

# DOT road upgrades under way at intersection

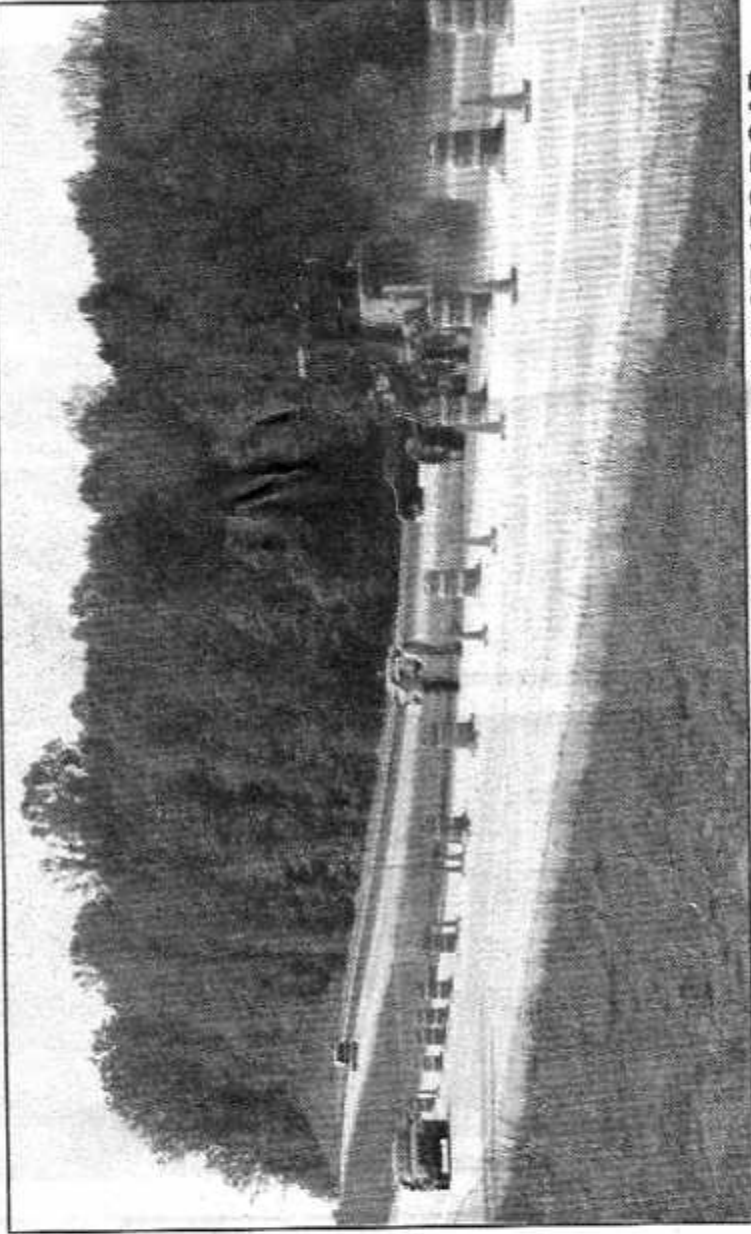
THE GEORGIA Department of Transportation announced that construction is under way on a project to upgrade the intersection of Damon Gause Bypass and Old Pendergrass Road in Jackson County.

"The project will upgrade the intersection of US 129/State Route 11, the Jefferson Bypass and Old Pendergrass Road," said DOT communications officer Teri Pope. "This project will offset the left turn lanes on US 129. By offsetting the left turn lanes or making them heads up, drivers can see around anyone waiting opposite them to turn left. It improves the driver's sight distance because oncoming traffic isn't blocked by people waiting to turn left."

The work plan is to close the median so vehicles cannot cross from one side of Old Pendergrass Road to the other and vehicles will not be able to turn left from US 129 onto Old Pendergrass Road.

"The work will occur in the median so we really can't keep it open while we are working," Pope said. "Drivers can go down past Old Pendergrass to the next median break and make a u-turn and then right onto Old Pendergrass Road."

The fast or left lane of each direc-



## WORK BEGINS AT BYPASS AND OLD PENDERGRASS ROAD

Georgia Department of Transportation workers began grading work this week to create turn lanes off the Damon Gause Bypass at Old Pendergrass Road. The intersection was closed Tuesday as the DOT began work to prepare for a traffic light.

Photo by Amy McKown

tion of US 129 will also be closed occurs," Pope said. "Give yourself extra time as you drive US 129, the Jefferson Bypass, for the next two weeks as crews upgrade the intersection at Old Pendergrass Road."

For more information on this and other lane closures in Georgia, visit [www.georgianavigator.com](http://www.georgianavigator.com).