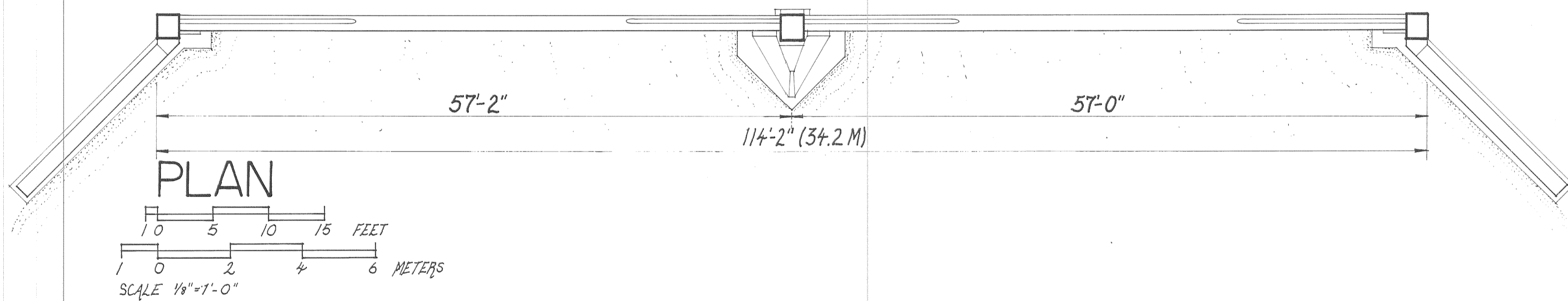
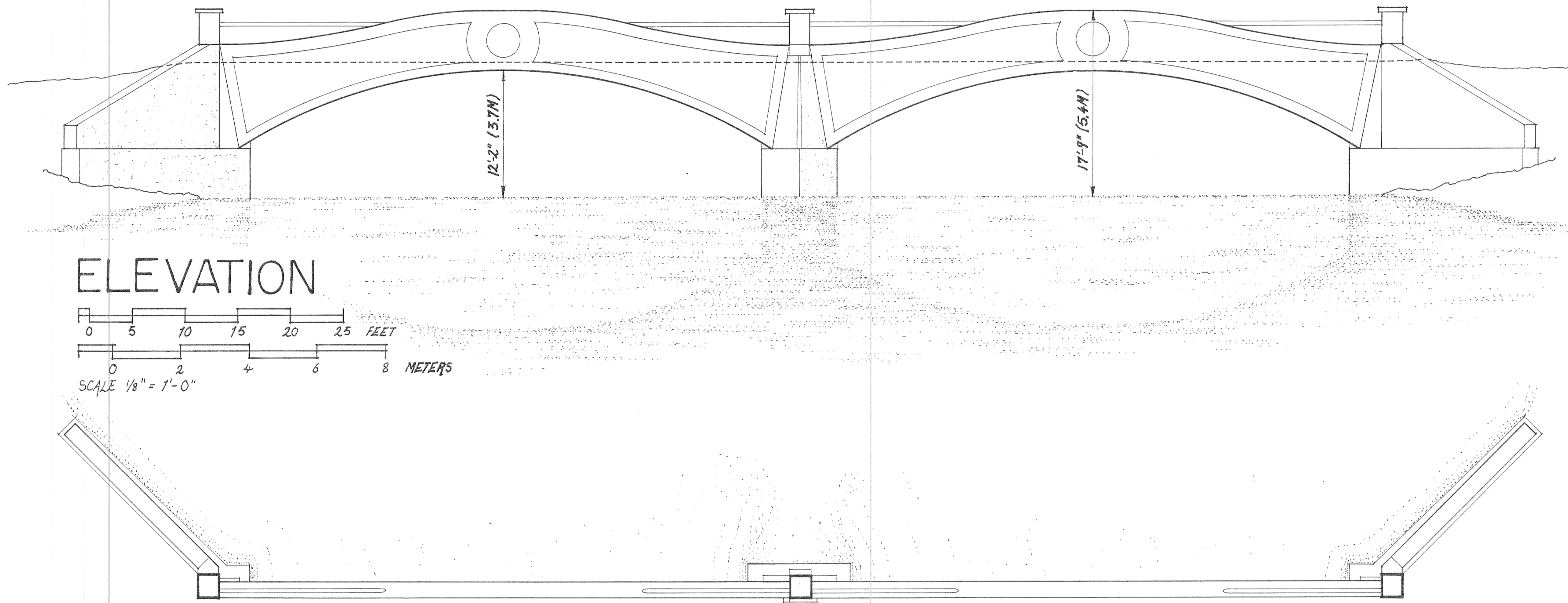


