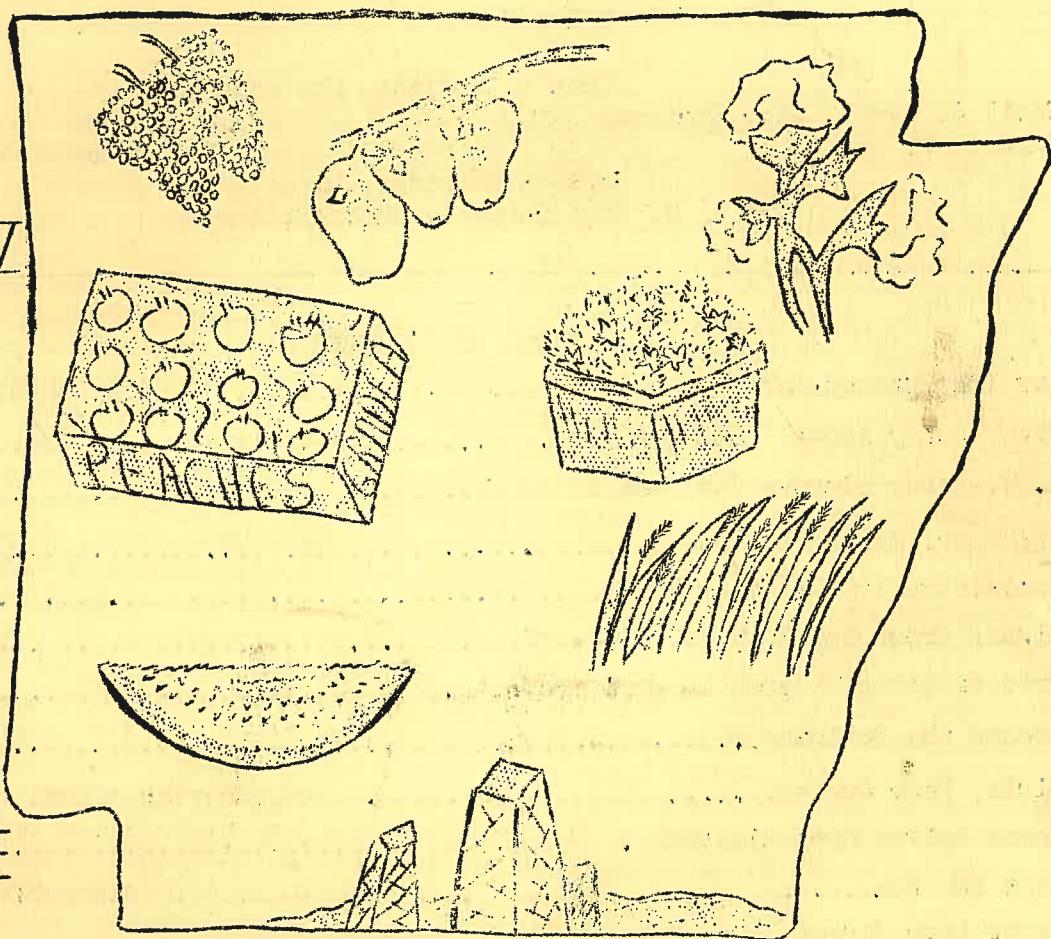


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DREW COUNTY BARBEQUE

"There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," would have been an appropriate theme song the night of April 24, down in Monticello, because there were indeed big "doin's" down there. The occasion was the third annual barbeque given by the Drew County Highway Maintenance Crew, Asphalt Plant Crew, Heavy Grading Crew, and Heavy Maintenance Crew.

The barbeque is quite a popular and entertaining event and this one was no exception from the satisfied expressions on the faces of those who attended from the Little Rock Office.

The feast was served in the V. F. W. Hut, and What A Feast! Everybody ate his fill, and more, talked his limit, and bragged about their grandchildren until the evening ended. The menu consisted of tons of delicious barbecued beef and pork, about ten acres of green salad and potato salad, baked beans galore, pickles and relishes of all kinds, cakes and pies which defy description and enough coffee and cokes to float a motor patrol!

