Belinda, welcomed their first daughter, Elizabeth Ann. She weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces. Elizabeth has two big brothers to take care of her, Bo and Dave.



Elizabeth Ann Norman

Our annual District 9 Christmas Party was held the afternoon of Friday, December 5. Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper and his wife, Lois, attended and Commissioner Hopper presented service awards and Retirement Certificates.

Receiving 25 year service awards were Melvin House, District Materials Supervisor, Arlo Breedlove, Lead Person of the Newton County Area Crew, and J.B. Parker, Madison County Area Foreman. Accepting 30 year service awards were Jay Parker, Boone County Maintenance Crew, Dean Smith, Carroll County Area Foreman and Joe Roger Fowler, Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator from the Baxter County Area Crew.

Two 35 year service awards were presented to Ellis Stewart, District Wide Maintenance Crew, and Ornel Fields, Senior Construction Party Chief in the Harrison Resident Engineer's office.

Ambassador of Good Will Certificates were presented to Jay Parker, Ellis Stewart, J.T. Sisk and Leslie Gregory. Another Ambassador recipient, J.L. Ownes, was unable to attend. Congratulations to you all for a job well done!



**25 Year Awards
House, Breedlove, Parker**



**Retirement Certificates
Sisk, Gregory, Stewart and Parker**



**35 Year Service Awards
Fields and Stewart**

On October 29, Christopher Michael was born to Liz and Michael DeHart. He weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces. Liz is a Construction Aide at the Yellville RE office. Congratulations!



Christopher Michael DeHart



**30 Year Service Awards
Smith, Fowler, Parker**

On Friday, December 12, Kenneth Oxford, Marion County Area Foreman and the Marion County Maintenance Crew presented recent retirees J.T. Sisk and Leslie Gregory with watches for their service to the Department. J.T. retired from the Yellville office as a Multi-Axle Truck Driver on December 10. Leslie was Marion County Crew Leader and retired on November 26 with 34 years of service. We wish you both many healthy, happy retirement years.



Leslie Gregory and J.T. Sisk



In Memoriam
Lawrence Blackwell
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