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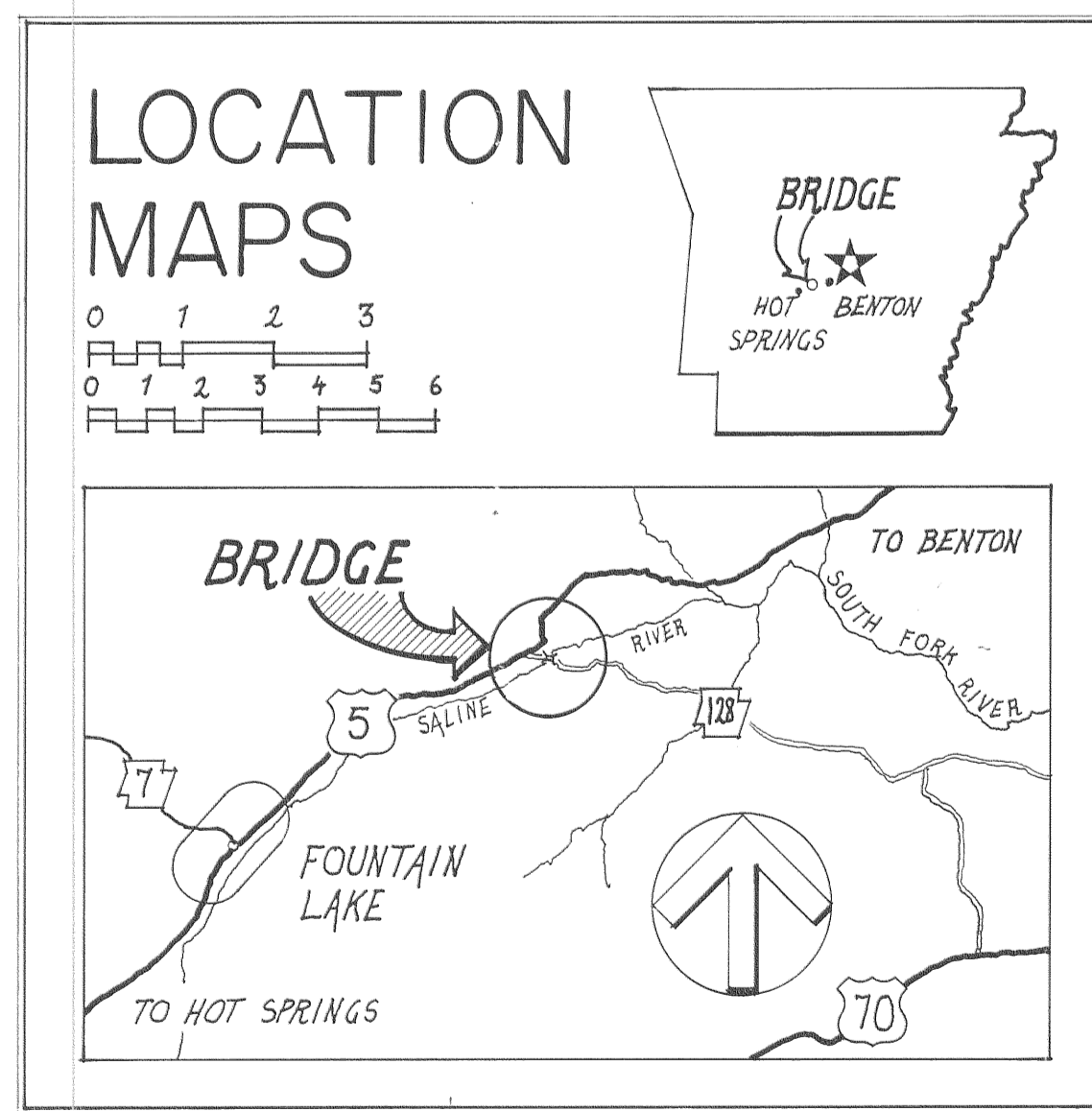
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THE 114 FOOT CLOSED SPANREL CONCRETE ARCH BRIDGE OVER THE SOUTH FORK OF THE SALINE RIVER IN GARLAND COUNTY WAS ERECTED IN RESPONSE TO THE DEVASTATING MISSISSIPPI FLOODS OF APRIL, 1927. IN NOVEMBER OF THAT YEAR COUNTY JUDGE CHARLES H. DAVIS APPROPRIATED \$3500 FROM COUNTY FUNDS TO BUILD THE SOUTH FORK BRIDGE AND ITS APPROACH ROADS. THE BRIDGE WAS BUILT BY THE COUNTY ROAD CREW, SUPERVISED BY F.M. KELLEY TO DESIGNS BY THE ENGINEER H.S. MORELAND. A DEDICATORY PLAQUE, NOW REMOVED WAS MOUNTED ON THE BRIDGE TO COMMEMORATE ITS COMPLETION IN OCTOBER, 1928.

SOUTH FORK BRIDGE, DECOMMISSIONED IN 1985, HAS A STRIKING IDIOSYNCRACY TO ITS DESIGN. WHILE THE GRAVEL DECK CONTINUES THE HORIZONTAL LINE OF THE ROAD, THE PARAPET WALLS CURVE TO ECHO THE RISE OF THE ARCHES. THE BRIDGE DERIVES ITS SIGNIFICANCE NOT ONLY FROM THE SUCCESS OF THIS ORIGINAL DESIGN, UNIQUE IN ARKANSAS, BUT ALSO FROM ITS STATUS AS A DOCUMENTED COUNTY BRIDGE ERECTED OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.



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SPANNING SOUTH FORK OF SALINE RIVER ADJACENT TO STATE HIGHWAY 128, 9 MILES NORTH OF LONSDALE.

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