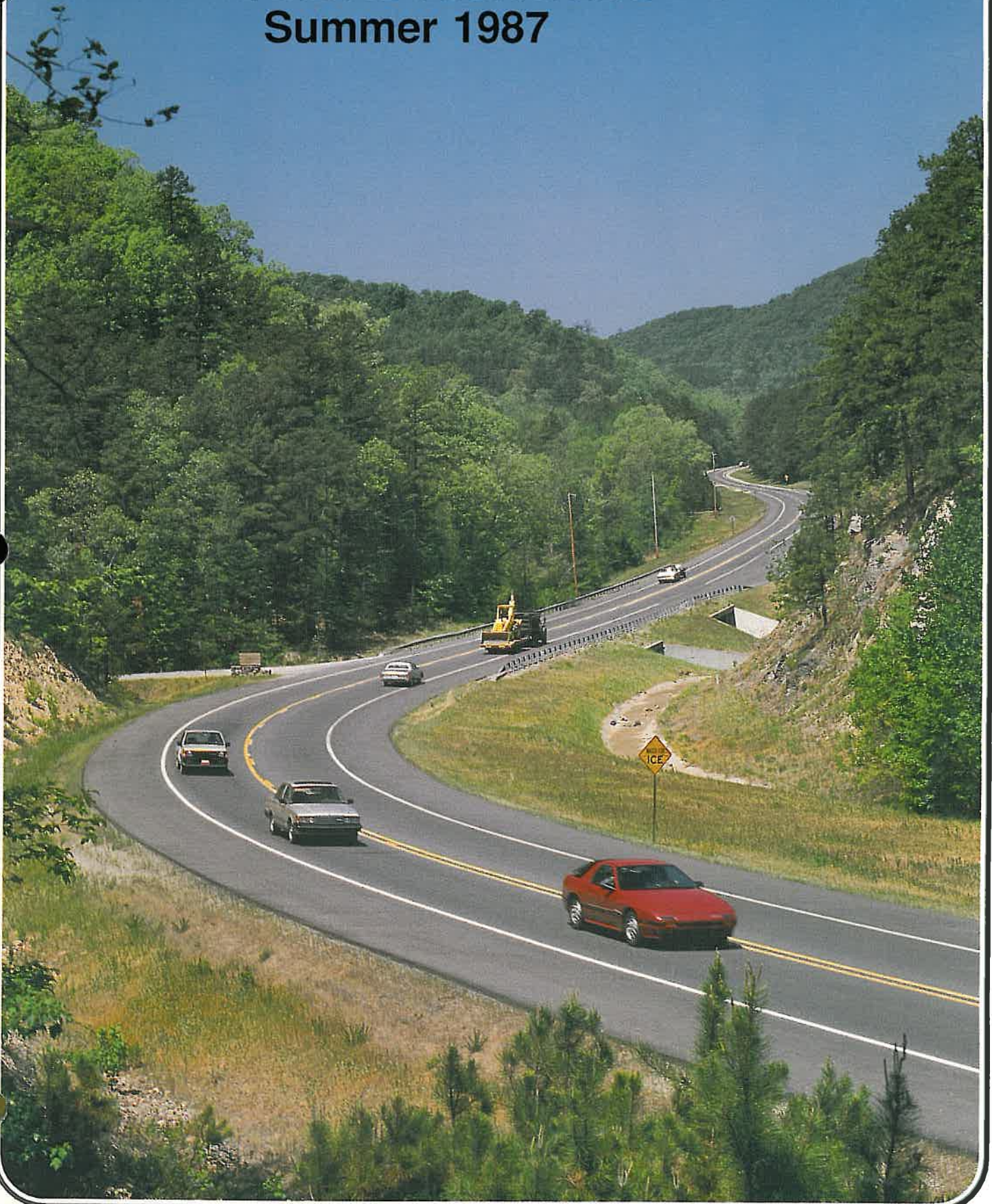


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A Message from the Director



Henry Gray
Director

Federal Aid Highway Act Provides Funding For Badly Needed Projects

The logjam of highway projects created by the failure of Congress to pass a Federal Aid Highway Act last year was finally broken April 2 after the Senate voted to override the President's veto of the legislation that was passed in March.

The new Act provides approximately \$123 million for projects in the State this fiscal year, plus about \$11 million for special projects.

Although \$123 million is apportioned for the regular categories of funding, the State's obligation limitation has been set at \$103.7 million. This is about \$15 million less than last year's limitation. The bulk of the decrease in funding came in the Interstate and Bridge Replacement categories. States that obligate all of their funds by August 1 may receive up to 5 percent additional obligation authority. If we are able to do this, it could mean as much as \$5 million in additional funding.

Of Arkansas' four special Demonstration Projects identified in the Act, the Highway 71 project in northwest Arkansas will receive the most funding; approximately \$36 million over the next five years. Approximately \$10 million will be available for the construction of four overpasses and other improvements to the Highway 63 Bypass in Jonesboro, and about \$7 million will go for improvements to Waldron Road in Fort Smith. Funding for engineering studies, including rights of way, environmental handling, and design for the construction of a bridge over the Arkansas River at Lock and Dam #4 near Pine Bluff amounts to about \$1.5 million.

A provision in the Act also allows the states to unconditionally transfer up to 20 percent of their Interstate funds to the Primary Highways category. This had not been allowed under previous highway acts. The states will also be allowed to use Bridge Replacement funds for the construction of bridges to replace ferries and low water crossings. In Arkansas, there are still four ferries in operation and numerous low water crossings that are now qualified for replacement with these funds.

Besides funding many badly needed highway projects, the new Act will also protect an estimated 7,500 construction-related jobs in Arkansas.

Now that the funding is available, the Department's staff has been diligently working to get projects ready for contract. In May and June, the Highway Commission awarded contracts for 140 highway construction projects. This is a tremendous amount of work put to contract in such a short time. However, the members of the Highway Commission and I are confident that our employees are up to the challenge of seeing that this work is performed in a manner that will benefit the citizens of Arkansas.

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Henry Gray in black ink.

Henry Gray
Director of Highways & Transportation

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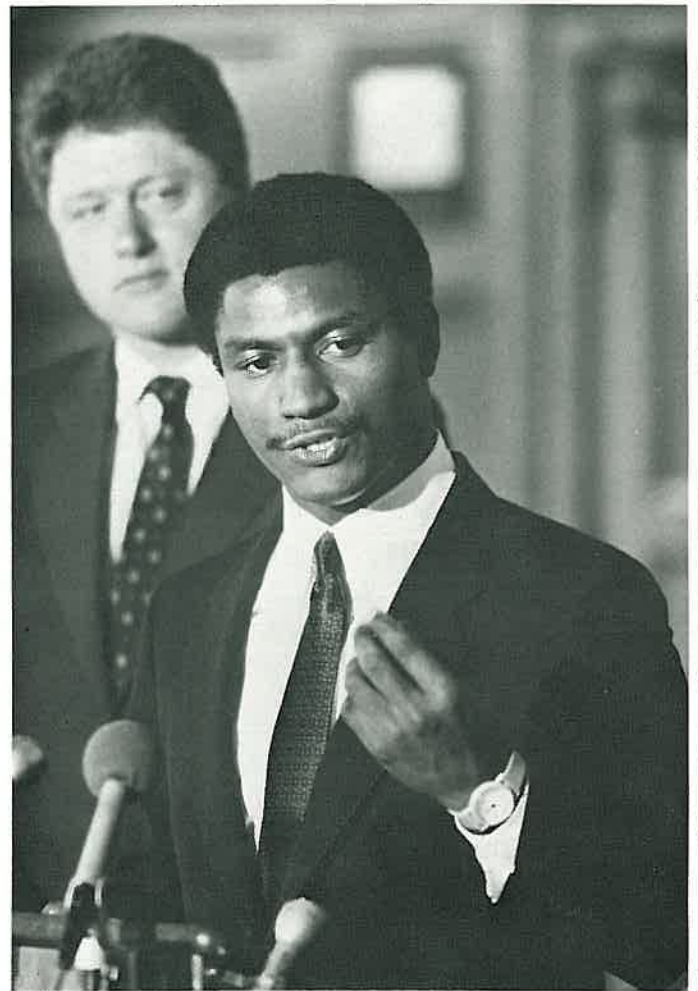
Rodney Slater Appointed To Highway Commission

Rodney Slater, 32, of Jonesboro, was appointed to the Arkansas Highway Commission by Governor Bill Clinton, March 23.

Slater, the first black to be named to the Commission, replaces Dalton Farmer of Jonesboro who resigned citing increasing business responsibilities. Slater's term will expire in 1995.

Slater attended Eastern Michigan University and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Law School, where he graduated in 1980.

A native of Marianna, Slater served as an assistant state attorney general from 1980 to 1982, was Governor Clinton's deputy campaign manager in 1982, 1984 and 1986, was appointed the Governor's special assistant for community and minority affairs in 1983, and became the Governor's executive assistant for economic and community programs in 1985. Slater has resigned his post in the Governor's office to become the director of governmental relations at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.



Arkansas Gazette Photo

Slater answers questions from the media as Governor Bill Clinton, looks on.



Arkansas Gazette Photo

Slater is congratulated by AHTD Director Henry Gray following the Governor's announcement

Wide Range of Topics Presented at Conferences

Topics ranging from crew staffing to standard specifications were presented during the two-day Construction Conference held at the Central Headquarters April 8 and 9. About 133 persons from the Department's Construction Division, Federal Highway Administration and industry representatives attended the meeting.

On May 13 and 14 the Department's Maintenance Division hosted the Annual Maintenance Conference for the purpose of updating personnel on a wide range of topics from vegetation control to pavement management.

In his remarks to the construction engineers, State Highway Commission Vice Chairman Raymond Pritchett told the participants to strive to expand their potential. Pritchett said they should "take a fresh look at the question; "Are we as good as we can be?" As long as you are a professional, you will never be able to successfully answer that question."

Although we come close, he said, we want to keep expanding our potential. There is no doubt the public will be better served if we keep asking that question and expanding, he added.



Commissioner Raymond Pritchett addresses the participants at the Construction Conference.



Director Henry Gray praised the maintenance supervisors for their dedication and loyalty.

Pritchett reminded the engineers that there is an adversarial relationship between highway contractors and the Department. "That is natural, and there are many things where we must work in harmony. Everyone involved wants to do a good job for the people of Arkansas. The goal is the same. The roles are different. The contractors do the work, and we see that it is done right," he said.

AHTD Director Henry Gray also stressed the importance of cooperation on highway projects. He urged the engineers to "see that the job is done right, not the way the contractor wants it done, but the way it is supposed to be done".

Reflecting back over the past two years, Gray said the Rural Road Program has been tremendous for Arkansas. "We have really progressed on this program, and each of you should be commended for your parts in getting the work done," he said.

SPEED LIMIT: 65

For the first time since January 1974, travelers on rural sections of Arkansas' Interstate Highway System are now able to legally drive faster than 55 miles-per-hour. The new 65 miles-per-hour maximum speed limit went into effect April 20 when Department sign crews began erecting the new signs. Law enforcement officials have noted that the new 65 m.p.h. limit was being observed more closely by drivers than the old 55 m.p.h. limit was.

The speed limit change on the rural sections of the Interstate highways was a part of the 1987 Federal Aid Highway Act that

became law April 2. The Arkansas Highway Commission was meeting in Little Rock on that day and immediately authorized the new speed limit when it learned that the U.S. Senate had voted to override the President's veto of the Federal Aid Highway Bill. In addition to the new maximum speed limit, a minimum speed limit of 45 miles-per-hour was set on the rural Interstate highways.



AHTD Sign Crews installed 165 new speed limit signs on the Interstate System.



