

Arkansas Highways

WINTER 1989

From the Director's Desk

Thank You For A Job Well Done

As another year draws to a close, we can all look back with pride at the accomplishments made by the Department. Although no records are being set in terms of contract dollar amounts or the number of jobs let to contract, the Commission's goal of providing the road users of Arkansas with the best system of highways possible is being met.

While the State's General Revenue Fund experiences growth due to positive economic changes, the Highway Fund's growth rate is not near as good. With a revenue source based on a fixed motor fuels tax and vehicle registration fees, it takes a tremendous increase in the use of gasoline and diesel fuel each year to generate additional highway dollars.

Federal funding limitations also have a dramatic effect on our highway program. As a result of the Graham-Rudman-Hollings Act, Federal Aid to all states was cut 5.3 percent in October. This means our total apportionments and allocations will be about \$14.5 million less this fiscal year than they were last fiscal year.

Despite these conditions, the Department has continued to meet the challenges. Progress continues to be made on the Rural Road Program. Since the beginning of the Program in 1985 nearly 2,300 miles of rural state highways have been improved and many deficient bridges have been replaced.

Rehabilitation of the Interstate Highway System (a top national priority), the construction of two future designated Interstate Highways in Arkansas and the relocation of several major Primary routes, continue on schedule. Bridges to replace two of the remaining four ferries are also under construction.

The Arkansas highway users are getting their money's worth. Our department has the lowest rate of administrative costs in the Nation. Only 3.3 percent of total disbursements go toward administration. The national average is 8.1 percent.

Our 16,172-mile State Highway System is the 16th largest in the Nation. We are 34th in terms of State highway-user revenues generated to finance construction and maintenance. There are 42 states with a higher tax on gasoline and 43 states with a higher tax on diesel.

There has been much talk this past year about cutting the fat out of government. I believe there is no fat in this agency. The total number of employees has remained virtually unchanged over the past ten years, while the Department's responsibilities have continued to grow.

We have been through tough times, but we have managed to keep the vital services intact. This is, in a large degree, due to the fact that the Highway and Transportation Department employees are the most dedicated and hardest working group of employees anywhere.

Your dedication to the job has not gone unnoticed by the public you serve. The members of the Highway Commission and I want to thank each of you for your continued dedication and hard work this past year, and we wish you and your families the best for the holiday season.



MAURICE SMITH
Director of Highways & Transportation

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maurice Smith".

Maurice Smith
Director of Highways & Transportation

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FRONT COVER PHOTO: Interstate 430 at Highway 10 in Little Rock. Photo by John Jackson.

BACK COVER PHOTO: Highway 113 at the Pulaski-Perry County Line. Photo by John Jackson.

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When is the best time of day to close one or two lanes of an Interstate Highway for repairs when that highway carries an average of 60,000 or more vehicles per day?

**NIGHT TIME
IS THE
RIGHT TIME!**



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There is one crew assigned to maintain the Interstates in Pulaski County. It was becoming very difficult to schedule most of the work for that crew during the day because of the heavy traffic volumes. "About 14 months ago the district began experimenting with night repair work. It worked out so well that it was decided to make it permanent," said Ralph Hall, District Six Engineer.

"We split the crew and assigned seven members to the night crew. We asked for volunteers at first and we've had only two changeovers during the last 14 months. The crew likes it. Traffic volumes are lighter and, during the summer months, the temperature is cooler at night," said Area Foreman Jerry Zuber.

The crew is primarily responsible for concrete pavement patching and joint sealing. With approximately 43 miles of six-lane interstate and 31 miles of four-lane interstate in the county, there is plenty of work to keep them busy.

During the winter months the crew is available for snow and ice removal. Zuber said this makes it easier to schedule people during the periods when snow and ice are a problem, since these operations usually run around the clock.

The crew begins work at 8 o'clock each night and finishes at 6 o'clock the next morning. They work Monday night through Thursday night each week. "This is another appealing factor for those crew members, they like the four day work schedule," Zuber said.

A typical worknight will consist of moving equipment to the work site and setting up advance warning signs. The crew uses a changeable message board and flashing arrow boards to warn motorists of the lane closures. A damaged message board was converted into a light board consisting of three 1,000 watt mercury vapor lights. This provides plenty of light for the work area.

A two to three-mile area will be covered each night, depending on the type of work to be performed, Zuber said. "We don't close the entire two-mile section. We will just close the lanes in the immediate area where we are working. We move from spot to spot along that two or three-mile section, much like a moving pothole operation," he commented.

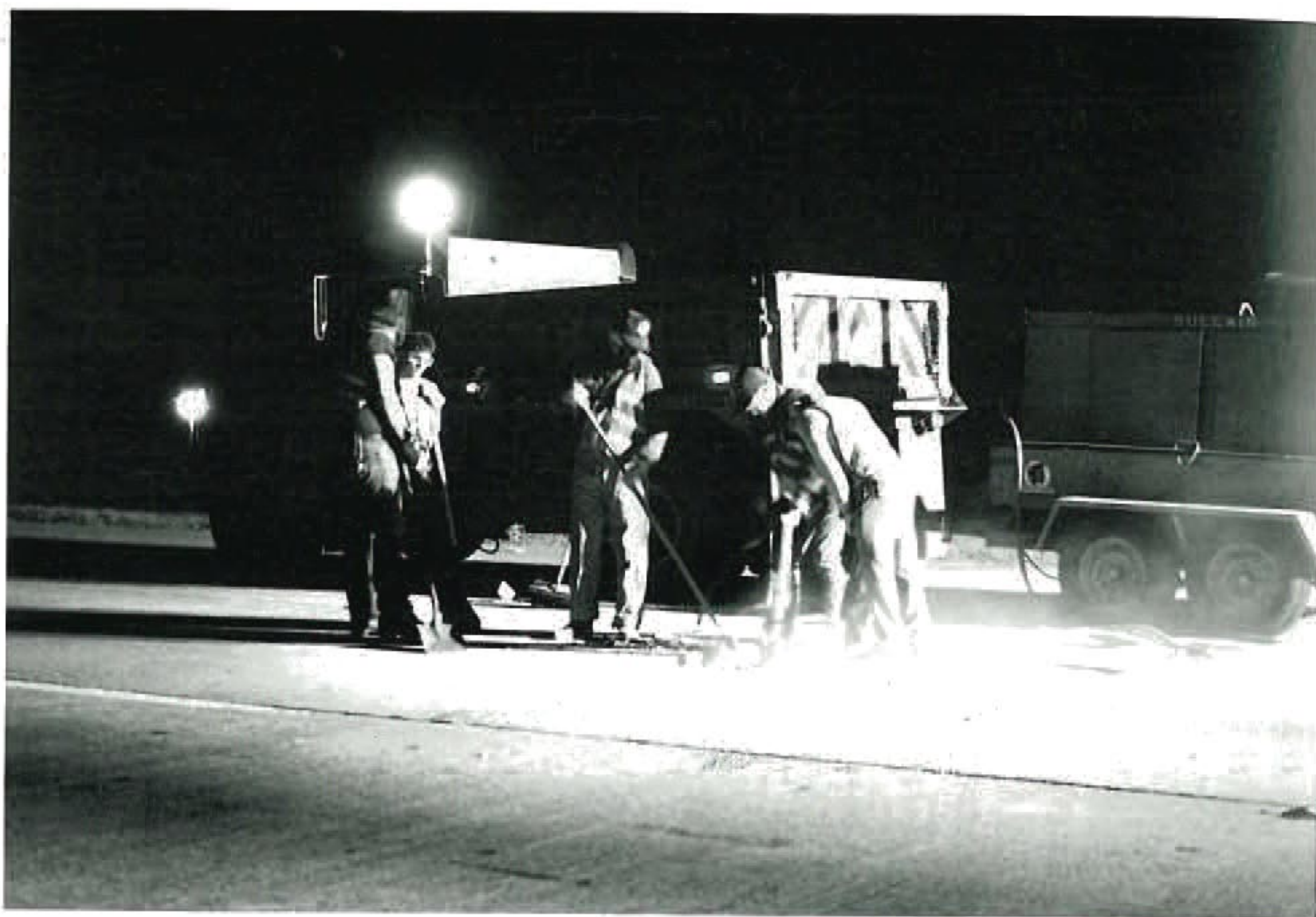
A quick setting concrete is used for the patching jobs. After the damaged pavement has been removed, the concrete is mixed and poured. The concrete must be poured by 2:00 a.m. so that it will have time to harden by 6:00 a.m.