To give the complete list of names of those attending would fill the magazine but nearly all employees in the County and their families were present.

Woodrow Wilson, Job Superintendent, really kept the party on the ball with his witty remarks and clever manner as Master of Ceremonies, as those present can assure you. The music was furnished by Johnnie Fox and Carl Carruth and Johnnie Gray, our Highway Department photographer, showed his film, "The Road Ahead in Arkansas."

We know that much time and effort was

spent in preparation for the barbeque, and to the following who were responsible for its success goes a lot of credit: Woodrow Wilson, N. M. Mitchell, Horace Handley, E. F. Myhand, Thomas Guthrie, Johnnie Fox, Roy O'Briant, Edgar Meeks, Charlie Harmon, Fred Mausehardt, H. W. Guthrie, Curtis Lindsey, Elbert Martin, Roth Rabb, Will Rabb, Willard P. Johnson, James Cockrell, Floyd Fulbright, E. J. Rabb, Herbert Burks, Farrell Burks, Earl Arnold, Walter Perry, Marvin Walters, Muril Cater, John Murray, Walter Griffin, Lester Rabb, and Hollis Lisenby.

The honored guests and their families were Mayor Carl Mason of Monticello, Dr. Horace Thompson, President of A & M College, Cecil Lynch, Vice Chairman of the Highway Commission; Herbert Eldridge, Director of Highways; A. G. Rives, State Maintenance Engineer; Fred Tanner, Director of Personnel; H. R. Lucas, District Engineer; Brewster Shalmy, Division Maintenance Superintendent; O. A. Tinsley, District Maintenance Superintendent; John S. Harris, District Construction Engineer; Bill Coker, Resident Engineer; Charles Emrick, Pat Denson, Ouida Grimes, James Pierce, Russell Gaddy, Hurshel Harwell, Joe Hays, Joe Tice, Robert Warren, Inez T. Royston, Violet Tatum, Ben Jackson, Robert Jarboe, Robert Kirkland, Garland Vick, Maude Pamplin, Paul Harper, Johnny Gray, Carl Carruth, and Jack Shelton. Your editor, unfortunately for her, was unable to make it and after receiving such glowing reports about it, she was even more disappointed.

Everyone's looking forward to next year when we're hoping it will be held once again.

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR

Editor's note: The following Administrative Circular and the Minute Order on the opposite page are being printed here so that all employees will have complete official information on them.

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 57-22

SUBJECT: VACATION LEAVE UPON TERMINATION OR RESIGNATION

DATE: APRIL 15, 1957

When employment with the Highway Department ceases, any payment of vacation leave must be made in accordance with the provisions of the latest leave regulations as set forth in Minute Order No. 1353, dated April 4, 1956. Upon termination or resignation, no employee is entitled to vacation leave in excess of the leave which accrued to his account during the current calendar year, from January 1 through the date employment ceased. Any vacation leave used during the current calendar year, prior to cessation of employment, must be subtracted from the amount of vacation accrual during the year in order to determine the correct amount of leave pay to which the employee is entitled.

Subsequent to completion of 9 months continuous employment, any employee leaving the Department may be paid only the accrued vacation leave credited to his account after the initial 9-month trial period; not leave from the first day of employment because he was entitled to no leave until the tenth month.

In all cases of termination or resignation, regardless of the length of service with the Department, the 125 must show the number of vacation accrual days which have been included for payment in listing the effective payroll date. This number is shown on the line provided for this purpose. If no leave is being paid, the work "none" should be typewritten on the appropriate line. The line provided for "Remarks" should show a statement signifying the number of vacation leave days used during the current calendar year. Any 125 including the payment of leave upon termination or resignation must be accompanied by a leave slip, signed by the employee and the Division Head for record verification.

