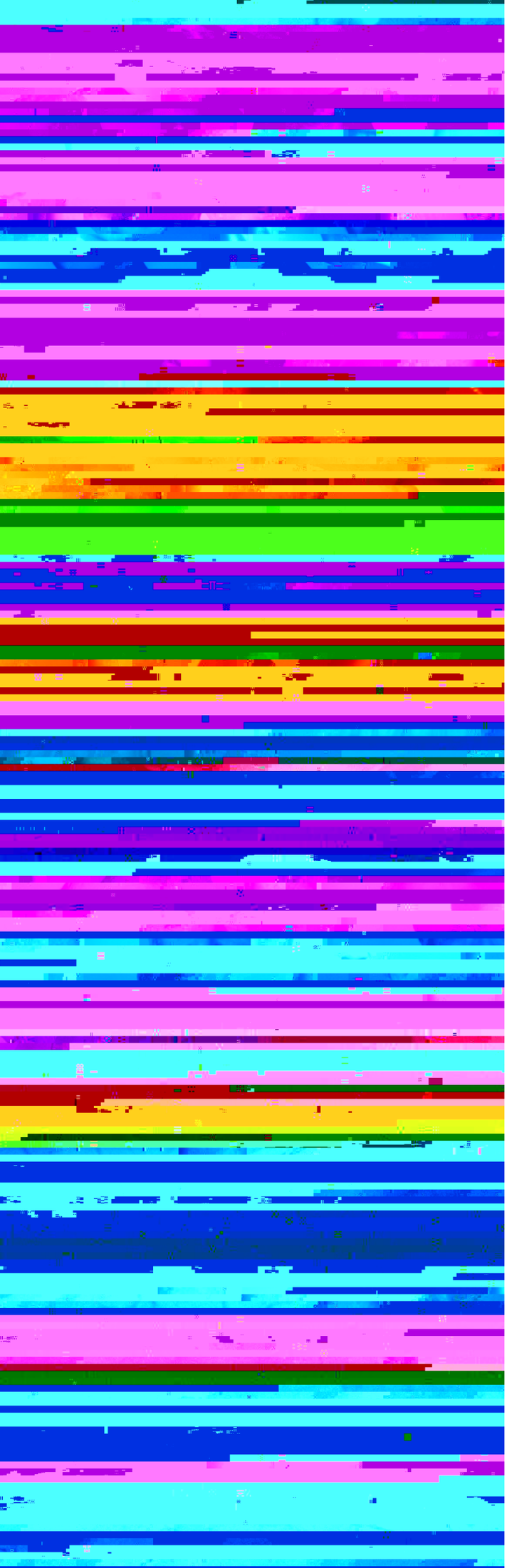
# ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS

*From its reluctant birth in 1913 as primarily an*

# THE HARDING YEARS
# 1921-1923

C.R. Thornbough was appointed DOL Di-

In 1983, the *Job Training and Partnership Act (JTPA)*



Today, 73 years later, the Agency again

JAMES BLAND

JERRY K. THOMASSON was Arkansas' 10th

LEONA ANDERSON TROXELL DODD became

COLONEL ED ROLLE

ARTEE WILLIAMS

DENNIS VEACH HAS WORKED FOR THE DWS FOR 34 YEARS, AND NOW

EDYTH EDWARDS BEGAN WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN

better. òThese services allow clients to make just one trip to a service area, where they can take care of a number of their needs.ó What weóve learned is that, oftentimes, once the clients walk out the door, weóve lost them.ó

FORT SMITH

viewer intern position ñ

JEANNIE MEANS GREW UP IN THE OZARKS, THOUGH SHE WAS BORN IN

VICKIE SPICER

One of our biggest jobs during this time was getting the staff on board and trained to