Department sign makers prepare a screen for the new "Minimum Speed" sign.



New speed limit signs are scattered throughout the Sign Shop to dry.

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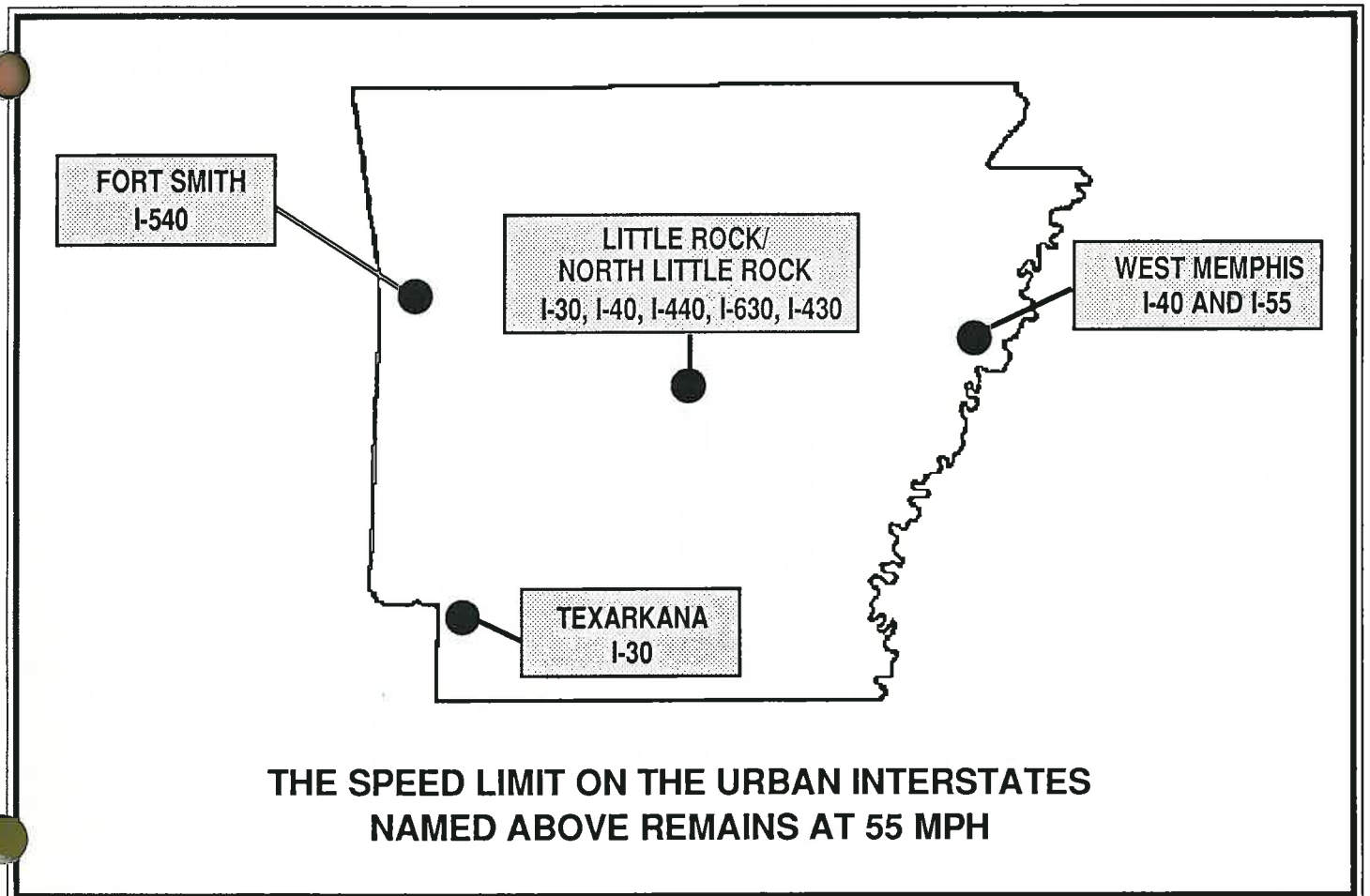
The first task was the manufacturing of some 165 new signs by the Department's Sign Shop. Workers began making the signs April 6, and within a few days the new 4'x5' signs were ready for distribution to the various Maintenance Area Headquarters. Over 450 miles of Arkansas' 542-mile Interstate System was signed for the new speed limit.

The old 55 m.p.h signs that were taken down have been returned to the Sign Shop where most of them will be stored for use as replacement signs on other highways. A few of the old speed limit signs were slightly damaged and they were placed in the scrap pile for refurbishing.

The Federal legislation authorizing the new speed limit specifically excludes urban

areas with populations of 50,000 or more. There are four urbanized areas in Arkansas that retain the 55 miles-per-hour speed limit. Those areas and highways are: Fort Smith, I-540; Texarkana, I-30; Little Rock/North Little Rock, I-430, I-440, I-630, I-30 and I-40; and West Memphis, I-40 and I-55.

Motorists have been reminded that the speed limit change applies only to the Interstate Highway System and not to other controlled access highways, such as Highway 71 in the Fayetteville/Springdale area, Highway 65 between Little Rock and Pine Bluff, and Highway 67/167 from North Little Rock to Bradford. The maximum speed limit on those highways, as well as all other highways in the State, remains at 55 miles-per-hour.



Great River Bridge Compact Holds First Meeting

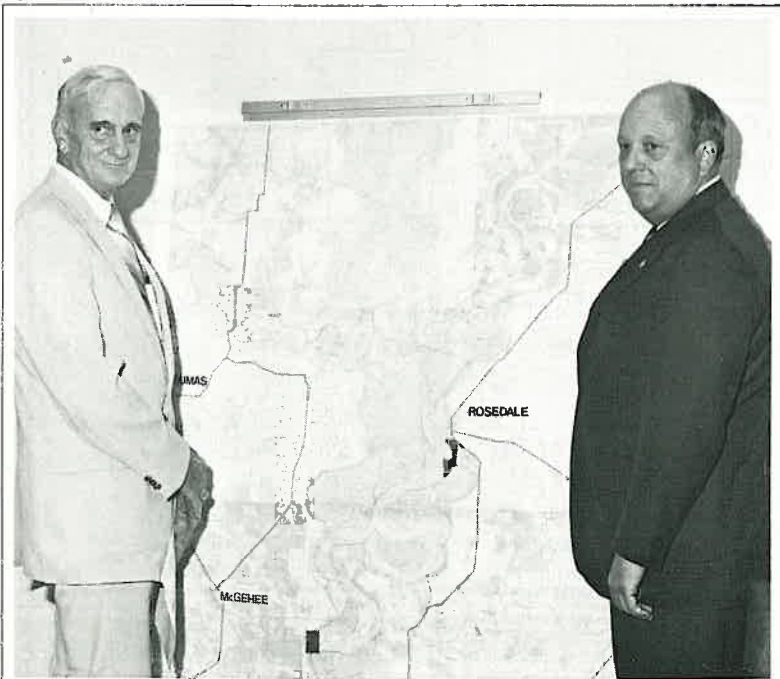
The historic first meeting of the Arkansas-Mississippi Great River Bridge Compact was held in Dumas, May 8. The purpose of the Compact is to work toward the approval and funding of a highway/railway bridge across the Mississippi River connecting U.S. Highway 65 in Arkansas near the Dumas and McGehee area with the Rosedale area near U.S. Highway 61 in Mississippi.

The Compact's authority comes from a Public law signed by President Reagan October 27, 1986. Arkansas law signed by Governor Bill Clinton on February 7, 1985 designates the members of the State Highway Commission as the Arkansas members of the Compact. Similar legislation signed by Mississippi Governor Bill Allain on March 19, 1985 established the five-member Mississippi Compact.

Arkansas Highway Commissioner Bill Clark and Mississippi Compact member Charles Dean were elected at the meeting to serve as co-chairmen of the Compact.

Dean and fellow Mississippi Compact member Brother Wilson, both of Bolivar County, started working on a plan to build a bridge in 1977 following a meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Rosedale-Bolivar County Port. During the discussion of the Port development it was suggested that the site would also be an ideal location for a new Mississippi River highway and railway bridge.

The bridge would serve as a compliment to the existing highway bridges across the Mississippi River and would open an avenue for economic development to distressed multi-county areas in the two states. Supporters of the project say it would add another link in the transportation system of the United States.



Charles Dean, left, of Mississippi, and Arkansas Highway Commissioner Bill Clark, were elected to serve as co-chairmen of the Compact.

The proposed project would also have the effect of creating a corridor over 100 miles wide and 100 miles long that would be fully equipped with the best multi-modal transportation network consisting of four-lane highways, rail, water and air facilities. Such a corridor would provide prime locations for industrial development to create jobs in an area severely depressed by high unemployment.

A timetable to conduct feasibility and environmental studies, funding approval by Congress, and preliminary engineering and design work, was discussed at the meeting. Cost estimates were also presented. According to figures prepared by both states, the bridge and approaches would cost approximately \$120 million and another \$40 million would be needed to construct the highway links in each state.

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Geotechnical crew members John Shackelford, Gary Brown, Sam Klizer and Steve Faulkner posed by their drill rig.

GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING A 'DEEP' SUBJECT

Before a highway or bridge structure is built, engineers need to assemble a vast amount of information on the condition of the ground on which the structure will be placed. The types of soils and the geological formations below the surface determine what special design features will be incorporated in the final plans. The job of acquiring that information belongs to the Geotechnical Crews of the AHTD Materials and Research Division.

There are four crews which operate statewide, according to Ralph Hall, M&R Division Head. "We have one soil survey crew and three drill rig crews. There are four members on each crew," Hall said. The soil survey crew gathers information on shallow soil conditions for roadway design purposes. The drill crews are used primarily for bridge subsurface investigations and in areas where -

deep cuts are going to be made.

Two of the drill rig crews have been assigned to the Highway 71 Relocation project in Northwest Arkansas. Since this \$200 million project will cover 43 miles of some of the roughest terrain in the state, special equipment had to be purchased to enable the crews to operate efficiently.

One of the crews is using a new drill rig -

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equipped with tracks to enable it to reach some of the locations where drilling is necessary. The rig, which has been in use since last July, cost approximately \$150,000, according to Hall.

"The mountainous terrain of Northwest Arkansas presents special problems for us. It would be extremely difficult for a truck mounted drill rig to reach many of the areas," Hall said. Even with the track mounted rig, a bulldozer must work with the crew to clear some areas. Once the dozer cuts a path through the heavily wooded area, it must then clear an area big enough for the drill rig, water truck, and equipment truck to get into. There have been times when the track mounted drill rig needed a tow from the dozer in order to reach a designated drill site, according to John Annable, Geotechnical Field Engineer.

The dozer working with the track mounted drill is the largest one the Department owns, and is on loan from District 4. The -

water truck is a 3,000 gallon truck on loan from District 8. "A 500 gallon capacity truck is normally used, but because of the inaccessibility of a large water supply, the bigger truck is needed," Annable said.

Teamwork is an important part of getting the job done. The four men working with the track mounted rig can move into a designated area, set up their equipment and be ready to begin drilling within 15 to 20 minutes. "Each man has a specific task to perform during the operation," Annable said. "At times they will switch off jobs, so it is important for them to be familiar with each others responsibilities," he added.

On the Highway 71 Relocation project soil and rock samples are being taken at 800 to 1,000-foot intervals along the entire route. Additional samples must be taken at each bridge location.

The areas designated for drilling have been selected in advance by either Roadway Design or the Bridge Division, depending on the information needed. In the case of a bridge structure, the crew will drill in locations where piers will be built. "The depth of the hole will depend on the specific requirements of the design plans," Annable said. "On this project we are drilling 10 to 15 feet deep in some locations and other locations require holes up to 250 feet deep," he added.