Most of the time, motorists heading to work in the mornings never notice that the pavement has been patched just a few hours before.

"There have been only two times in the past 14 months when we had trouble with the concrete and had to leave the lanes closed longer than planned," Zuber said.



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One of those times was a near disaster. The crew had patched a 15-foot section of the center southbound lane of I-30 on the south end of the Arkansas River Bridge. After they removed the barricades at 6:00 a.m. a heavy truck drove over the patched area and tore it up. The lane had to be closed again just as the morning rush-hour traffic was beginning to build up. Over 100,000 vehicles per day use the I-30 Bridge, and needless to say, traffic backed up for miles.

"Thousands of motorists got caught in the traffic jam and by the time they reached their offices the first thing many of them did was phone the district office to complain," Zuber said. "We had a hectic morning trying to explain the situation to all of

the callers, but most were understanding once they found out what happened," he added.

Safety in work zones is a major concern. Hall and Zuber believe that the night work has been much safer for the crew, as well as the motorists.

"Traffic is lighter at night, so we usually don't experience any traffic tie-ups. Also, the message board and flashing arrow boards are very visible to motorists as they approach a work zone and they slow down as they drive through the work area," Zuber said. "I'd say the message board is the most vital piece of equipment we have, I don't know if we could get along without it," he added.

There has only been one accident in a work zone since the operation began. That occurred when a

truck driver fell asleep and drove through the barricade and hit a guard rail. Fortunately, the crew members saw the truck coming and were able to move out of the way in time. The big rig missed a department pickup truck parked in the work zone by about a foot before hitting the guard rail. There were no injuries in the accident.

As traffic volumes continue to increase, damage to our aging interstate highways also increases. Repairing that damage, while at the same time, maintaining a safe environment for both the workers and the motorists, is a prime concern. By confining much of that work to non-peak hours, these objectives are being met in a safe, efficient manner.

Highway 44 Designated As National Forest Scenic Byway

Highway 44, winding its way southeastward from Marianna through the St. Francis National Forest, was recently designated a National Forest Scenic Byway by the U.S. Forest Service. The route has also been designated as part of the Great River Road in Arkansas.

The State Highway ends at Bear Creek Lake and from that point south to Helena/West Helena it is known as Forest Development Road 1900. The route has long been recognized as one of the most scenic drives in Eastern Arkansas. It crosses the heavily wooded crest of Crowley's Ridge and provides access to Bear Creek Lake and its recreation area; Storm Creek Lake and its recreation area; the St. Francis River, Mississippi River, L'Anguille River and spectacular views from Crowley's Ridge Lookout.

Dignitaries from three states were joined by a band, scouts, and other nature lovers on October 19 to dedicate the route as the St. Francis Scenic Byway. The event was sponsored by the Phillips County Chamber of Commerce, Marianna/Lee County Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Forest Service.





Sherwood Interchange Subject of Public Hearing

A proposal designed to ease traffic congestion at the Wildwood Road Interchange on U.S. Highway 67/167 in Sherwood was met with approval by about 100 residents and merchants of the area at a public hearing held September 7. The hearing took place at the Heritage Corporate Center located near the interchange.

The proposed project consists of reconstructing the overpass structures on 67/167 crossing Wildwood Road, reconstructing the frontage roads on the east side of the highway and constructing new exit and entrance ramps for the northbound lanes of the highway.

Roadway Design Division Head Paul DeBusk explained to the crowd that the new interchange would be "very similar to the McCain Boulevard Interchange" located about two miles north of the Wildwood Interchange on Highway 67/167. "Approximately 52,000 vehicles travel south and 49,000 travel north each day on that stretch of road," DeBusk said, "and an estimated 15,000 motorists utilize Wildwood Road. We estimate that those figures will increase by 60% in the next 20 years," he commented.

The project will cause the displacement of four businesses currently located at the interchange. Although none of the businesses were looking forward to moving, they all seemed to understand the necessity of it. "We don't want to move. We like it here," said Ray Dyson, co-owner of North Point Mazda Used Cars. "But I agree that the traffic is bad and something needs to be done. I just wish we didn't have to move."

The reconstruction of the Wildwood Road Interchange is one phase of a three-part plan to help ease the traffic congestion on Highway 67/167. Also planned is the widening of 67/167 to three lanes in each direction from Interstate 40 to Jacksonville and the widening of Wildwood Road to five lanes between Country Club Road in Sherwood and Highway 67/167.

New Section of Highway 71 Opens

The relocation of Highway 71 in Northwest Arkansas moved a step closer to completion October 13 with the dedication of a 1.5-mile section from Rogers to Highway 102 at Bentonville. All that remains to complete the four-lane highway from Fayetteville to the Missouri State Line is the paving of approximately six miles from Highway 102 to Bella Vista. A contract for base and surfacing will be let in early 1990 for that project.

Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper of Springdale told the crowd gathered at the Highway 102 overpass that "we've giant stepped today." He thanked the people of Northwest Arkansas for being so patient over the years as the Department moved through the various stages of preparation for the highway. "There was a time (in the early 1970's) when public hearings were held and not one single person got up to speak in favor of building this highway. Well... times have changed, and I'm glad they did," he said.

Work began in 1981 on the interchange of the new highway with the Highway 71 Bypass at Fayetteville. Since that time, nearly \$55 million has been spent to construct the four-lane, divided highway from Fayetteville to Highway 102, Hopper said.

Bentonville Mayor Steve Bertschy recognized the event as "another landmark for us... we can already see the effect," he said, referring to the increased traffic at the Highway 102/62 exit.

Rogers Mayor John Sampier pointed out the importance of a good transportation system in the area. He noted that Benton County is the fourth largest county in the State and ranks second in per capita income. He said Rogers is the 13th largest city and has registered the top population increase in the State. He said such growth cannot continue without "adequate transportation."