# HARRISON

JANA KINDALL

HAROLD LEMONS

# BILLIE POE

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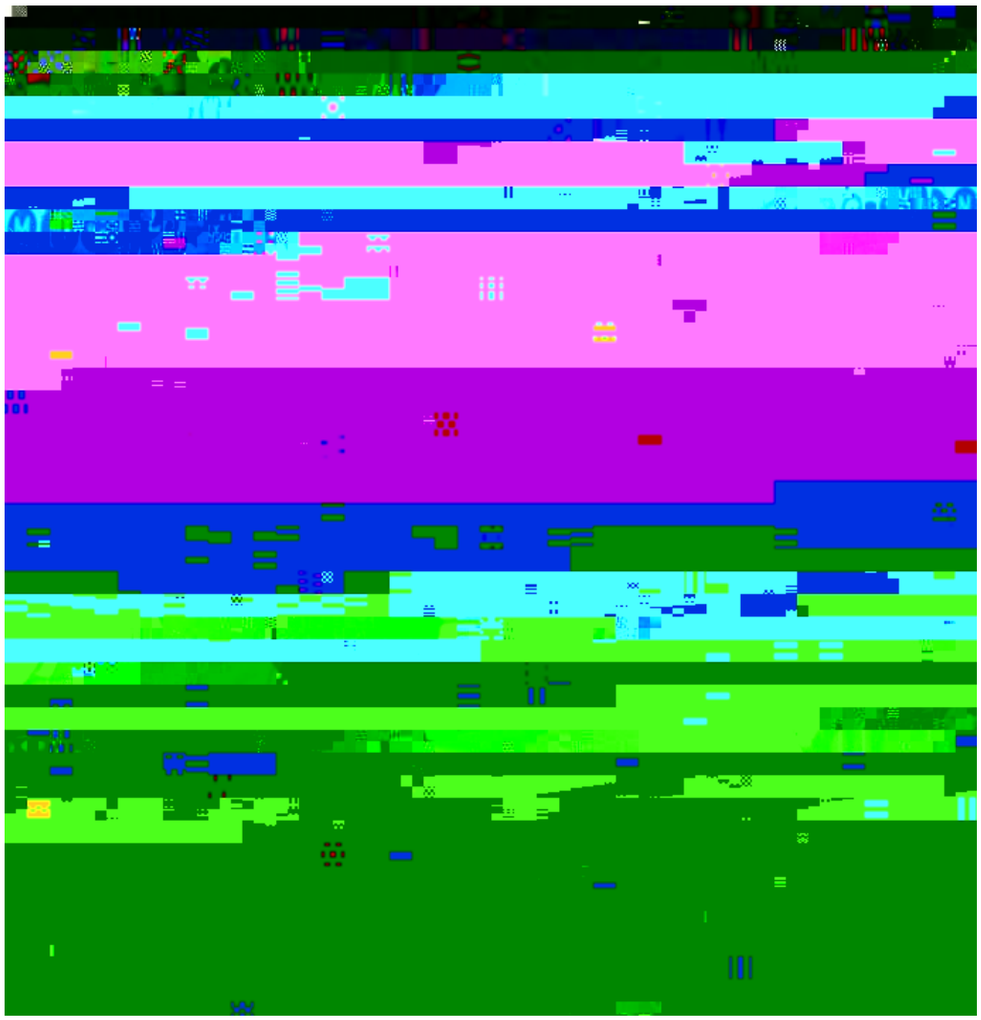