"For a bridge structure we must drill until we hit solid rock or dense granular material. When in rock, we have to reach at least seven and one-half feet of solid rock with at least 90 percent standard core recovery in the last 5 feet of that seven and one-half feet," Annable said. "For roadway information we drill and sample to a depth of five feet below planned grade in proposed cuts and to five feet below the existing ground in fill areas. For fills over 25 feet high, we drill and sample to rock or dense granular material to determine the feasibility of excavating and placing the fill on firm foundations," he added.



Gary Brown begins the sampling process

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John Annable, right, checks out soil samples as they are logged by Steve Faulkner

Once the rig has been set up the crew will drill five feet then insert a tube that will be driven into the ground with a 140 pound free-falling hammer. They will take an 18-inch soil sample and repeat the operation every five feet until they hit rock. Once solid rock is hit a continuous core is drilled to the required depth, taking a core sample out at each 5-foot interval.

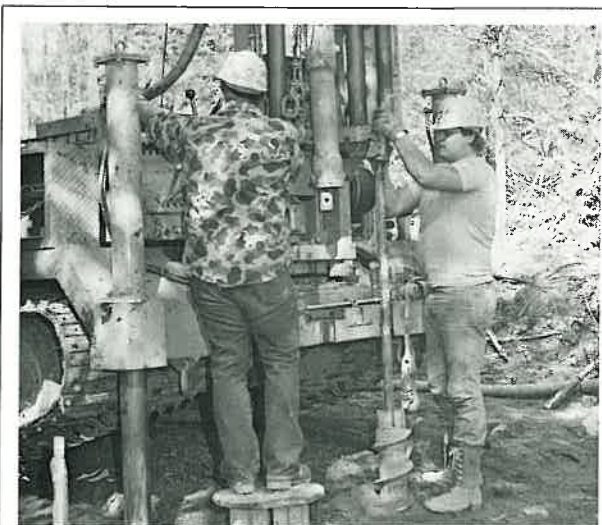
The core samples are logged by color, soil type, moisture content, depth, and station location. Each sample is sent to the materials testing lab in Little Rock for verification.

"The drill bits being used are impregnated with commercial grade diamonds. The bits, which cost from \$300 to \$500 each, -

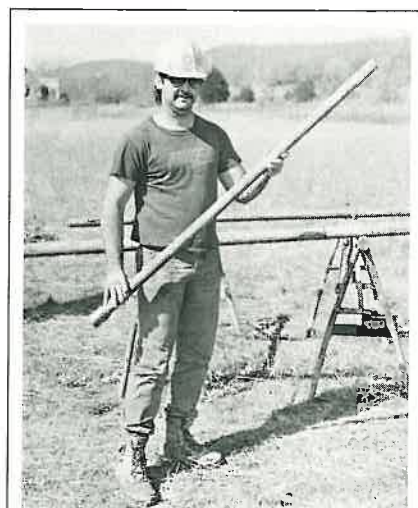
have to be replaced after about 500 feet of drilling," Annable said. Water is pumped from the truck into the hole during the entire drilling process in order to keep the drill bit cool.

On an average day, 1 to 2 holes, ranging from about 50 to 75 feet, will be drilled. At the Frog Bayou Bridge location south of Mountainburg it took three days to drill one 50-foot deep hole in solid rock. At other locations, as much as 150 feet can be drilled in a day.

The work of the field crews is hard, and long days are the rule. The two crews working in Northwest Arkansas are working five days a week, ten hours a day. They have been in the area for about a year and Hall estimates that it will take one more year to complete the work.



John Shackleford removes a core sample



Sam Kizer displays a 5-foot rock core sample

'ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY' Program Addresses Litter Problem

A program to provide for public involvement in controlling litter along selected sections of Arkansas' State Highway System has been established by the Arkansas Highway Commission.

The "Adopt-A-Highway" program provides for volunteer civic groups, non-profit organizations and other private groups to adopt a section of highway for the purpose of litter control. The program is patterned after similar programs in other states.

House Resolution 1022 by State Representative Charlotte Schexnayder of Dumas urged the Commission and the Department to investigate the program in other states and develop one for Arkansas.

Each year the Department incurs a considerable expense in providing litter control along the State's 16,100-mile highway system. In the past year this expense was nearly \$694,000.

According to the guidelines established for the program, the section of highway to be adopted would generally be from one to three miles in length. Interstate or freeway-type highways are excluded from the program. Consideration is given to traffic volumes, types and speed and to the geometrics of the highway in selecting appropriate program sites.

Litter cleanup activities will be coordinated with the appropriate Highway District management, which will monitor the organization's activities relative to safety. The Department will furnish safety vests, advance warning signs and litter bags. The Department will dispose of the bagged litter.

The Department will erect a sign along the adopted highway section to provide public recognition to the adopting organization for their participation in the program. News media

coverage will also be encouraged to promote the program and to recognize the organizations taking part.

The recommended adoption period is for one year, renewable at the request of the organization. Upon successful completion of participation in the program, the adopting organization will be presented an award of recognition by the Department.

The "Adopt-A-Highway" program could save the Department a considerable amount of expense, based on the degree of participation. Not only will the taxpayers receive a monetary benefit from the program, but there will also be a public benefit in providing a more aesthetically pleasing highway system upon which both the citizens of the State and the State's many tourists could travel.



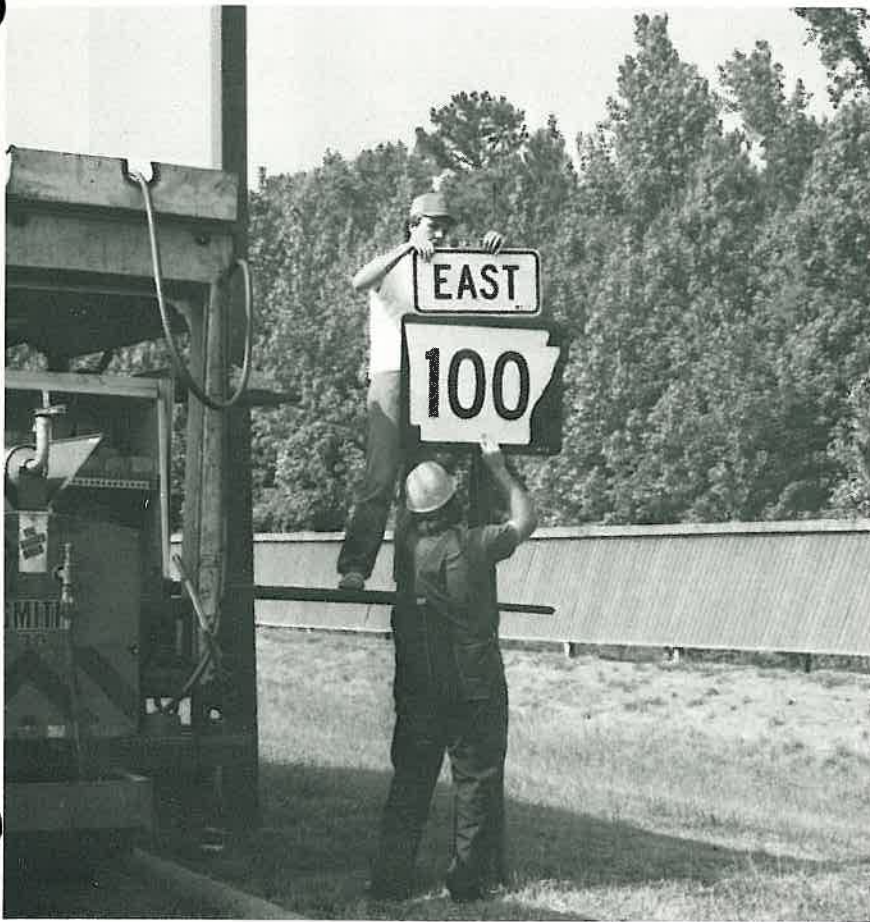
Litter pickup along the State's highways cost taxpayers nearly \$694,000 last year.

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Maumelle Blvd. Becomes State Highway

The State Highway System gained another seven miles May 6 when the State Highway Commission voted to add Maumelle Boulevard to the System.

The road, which serves as the only thoroughfare to the city of Maumelle, had been a part of the Pulaski County Road System. It begins at its intersection with Interstate 430 just north of the Arkansas River and runs in a northwesterly direction to State Highway 365 near Morgan. Traffic volumes range from 6,300 vehicles per day on the north end near Highway 365 to 12,600 vehicles per day on the south end near I-430. The road also serves a steady stream of tractor-trailer traffic going to and from the Maumelle Industrial Park.



AHTD crews installed nineteen of the new State Highway 100 signs on Maumelle Boulevard

State Senator Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock headed a delegation of Maumelle city officials and residents in presenting the request to the Highway Commission. Hoofman told the Commissioners that Maumelle is the only first-class city in the State that does not have a state highway to it. "We have worked for three or four years to bring this road into the state system because of the growth of the city," Hoofman said. He pointed out that Maumelle had a population of about 1,000 in 1980 but now has more than 6,000 residents. Maumelle just recently became a city, having been incorporated in 1985.

The roadway has undergone several improvements by the County over the years, the most recent being a resurfacing in 1986. The facility, in its present condition, meets the requirements to be added to the Federal-Aid Secondary Highway System.

The new highway consists of about three miles of two-lane with paved shoulders, two miles of two-lane with curb and gutter, and two miles of four-lane divided with curb and gutter. While no major traffic flow problems currently exist, in a few years traffic will increase on the two-lane portion creating the need for additional lanes. The Pulaski Area Transportation Study has recommended that the road be improved in the future to a four-lane divided facility with partial control of access.

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Washed out section of Highway 7 in Dallas County

Heavy Rain Causes Highway Damage

Motorists using Highways 7 and 8 in Dallas County had to take alternate routes after heavy rains washed out two sections of the roadways Saturday, May 2.

Thunderstorms dumped more than seven inches of rain in some parts of southern Arkansas

causing flash floods in many areas. The pipe culverts on a section of Highway 7 between Arkadelphia and Sparkman were unable to handle the overflow and the water washed out a large section of the base causing the roadway to collapse. A similar situation occurred on Highway 8 between Dalark and Manning. Fortunately there were no accidents or injuries caused by the flooding.

AHTD crews from District Seven were called in and immediately began the task of replacing the pipe and repairing the highways.



Once the new pipe was in place, workers began filling in the roadway section

National Forest Road Gains Support During Public Hearing

The Department's proposal to pave 23 miles of Push Mountain Road in Baxter County received unanimous support from the 150 or so people who turned out at a public hearing in Norfolk March 17.

The project, which passes through the Ozark National Forest, would provide two ten-foot travel lanes and four-foot shoulders. Three alternate routes were discussed at the hearing. Alternate A would follow the existing alignment of State Highway 341 and County Road 79. Alternate B would cut the distance to about 21 miles by providing a new alignment along a five-mile section just east of the existing road. The remaining distance would follow the existing route. Alternate C also follows the existing route, except for about seven miles on new alignment. The costs of the alternates range from about \$9 million on Alternate A to slightly more than \$8 million on Alternate C.

Assistant Chief Engineer Charles Venable told the audience that the project would be funded with Federal Public Land funds that can only be used on projects that go through a National Forest.

He said that the project would have to be built in stages since not enough money is available at one time to construct the project. It could take up to ten years to place the entire project under contract, he added, "but we are committed to this project and will continue to try to get as much public funding as possible."

Those speaking in favor of the project suggested that the Department remain on the existing alignment since two communities, Lone Rock and Advance, are located there. State Representative Ed Gilbert of Mountain Home said, "Our job is to get the road where it would benefit most of the people."