MINUTE ORDER NO, 2082

WHEREAS, a study of the personnel records of the Highway Department reveals that there are a number of employees of advanced age who, according to the prevailing practice in industry, business, and governmental agencies, should be retired from active duty, and

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the economic, professional, and social aspects of the situation, it is the considered opinion of the Commission that steps should be taken to conform to the prevailing rule for the retirement of superannuate employees.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that effective December 31, 1957 all employees who are seventy-five (75) years of age or older shall be retired on such benefits as they may be entitled to at that time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on and after June 30, 1958 when any employee becomes seventy (70) years of age they shall be retired at the close of the month in which the age of seventy (70) is attained on such retirement benefits as they may be entitled to at that time.

The Commission, in recognition of the acute shortage of Professional Engineers and other key employees throughout the highway field reserves the right to continue in an active duty status such employees whose employment has or will be terminated under the provisions of this order when satisfactory evidence is established that by so doing, the Department's best interests will be served. If and when the provisions of this section are exercised employment shall be on a year by year basis as authorized by the Commission with the further stipulation that the rate of pay for the effected employee shall not be greater than that last paid him while on active duty status.

OUR IBM PUNCHED CARD INSTALLATION

by Art Johnson
IBM Accountant

Located behind the main Highway Building in Little Rock is a building known as "IBM". The letters "IBM" refer to the section of the Accounting Division that mechanically processes via punched cards all of the data that daily pours into the Little Rock office. Since this punched-card equipment is leased from and serviced by the International Business Machines Corporation, the term "IBM" is a short and practical name.

We are all familiar with the IBM punched-card check that comes our way on payday, and it's just one of the many uses for which cards of this type are used. Your paycheck has relatively few holes punched in it, containing only the warrant number and the check amount, which are used by the State of Arkansas in their Bank Reconciliation procedures. In the case of cards used in the Highway Department punched-card system, as many as eighty columns of punching are often utilized, thereby furnishing a permanent record of data that can be processed in many different ways for many different kinds of analyses and reports for office records and management needs. Once the source data has been key punched and verified into punched-cards, the data is available for re-grouping and the production of reports needed by management to administer the big job of Highway building and maintenance.

The IBM punched-card tabulating section is the central core of the accounting

system now in use. All source documents and data are checked in the Accounting Division, after which they are channeled through the key punch section for IBM card-punching and verification. Some of the many documents processed include Payroll Time and Cost Distribution, Equipment Time and Cost Distribution, Requisitions, Vouchers, and Stores Issued and Transferred. After leaving the Key punch section, the cards are taken into the machine room where they are further processed on sorters, summary punches, calculators, collators, tabulators, and other punched-card machines. Sometimes the reports can be produced directly following the punching procedures, but often many operations and manipulations of the cards are made before the finished product or report can be printed and sent to the office desiring the information.

Approximately twenty-five percent of the IBM Section work load is made up of work for the Statistics and Analysis Division. Some of the S & A procedures handled include Road Inventory, Job reports, Traffic Recorders, Origin and Destination Surveys, and other reports too numerous to mention.

The eleven employees and fifteen machines in the IBM Room keep busy processing and recording the data that comes in and goes out of the Accounting and S & A Divisions in a never-ending stream. Employees who have not seen these machines in action and who are working in or visiting the Little Rock offices are invited to visit our installation. We are proud of our section, and we feel that you would find such a visit interesting.

TWO ARKANSAS BRIDGES BEING WIDENED

An editorial from the Construction
News Magazine. Permission granted

The Arkansas State Highway Commission is spending nearly \$1,000,000 for the remodeling of two secondary bridge structures on U. S. Highway 70, between West Memphis and the Memphis-Arkansas bridge over the Mississippi River.

Officially called the Harahan Viaduct Bridge Widening project, it carries the Job No. 11539, and Federal Aid Project No. IN-092-5(1).

Bids were opened August 22, 1956, for this construction, when the E. E. Barber Construction Company of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was the successful low bidder at \$989,265. Work was started within a short time after the letting and the project is now about 35% complete. A total of 360 working days is being allowed by the state.