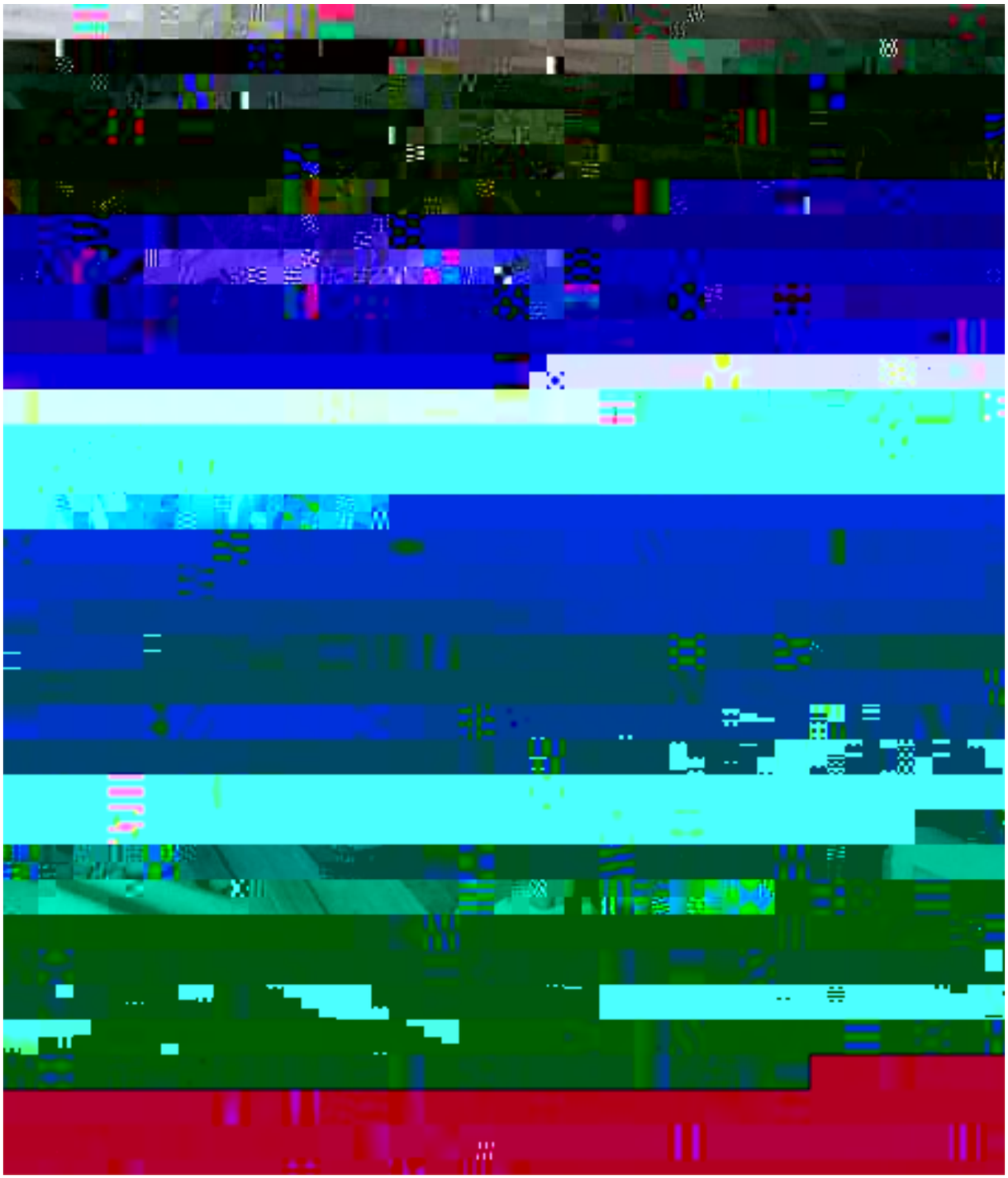

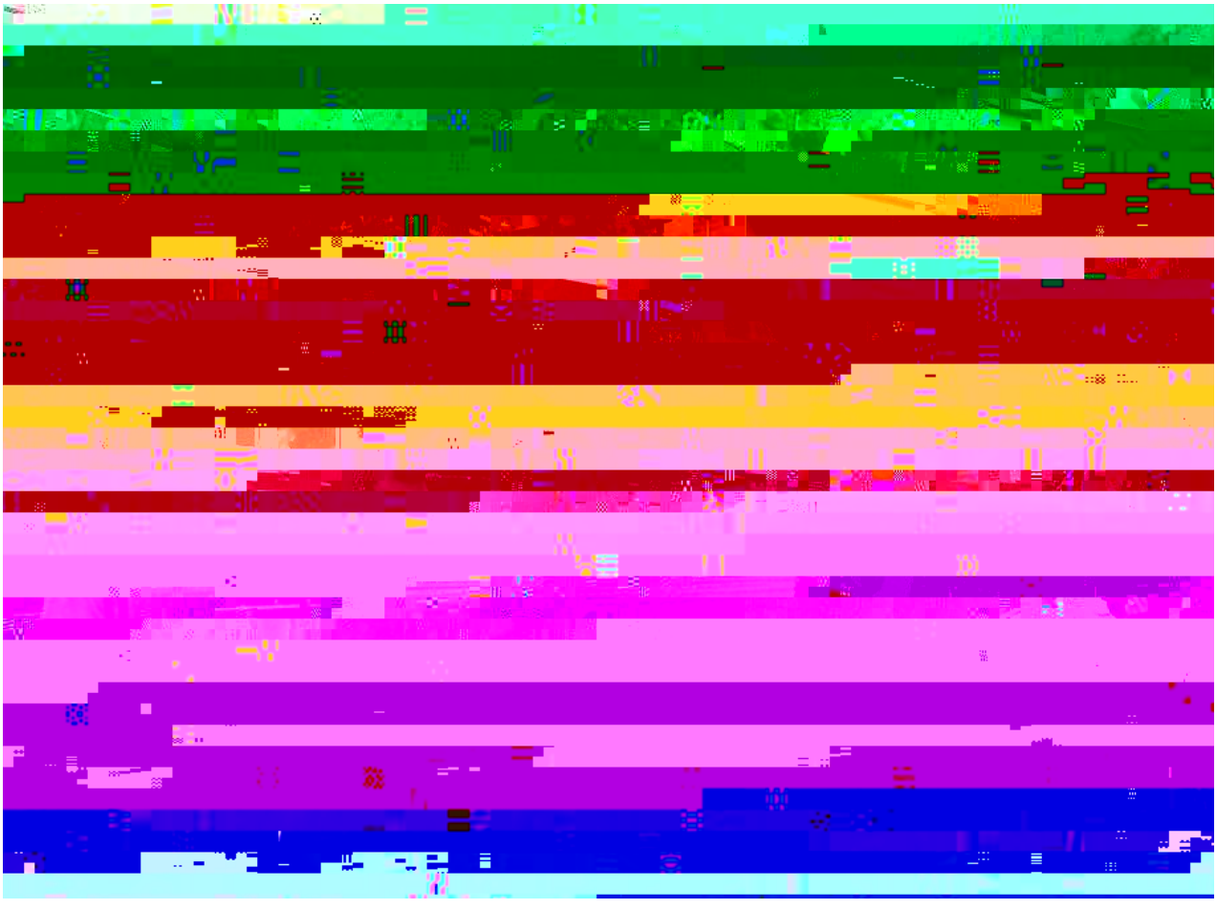