State Senator Steve Luelf of Mountain Home stressed protection of the environment as a consideration for the existing route. "The integrity of the whole area would be less molested if you

stay with the existing route." State Representative John Miller of Melbourne said he understood the reasons for proposing alternate routes, however, he favored the existing alignment.

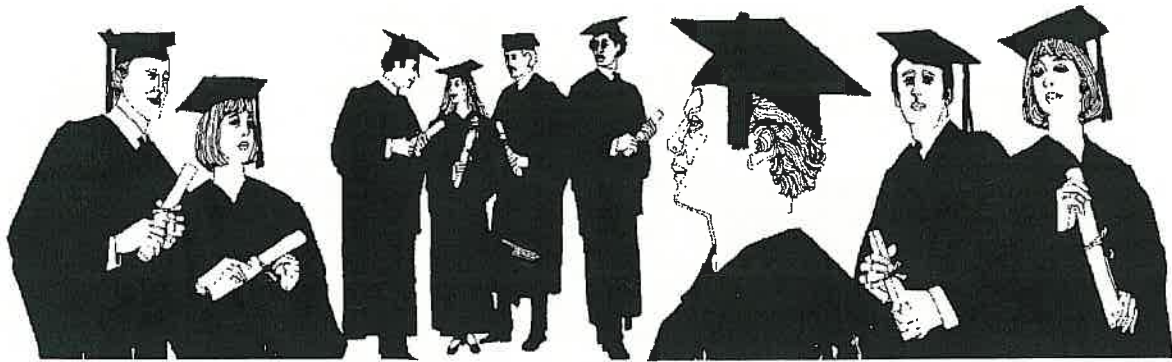
After analyzing the economic, social, environmental, and engineering impacts, and studying all the comments received at the hearing and the letters received following the hearing, it was decided to place the route along its existing alignment.

Preliminary engineering and survey work is now underway and it is anticipated the first of several contracts for construction may be ready by the end of 1987 or early in 1988.



Charles Venable, Assistant Chief Engineer-Planning, points out features of the proposed improvements to Push Mountain Road

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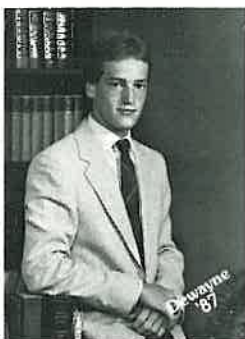
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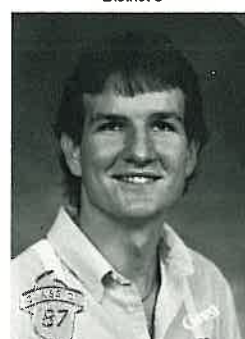
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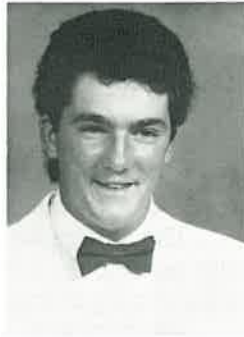
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Jo Nash
Programs & Contracts



Ronda Winkler
Harmony Grove High School
Mr. & Mrs. William Winkler
District 6

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AHTD LETTERS

March 14, 1987

Honorable William Clinton, Governor
State of Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Governor Clinton:

My wife and I have made trips through the beautiful State of Arkansas. On March 10, we needed some assistance, and, we received the required information, along with best wishes for a safe trip, from a Highway Patrolman named Ray Davis.

You, as well as other members of your state government, are to be commended for having men of this calibre in your employment. It was a refreshing and pleasant experience to converse with Mr. Davis.

Yours truly,
John W. Clark, Jr.
Shreveport, Louisiana

Editor's Note: Pfc. Ray Davis works in North Little Rock as Unit 186 of the Arkansas Highway Police.

March 17, 1987

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

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Word reached me this afternoon of the courtesty and hospitality you showed Mr. Abdullah Kamaludeen from the Republic of Maldives on his visit to your office on Monday, March 16, 1987.

The consideration that I was told you displayed toward this international visitor makes me proud of Arkansas, its state employees, and its people for being so gracious. It also make my job as volunteer programmer a great pleasure.

Thank you from me on behalf of the Arkansas Council for International Visitors.

Sincerely yours,
Jay S. Johnson
Arkansas Council for
International Visitors - UALR
Little Rock, Arkansas

January 28, 1987

Mr. James Wolfe
AHTD District Two Area Foreman
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Mr. Wolfe:

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your prompt and thorough attention to our problem on Blake Street (State Highway 365). Its repair has already been noted by our employees and several of our patients.

Sincerely yours,
Karmen Hopkins, MD
Health Care +
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

March 26, 1987

Mr. Jim Briley
District 2 Engineer
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Briley:

I'm sure that your office receives it's share of complaints but I'm afraid too few of us remember to say thank you for a job well done.

The service for which I wish to say thank you has nothing really to do with the Highway Department unless you'd like to put a stranded motorist in that category.

My husband and I were traveling north on Highway 65 on the morning of March 17th when we developed a severe engine problem. One or two people stopped but couldn't help for one reason or another or said they would send help and didn't.

Finally Mr. James Wolfe came along and followed through on his promise of assistance. He not only tried to locate the station that was "supposedly" sending a wrecker but returned to tell of his lack of success.

Leaving my husband with the car, Mr. Wolfe brought me back into Pine Bluff to the Trotter Ford Dealership where a wrecker was sent to pick up the car.

Mr. Wolfe not only delivered me safely to the garage but waited with me to make sure that the wrecker had been sent to the proper area.

While waiting at the garage, a phone call determined that Mr. Wolfe was a member of your staff

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and we felt that you should be made aware of how very much his help was appreciated.

My husband and I feel that Mr. Wolfe is one of a vanishing breed of individuals - those who can take the time to perform an unselfish act for a total stranger.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rice
Pensacola, Florida

Editor's Note: James Wolfe is the Area Foreman of Jefferson County in District Two.

April 1, 1987

Mr. William Tyler
AHTD District 3 Engineer
Hope, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Tyler:

On Monday morning, March 30, I was traveling on Interstate 30 between Hope and Texarkana when my car ran out of gas. The gauge on my new car is incorrect. Two of your employees, Mr. Bobby West and Mr. Roy Walls, stopped to render assistance. These two men drove me to the nearest gas station, brought me back and put gas in my car. The weather was around 30 degrees and had just stopped snowing.

This good samaritan deed on the part of these two gentlemen was "over and above the call of duty" and was so very much appreciated.

My gratitude and congratulations to you for choosing such fine personnel. These two gentlemen were in every respect "gentlemen". Many thanks to them.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Phil M. Wiedemann
Dallas, Texas

March 30, 1987

Mr. Jim Briley
AHTD District 2 Engineer
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Just want to commend Roy Harris for the fine job he does in making the rest stop north of Rison on Highway 79 clean and attractive for guests.

We met him at the rest stop, while walking across America with our children. Not only was he enthusiastic about his job, but he offered to look for my lost wedding band on his own time, as a gesture of hospitality.

Just want you to know we appreciated him. He is a credit to the Highway Department.

Sincerely,
Richard and Susan Huff
Ventura, California

April 3, 1987

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

Dear Sir:

I would like to commend you and your fine staff for the good job done on the 112 Spur project near my residence.

The job was done in a very prompt, professional, and friendly manner. The crew was very diligent in not only the repair work, but also in traffic safety while the road was partially blocked, clean-up after the job, and in every other way.

Once again, thank you for a job well done. All of our neighborhood and everyone travelling this highway appreciates what you did for us.

Sincerely,
Eddie McNeal, Sales Manager
Goff-McNair Motor Company
Fayetteville, Arkansas

March 25, 1987

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

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this in response to assistance received from three of your employees. I was involved in a wreck approximately 2 weeks ago. It was my first wreck so of course I was distraught. As I made my way to the highway to call the police, three of your employees approached me and offered their help. It was at this time that I needed to see a friendly face. I do not know the gentlemen's names that assisted me but I ask that you

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possibly post this note in the break room so that the men can be recognized for the kindness and thoughtfulness they showed. In our world today we do not find too many true gentlemen or people who will go out of their way to help one another. I did not feel that aroma of friendship in such a large town when I came to college. The small town values seemed to be missing. However, the kind men helped me re-establish my faith in the small town values. You are lucky to have such fine men working for your department. Their assistance was truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Suzie Evans

Editor's Note: The three gentlemen were Jack Cheatham, Larry Neff, and Gary Carte of the Lincoln Area Headquarters Crew in Washington County.

April 28, 1987

Supervisor
Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Two of your employees, Mr. Odis Barker and Mr. Harry Wilcox, observed that we were having car trouble on Interstate 30 between Malvern and Benton and stopped to help us. They were friendly and courteous and drove to a service station, returned at considerable loss

of time and drove ahead of us until we had reached a service station.

We want to express our thanks to you for this type of high-calibre, thoughtful, and courteous employees.

Yours very sincerely,
C. Doyle Witherspoon
Clarksville, Arkansas

February 2, 1987

Mr. Jearl Baker
Area Foreman, Polk County, District 4
Mena, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Baker:

Thank you so much for taking care of the problem with trash on Highway 8 East. I do appreciate your doing so, and the excellent job your crew did.

I have also appreciated the help your men have been in cutting the ditch along the front of my property. It is impossible for me to do this with our mower and they have been very kind to help.

Please convey my thanks to them for the good job.

Thank you again,
Bette Redman
Mena, Arkansas

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

MARCH 1987 35 YEARS

Virgil J. Butler, Jr.	District 5
Arnold E. Gill	District 7

30 YEARS

John W. Adams	State Aid
Glendol Jackson	Right of Way
Dallas S. Smith	District 7

25 YEARS

James R. Chaney	District 5
Johnny R. Cline	District 9

20 YEARS

John W. Baldridge	District 10
Jerry W. Cook	District 10
Billy G. Gilbert	District 7
Calvin G. Griever	AHP
J.C. Keen	District 1

Nelson R. McCutcheon
Jackie L. Pharis
Hermit Vestal

15 YEARS

Fred E. Austin
Nathaniel Brown
Billy W. Callicott
Hershall W. Casteel
Randal G. Clark
Henry Drouughter
Michael A. Eden
Mastin L. Ford
Ralph J. Hall
Coy L. Horton
Billy D. Luster
James W. Robertson
Charles C. Tolver
Charles E. Wheeler

District 9
District 9
District 3

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District 8
District 3
Materials & Reserch
District 9
EEO
Fiscal Services
District 8
Materials & Research
District 9
District 5
District 7
District 3
District 5

10 YEARS

Eddie L. Adkison	District 10
James H. Barkhimer	District 7
Jimmy D. Condrey	District 5
Mark W. Frazier	Planning
Ted Goodloe	Legal
Willis Hampton	AHP
James D. Hatchett	Right of Way
Glen W. Holley	AHP
W.C. Holman	District 1
Dennis R. Johnson	District 6
Mitchell Love	District 1
Charles T. Martin	District 2
Jerry Miller	District 5
Roy E. Norman	District 9
James E. Pamell	District 9
Brenda S. Pearson	District 7
Donald R. Popkin	District 7
J.B. Rankin	District 6

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Chester L. Smith District 2
 Herman L. Smith District 6
 James Smith District 6
 Robert R. Smrt District 9
 Doyle W. Stevenson District 10
 Tommy W. Willcockson Planning

5 YEARS

Chester L. Allwhite District 1
 Jack P. Buice District 5
 Adell J. Finch District 6
 Glennis N. Harrod District 1
 James B. Lee Planning
 James K. Slater District 2
 Gary D. Tipton District 7

APRIL 1987 35 YEARS

Ellis Dean Ferguson District 8

30 YEARS

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

25 YEARS

Roy G. Brasel District 9
 John Glass, Jr. District 7
 Curtis W. Graham District 2
 Wendy D. Holland District 4
 Dale D. Lively District 9
 Charles H. Mitchell Surveys