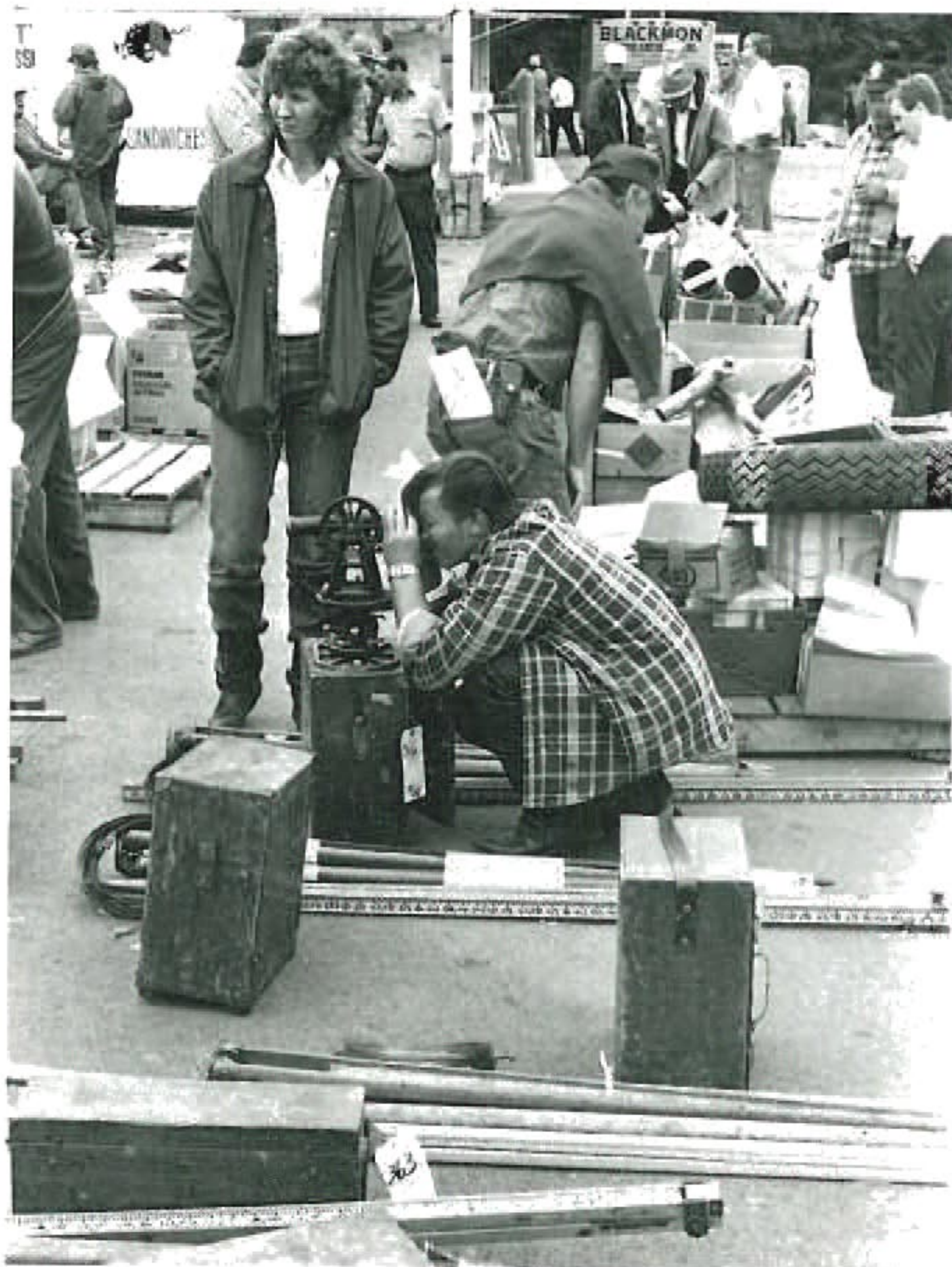


Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper of Springdale cuts the ribbon officially opening the new section of Highway 71.

WHAT'S YOUR BID?

How would you like to have about 1200 people show up for your garage sale?

That's about how many turned out for the annual AHTD surplus equipment auction held October 17 at the Central Shop Complex in Little Rock.



Not everyone who showed up for the auction took part in the bidding for the parts and equipment, but by 3:00 p.m. everything up for sale had been sold. All in all, 397 "lots" of items had been auctioned off for approximately \$400,000. Some lots consisted of only one item, but others included dozens of tires or parts which were sold together.

Blackmon Auctions' Inc., of Little Rock, who have conducted 12 of the last 16 AHTD sales, again conducted this year's event. Brothers Tom and Jim Blackmon alternated as the auctioneer and were assisted by several ringmen, whose primary responsibility is to "work" the crowd to produce higher bids.

"These guys are real professionals," said Doug Neilsen, Assistant Division Head of Equipment and Procurement, referring to the Blackmon organization. "They do a real good, professional job." The auction began at 10:00 a.m. and was completed in approximately five hours.

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Sold at the sale were items which had served their useful life and were due for replacement, items which had become obsolete, and some which simply no longer worked. Everything from scrap iron and used tires to tractors and dump trucks was actioned off. Equipment dealers, contractors, and used car dealers made up the majority of the crowd. Many of the participants came from out of state to hunt for bargains. The general public is invited to the auctions as well, and several persons attending hoping to pick up a good deal on a second-hand car or truck.



THE PHOTOGRAMMETRY SECTION: Using The Newest Technology To Meet Today's Demands

The Photogrammetry Section of the Surveys Division has undergone numerous changes since its creation in 1967. Beginning with a combination aerial photographer/photolab technician the Section now is authorized 13 fulltime positions, although normally only 10 or 11 are filled at any one time. The old, twin-engine Aero Commander aircraft used in the early days by the Department has been replaced by a Cessna 206, which has been retrofitted for handling an aerial camera.

Some of you may be asking, "What is photogrammetry?" Simply stated, it is the science of making reliable measurements from photographs. In the case of the AHTD, this means measurements from aerial photographs.

When the first aerial photographs were taken, the film was sent to a commercial lab for processing. The Section began doing its own film processing and printing upon the completion of the Photogrammetry Building in 1968 and purchased the first stereoplotter in late 1969 for compilation of location and design drawings. The building was enlarged in 1973 and two additional stereoplotters were purchased to handle the increasing work load.

The Section is responsible for obtaining all aerial photography utilized by the Department. This amounts to an average of 30 rolls of film per year with one roll containing about 275 exposures. Over the years nearly 175,000 exposures have been taken, according to Larry Fenton, Section Head.



The biggest user of aerial photography has always been the Mapping Section of the Planning Division for the compilation and update of maps in their city and county mapping program. The next biggest user of the photographs is the Photogrammetry Section itself for the stereocompilation of location and design mapping.



"Our aerial photography is flown in such a manner that a photograph will overlap the preceding photograph by about 60%," Fenton said. "When viewed through a stereoscope or in a stereoplotter, this overlap area can be observed in three-dimensional form. This method of viewing is necessary in order to obtain accurate horizontal and vertical measurements," he said.

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Accuracy involves more than just the three-dimensional viewing. In order to produce a map at a given scale, it is necessary to know the scale of the photograph, which is determined by the altitude of the aircraft. To determine an accurate scale, it is necessary to obtain both horizontal and vertical control within the 60% overlap area. This is done by running elevations to and obtaining measurements between points which are identified on both the photograph and the ground. These points can be existing features or targets. Targets are placed on predetermined locations prior to flying the photography. They can be of a material placed on the ground or can be painted on pavement.

The production capability of the section was increased in 1976 with the purchase of a Wild Heerbrugg B-8S optical train stereoplotter. Not only was the production increased, but the accuracy was also increased since it eliminated the error of the projection lens.

The following year saw a further enhancement with the purchase of a supplementary control marking instrument. This eliminated much of the previously required ground control with no adverse effect on accuracy.

The most drastic change for the section occurred in 1985. "With the purchase of a Wild Heerbrugg BC-2 analytical stereoplotter, our compilation unit entered the computer age," Fenton said.

In mid-1987, the Computer Services Division entered into a contract with the Intergraph Corporation for the installation of a Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) system. "Our first piece of equipment was an analog interface for the B-8S stereoplotter. Then in 1988, we installed an Intermap Analytical Stereoplotter and an Interact 32C work station," Fenton said.

All map compilation is now being done in a graphics mode on the B-8S and the Intermap Analytic. It is edited on the Interact 32C before being transmitted to the main frame computer for the various design units.

These changes in technology have enabled the Photogrammetry Section to keep up with the increasing demand for aerial photography and the accompanying demand for accuracy in highway location and design mapping.



ARKANSAS STATE FAIR

50th Anniversary

Department Sponsors Booth in Hall of Industry

The 50th Anniversary of the Arkansas State Fair attracted record crowds of over 380,000 people October 6-15. Many of those people spent a great deal of time going through the Hall of Industry Building to view the many exhibits, one of which was sponsored by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

Although a traffic count was not taken at the booth, volunteer workers noted that they stayed busy throughout the day answering questions and passing out highway maps, litter bags, and an assortment of literature informing the public about the Department and its responsibilities.

The Arkansas Highway Police Division also had literature available and furnished officers to assist in working the booth.