The remodeling and widening of these bridges are said to be the largest job of its type to be undertaken in Arkansas, and one of the most extensive in the Southern States.

Plans call for the bridges to be widened a total of 15 feet; 7½ feet on each side. An extra row of columns is being added to each side for support of the additional width.

The existing bridges were built in 1928 and are 11 feet narrower than the present highway. This caused a serious traffic hazard and these structures have been the scene of many fatal accidents as trucks and cars squeezed in close together to make the crossings.

When completed the new bridges will be 55 feet wide from curb to curb, or four feet wider than the Memphis-Arkansas bridge across the Mississippi.

They will also be four feet wider than the present 4-lane highway, which includes in the center a 3-foot neutral, or median strip.

The separation strip in the center of the existing bridges has also made its contribution to dangerous traffic conditions. About a foot wide and six inches high, pyramid in shape, it has been called a "wheel grabber". When struck it has caused many drivers to loose control of their vehicles, resulting in many fatal and near-fatal accidents.

The remodeled bridges will have what is known as a mountable curb in the center. This curb will be about three feet wide, and three inches high. Traffic can run over it but the driver will be reminded he is across center and in the opposing lane of traffic.

A recent traffic count showed that an average of 22,500 cars and trucks use these bridges every 24 hours. This count isn't surprising when it is known that five U. S. Highway, 61, 63, 64, 70 and 79, are routed over this stretch of road.

The longer of these two structures is approximately 3,500 feet. It spans the Rock Island railroad tracks, and its piers have a maximum height of 58 feet.

The shorter bridge, spanning a bayou

and railroad spur track, is about 850 feet in length. It is located at the entrance to the Corps of Engineers, Memphis district, facilities.

E. E. Barber Jr. and Stanley Barber are supervising the construction. V. H. Shassere is Resident Engineer for the state, and Jim Tucker is Assistant Resident Engineer.

Traffic is being maintained in three of the four lanes during the remodeling. The outer lane, where work is underway, is closed to traffic.

By using a flagman, and plenty of warning signs and flares, there has not yet been any serious accidents on the job, according to E. E. Barber, Jr. Needless to say, where men and machinery are working in such proximity to what is practically a continuous stream of traffic, this problem is of primary importance.

One of the major items in the remodeling is the precast concrete piling used for new column foundation. Plans called for a total of 25,603 feet of this 16-inch-octagonal bearing piling.

Three sticks of piling are driven so that the heads form a triangular shape. A concrete footing is then poured on the pilings, and the 28-inch-square concrete columns are poured in place on the footings.

All of the precast concrete piling was furnished the contractor by the Mid-South Concrete Pipe Company of Memphis.

Other items specified include 422 yards of common excavation; 2,333 yards of dry structure excavation; 739 yards of wet structure excavation; 452 yards of gravel for shoulders, 1,309 yards of 10-inch concrete pavement; 6,950 pounds of reinforc-

ing steel for the pavement; 3,201 yards of Class A concrete and 4,433 yards of Class S concrete for the bridges; and 1,183,880 pounds of reinforcing steel for the bridges.

The previously mentioned 25,603 feet of 16-inch-octagonal precast concrete bearing piles; 8,649 feet of 10-gage steel guard plate; 428 feet of 12-gage steel guard plate; 49,590 pounds of metal bearings and roadway expansion devices; 720 feet of new concrete median, and other smaller items too numerous to mention also go into the project.

While the remodeling of these bridges is for immediate relief of this major highway focal point, it also fits in with future plans of the Highway Department.

According to a recent statement made before the West Memphis Kiwanis Club by Ward Goodman, Chief Engineer of the Arkansas State Highway Department, this highway will continue to bear the brunt of the traffic across the Mississippi for some years to come.

A study is now being made on the feasibility of a new bridge across the Mississippi proposed for construction in the vicinity of Auction street on the Memphis side, which could handle a major portion of the traffic now using the Memphis-Arkansas Bridge.

Goodman said in the opinion of the Highway Department, it would possibly be about 13 years before this could directly effect the present traffic arteries.