20 YEARS

Jimmie H. Henley District 5
 Eddie L. Smith District 1
 Thurman E. Vines District 5

15 YEARS

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

10 YEARS

David B. Bartlett District 8
 Clifton L. Beavers District 4
 Bobby L. Burns District 10
 John R. Carr District 4
 Gary J. Fletcher District 2
 Jack W. Hart Materials & Research
 Willard J. Henson District 9

Deborah A. Holmes Right of Way
 Jimmy L. Jackson AHP
 Hubert G. Jones District 3
 Steve A. Malcom Fiscal Services
 Elton F. McGriff District 2
 James L. Morgan District 10
 Carl C. Murry District 3
 Jack B. Reich District 6
 Jacky D. Simmons AHP
 Terry A. Wildbur Bridge Division

5 YEARS

Earnest Boykin District 2
 Margaret K. Byers District 4
 Dennis R. Clark District 3
 Jerry L. Evans Materials & Research
 Larry L. Martin District 8
 Jimmy D. Nail District 6
 William D. Smithwick District 7
 Larry M. Steinsiek District 4
 Barbara J. Vinson Programs & Contracts

MAY 1987 35 YEARS

Orval R. Glover District 10

30 YEARS

James Spencer District 1
 Roy G. Williams District 4

25 YEARS

Tommy G. Bema District 4
 Bobby B. Bolin District 5
 Sterlin Bramlett District 4
 Marilyn S. Coffman District 5
 Kenneth L. Johnson District 7
 John W. Kizer State Aid
 Charles H. Latture Traffic
 George W. Rosenbaum District 3
 Gene R. Smith District 5

20 YEARS

Wayne J. Beaton District 10
 Bobby G. Boyd District 8
 Ernest W. Martin District 5
 George H. McDaniel District 1
 James E. McIntosh District 9
 Alvin R. Shipp District 8

15 YEARS

Marion Butler Environmental
 Willard I. Crow District 9
 Roy G. Erwin District 6
 James E. Kapales District 10
 Roger E. Long Environmental
 James E. Patrick Programs & Contracts
 Douglas J. Pederson District 9
 Alton Thomas Jr. District 2
 Gerald D. Wilkerson District 9

10 YEARS

David L. Armstrong District 6
 Larry C. Brachears District 6
 James M. Gates District 5
 Michael Dyer District 8
 Michael A. Farrell District 10

Danny T. Fleetwood District 5
 Billy D. Ford District 8
 Byron K. Hanson District 10
 Victor N. Harris, Jr. District 6
 Albert J. Horn District 8
 James A. Joiner AHP
 Willie L. Jones District 1
 Randy M. Lewis Right of Way
 Robert T. Littleton District 6
 James T. Lloyd District 1
 David R. Mayo, Jr. Programs & Contracts
 Jessie W. McIntyre District 7
 Donald L. Nutt District 7
 Robert N. Palmer Right of Way
 James M. Pennington District 2
 Bradley R. Porter District 4
 Charles E. Ross District 4
 Carl R. Sawyer Buildings & Grounds
 Keith L. Smith District 6
 Dennis L. Spear District 4
 Robert L. Stithem District 8
 Gerald L. Stockton District 4
 Donald R. Ullrich District 4
 Roy A. Zuber District 6

5 YEARS

Sharon A. Bowen Right of Way
 John L. Brecheisen District 3
 Myrtle A. Brown AHP
 Herschel R. Harrison District 6
 Eric B. Paulis District 6
 Loyd J. Plunkett District 4
 Melvine L. Reams District 2
 Tommie S. Rogers District 7
 Walter T. Sykes District 3
 William E. Teague District 3
 Daniel J. Thompson District 3
 Roberto Velazquez District 6
 Robert L. Watlington District 1
 David K. Wyers District 8

RETIREES

FEBRUARY 1987

Retha H. Griffin Mail & Supply
 Robert L. Hamaker District 7
 James R. Owen District 6
 Francis M. Parker District 9
 Roy W. Sessions AHP
 Willie Shepard District 3

MARCH 1987

Jodie R. Ham District 3
 Robert R. Smrt District 9

APRIL 1987

John H. Andrews District 1
 Hugh J. Hays District 7
 Harry H. Humphries District 3
 Ruben Hurst District 9
 Charles W. Jones District 6
 Bill R. McCollum District 5
 Melvo J. Pledger District 2

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

We have some new births to report in District 4 of the Highway Police. James Andrew Davis was born December 22, 1986 weighing 8 pounds and 1 ounce. His father is Patrolman Jeff Davis stationed at the Hope I-30 scales. His mother, Lavetta, is employed as a Home Economist for Hempstead County.



James Andrew Davis

Andrew Miles Long, son of Jerry and Angie Long, was born January 3, 1987 and weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces. This is the first grandchild for both of Jerry and Angie's parents, Sgt. and Mrs. Handsford Long, and Arvis Cannon of Hope and Shirley Cannon of Mena. Needless to say, Andrew probably won't want for anything and may be a little spoiled.



Andrew Miles Long

Jacky Dean Simmons, Jr. was born September 8, 1986 to Pfc. Vicki Simmons, who is stationed at the Hope I-30 scales and Cpl. Jacky Dean Simmons who is stationed in Unit 479 at Ashdown.



Jacky D. Simmons, Jr.

Cpl. James Boyce, Unit 472 stationed in Arkadelphia, shows his hunting skills in the November gun season by bagging a 13-point and a 9-point the first morning out. Brad Hurst, age 15, cousin of Cpl. Boyce, killed a 4-point later in the week.



Brad Hurst and Cpl. James Boyce

BRIDGE DIVISION

We wish to congratulate Michael Sage on his graduation from Hall High School. He is the son of John Sage, Design Section Supervisor. Michael is employed with Safeway Stores and plans to attend UALR this fall. We wish Michael much success in the future. John and his wife, Becky, have made plans to spend a weekend in Eureka Springs this summer with their church group. They will enjoy the beauty of Northwest Arkansas and attend the Passion Play.

We have enjoyed having Paul Haddock work with us this spring. Paul is a draftsman in a

work/study program with the Arkansas School for the Deaf. This is his senior year and he plans to attend Galladuet University in Washington, D.C. this fall. Paul is a native of Little Rock. He is interested in the arts and camping, and also works with the Boy Scouts. Tom Ballard, Structural Detailer, has assisted Paul in learning drafting techniques and office procedures and says that he is a quick learner. We wish Paul lots of success in college and his career.



Tommy Ballard and Paul Haddock

Twenty-one paddlers survived the 3rd Annual Bridge Division Buffalo River Canoe Trip. Low water this year made dodging the rocks and not getting stuck a tricky job. Even with the low water, Chuck's Rock (named after Chuck Sherwood) still claimed one boat. Several other rapids brought on some frantic paddling. A hike along the "Goat Trail" provided a scenic break from the paddling. Everyone enjoyed the trip and was ready to go back the next weekend.



First time paddlers Karen and Damon Burney glide by "Wrecking Rock"

J.P. Sumner and his wife, Frankie Jo, have a very accomplished daughter. Kelly is an 11th grader at Hall High School. She placed 10th out of 362 students academically and is one of 65 students who have been chosen from a four state area to attend Ouachita University

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...dying leadership/economics in a free three-hour credit course. J.P. and Frankie's daughter, Susan, a 6th grader, is doing exceptionally well this year in school and is looking forward to trips and honors in the next few years.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Congratulations to Matt Green, 12-year old son of Mary Green, who played first year basketball for a Bryant team. It is just one of his many "goals".



Matt Green

Congratulations to Mrs. M.L. (Kim) Chambers, daughter of Carolyn Bobo, Data Control Clerk, who was married April 4, 1987 at Alexander First Baptist Church.



Mrs. M.L. (Kim) Chambers

CONSTRUCTION

Recently a party was held in honor of Vic-

tor Moody who completed 20 years and for Stanley Garver who has 10 year service with the Department. State Construction Engineer M.C. Peevy presented Vic and Stan with their awards of service and pins.



Victor Moody



Stanley Garver

Paige Parker, daughter of Bobby and Judy Parker, was elected to Mortar Board at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Mortar Board is a very prestigious service, leadership, and scholarship society which recognized outstanding college seniors. Paige was one of 28 selected at the University.

Since Chuck Holland likes to cook, the girls in Final Estimates surprised him on his birthday with a kitchen gadget shower for his forthcoming marriage to Miss Kathy Wyers of Russellville. Congratulations Cuck and Kathy and best wishes.

Bob Parker proved what a skillful turkey hunter he is by bagging a 20-pound turkey with a 10-inch beard on a recent hunt. Several days later Bill Mulhollen also bagged one with a 5-inch beard weighing 14 pounds.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Our Division was the host for the 1987 Region 6 FHWA/State Highway Agency Environ-

mental Workshop held in Hot Springs, March 23-26. Representatives from all levels of FHWA and five State Highway Departments participated in discussions and panels regarding environmental issues and new regulations.

Service awards were presented by Division Head Marion Butler to the following employees who are shown in the picture: Burney McClurkan and Mike Harris, 10 years; Bill Richardson, 15 years; and Lola Latta, 5 years.



Burney, Mike, Bill, Lola and Marlon

We are happy to announce the births of two babies and say "Congratulations" to the excited (and sometimes sleepy) new parents. Aaron Jordan Harris was born to John and Wendy February 2, weighing 5 pounds and 15 ounces. Aaron has blond hair and blue eyes and is already talking up a storm in "baby language".

Sara Rae Williamson is the new pride and joy of David Williamson and his wife, Vickie. Sara was born February 12, weighing 5 pounds and 12 ounces. She is a brunette beauty who is "the most perfect baby in the world," says Daddy. Sara's big brother, Evan, likes her a lot too.

Goodbyes and best wishes sent Mike Harris off to Jackson, Mississippi to train for six months on his new job as a computer repair technician. Mike's wife, Teresa, and daughters, Jennifer and Valerie, hope to sell their home and join him at the end of summer in Greenwood, Mississippi where his new office is located.

The Wedding season is here and two of our youngsters had a part in Spring weddings. Edison Sullivan, Elaine's four-year old, was ringbearer in his Mom's cousin's wedding and did a great job. Brooke, Susan Bradley's six-year old, was the flower girl in a friend's wedding in Crossett. Both of these kids enjoy performing - Edison is coming right along in gymnastics and Brooke, in piano.

The 3rd Annual Weight Loss Contest was endured for 8 weeks, with a total of 169 pounds lost by the 12 contestants. The big losers were Ed Hoppe of Surveys who lost over 31 pounds, and Larry Long and Gary Bulloch of this Division lost 23 pounds each.

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Brooke Ishmael



Larry Long



Gary Bulloch

FISCAL SERVICES

Jeffrey Prewitt, son of Charles and Judy Prewitt, Fiscal Service Secretary, played on the Bryant-Terry 5th grade basketball team this fall. The team finished in first place at season's end. Jeffrey also played on the twelve and under AAU team from Bryant, their short season wasn't good but they will be ready next year.



Jeffrey Prewitt

HYDRAULICS

Congratulations to Bill and Teresa Fine on the birth of fraternal twins born five weeks early October 16 at Baptist Medical Center. On the left, Christopher Charles, weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces, and Meghan Teresa weighed 5 pounds and 2 ounces. When this picture was taken they were five months old. Older brother, Michael, who is almost 3, is a proud as his mom and dad of these precious little ones.



Christopher Charles and Meghan Teresa Fine

INTERNAL AUDIT

Arthur "Art" L. Beakley, Senior Auditor, retired March 18 and we will certainly miss his

smiling face in our office. I'm sure Art will enjoy himself and will be doing lots of traveling. Donuts and coffee were enjoyed by all who came by to say goodbye and small mementos and cards were given to him by co-workers.