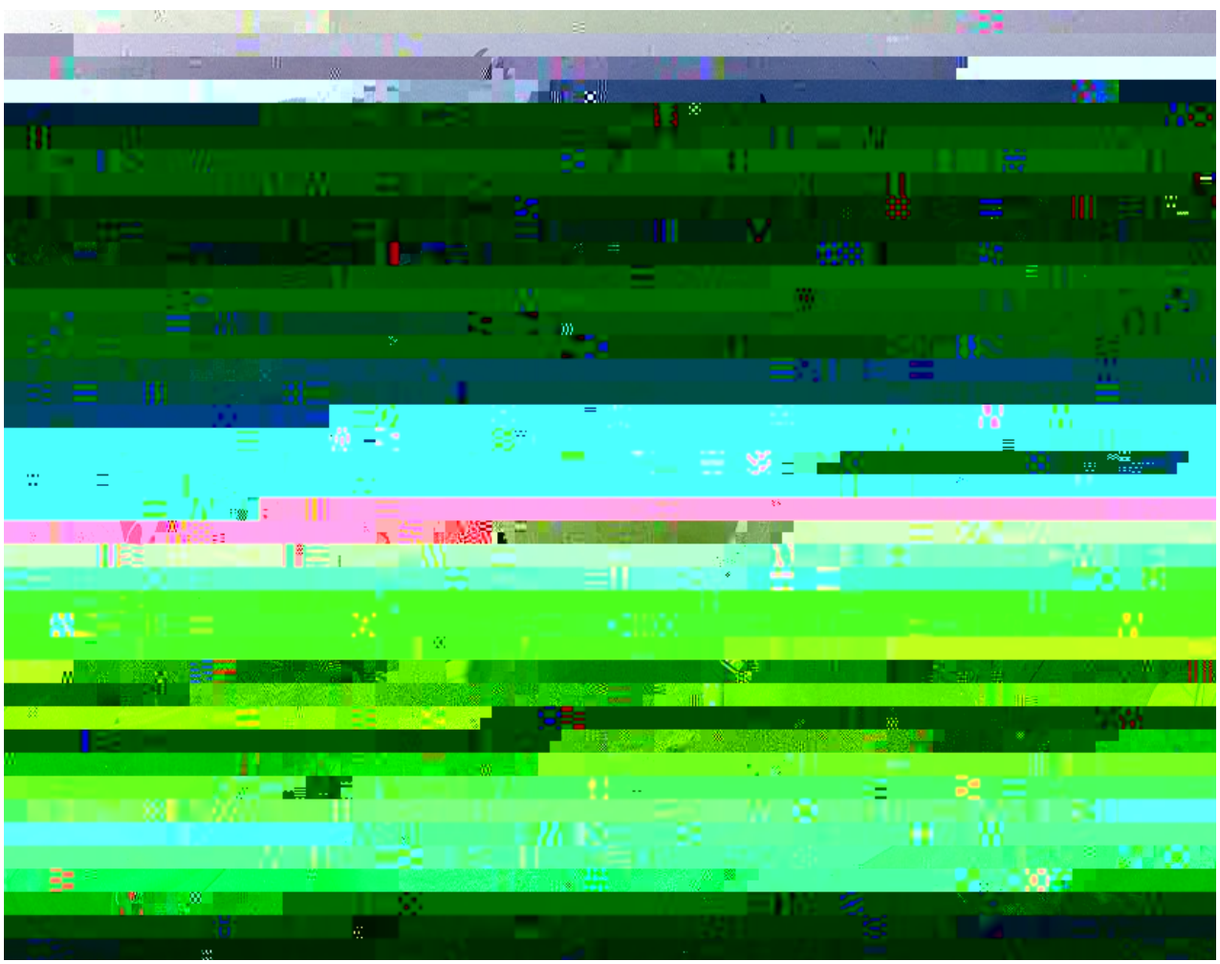

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