In the meanwhile, this important stretch of U. S. 70 will continue to be the route over which the converging traffic of the previously mentioned five federal highways will roll.

A. W. HARDY HONORED

A. W. Hardy has done it again! Mr. Hardy, Utility Engineer in the Right-of-Way Division, has been active in the American Society of Civil Engineers for many years, and has now been elected Chairman of the District 14 Council in the Society.

The District 14 Council is the advisory body for District 14 which comprises Mid-Missouri, Oklahoma, St. Louis and the Mid-South Section of the A. S. C. E. The Council's duty is the co-ordination of the policies of the different Sections advising the local Section on national policies, passing on the qualifications, and making recommendations for National Officers from District 14. On January 1, of this year, North America was divided into 15 such Districts and the total membership on February 8, 1957 was 39,358.

Mr. Hardy has also been appointed to the Mid-South Committee whose primary work will be to guide and counsel students entering high schools with the intention of preparing themselves for the technical professions; to educate parents to the stressing need of trained personnel; to provide a revision in the curriculum of high schools in order that the student will be properly prepared in the basic fundamentals of the sciences upon entering college; and to secure adequate teacher personnel to provide the necessary training during the high school career.

A more qualified person to serve in these positions of the Society would be hard to find. Mr. Hardy is a former President of the local branch of A. S. C. E., and past President and Vice-President of

the Mid-South Section; has acted as delegate to represent Arkansas during the National Work Conference, and has served as a representative in District 14.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Hardy and we wish him great success as Chairman. We feel as he does, that this is truly a worthy goal set by an outstanding organization.

LOUIS GRADY TOLAND

Louis Grady Toland, a maintenance worker from Division 7, suffered a fatal heart attack April 24, while operating a bulldozer near Camden. Mr. Toland was a favorite with his fellow workers and will be sorely missed by his friends and family. Mr. Toland joined the Highway Department in January of 1953, and since has proved himself a valued employee.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Lucille Toland, and four children, and to them we extend our heartfelt sympathies at this time of sorrow.

CLARENCE GEORGE CRITCHLOW

Clarence George Critchlow, 49, a laborer in Division 3, passed away April 26. Mr. Critchlow had been employed by the Highway Department for two years, but in this short time he had made many friends, and his passing will sadden the hearts of many.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mamie Breeding Critchlow, of Hope, and we offer our deepest and most sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Critchlow at this time of sorrow.

WOMEN DRIVER MYTH BLASTED

"Men are America's worst drivers. Women are much better behind the wheel more than 80 per cent of the time."

These fighting words are from a veteran of almost three million miles and 25 years of truck driving. He is Paul Smith, president of a moving firm, whose 200 drivers cover more than two million miles a year in every one of the 48 states. Smith says it makes no difference where it is, his drivers agree they find women can be trusted to obey laws and drive more safely than men five times out of six.

"I hate to run down my own sex," Smith says, "but facts are facts. Truck drivers have plenty of opportunity to observe all kinds of motorists. I'm convinced that most accidents or near-accidents we see are caused by men."

Does Smith have any idea why men are such sad sacks in the driver's seat? Also where did the myth spring up about "women drivers"?

Smith says that men invented the fairy tale about women being poor drivers just because it makes them feel superior. As for the reason men rate a poor second to women as drivers, Smith has a number of theories.

He insists these came out of discussions with drivers who offered some of the following thoughts on the subject:

"When a woman drives a car," Smith observes, "like as not she's using it while her husband is at work. She's very conscious of the fact that if she winds up with a dented fender she'll hear about it for many a long day. So for that rea-

son she's likely to be more careful than friend husband who can and often does get the dent taken out without advising his wife. By the same token, let a woman driver get a traffic ticket, and unless she has a very understanding spouse it becomes a prime source of condescending conversation for long periods.

Women know they're rated as bad drivers, Smith said. Therefore, many of them feel they've got to prove otherwise because they're under constant critical male surveillance.