Bryan and Susan Stewart were proud parents again when Samuel Granger was born to them on Saturday, April 18 at Baptist Medical Center, weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces. Big sister, Ginny, is really enjoying her baby brother also. Congratulations to all.

MAINTENANCE

Charles Carrouth, HBM Foreman, received his 10-year service pine on February 12. Dave Lambert, HBM Engineer, presented Charles his pin and certificate. Congratulations Charlie for 10 years of dedicated and productive service.



Dave Lambert and Charles Carrouth

Martin Childers is pictured with his new granddaughter, Amerly Michele Ornsby. She was born February 26, which is also her Great Grandmother's birthday. She weighed 7 and one-half pounds. We all know Martin is proud of Amerly.



Martin Childers and Amerly Michele Ornsby

Also, the next day, February 27, Martin Childers, who is a HBM Foreman, was presented his 25 year service pin from David Lambert. We celebrated this event with coffee and donuts. Congratulations to you Martin for 25 years of loyal and dedicated service.

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David Lambert and Martin Childers

MATERIALS & RESEARCH

Ralph Hall presented Jim Reynolds his 20-year pin and certificate. Jim is presently the office manager for Materials & Research. Without Jim's work and patience - the paperwork of this department would be in a mess. We tip our hat to you Jim, so keep up the good work.



Jim Reynolds and Ralph Hall

From last reports, Jon Annable, just barely made it in from Las Vegas, Nevada. There he spent substantial amounts of money, time and future earnings. Jon plans to eventually move out of that car body sitting out in the parking lot to a fashionable mobile home. Jon, can you spare a dime?

Brenda Price, chemist, and husband, Mike, just returned from a vacation in Natchez, Mississippi. While there they toured antebellum homes during the Natchez Pilgrimage Tours Festival.

All leading economic indicators point out that after George Green paid his income taxes, the federal deficit was substantially reduced. George is now living on beans and taters for the next year. Despite his misfortune, he received his 20-year pin for his work as head chemist in the Chemistry Lab. We're all proud of George and expect him to keep up the good work.



George Green and Jerry Westerman

Bobby Sims will retire June 30, 1987. Bobby has been with the Highway Department for 31 years. He was initially a field inspector for Materials and Tests. Now Bobby will retire as a Senior Materials Technician. He plans to become a cattlebaron during his retirement. We feel that Winrock Farms will have a lot of competition from Bobby. We'll miss you Bobby, so keep in touch.

Larry Williams, Geotechnical Electronics Technician, and Sunny Bridges were married April 24th at the home of Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Woodmansee. They honeymooned at the exclusive Peabody Hotel in Memphis. After enjoying the sights and sounds of Memphis, they returned to their home in North Little Rock. Glad to have you back, Larry. Please get a little rest!

Congratulations to Gary Brown who was promoted to Geotechnical Party Chief.

Now that Bill Langston has got all his daughters through college, he took the move to retire. Bill retired April 30 and has served the Department for over 32 years. A joint retirement party was held for Bill and Neil Roach who also retired. Many friends, family members and co-workers came by to wish them both the best during their retirement.



Bill Langston and Neil Roach

Jim and Ginger Martens had an exciting and wonderful Florida vacation. Besides the usual all-night parties, banquets, weenie-roasts and suntan oil rubdowns, Jim survived to tell us all about his many experiences with people (females) on the beaches of Florida. We're sorry no photographic evidence could be acquired of Jim during his activities in Florida. Apparently all evidence was taken care of by Jim in order to protect the innocent.

PLANNING

On March 25 Statewide Planning gave a luncheon to say Good Luck to Van Hale. Van accepted employment with an engineering firm in Van Buren. His wife, Leslie, and their two daughters were here to enjoy the food. The entertainment was provided by Erike and Lindsey telling all the Hale family secrets!

On February 6, Statewide Planning honored Florence Routh with a reception for 25 years of service. There was cake and punch

served and Florence's husband, Sonny, was able to attend. Congratulations Florence!



Florence and Sonny Routh

On March 27 Dave Conner retired from the Department with 23 years of service. We all loved working with Dave and hope he comes back for lots of visits.

Congratulations to James Lee for completing 5 years of service with the Department.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

David Mayo is the proud father of a new little baby boy named Benjamin David Mayo. He was born February 23 weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces.



Benjamin David Mayo

Judy Fort's son, Chris, will be graduating in May from Sheridan High School. He plans to go into the Navy in August.

Jo Nash's daughter will also be graduating in May from McClellan High School. She plans to attend UALR in the fall on a scholarship.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

We are all very proud of our secretary, Ferol Jones. She was recently selected as the Woman of the Year by the Razorback Chapter of the American Business Women Association. Ferol will represent her chapter at the ABWA National Convention in Los Angeles in October

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as a candidate for the Top Ten Business Women of ABWA. Each chapter representative is chosen based on business accomplishments and ABWA participation.

Ferol joined ABWA in March 1960 and has 27 years of perfect attendance. She has served as President of Diamond Charter Chapter, the first chapter organized in Arkansas, and Charter President of Razorback Chapter, an extension of Diamond Chapter which was chartered in September 1967. She also has served on the National Board of Directors and as District II Vice President. Ferol has been bulletin chairman since 1964, and during those years her bulletins have won 11 District Awards and two National Awards.



Ferol Jones

Photographer John Jackson and his wife, Pam, spent a week in the sun at St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. The day they were leaving for the trip home, Photographer David Hunter was arriving in the British Virgin Islands for a two week cruise aboard a sailboat he and a friend had chartered. Being the good photographers they are, both managed to bring back some beautiful photos of the islands.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Rick Baugh, a member of Scout Troop 30, received an Eagle Scout award in a presentation ceremony in March at St. Paul Methodist Church. He earned the badge by performing volunteer work at Camp Aldersgate. He is the son of Sheila Baugh and is a senior at Central High School in Little Rock.

P.J. Ioup, daughter of Pat Ioup, is graduating from Benton High School. She has been active in school and local track events, and expects to major in business in college.

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Richard Finkle's son, Ricky, won a second place ribbon in the Sixth Grade Division Science Fair at Walnut Valley Christian Academy. His project was a savings bank with an alarm system. It was a wooden box made into a bank with a lock on the outside and an alarm system hidden inside; and when the lid is lifted, the alarm goes off. Congratulations to Ricky on this accomplishment.

Ferrel Magby and his wife, Rose, are preparing to move into a newly purchased mobile home. They have already overcome several obstacles, such as drilling a new well and getting a pump installed. I know they will be very happy to finally get into their new home. Congratulations to both of them.

Larry Fenton and his wife, Marilyn, are the proud owners of a new Dodge Caravan. Maybe Marilyn will let him drive it every now and then.

Our secretary, Sue Walls, received another beautiful plant in honor of "National Secretaries' Week" from our boss, Larry Fenton.



Sue Walls

The adorable little boy in the photo is Chris Allen Kesl, son of Robert Kesl. He will be two years old in June and is "Daddy's" pride and joy. His nickname is "Crawdad" because he climbs down stairs backwards.



Chris Allen Kesl

Bob Barnett spent several weekends putting in a new lawn sprinkler system recently.

For a while, he came in complaining of aching muscles and a sore back. I guess he is glad he finally got it installed.

Roy Walden is making another trip to Germany via the courtesy of the Arkansas Air National Guard. He said he is looking forward to seeing Germany again, but he dreads the long trip over there and back.

RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

A delicious potluck was held in honor of Jerry McKown who completed 20 years of service and to Frank Knowles who completed 15 years of service. Their certificates and pins were presented by Section Head Al Dunn. Congratulations to you both.



Jerry McKown and Frank Knowles

Congratulations to Credonna Nalley on the arrival of her beautiful bouncing baby girl. Cassie Danielle Nalley arrived on March 4 weighing 9 pounds and 1 ounce. Also pictured is big brother, Nathan. He loves to help take care of little sister. We welcome Credonna back to Map Sales.



Cassie Danielle Nalley

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Nathan Kyle Nalley

Refreshments were served in honor of Stephanie Wilson on her last day with us. She has returned to Western Washington University.

Pictured are our two COE students. We have enjoyed having Evern Isby and Kelly Edgin. Evern left us in March. Kelly plans to work with us through the summer and is now working in our Xerox Section.



Evern Isby



Kelly Edgin

We would like to welcome Caceia Coleman back to Map Sales. She's here to stay and ready to take your map orders.



Caceia Coleman

Tommy Daniel's daughter, Lisa, who attends Sylvan Hills Junior High, was chosen 10th grade cheerleader. Congratulations Lisa. His son, Mike, already rides horses in horse shows but now has taken up a new hobby for fun and experience. He rides bulls at a ranch owned by Sam McCallie located on Highway 70 close to Benton. Must be a thrilling 8-second ride. Tommy is proud of his children and their accomplishments.



Mike Daniel

Debra Allen's son, Casey, age 11, who holds a Yellow Belt in Karate, recently participated in a Karate Tournament and won a second place medal in Cotta and a second place medal in Sparring. Congratulations Casey!

RIGHT OF WAY

Congratulations to Glendol Jackson for completing 30 years of service with the Department. A brunch was served in the Administrative Section of the Right of Way Division on April 24 so the Right of Way employees could share in the presentation of the pin by Assistant Director for Administration Gip Robertson. Glendol's wife, Gerry, was our special guest and his son, John, was the photographer.

David Harmon, Advanced Right of Way Plans Designer in the Engineering Section of the Right of Way Division, was presented his 10

year pin and certificate at a potluck luncheon recently. Shown presenting the certificate is Fred Williams, Chief of the Engineering Section. Congratulations to David upon this achievement.



Glendol and Gerry Jackson



David Harmon and Fred Williams

RADIO SECTION

Sunny Marie Porterfield, daughter of Debbie and Mike Porterfield and granddaughter of Cal Porterfield, was born October 5, 1986. Sunny is the "sunshine" of their lives - can't you tell by her beautiful picture.



Sunny Marie Porterfield

Jeff Bell, Telecommunications Operator in our Radio Section, was married to Carmen McIntire in October. They are very happy with a house trailer they recently bought for their first

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home - also, they have a new car - and cat! Jeff can tell you many "tales" about the cat. Carmen and Jeff, we wish you every continued happiness in life.

TRAFFIC

Congratulations to the proud parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ray McCrotty and grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry McCrotty on the birth of Jessica Rae McCrotty, born March 18, 1987 weighing 5 pounds and 12 ounces.



Jessica Rae McCrotty

Congratulations to June and Charles Rain, we hear you have a grandchild on the way. Renee Gray, June's daughter, is expecting a visit from the stork August 29, 1987.

Swinging grandma elopes! Marlene Hogan and Huie Cordell got hitched March 5, 1987. Marlene was off for vacation for a week and returned to work a married woman. She put everyone in shock. We hope all goes well for Mrs. Marlene Cordell.

Caught red-handed. David Charles Hesselbein is the nephew of Scotty Hesselbein who works at the sign shop. David is only 6 months old, but it looks as if he had a good head on his shoulders. Maybe we will have another Hesselbein working for us in years to come.



David Charles Hesselbein

DISTRICT ONE

With spring comes the "big fish" stories of the ones that got away. We know of one instance where it did not get away and Billy McGuire, our Storeroom Supervisor, had the picture to prove it. Billy caught this 12 pound, 8 ounce bass back in February while fishing on Lake Austell at Village Creek State Park. Billy is pictured with his prize catch and son, Brian, who looks a little awed by the whole affair. He was featured in our local newspaper and thought sure Bill Dance had come to interview him the next week at the park only to find Dance was there fishing himself. Billy says this is the largest fish caught in the state of Arkansas in the past three and one-half years.