By far, the most popular item at the booth was the Arkansas State Highway Map. Approximately 15,000 of the maps were handed out. Over 7,500 litter bags were also picked up by booth visitors. Another popular item was the Adopt-A-Highway brochure. Several dozen people filled out a form requesting more information about the program and expressed an interest in adopting a highway section for litter control.



Highway and Transportation Department employees greeted thousands of citizens during the 10-day Arkansas State Fair.

AHTD LETTERS

September 6, 1989

William Tyler
District 3 Engineer
Hope, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Tyler:

The Board of Directors of the Hope-Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce would like to express their appreciation for the support the Hope office of the Arkansas Highway Department has given us in preparing for the 1989 Watermelon Festival.

Your efforts in cleaning up the highways was noticed by visitors and area citizens. We thank you again for your part in making the 1989 Festival a success.

Sincerely,
Lester Sitzes, III
President

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AHTD District 8
Russellville, Arkansas

The paving and widening on Highway 64 is great. Not only does it improve the appearance of our downtown area, but it has relieved some of the traffic problems at Main and Church Streets. This is appreciated by me and others who use this intersection daily.

Thanks,
Nina Moss
Atkins, Arkansas

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August 21, 1989

AHTD District 3
Hope, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

First I want to commend you for the age and quality of the men you are hiring and have working in District 3. Lately I've been fortunate enough to become acquainted with six or seven of these men. All of these men are hard working and of sterling quality individuals.

I suffer from a very severe chronic and uncontrollable heart disease. I became deeply indebted to two of the young men on August 19, at about 8 a.m., who without a doubt saved my life. These men were Stan Whatley and Dewayne Rosenbaum. I was in my yard, on Rosston Road, when I completely blacked out. Later being awakened by my face being washed and my head cushioned from the concrete drive by these young men wearing AHTD caps (instead of doctor's and nurse's masks) who in turn treated

me with all the compassion that anyone could expect until such time as I could be safely left. For these men's help and treatment I will always be indebted. These men were not summoned, but acted on their own, voluntary initiative.

Sincerely,
Tom Simpson
Hope, Arkansas

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September 28, 1989

Lawrence Fletcher
District 8 Engineer
Russellville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

I wanted to write you a letter to show my appreciation for the road work your employees did at Lake Dardanelle State Park. The state agencies of Arkansas often don't receive the credit they deserve when they assist the public and other state agencies.

I wanted you to know that the road crew of Mr. Jim Sigler was very professional to me, and more importantly to the visitors of the park. The crew never closed or blocked the roads, and the registered park campers were able to return to their campsites without any problems. This reflects back on the courtesy of the crew and shows a positive image from the employees who work for the State of Arkansas.

I personally appreciate the road maintenance which the State Parks couldn't have afforded with our present operation budget due to statewide reductions.

Once again, please thank Mr. Sigler and his crew for a job very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jonathan C. Brown
Superintendent II
Lake Dardanelle State Park

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August 23, 1989

Mr. David Carmack
AHTD District 3
Pencil Bluff, Arkansas

David:

The Caddo Hills School District and Board of Directors certainly appreciate your efforts on the right of way repair in front of school on Highway 8.

Your work has enhanced the visual beauty of the district and is appreciated by the entire community. Many thanks to you and your employees for your fine work.

Sincerely,
Joe Bass
Superintendent of Schools

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September 17, 1989

Mr. Raymond Pritchett
Chairman, Arkansas Highway Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

Just want to say "thank you" for having such fine personable people at your visitor stations. My wife and I had an opportunity and need to stop for information a few times. Once entering Arkansas from Memphis, another near Mountain View and one other place, we found the ladies

exceptionally pleasant, cheerful and helpful. They actually made you believe they were happy we came to Arkansas to visit.

I must say we found your roads clearly marked and almost free of potholes. It truly was a great vacation and I must day your people and the road system played a great part in making it so nice.

Respectfully,
Jim Mathieson
Nashville, Tennessee

AHTD SERVICE AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 1989

35 Years

Patsy J. Downing Equip. & Proc.

30 Years

Coy Campbell, Jr. District 7
Monte Deakins District 6
Paul J. Elcan Planning
Thomas L. Lindsey District 7

25 Years

Allan L. Holmes Const. & Maint.
Ronald A. Jones District 9
Gary J. Lewis Const. & Maint.
Donald R. Phillips District 10
Roy D. Pitts District 5
James F. Taylor Const. & Maint.
Terrell Watts M&R

20 Years

Earl Bragg District 10
James P. Branscum District 5
James P. Griffis District 7
Leland H. Halcomb District 8
Jimmy H. Hill District 8
Vinie M. Holt District 3
Norma J. McKinney District 5
Burl D. Robertson District 2
Brad J. Sneed District 6

15 Years

Kennie S. Birch Const. & Maint.
Troy E. Brown District 8
Harold O. Carr District 5
Charles C. Core District 9
Mary E. Gibson Legal
Olen E. Gunter District 6
Denver A. Hardman District 6
Dennis L. Herren District 10
Kenneth M. Hiley Right of Way
Ray S. Hughes, Jr. District 7
Joe B. Hurst District 8
Boyce E. Martin AHP
James W. McLeod State Aid
Bruce G. Murph, Jr. District 7
Havis L. Rackley District 8
Charles R. Rainey State Aid
London H. Sabb Right of Way
William E. Shipp District 8
Ronald G. Stanfill District 9
Jimmy C. Stinson District 4
Jerry W. Watson District 3
Marion G. Williams Planning

10 Years

Larry D. Alexander District 2
Melissa A. Asbille District 6
Jerry R. Biffle District 8
Johnnie L. Bolden District 1
John S. Burch District 4
Eddy K. Bush AHP
James Chronister, Jr. District 8
Don D. Clark District 6
Thomas M. Collins District 6
Edward L. Condrey Surveys
Otis Cunningham District 2
Gearld W. Cupler District 5
Thomas S. Doolin Planning
Ronald G. Eaton District 10
Thomas J. Fife District 5
Vernon A. Fisher District 2
Larry G. Hall District 1
Steve A. Harris M&R
Mark E. Holloman E&P
Leonard A. Johnson District 2
Alva C. Jordan District 9
William L. Kerst District 3
Robert J. Massengale District 9
Danny J. Morran District 4
Terry D. Mullins District 2
Dwight L. Owen District 7
Larry R. Payne Const. & Maint.
Richard A. Ranson District 6
Jean Scarlett Human Resources
Statin M. Shockley District 10
Phillip L. Stroud District 8
Vivian S. Taff District 4
Charlie Tittle District 1
George H. Tyson District 1
Ray E. Vincent District 2

5 Years

Jeffrey C. Bell Const. & Maint.
Jimmy D. Finley District 6
Robert S. Glover District 4
Stanley D. Griffin AHP
Tony A. Harrison District 6
Jesse T. James District 6
Gary C. Jewell District 4
Ronnie L. Martin District 5
Janet D. Mays District 7
Ronnie W. Melton District 4
Emanuel R. Moore District 6
Jesse J. Nellan District 6
Dawsey J. Poindexter District 3
Rickey E. Powell District 1
Harvey N. Roberson District 8

Bobby D. Roetzel District 5
David A. Stuart District 3
Sharon A. Sumpter AHP
Ned H. Ward AHP
Larry D. Watson District 5
Johnny D. Willcutt District 8

OCTOBER 1989

30 Years

Dale F. Loe Bridge
Joe G. Watkins District 2

25 Years

Ted M. Carr District 2
Howard E. Harper District 9
Charles L. Tully District 6

20 Years

Charles L. Barrett District 10
John E. Beasley District 7
George E. Bounds, Jr. District 7
Lois G. Clements District 1
David W. Dodson District 9
Emma L. Galyean Human Resources
Charles E. Sherwood Bridge
Percy A. Walker District 7