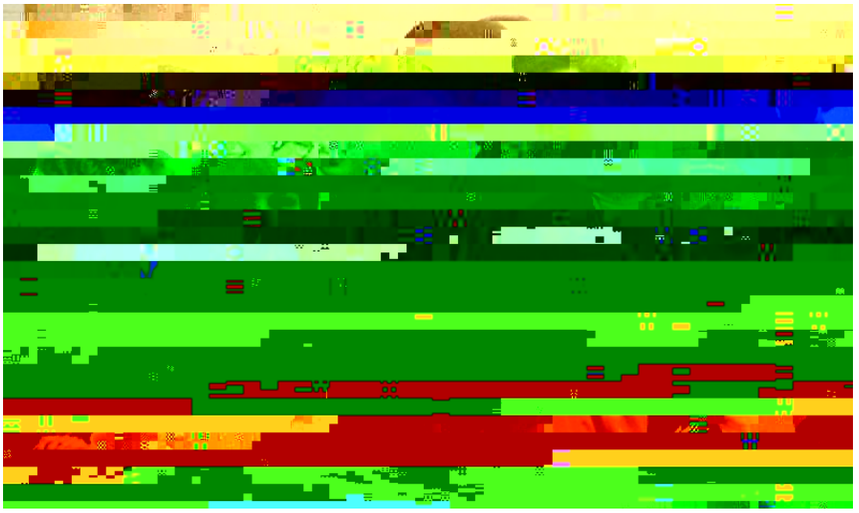
Conway management and staff, circa 1970s