Brian and Billy McGuire and "Kingfish"

Congratulations are in order to several of our crews who received safety awards for an accident free 1986. Receiving awards were Monroe County, 1 year; Phillips County, 1 year; Woodruff County, 2 years; Districtwide Maintenance Crew, 3 years; and the West Helena Resident Engineer's office with 9 straight years being the recipient of a safety award.

DISTRICT ONE SAFETY AWARDS



Monroe County Maintenance Crew



Phillips County Maintenance Crew



Woodruff County Maintenance Crew



Districtwide Maintenance Crew



**West Helena Residency
9 years accident free**

With the retirement incentives passed by the Legislature we are losing several of our long time employees. As of this writing the following employees have taken advantage of this opportunity - Wylie Lindsey and Billy "Peaches" Merachum, Senior Inspectors with the Resident Engineer's Office in Wynne; Jack Lindley, Sealing Job Superintendent; John Henry Andrews, Distributor Operator; and J.H. Harrison, Rest Area Attendant in Crittenden County. We wish each of these fellows many years of health and happiness and thank them for their many years of service to the AHTD.

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DISTRICT TWO

District Two is losing some of its long-term and best employees. Several have decided to retire this year and we regret having to say goodbye to them. The most recent have been L.J. Bishop, James Pierce, Calvin Rawls, H.F. Humphries, Pete Peterson, Gene Woodfield and Melvo Pledger.

L.J. Bishop retired as Area Foreman of Chicot County. He also worked as the station attendant for many years. His wife, Mary, says they plan to enjoy retirement and do a lot of traveling, fishing and "goofing off".

James Pierce was the District Office Manager and retired with 31 years of service. He was well known for being a big help to everyone. James and his wife, Laura, love camping on the lakes of Arkansas and visiting their grandchildren. We know now they will have plenty of time to enjoy their garden and catch lots of fish. We will miss seeing James each day, but hope he will come back and visit often.



James Pierce

Floyd Humphries was a Motor Patrol Operator in Crew County and retired with 23 years of service.

W.G. "Pete" Peterson retired with 35 years of service and was employed as Finish Crane Operator in the District Bridge Crew. It will be different not being on the Bridge Crew but we know he will be happy in retirement.

Calvin Rawls has been made the District Equipment Supervisor for many years and has seen a lot of changes. He has attained 35 years of service and has kept a lot of equipment running in all those years. It will not be the same not having Calvin around to run to when something "breaks down". His wife, Patsy, says he has plenty of work to do around the place but she wants him to slow down for a while and enjoy retirement. He has put in a lot of long hours and has always been there when he was needed. No matter how busy you are, Calvin, please come back and visit with us.

Gene Woodfield retires as District Maintenance Superintendent after 35 years of service. He began working in the Construction Division and spent time in various parts of south Arkansas. He came to Maintenance as an Instrument person and was promoted to Assistant Maintenance Superintendent before moving to Maintenance Superintendent. He was known as "Peanut" to a lot of people for many years. He says he plans on doing some traveling for a while.

Melvo Pledger retired after 37 years of service having worked in the Construction Resident Engineer's office. He was the Senior Construction Materials Inspector and was famous for knowing all about material. He also had been a Construction Inspector. Melvo plans on spending most of his time in Paragould and catching up on his fishing. Good luck to a nice guy.



Melvo Pledger

Service awards were presented recently to the following: Joe Akin, Sealing Crew Foreman at Monticello and James A. Allbritton, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, 25 years; Crosby L. Stephens, Roller Operator at DeWitt, 20 years; Charles T. Martin, Asphalt Inspector at RE office in McGehee and Chester L. Smith, Senior Mechanic at the District, 10 years; and James Kelly Slater, Sign Crew, 5 years.



C.T. Martin and DE Jim Briley



C.L. Smith and DE Jim Briley

Shown in the picture is James Porter Vandiver, grandson of Bill and Juanita Herrington. He was born January 27 weighing 7

pounds and 10 ounces. The proud parents are Donnie and J.T. Vandiver. Grandpa Bill is a Finish Carpenter on the District Bridge Crew.



James Porter Vandiver



**Crew of the Year 1986
Clinton Bohannon, Richard Morgan,
L.J. Bishop, J.L. Bishop**



**January Crew of the Month
L.J. Bishop and Jim Briley**



**Safety Award
Bill Johns, Mike Thompson,
Jim Pound and Richard Morgan**

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Safety Award - Sign Crew

DISTRICT THREE

District Three would like to welcome our new receptionist, Diane Willmon. She is married and has a teenage son. Diane's special interests are cooking and working in the yard.



Diane Willmon

Robin Lisa Moon, 1-year old daughter of Chris Moon, Little River County, and wife, Tammy, won the title of Miss Southeast Arkansas in a pageant at Holiday Inn in Texarkana April 4. She also won the title of Miss Photogenic. She is a real sweetie.



Robin Lisa Moon

Tom Cleghorn and John Ardwin of the Little River County Crew would like to show off their catch, a 38-pound blue catfish caught in Little River below Millwood Dam.



Tom Cleghorn and John Ardwin

Congratulations to two graduates from District Three. Jeana Janelle Cearley, 18, daughter of Don and Nada Cearley is a senior at Bodcaw High School. She is a member of the Badger Yearbook and Paper Staff, member and Vice President of FBLA, and Who's Who Most Courteous. She plans to attend CBC at Conway this fall. Susan T. Candelaria, daughter of Art and Gloria Candelaria will be graduating from Henderson State University at Arkadelphia in May.

Bryan Duncan, Resident Office Technician in Texarkana is cleaning out his desk after 39 and one-half years of service. Bryan retired March 17 and plans to catch up on some gardening and a little fishing. The office crew enjoyed a fish dinner at Peir 21 with the families attending. Best Wishes Bryan on your retirement.



Bryan Duncan

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department. Hermet Vestal, 20 years; Charles Toliver, Bill Callicott, 15 years; John Thompson, 10 years; Glen Applegate, Michael Funderburk and Wayne Self, 5 years. John Thompson is shown receiving his 10-year certificate from Maintenance

Superintendent Jerry Whitehurst. Also receiving his 20 year certificate from Whitehurst was Bill Turpin of Montgomery County. Dale Aaron of the Hempstead County Crew is shown receiving his 20 year certificate for Assistant DE Don Donaldson. Senior Inspector Charles Toliver received his award from Resident Engineer Rodney Price.



John Thompson and Jerry Whitehurst



Bill Turpin and Jerry Whitehurst



Dale Aaron and Don Donaldson



Rodney Price and Charles Toliver

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We had several crews receive Safety Certificates for 1986. They were: District Operators, District Maintenance Crew, District Bridge Crew, Hempstead County Crew, Little River County Crew, Nevada County Crew, Montgomery County Crew and Pike County Crew.



Thomas Smith receiving Safety Certificate for District Operators from Don Donaldson



District Maintenance Crew



Bridge Job Superintendent Don Cearley and Don Donaldson



Don Donaldson and Hempstead County Area Foreman Sonny Williams



Area Foreman Kit Core, Little River County Crew, and Don Donaldson



Nevada County Crew



Montgomery County Area Foreman David Carmack and Don Donaldson



Marion Lingo receives Safety Certificate for Pike County Crew from Don Donaldson

DISTRICT FOUR

Service awards this quarter include Nick Mings, Construction Instrumentman, Bob Mainer, Assistant Resident Engineer, 30 years

and Mike Neal, Senior Construction Material Inspector, 20 years, all in RE #44.



Nick Mings and Jack Coleman



Bob Mainer and Carl Sanders



Carl Sanders and Mike Neal

Allan Holmes, District 4 Engineer and James Mansfield, Safety Officer, presented safety certificates to a large group at the District Headquarters recently. They were: 3 years: Sign Crew, Jerry Clemence; Bridge Crew, Kim McDowell; RE #41, Joe Shipman; 2 years: Sebastian I, Mark Williams; Sealing Crew, Ralph Goodson; RE #43, Leon Brewer; RE #44, Jack Coleman; 1 year: Crawford County, Alvis Pense; Polk County, Jearl Baker; Logan County, Darrell Roper; Washington II, John Faubus; Sign Crew, Danny Lister. Don Crain from the Little Rock Safety Office was also present for the awards. Congratulations to each of these men.

Office Manager, Ray Jett's boys had birthdays the first part of the year, Bradley was 4 and Shawn was one. They sure keep their Dad hopping!

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District 4 Safety Awards



Bradley Ray Jett



Shawn Edward Jett

Gerald and Wilma Stockton celebrated their 33rd Wedding Anniversary with an evening of dining and dancing with friends at E.T.'s Supper Club. Gerald is Resident Office Technician at Springdale.

On March 23, 1987, Don and Cheryl Gorton welcomed their first child, Kristina Cheryl. She weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces. Congratulations Don. Don is a student at the U of A and works part-time in the Springdale RE office.



Kristina Cheryl Gorton

We would like to welcome our new Resident Engineer office to District 4. John Sharum is the Resident Engineer and their new office is in Alma. Other employees are Ernie Westfall, Advance Construction Field Engineer; Steve Glover, Construction Field Engineer; Kevin Petray, Civil Engineer I; Harold Anderson, Construction Party Chief and Ronnie Melton, Construction Helper. We are glad to have you!

The Polk County Crew had their annual fishing tournament April 10. Those participating were Jearl Baker, Hershall Henry, Gene Roberts, Troy Harris, Melvin Heath, Gary Richmond, Dean Terrell and Roger Simpson. Those winning were: Biggest Crappie: Troy Harris, Hershall Henry, Gary Richmond and Gene Roberts tied for biggest bass and Hershall Henry won for the most pounds.

David Henry, son of Hershall and Barbara Henry was chosen to represent Acorn High School at Boys State in June. Congratulations David!

Congratulations to all our graduating seniors in District Four!

DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to all our service award recipients: V.J. Butler, Jr., 35 years; J.R. Chaney, Gerald Sneed and Granvie Collins, 25 yeras; C.E. Wheeler, B.D. Luster, R.W. Tomlinson and C.W. Newberry, 15 yeras; J.D. Condrey, Brenda Pearson, J.E. Miller, 10 years; and J.P. Buice, 5 years.



V.J. Butler, Jr.



Granvie Collins and Floyd Lancaster



Gerald Sneed



J.R. Chaney and Brenda Pearson

Matthew Stout, 3 year old son of Sherry and Michael Stout, was chosen second runner-up in the Little Mr. Leprechaun Contest at Sidney. Isn't he a cutie? Sherry is Field Clerk in the Leggett Residency.



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Carl Bureson, Sign Erector, exhibited his skill during the season with this turkey that he killed in Stone County. It weighed 16 pounds. Happy eating Carl!



Carl Bureson

Kenny Lynn Bowren, Senior Construction Aide in the S.L. Swink Residency at Searcy, was named Most Outstanding Civil Engineering Student at Arkansas State University for the 1986-87 school year. Kenny worked two summers with the department and upon graduation became a permanent employee. Congratulations Kenny!

Ivory Ryan is the handsome son of Patty Jackson, Field Clerk at the Swink Residency. Patty also has an older son, Reggie.



Ivory Ryan Jackson

Roy Pitts, Stone County Crew Leader, bagged a 20 pound gobbler while hunting near Highway 5 south. The large gobbler sported a 9 and one-half inch beard. Roy called up the gobbler himself, using a handmade cedar box call made by his father-in-law.

Deann Faulks, daughter of Dee Faulks, Motor Patrol Operator at Mountain View, was chosen the 1987 Saddle Club Queen. The contestants demonstrated horsemanship

abilities to judges during the club's first Play Day at the rodeo arena.