15 Years

Barney G. Berry District 8
Carolyn J. Bobo Computer Services
Harold C. Brezler District 5
Reuben C. Carter District 6
James C. Chalk District 2
Freddie G. Evans District 6
William A. Keeling District 9
William E. Kendall District 2
Russell D. Overall District 9
Ron Price Const. & Maint.
Brian F. Schwartz District 9
Gerald E. Stockton District 4
Michael J. Tackett State Aid
Billy Joe Walker District 5
Eldon G. Watson District 9

10 Years

Theodore Bradford District 2
Joel D. Clark ROW
Terry Green AHP
Wayne P. Hay District 10
George B. Hicks District 9
Verna G. Higgins Prog. & Conts.
Charles A. Hooper District 10
Vella Jeffrey District 1

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David L. Mayberry Const. & Maint.
 Gary W. Neely M&R
 Melanie P. Owen District 2
 Garry L. Plunk District 3
 Karen A. Rankin E&P
 Colleen E. Vines AHP
 Mark W. Voyles District 6
 Ellie L. Watson M&R

5 Years

Floyd R. Baker District 6
 Marilyn E. Barrett District 7
 William E. Bundren District 1
 Janice G. Bush AHP
 James C. Campbell Traffic
 Ronnie D. Clark District 3
 Harlan Colbert District 2
 Geoffrey C. Cupples District 1
 Roger A. Davis District 4
 Larry W. Fuches District 2
 James A. Hardnett District 2
 Elbert C. Hawkins District 10
 Ronnie N. Hinkle District 10
 Joe L. Hudson District 10
 W.C. Inman District 10
 Charles E. Jones Human Resources
 William H. Kniss District 2
 Willie E. Leming District 4
 Michael W. McConnell District 1
 Terri R. McNeal District 8
 Earl Metcalf District 8
 Merbert Milon Jr. District 5
 Jerry R. Morrow District 10
 Rickey F. Oxner District 1
 Chicita M. Pate Equip. & Proc.
 Jerry Pondexter District 6
 Kenneth E. Price District 9
 Ronney M. Rabeneck District 2
 Jimmy C. Smith District 3
 Joseph H. Stone District 3
 Lonnie D. Tribble District 10

Lanny R. Utley District 1
 Jefferson Wade District 2
 James E. Walker District 5
 Willie Weekly District 3
 Bobbie N. White Traffic
 Charles L. Williams District 1
 David L. Woodall District 6

NOVEMBER 1989

30 Years

Charles L. Boyd District 8
 Charles E. Venable Chief Engineer

20 Years

George L. Lindsey District 7
 Otis D. Mason District 10
 Donald Westbrook District 3
 Carl White District 10

15 Years

Robert E. Barnett Surveys
 Danny C. Cummings District 3
 Thomas Greenway M&R
 Donald P. Lee District 9
 John H. McLaughlin District 4
 Billy J. Reynolds District 2
 Raymond Woodruff District 1

10 Years

Perry L. Bledsoe District 2
 Coy G. Clayborn District 3
 Travis R. Glass District 7
 Ray D. Hook District 9
 Kimmy L. Lowrance District 8
 Garland D. Stokes District 6
 Geraldine Waddell District 7

5 Years

Billy L. Biggs District 6
 Danny K. Deal District 7
 Jeffrey P. Featherston District 3

Odean Garner Planning
 Willie A. Gammon AHP
 Grover C. Garrison District 6
 Johnie M. Goodman District 5
 Angela J. Hall Fiscal Services
 Tina L. Horton Const. & Maint.
 Kenneth W. Kinney District 9
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 Mary J. Lanham P&C
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 Jimmie L. Ruffin District 1
 Darron A. Tytler District 8

AHTD RETIREES

JULY 1989

Emanuel DeLong District 9
 Ernest A. James District 5
 Billy D. Luster District 5
 Charlie B. Mahan District 9
 Thomas R. Walter AHP

AUGUST 1989

Lee Roy Bratton District 3
 Jacob M. Schmidt District 5

SEPTEMBER 1989

Joyce J. (Jeannie) Barrett Right of Way
 Guy Branscum District 5

Around the Department

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Gary Joe Lewis, Section Head of Final Estimates, celebrated 25 years of service in September. Also Kennie Birch celebrated 15 years and Larry Payne 10 years. They were presented Certificates of Service and pins by Division Head Allan Holmes and a coffee in their honor was held afterwards.



Gary Joe Lewis, Allan Holmes, Kennie Birch and Larry Payne

We would also like to congratulate Mr. Holmes, Bill Mulhollen, Assistant Maintenance Engineer, and Jim Taylor, Section Head of Radio Communications, on their 25 years of service with the Department. Also Karen Turner and Frank Russenberger observed 15 years of service in August.



Frank Russenberger, Allan Holmes and Karen Turner

The Assembly of God Church in Cabot was the setting for the marriage of Rita Fleming and Darrell McCoy on September 29. Her brother, Rev. Larry Barnett, officiated. Honor attendants were their children.

Rita was presented a gift certificate from the Division and a lingerie shower was hosted by Tina Adams and Annette Stanton. Our best wishes to the new couple.



Rita and Darrell McCoy

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W.L. McIlroy's retirement party was held May 31 at Ozark where he was crew leader in a bridge crew. All your friends miss you and wish you the best of luck.



W.L. McIlroy

FISCAL SERVICES

We would like to welcome Reda Moore to our division. Reda transferred from Computer Services to the Tax Unit. Welcome Reda!

We will miss Rhonda Cothran of the Regulatory Unit. She started back to college this fall and we wish her the best of luck.

Les Perry's son, Mark, was married July 28 to Pam Moix. We wish them many years of happiness.

Teresa Worstell and Rita Ross have the same exciting news. They are both engaged to be married. Rita is engaged to Monty Norris of Arkadelphia and they plan to be married November 3. Teresa is engaged to David Knudson of El Paso, Texas. They have set December 23 as the big day. Congratulations!

Judy Prewitt and her husband, Charles, took a trip to Kansas City for the annual Central State Shrine Association Convention. At the convention Charles did alot of clowning around and came out in 2nd place in the Shrine Tramp Competition. Congratulations Charles!

This nice looking young man is Ryan Shell, son of J.R. and Barbara Shell. Ryan is 11 years old and attends the Anthony School. Ryan keeps his mother on the go with all of his extracurricular activities. Some of them include tennis, piano, choir, Cotillion, and soccer.



Ryan Shell

This charming young lady is Monica Martin, daughter of Gary and Betty Martin. Monica is 9 years old and attends Magnet Cove Elementary

School. She is in the gifted and talented at her school and is a Girl Scout.



Monica Martin

HUMAN RESOURCES

On Saturday, August 12, the Human Resources Division employees and families gathered at Maumelle State Park for a hamburger cookout.

After burgers and homemade ice cream, an intense game of volleyball took place. Although there was never an agreement on which team actually won, everyone had a great time.

Those employees receiving service awards were Emma Galyean, 20 years in October, and Randy Womack and Jean Scarlett, 10 years in September.



Randy Womack and Jane Wilson

The Human Resources Division would like to welcome all of the Cooperative Education students working at the Department during the 1989-90 school term. Assisting this division are Shannon Black, Cristy Cook, Stacy Curtis, Monica Debro and Michelle Walker.

We wish to congratulate Darby Wilson, daughter of Division Head Jane Wilson, on the distinguished honor of graduating Cum Laude at Hendrix College in Conway.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Vicki and Jon Haydon were simply elated when twin sons were born to them on August 11 at Baptist Medical Center. The boys weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces and 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Their names are Jon Robert and Michael Thomas and they are identical. Vicki brought the boys to the office on September 27 and they have certainly grown and are fine looking fel-

lows. Congratulations to Vicki and Jon.

Debra Kinslow, senior external auditor, left the Department in August to work for a private company in Irving, Texas. She was treated to lunch at Chili's by fellow co-workers. We wish her much luck and success on her new job.