Too, women are apt to be more relaxed when driving than men are. Most women operate under less pressure than men.

"For example," Smith says, "you take a salesman who has waited for an order for two hours and then been rudely turned down by a prospective client. Such a character behind the wheel of his car, mad at the world, may give the other drivers a bad time. Women, Smith points out, are also apt to be more conservative in their behavior.

"Why then don't women get hired as truck drivers?"

Smith explained he's not talking about truck drivers when he condemns male motorists, because "truck drivers are a very special breed and are professionals at their job. I'm discussing the amateur drivers who don't handle motor vehicles for a living.

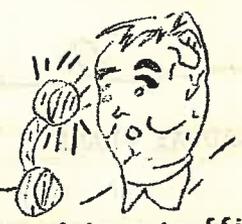
"Also," adds Smith, "women can't handle trucks generally because the job requirements are too rugged."

"And," he concludes, "it's a good thing they are, otherwise a lot of truck drivers would be out of work."

--Mississippi Highways



the party line



STATISTICS and ANALYSES Headrick and Hume - Reporters

Vealless Hudspeth spent last week-end helping the Cammack Village Police Department in their traffic safety campaign. He would like to urge everyone to drive more carefully, and to curb your speed while in the city.

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Pete Powell and J. N. Moorehead had a yo-yo contest on Lake Conway. Results: no fish were caught. After returning empty-handed Pete wasn't satisfied. So Pete and Pat Patillo went to Lake Conway the next Saturday and fished all day and all night. They returned with...their bait. (Anyone in the market for a good bait bucket?) Mayo White bought Pete's boat-trailer and outboard motor. Irony note: Mayo White took Pete's old fishing gear and caught 19 beautiful bass on Lake Conway the very next day! Mayo offered Pete 50 cents for the bait bucket but Pete is holding out for 75 cents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herring attended the Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion of his class at Purdue University during the first week of May. Some ninety members of a class of about three hundred were present.

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Pete Benetz and Hank Mercer went frog gigging down around Carlisle but only brought five frogs home. Seems that the rest of them got away.

John Hume was injured in a traffic accident near Poplar Bluff, Missouri, in April. His mother was more seriously injured but she is reported better and is now recuperating in a Little Rock hospital. We are happy to have John back at work and everyone is pleased with the progress Mrs. Hume is making. We hope she is up and about before long.

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Logan Kissire had an unfortunate accident when he ran a lawnmower into his foot while cutting grass.

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Ruth Cantley was happy to have her daughter and son-in-law, Alyce and J. E. Cagle, Shreveport, Louisiana, for a week end visit recently. They brought along daughters, "Puddin" and Nancy.

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Seems that our news this month is mostly about sickness. Your reporter, Bill Headrick has been absent from work due to the bug, virus pneumonia. (We're glad you're feeling better, Bill. Hope you continue.)

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Pappy Baird is at home suffering from a back ailment, we're sorry to report. We hope to have Pappy back with us before too long.

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Daisy Conley's mother, Mrs. H. M. Smith is still another who has been ill. We understand it was serious. Sincerely hope she recovers soon, Daisy.

The partyline

ROADWAY PLANS

John Hicks - Reporter

Frank and Betty Hutchison enjoyed a visit recently from Frank's brother, Bill, and his family, from Denver, Colorado, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Hutchison, from Russellville.

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Ralph Rogers, Ray Garner, Chester Siesicki, and Joe Hicks took their engineering examination for engineering license April 27 and 28. Good luck to all of them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Brazeal spent the Easter week end with Mrs. Brazeal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crowley, in Wilmot, Arkansas.

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Congrats to Pat Huddleston who has a good looking new Ford but we understand the Mrs. drives it.

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Glenn Trammel attended the Scottish Rite Centennial Reunion which was held May 6, 7, and 8. (There were quite a few who attended from our building.)

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We were glad to have Colonel Ison as a visitor in our Department recently. Colonel Ison is an instructor in engineering at Little Rock Junior College.