DISTRICT SIX

This is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Austin. Her name is Lindsey Elain Austin and she is 2 years old. Her father, Steve, works at the Dixon Road Maintenance Headquarters as Vegetation Controller. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pate.



Lindsey Elain Austin

Oscar Lester Sr.'s daughter, Tammy Lester, age 15, was in a Valentine King and Queen contest on Valentine's Day at Mills High School. Her escort was Ronald Watkins, age 15.

They may not have won the contest but I'll bet they made it tough on the judges. Oscar is a Lead Person for the Dixon Road Maintenance Department.



Tammy Lester and Ronald Watkins

DISTRICT SEVEN

District Seven Service Awards were presented February 5 by Commissioner Ron Harrod. J.D. Wynn, Construction Party Supervisor for A.W. Hardy's Residency, received a 30 year certificate. Those receiving 25 year awards were Rommie M. Belt, Ouachita County Area Foreman; Mary Nell Carlson, Field Clerk for R.E. Myers; and Charlie E. Fox, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, Union County. Retirees honored were John R. Bradley, Senior Construction Party Chief, A.W. Hardy Residency, 32 years service; Charles Conine, Crew Leader, Clark County, 30 and one-half years service; Robert L. Hamaker, Area Foreman, Bradley County, 20 years service; J.W. Hancock, SATD/Mower Operator, Clark County, 34 years service; Kermit S. Wendell, Senior Inspector, R.E. Myers' Residency, 29 and one-half years; and James M. Plum, Rest Area Attendant, Clark County, 30 and one-half years. These awards represented 281 years of combined service.



J.M. Plum, Jimmy D. Wynn, Mary Nell Carlson, Rommie Belt and Charlie Fox



**District Seven Retirees
James Plum, Charles Conine, Robert Hamaker, John Bradley and
J.W. Hancock**

Safety Awards were presented by Safety Officer James Mansfield. Those crews receiving awards were: Dallas County, Bradley County, Lafayette County, Columbia County, Resident Engineer R.E. Myers, District Bridge Crew, Ouachita County, Moro Bay Ferry Crew, District Sealing Crew, District Construction Crew, Resident Engineer G.R. Hite and Resident Engineer A.W. Hardy, Jr. Congratulations to each crew and keep up the good work.

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District Seven Safety Awards

On April 23 we honored retiring James F. Jones, District Sign Crew Leader. James was presented with an AHTD "Retired" Cap, T-Shirt, Miniature replica of the AHTD pickup and a large sign shaped like Arkansas with roads and signs designed on it; the signs formed pockets and had gifts of money tucked inside. James is pictured with his t-shirt which features a slogan, "Still Cool, After All These Years". A banner proclaimed the event "The James Roast" and James was the recipient of several gag gifts and cards. We were glad to have James' wife, Dell, here to help us "roast" James. We enjoyed cake, several delicious snacks and coffee in his honor. Best wishes James and come back for a visit.



Retiree James and Dell Jones

Pictured are the children and grandchildren of W.M. Sanders, SATD/Mower Operator in the Lafayette County Crew. The children are Manny Sanders and Delisa Seal. Both the little ones are Delisha's children, Jamie and April. Mr. Sanders has been employed in the Lafayette County Crew for 20 years.



Sanders family

A.E. "Pete" Gill was honored with a retirement party on April 29 by the District Bridge Crew. Pete served as a Crane Operator-Finish. He has been with the Department for 35 years. Happy Retirement Pete!



A.E. "Pete" Gill

Congratulations to Rodney Keith McMahan who graduates in May from Hampton High School. Rodney is the son of Henrietta (our payroll clerk) and Chick McMahan. He plans to further his education in the field of computer programming and repair.

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to service award recipients Benny C. Milam and David J. Myers, 10 years; and to Nathaniel Brown, Mastin L. Ford and Walter Frank Gray, 15 years.

District Engineer Lawrence Fletcher was surprised on his birthday with an "Over The Hill" party. Mrs. Fletcher provided the cake, banners, and balloons, all appropriately decorated in black.



Pat and Lawrence Fletcher



District Eight Service Awards

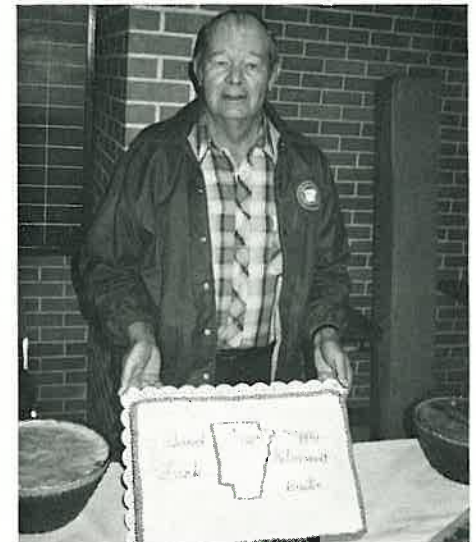
DISTRICT NINE

The Boone County Maintenance Crew out did themselves at a retirement get-together for Jay Parker, who retired on April 29 with over 30 years of service. The crew presented him with a watch in appreciation of his dedicated service and friendship.



Area Foreman J.T. Richardson and Retiree Jay Parker

Another Parker retired from District 9 on February 23. F.M. Parker, Jr., Jay's brother, has over 27 years with the Highway Department and was Job Superintendent for the District Bridge Crew. On March 13, Buster's crew presented him with a watch and truck bed liner and many of his friends and fellow workers stopped in the District to wish him well on his retirement. Congratulations Jay and Buster - we will miss you both!



F.M. "Buster" Parker, Jr.

On March 25, Field Clerk, Marlene Wyatt and her husband, David, had an adorable 7 pound, 7 ounce baby girl, Mary-March Rebecca. Rebecca has two older brothers, Shane and Shawn, who are bound to have their hands full helping mom. Marlene works in the Yellville Residency.

A District 9 Supervisor's Meeting was held on March 27 at the District Headquarters. Safety awards were presented to Roy Brasel, Sealing

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v, Jack Dickey, Sign Crew; Bill Harbison, Gentry Maintenance Crew; J.T. Richardson, Boone County; J.B. Parker, Madison County Crew; Willard Crow, Searcy County Crew; Joe Bill Wallace, Peel Ferry, Butch Martin, Harrison RE Office and Jim Barton, Yellville Residency.

A special congratulations goes to Vernie Berry and the Newton County Crew for a splendid job of keeping accidents down for a long 9 years. Thanks to you all for helping keep District 9 a safe place to work!



District 9 Safety Award Recipients



**Vernie Berry and DE Ralph Fulton
9 Year Safety Award**

Service award certificates were presented recently to Dennis Jarrett, Carroll Johnson, Darrell Sanders, Randy Clark and Vernon Terpening, 15 years. Those not present to receive their certificates were Junior Horton, Fred Austin and Coy L. Horton. Recipients with 20 years service included James Fultz, Nelson McCutcheon and Jack Pharis. Congratulations to you all.



District 9 Service Award Recipients

Best wishes are extended to 1987 graduates Joey Johnson, Jeanette Jarrett, Greg Hodges, Greg Pharis, Betty Jane Harris and Ross Oxford. Good luck in your future endeavors.

We were honored at District 9 to have Retiree Raymond Holland, stop by and visit with us on his birthday. Raymond turned 90 years young on April 3 and he retired from the Department in 1964 with over 20 years service. It is always nice to see old friends.

Marcie Holt, District 9 Bookkeeper, has gained a daughter. Her son, Marvin, and his new bride, Lisa, were married on April 11. We wish them a long, happy life together!

DISTRICT TEN

This beautiful young lady is Sherry Lynn Barnes, first alternate in the Miss Rivercrest High School contest held recently. Sherry is the daughter of Jerry and Brenda Barnes of Dyess. Jerry is a Senior Inspector at the Osceola RE office. Congratulations Sherry!



Sherry Lynn Barnes

This handsome little guy is Ryan Lee Blankenship, 3-month old son of Ronnie and Gail Blankenship. Ronnie also has a lovely daughter, Tammy, who is 16 and made All-District play Senior High Basketball at Stanford. Congratulations Tammy!



Ryan Lee Blankenship

We have had several service awards presented recently but those with 25 to 35 years definitely deserve a spot in this article. They are Gaylen Williams, Don Lemay, Jerry Wright, J.L. Pounders, 25 years; Red Gibson, 35 years; Finis Brewer, and J.H. Burton, 30 years; Jerry Cook, John Baldrige and Allen Alexander, 20 years. Congratulations to you all.



District 10 Service Award Recipients



Charles Hesselbein and J.H. Burton



Charles Hesselbein and Jerry Cook



Hesselbein and John Baldrige

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Hesselbein and Allen Alexander

One service award was presented which was not for such a long period of time but because she puts up with an awful lot from all of us, we just couldn't exclude our District Receptionist Pat Baldwin. Congratulations Pat on your 5 years.



Pat Baldwin and DE Joe Barnett

Three long time friends retired since the last article and we were sorry to say goodbye. Cecil Short, Finis Brewer and Ed McCoy will all be missed by their respective crews. Congratulations to all three and we wish you many long, happy years of retirement.



Cecil Short and Ron Blankenship



Finis Brewer



Ed McCoy and Jerry Greiten

Connie Messer who worked at the station also left us since the last article. Connie, as one can see, left to start her family. The blessed event should be any time now and we know Connie is looking forward to motherhood. Best of Luck Connie!



Connie Messer and Minnie Denny

The Jonesboro RE Office has a new employee. Chuck Loop, a Civil Engineering Graduate from ASU, began his career with the Highway Department in February. Chuck is single, and the first thing he bought after securing employment was a new Mazda truck. Welcome aboard Chuck!

Leonard Norton, Construction Party Chief, was presented his 15 year service certificate by R.J. Blackwell recently. Congratulations Leonard.



Leonard Norton and R.J. Blackwell

The children of Bobby Wade, Construction Materials Inspector, and Brenda Wade, were in a wedding and are pictured below. They were the miniature bride and groom. Jason is 7 years of age and Brandi is now 4 years old.



Brandi and Jason Wade

1988 HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST

The State Highway Map Photo Contest is an open invitation to all Highway and Transportation Department employees and family members. The winning entry will appear in the 1988 State Highway Map. Your photograph could become a visible symbol of the pride we have in our State and the Highway and Transportation Department.

CONTEST RULES ARE:

1. All entries must be either 35mm color slide or color glossy print. (You may submit any number of entries.)
2. Each entry must be labeled with the entrant's name, address and picture location.
3. Submission of entry constitutes agreement that it may be published on the Highway Map. Proper credit will be given to the winner.
4. All entries must be submitted no later than November 1, 1987.
5. Entries will be prejudged on the basis of concept, originality, and artistic merit by a selection committee. The final selection will be made by the Director of Highways and Transportation.
6. All entries must be taken in Arkansas and in 1987.
7. Vertical format entries are preferred.
8. Entries should be highway oriented; highways, roads, bridges, etc. and/or:
9. Scenic photos of Arkansas' natural beauty; mountains, lakes, rivers, etc.
10. All entries remain the property of the sender and will be returned.
11. All entries must be accompanied by an official entry form or facsimile.

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

The entrant submitting the winning photograph for the 1988 Highway Map will receive an 11x14 custom framed print and a certificate awarded by the AHTD Director.

Other winners submitting photographs selected for use on the map will received an 11x14 print.

1988 STATE HIGHWAY MAP PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please accept my photograph(s) for consideration in the 1988 AHTD Map Photo Contest.

I have enclosed _____ slides and _____ glossy prints.

I have read and understand the rules of the contest and agree to allow the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to reproduce and print my photograph on the State Highway Map in the event my entry is selected as a winner.

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