Robert L. Jones, senior internal auditor, received his 5 year service pin and certificate on August 30. The presentation was made by Bill McDorman in the presence of fellow co-workers. Congratulations Robert for your loyal and dedicated service.



Robert Jones and Bill McDorman

MATERIALS AND RESEARCH

Congratulations to service award recipients Bob Kessinger, 30 years; Pat Gee, 15 years; Bill Wall, 20 years; Cathy Haley, 5 years; Jim Martens, 10 years. Division Head Jim Gee made the presentations.



M&R Service Awards: (L-R) Kessinger, Pat Gee, Wall, Haley, Martens, and Jim Gee

On August 10, the M&R employees honored Elmo Fennell with a retirement luncheon at Western Sizzlin. Elmo began his 18 year-career with the AHTD in 1971 as a materials technician and in 1979 was promoted to Geotechnical Party Chief where he spent 10 years in the lab and field exploration capacities. Co-workers and many friends presented Elmo with a gift certificate from a sporting goods store. We all miss Elmo and hope he has an enjoyable and long lasting retirement.



Elmo Fennell

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Several personnel changes have happened in M&R. Paul Simms transferred to the Planning Division; Sam Kizer was promoted to Geotechnical Drill Party Chief; Danny Jones transferred from Construction to become a District Lab Technician; O.P. Wiggins is now the District 1 Lab Tech; and new Geotechnical Aides are Robert McCartney and Steven Holland.

A sad and ominous event took place this past August as Donna McGohee started on her third score of life. Entertainment was provided by Class Acts of Jacksonville during her lunch break.

Wade Holdcraft, of the soils lab, bagged a nice spike with his crossbow the second day of the state's archery season. Congratulations Wade.

Division Head Jim Gee is proud to announce the graduation of his daughter, Amanda, from Hall High School in Little Rock. She is presently attending the U of A at Fayetteville where she will actively pursue a degree in Environmental Engineering.



Amanda Gee

Jennifer and Cindy Bryant and their horse, Rockets Princess, attended their first state horse show over the Labor Day weekend. Jennifer and Cindy are the daughters of Lewis Bryant, analytical chemist for M&R.



Jennifer and Cindy Bryant

PLANNING DIVISION

Congratulations to Paul Elcan for his 30 years of service. A reception was held in Paul's

honor September 22 where Division Head Bryan Davis presented Paul with his service pin.



Bryan Davis and Paul Elcan

Three other service award presentations were made by Jim Head of Technical Services to Marion "Willie" Williams for 15 years of service, Steve Doolin for 10 years, and Julia Hart for 5 years. Congratulations to all.



Marion "Willie" Williams and Jim Head



Steve Doolin

Julia Hart

We welcome Tom Black to our Technical Services Section. Tom transferred from the Hydraulics Section of the Surveys Division and will be conducting studies using traffic and truck data.



Tom Black

Margarita and Wayne E. Olive are the proud parents of Wayne E. Olive II who was born February 1. A baby shower was held in Map Sales for Margarita. There was plenty of food, gifts and great fun. Congratulations!



Wayne E. Olive II

Melvin Moss participated in the Province VII Youth Event which was held in June at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas. The event is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese throughout the U.S. and Melvin was invited to be a Youth Facilitator.

We miss two of our summer employees, Christy Moore and Shelly North, who have returned to school. We wish them the very best.

Congratulations to Roy Walden who received a 1988-89 Triple Trophy Award from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for harvesting a deer by three methods: modern gun, primitive gun, and archery. He has been trying for this award since its inception in 1984. What's next? How about a pistol?

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

The Programming and Scheduling Section of P&C would like to congratulate Debbie Barclay on her completion of 15 years of service with the Department. Debbie and her family recently enjoyed a vacation in Orlando, Florida seeing all the sites at Disney World, Epcot, and MGM. One of the highlights for her oldest daughter, Ginie, was seeing the popular vocal group "New Kids on the Block". Debbie's favorite part of the whole trip was the hot tubs. I guess we better not ask any questions!



Mike Sobren and Debbie Barclay

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Josh, Toney, Douglas and Gine Barclay

Vonda Shell and her husband also visited Disney World, Epcot and MGM Studios in Florida and stayed a few nights at Fort Walton Beach.

Verna and Randy Higgins spent their vacation in Galveston, Texas. Besides touring the sailing ship "Elissa" as pictured, they went to Seawolf Park, rode a ferry, shopped in historic downtown Galveston, and went swimming in the salty ocean. A nice relaxing time was said to have occurred.



Verna Higgins

For those of you out in the District that are wondering how Mike Sebren is adapting - just fine. We were afraid Mike might put on a few pounds since he moved into the office after several years in the field, but we were surprised recently to catch him in his office taking a fitness break. We didn't notice any flab on his calves, do you? Keep up the good work Sebren!



Mike Sebren

Roy, Marian, and Jamie Douglas spent their vacation traveling around south Missouri from west to east. The first few days were spent at Silver Dollar City and Bass Pro Shops. They

then traveled to Piedmont and stayed a few days with Marian's brother and his wife. On their way home they ate at Lambert's Cafe in Sikeston, "Home of the Throated Rolls". If you haven't eaten there Roy said it is worth your trip. Roy also hit a major turning point in his life, the big 4-0! We did our best to make sure this day was well known within the Department. Marian topped it off with a surprise party at their home. We would also like to show off the latest picture of Jamie!



Roy Douglas



Jamie Douglas

ROADWAY DESIGN

Summer is gone and Fall is here and it was a great summer for Roadway Design employees. Bill and Sharon Duncan took an Alaskan Cruise, aboard ship for seven days. They were fortunate to be able to see a lot of nature, including hump-back whales feeding between the ship and land, bald eagles, seals and many more beautiful sights nature gives to us. Bill said this was one of the most enjoyable things in his life and would love to do it again.

George Gray Major and his family also went to Alaska for 17 days. They were at Kakhanok native village on Lake Iliamna in the Bristle Bay Region of southwest Alaska. George's wife's Uncle Pete Eknaty will be arriving in Arkansas in October for a visit, at least through the winter. This will be his first trip out of Alaska.

When a bouquet of flowers arrived on the sixth floor October 2, Cindy Webb ran down the hall to the elevator and said "Those flowers are mine." The guy said "OK". That day was Cindy and Mike's 7th Anniversary. The flowers were hers!

DISTRICT TWO

We have had several personnel changes take place recently in District 2. Tommy Simmons has been promoted to Assistant Maintenance Superintendent. He is a 17-year Department employee and a native of Pine Bluff. Linda Faulkenberry is our new Fuel Clerk. Formerly from Batesville, Linda has been with AHTD 2 years. She and her husband, Bob, have two sons, Troy and Scott. Our new resident engineer at McGehee is Scott Mullis. He is a civil engineering graduate from the U of A at Fayetteville, is married, and has two children. Scott formerly worked in the Monticello RE office until his promotion. Congratulations to all.



Linda Faulkenberry



Scott Mullis

A baby shower was held recently for Cindy Plunkett, our receptionist, by the district office employees. Cindy was thrilled with her gifts and she said she really needed the stroller.



Cindy Plunkett

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Shown below are two of our future "highway people". Cody Slater, son of Stockroom Supervisor Kelly and Denise Slater, looks real good in his AHTD shirt. Kelly couldn't wait until Cody was big enough to wear the shirt. Christopher Harris wants to learn to flag and was trying out for the job. He is 4 years old and the grandson of Pat Wheeler-Lick. Pat, all he needs is a flag! Pat works in the Maintenance Crew in Monticello.



Cody Slater



Christopher Harris

"Going Away Parties" were given for two of our district employees recently. James Wolfe, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, left the Department after 17 years of service to work in private industry and Stefanie Hawkins, fuel clerk, resigned after 5 years of service.