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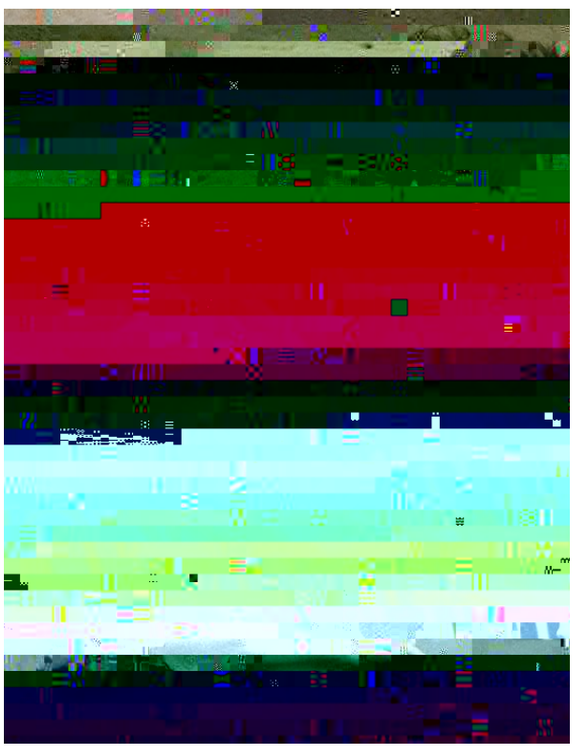
1.) Kaye Lewis, Retired Training Manager, Hot Springs
2.) Elease Hill, Local Office Manager, El Dorado



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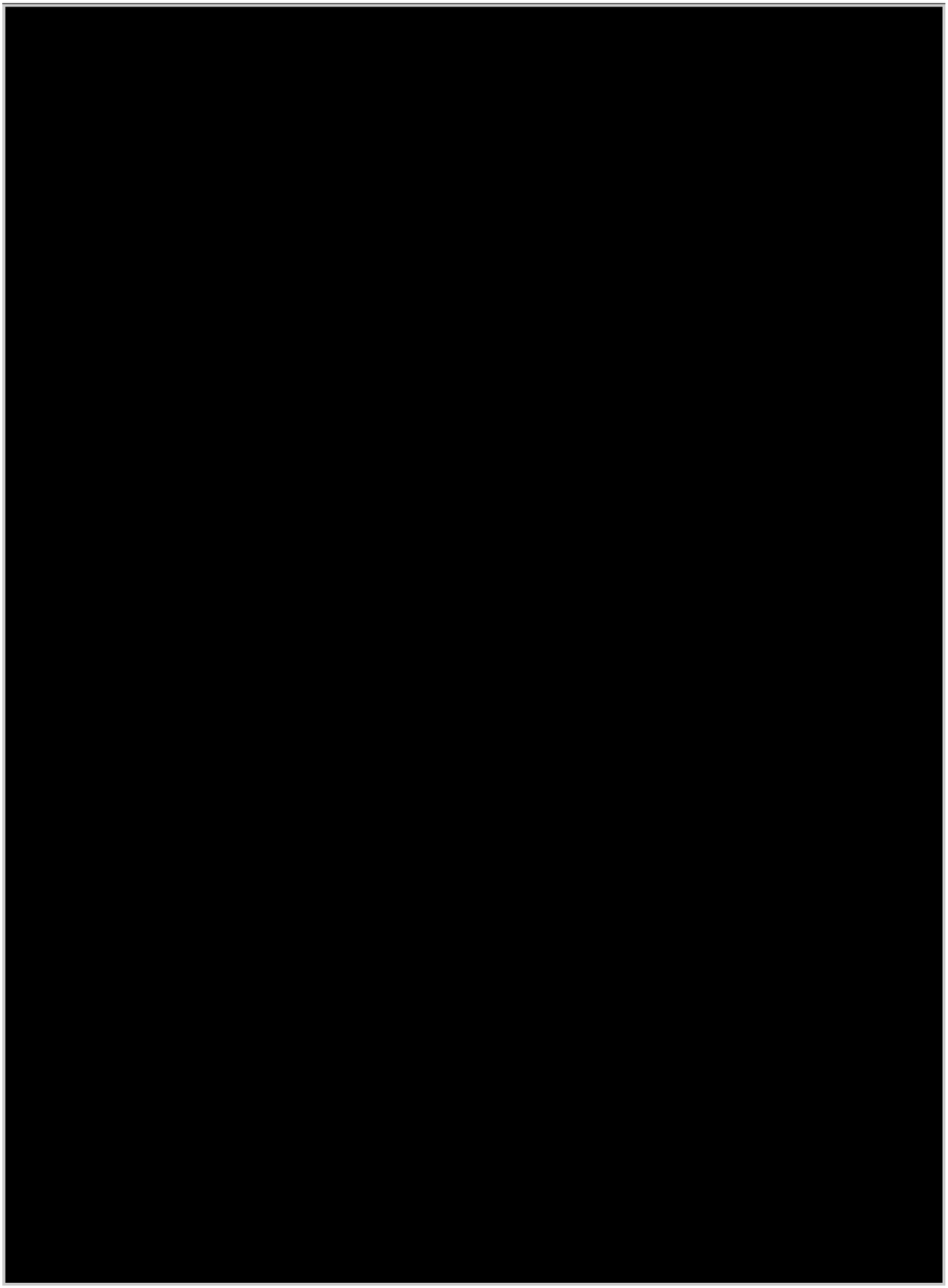