Stefanie Hawkins



James Wolfe and Jim Albritton

Congratulations to Ernie Westfall, who recently received his 15 year service award. Ten year service certificates were presented to E.L. "Dink" Lybrand, Larry Alexander, Otis Cunningham, Veron Fisher, T.D. Mullins, L.A. Johnson and R.E. Vincent. V.C. Smith also received his 5 year certificate. Congratulation to all. We appreciate the years of service.



Jim Briley and Ernie Westfall



Larry Alexander and Barney Herring



Otis Cunningham and Barney Herring

Welcome to several new District Two shop employees. Shown in the picture are Martin Geissler, James Edney, Ed White, James Anderson and Tom Whitman.



District 2 Shop Employees

DISTRICT THREE

Congratulations to the following employees for their recently service awards: David Stuart, D.J. Poindexter and Vic Biddle, 5 years; Bill Kerst, Eddie Carter, Karen Clayton, Patti Clowers and W.C. Cobb, 10 years; Randall Cato, Jerry Watson and Glen Hendrix, 15 years; and Vinie Holt and Larry Nine, 20 years.



William Tyler and Vinie Holt



J.R. Whitehurst and T.W. Cleghorn



Weldon Garrison and J.R. Whitehurst

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G.E. (Waylon) Gennings and J.R. Whitehurst



Mike Flowers and J.R. Whitehurst



J.R. Whitehurst and Eddie Carter



W.C. Cobb and J.R. Whitehurst

With the arrival of fall comes the hunting season, but several local hunters couldn't wait for Arkansas' season to begin so they went to Colorado to try their luck on mule deer and elk. AHTD employees Bobby Calhoun, Randall Cato, Wendell Murry and Roger Massie made the trip with some friends and really enjoyed themselves. So much that one of the four seriously considered going back a week later with another group.

Pictured are the beautiful children of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Driggers of Bonnerdale. Ronald is Lead Person in the Pike County Crew.

Also pictured are the adorable children of Debbie Caster of the District Office.



Allen, Courtney and Justin Driggers



Trey and Jessica Caster

DISTRICT FOUR

Congratulations to all of our service award recipients this quarter. They were: Tom Trotter and Kenneth Trotter, 20 years; J.C. Stinson, G.W. West and G.B. Stukey, 15 years; Danny Morran and Vivian Taff, 10 years; Ronnie Melton, Steve Glover, Pauletta Sosebee, Gary Jewell and Steve Burch, 5 years.



David Becker and Tommy Trotter



Kenneth Trotter and David Becker



Leon Brewer and G.B. Stukey



Aubrey Bowen and Steve Burch



Ronnie Melton and Steve Glover

Congratulations to Area Foreman Hershel Henry and the Polk County Crew for receiving the honor of Crew of the Quarter for April, May and June.



Hershel Henry and Carl Sanders

Lots of baseball and softball this past summer.

Tiffany Palmer, daughter of Johnny Palmer, played on the Fort Smith Mustangs team and they won the 9 and 10 year old National Softball Tournament held in Enid, Oklahoma.

Tara Lang, daughter of Steve Lang, recently made history. The Pepsi Stars won first place in league play, first place in the district tournament and first place in the state tournament. The state tournament was held at Bryant and was the first major tournament for the 8-year and under girls. Tara is on the front row, second from the right. Congratulations girls!

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Tiffany Palmer

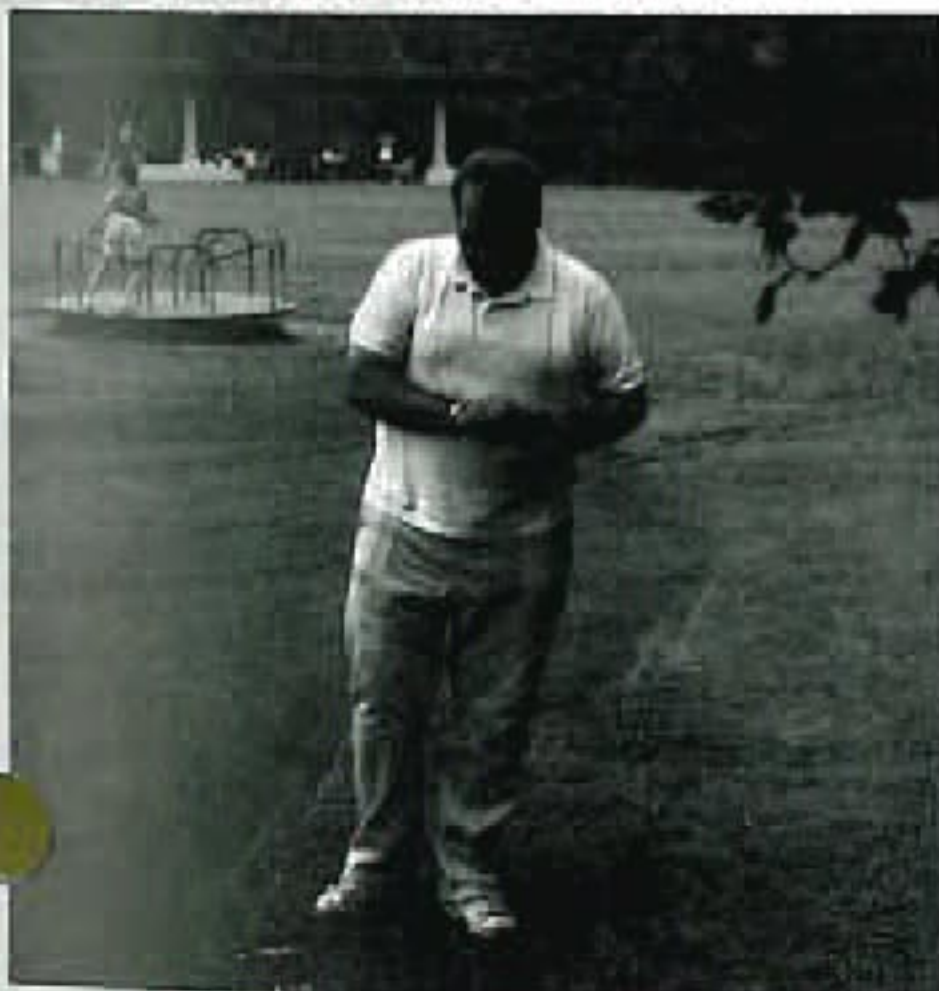


The Popel Stars

A districtwide picnic was held in early summer at Ben Geren Park in Fort Smith. There was a good turn out and everyone had a great time. There was volleyball, horseshoes, and some even played with their cars. Hopefully this can be an annual event.



A good time was had by all at the District 4 Picnic



Joe Shipman test drives a "car" at the picnic.

Jason McDowell, son of Kim McDowell, recently caught this 5 3/4 pound bass that was 22 1/2 inches long. This beauty now hangs proudly in Dad's office next to his big catch!



Jason McDowell

David and Darin Williams, sons of Nan Williams, have been active in the county and district fairs showing their cattle. Darin won a blue ribbon and Grand Champion on his crossbred heifer. David won a blue ribbon on his steer and sold it in the Junior Livestock Auction. David also won a blue ribbon and Grand Champion on a photograph he took at the Grand Canyon while on vacation this summer. They also entered several items each in the gardening, horticulture and craft division and won blue ribbons.



Darin Williams

Doyle Faubus, son of Bud Faubus, participated in the State 4-H O'Rama at the University of Arkansas on August 2-3. Doyle won a trophy in the shooting sports competition.

Rachel Tuman, storeroom supervisor, recently competed in a quilt show at the Ozark Native Craft Shop in Winslow. Rachel won third place out of approximately 200 quilts and she has only been quilting for about a year and a half.