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# 21st Century

at the Agency were the automation of the unemployment claims process, and the im-

During these times, a number of ESD offices had to close their doors. Most

SHARON ROBINETTE

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By the time Williams returned to Little Rock, he was already viewed as an outstanding

The director says it has always been important that the Agency identify and work

# MAGNOLIA

òWhen I waF ƀ ƒ ˡ ˻

The government, rather than having handouts, gave Americans jobs, which is good for self-esteem. Today, we have so many more ways to help people. The WIA program is great. It is really good that we can work together at ri

ROBERT GREENE

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JO ELLEN POYNOR

for DWS clientele. òI give clients information on how to increase their chances of

MONTICELLO

òOne thing I recall about the WIN program was that we

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HYLUS F. SINGLETON IS EASILY THE TALLEST MAN IN THE PINE BLUFF

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WANDA NEAL WAS BORN IN MARIANNA, ARKANSAS. HER PARENTS WERE

RUSSELLVILLE

# MARY LOU HYDE

SEARCY

GARRY WILLIAMS WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SEARCY, GRADUATED FROM

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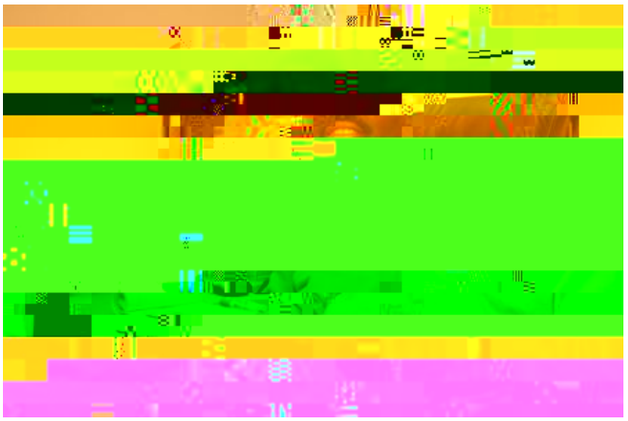

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