Recently there was a golf tournament at the big city of Ratcliff. There were four employees from District 8 and one from Highway Police that joined the District 4 golf pros Gene Roberts, Nick Mings, David Becker, Hershel Henry, Ed McLaughlin, Paul Banzhaf, Jerry Montgomery, Ed Slaughterbeck, George Lee, Clifton Beavers and Rusty Smith. There have been many tall tales about 3 woods and 4 woods, barns and billboards hit, but what about the holes? They say

the teams were fairly evenly matched and scores ran and ran and ran. . . too bad there wasn't a video camera somewhere around that day!

After participating since March in local horse shows, Rebecca Libby qualified her father's registered Appaloosa gelding, Mio Amigo, for the Arkansas State Championship Horse Show. The show was held in Little Rock over Labor Day and Rebecca competed in Senior Pole Bending and Keyhole. Rebecca's father, John Libby, raises registered Appaloosas on his farm near Greenwood, and in her spare time, Rebecca, who also attends Westark Community College, works with him to train and show his horses.



Mio Amigo

Mark Williams, District 4 Bridge Superintendent, went to Colorado to Elk hunt with a bow and arrow in September and came home with this nice 5x5 that weighed about 850 pounds.



Mark Williams

Welcome to Jeff Jones who recently transferred to the District Bridge Inspection team from Construction and to Faith Hopper, our new student who works in the storeroom.



Jeff Jones

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DISTRICT FIVE

District Five has several pictures of our children and grandchildren to share this time.

Kayla Marie Lancaster is the first grandchild of retiree Floyd Lancaster and his wife, Phyllis. She was 2 1/2 months old when this picture was taken. Her parents are Rocky and Lisa. Floyd and Phyllis just completed a new home in Newport and they visit us occasionally but not often enough.



Kayla Marie Lancaster

Erica Kay Bolin is the first grandchild of Independence County Area Foreman Bobby and Mary Lou Bolin. She was born March 28 weighing 7 lbs. and 1 oz. Her parents are Randy and Mariesa. She also has an uncle, Steve Hampton, who works in the Leggett Residency.



Erica Kay Bolin

Cassie Jo Vannatter, age 2, won Prize Baby Girl in the Stone County Fair pageant. She is the grandchild of R.L. and Wanda Vannatter.



Cassie Jo Vannatter

Donald Heath McSpadden is the first grandchild of Sharp County Area Foreman Donald McSpadden and his wife Mary. He was born in June.



Donald Heath McSpadden

Kayla Watson, age 2, was named the Cutest Baby Girl at the Sharp County Fair pageant. She is the daughter of District Stock Clerk Danny and Denise Watson.



Kayla Watson

Danny and Denise also want to share this T-Ball picture of their son, Adam.



Adam Watson

We hope Guy Branscum, District Roller Operator from the Sharp County Crew and Wesley Holland, Lead Person from the Inde-

pendence County Crew, are enjoying their newly acquired retirement. Guy, as you can see in the picture, had 20 years of service and Wesley has 16. Congratulations!



Retiree Guy Branscum

Service awards were recently presented to Danny Garwood for 30 years and to A.V. Herron and James Branscum for 20 years service. Congratulations to these men.



Danny Garwood



A.V. Herron



Randy Sattorwhite and James Branscum

Our Shop Foreman, Winfred "Wimp" Reed, has had a winner summer with his stock car. He races at the West Plains Speedway where he has won 7 races in a row. Of these 7 he has won 3 feature races.



Wimp's Stock Car

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DISTRICT SIX

Danya Steele, our summer help in the District Six office, left to go back to school with a little souvenir of our appreciation. On her last day she was given an AHTD shirt and hat so she would have something to remember us by. We wish Danya good luck in her second year of college.



Danya Steele

Job Superintendent Charles Broadway retired after 27+ years of service. A retirement party was given in his honor September 28 with cake and refreshments. He was presented with a retirement windbreaker from his crew and a retirement hat from the District personnel. Congratulations and best wishes Charles!



Charles Broadway

Jim Cole sure is proud of these three cuties. They are his grandchildren: Aaron Meyers, age 10; Beth Braasch, age 7; and Krystal Burks, age 9 months. Jim swears that he doesn't spoil them.



Congratulations to Adell Finch, the proud grandmother of 4 pound, 8 ounce Cory Ray Lovett born August 6. He is the son of Carla and Michael Lovett of Ward. Adell, the area headquarters attendant for Lonoke County, says she enjoys spending time with her grandson. They even go to football games. Now you don't think Grandma is trying to encourage him do you?

The personnel of District Six mourn the death of Marvin Sullivan, a 20-year employee of the South Pulaski Maintenance Crew.

DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to the following employees who recently received their service awards: Floyd Denney, Ronnie Henderson, and James Standridge, 10 years; James Johnston, Edwin Parker, James Rye, and William Trammel, 15 years; Glen Chaver, Robert Evans, Gary Jordan and James Moudy, 20 years; Bill Hale, 25 years and Jimmy Don Eledge, 25 years.

We are also very proud of our crews who earned Certificates of Safety. Those supervisors receiving the award for their crews were Francis Jones, Sign Crew; Truett Leavell, District Wide Maintenance; Ed Parker, Perry County Crew; Ruben McConnell, Russellville RE Office; and Remond Jones, Clarksville RE Office.



District 8 Service Award Recipients

Receiving 15-year service awards from the Clarksville RE office are Troy Brown, Norman Brown and Joe Hurst.



T. Brown, N. Brown and J. Hurst



Lawrence Fletcher and Remond Jones



Clarksville RE Office with 12 year safety award

This is the Clarksville RE office crew with their 12 year safety award. "You guys in West Helena aren't they only ones who know how to play it safe!"



Truett Leavell



Ed Parker



Ruben McConnell



Francis Jones

DISTRICT NINE

Congratulations to Jeff Stroud, Assistant RE at the Bentonville Residency, on being named "Mr. Softball of Arkansas 1989" by the Arkansas Democrat. Jeff is the second baseman for Champion Boats and helped lead them to win two of the three Democrat Triple Crown series, as well as to the final No. 1 ranking of the season with its win at the Wally Hall Invitational Tournament of Champions. Jeff has also been chosen for the 1980's All-Decade slow pitch softball team. Way to go Jeff. We are proud of you.

We would also like to congratulate Les Hall, vegetation controller from Yellville, on running the half-marathon at Pike's Peak in Colorado in August. The race course begins at an elevation of about 6,000 feet and goes to the top of the mountain which has an elevation of 14,110 feet above sea level. Les ran through the rugged mountain area where the temperature can change as much as 30 degrees in the time it takes to run. Good job Les - hang in there!

DISTRICT TEN

The seasonal work load has begun to lighten up and everyone knows that deer season is just around the corner. Big plans are in the making by several of our avid hunters and this is just a reminder to all to please be careful!

Congratulations to Gaylon Williams who

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retired from the Greene County Maintenance Crew on September 13. We will all miss working with Gaylon and look forward to visits from time to time.



Gaylon Williams and Jeff Pflow

Our Office Manager Steve Leath recently received his 5 year service certificate. Congratulations Steve! The Leath family also has a new addition, Andrew, who was born August 1. I believe if Andrew ever gets his days and nights straight, Mom might bring him by the office so we can spoil him a little. Congratulations Steve and Vera on your handsome young man!

Service certificates were also presented to Stanton Shockley for 10 years and to Willie Mitchell and James Smith for 5 years of service.

Congratulations to these three men and we look forward to many more years of working together.



B.J. Barnett and Steve Leath



Hesselbein and Willie Mitchell



Charles Hesselbein and Stanton Shockley



Hesselbein and James Smith



AHTD RETIREES ASSOCIATION OFFICERS ELECTED

The AHTD Retirees Association held their annual state meeting November 2 at the Burns Park Hospitality House in North Little Rock.

Officers for the upcoming year were elected and are President, Fred Williams; Vice President, John Kizer; and Secretary-Treasurer, Sibyl Maddox.

Pictured at left are Sibyl Maddox and Fred Williams.



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