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Your scribe's son, James Hicks, and Miss Faye Dodson, of Little Rock, were married at Greenville, Mississippi on May 11. (Our Congratulations to the young couple..Ed.)

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lee, Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mitchell Seligman, III, of Little Rock. The young couple will be married on August 24. Our very best wishes to the happy pair.

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John Maddox had to stay at home for a few days recently to nurse a bad cold. Glad he's better.

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Other visitors seen around the Drafting Room this month were: Watt Hall, J. C. Perkins, Jr., W. D. Cobb, and Dewey Wallace. We hope that you all return for another visit soon.

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Sidney Lee, our Petit Jury member, is being kept quite busy with frequent calls for jury duty these days.

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Ah Spring! "In the Spring a livelier ires changes on the burnish'd dove; In the Spring a man's fancy lightly turns to...fishing, lawnmowing and day-dreaming. Our topics of conversation these days are those, and more. Far-away looks are cast out the window. Our minds are stirred with poignant and nostalgic memories which leave us with a restlessness. We are lulled to sleep by the nocturnal sounds...the mournful cry of the meadowlark interjected by the merry song of the whippoorwill. Sport shirt and frilly dress are signs of the seasons. Pat Huddleston is painting his home; your scribe is redecorating and Bud Smith seems to be a strawberry man. Yes, spring is here! Get out the sulphur and molasses.

the partyline

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Rodgers and Steele - Reporters

We are glad to report that George C. Allen's son who has been in the hospital with pneumonia is improving.

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Mrs. Brough, sister of our Chief Chemist, G. W. Roark, underwent major surgery May 14, at Arkansas Baptist Hospital. A speedy recovery to Mrs. Brough.

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Happy Birthday to Hays Medlock and Russell Newsom who were born under the sign of Taurus and Gemini. May you have many, many, more.

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We welcome Roy R. Rosin to our Department and hope he will be very happy with us. Roy moved to Little Rock from San Antonio, Texas, and has recently moved his family to Kingwood.

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Congratulations to Ray Orrell of Percy, Laboratory Technician, who is riding around in a pretty new two-tone blue convertible. Ray reports that it has good pick-up power.

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Joe Magness and family enjoyed a week-end of fishing and boating on Lake Ouachita. Good luck and a good time to you all, wish we could go. (There are several fishermen in this Department.)

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Doyle Havens and family of Conway, Materials Inspector in Materials and Tests, spent the week-end of May 11 in Helena visiting relatives.

I B M DIVISION

Nadene Trantham - Reporter

Erma Jetton has been enjoying company this last month. Her brother, Fay Markle Morgan and his family are visiting here from Miami, Florida, and her son, Lane, is home from the Air Force for his annual vacation leave.

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Grover (Smitty) Smith's daughter, Rochelle, was one of the graduates of Little Rock Central High School this month. She is planning to attend Little Rock Junior College in the fall. Our Congratulations to you, Rochelle.

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Congratulations also to Sue Plunkett, daughter of Gladys Plunkett, who was selected House Freshman of the Year at the F. H. A. House at the University.

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James Willard was happy to have his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Willard from Arizona visiting here. He took his vacation to be with them and enjoyed fishing, skiing, and just visiting.

Oh, my how I did worry about my little ivy plant.

It wasn't doing good at all, the leaves were very scant.

I nurtured it with water, I poured it on each day.

Little did I realize that it could drown that way. So I let up on the liquid, and put it in the sun.

Oh Ivy, Ivy, on the wall, please tell me what I've done?

The partyline

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Hazel Norman - Reporter

These ole' seasons are really rolling around in a hurry...here 'tis spring but so far none of us in Personnel are showing any signs of Spring Fever yet. Occasionally one of us will spout off about wanting new spring outfits but that's as far as it goes.

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Mr. Tanner, Director of Personnel, celebrated his birthday Sunday, May 12, but some of the Personnel staff wanted to celebrate too, so we did on May 10. The cake, coffee and flowers were provided by Zelda Riggs of County Roads. (You're the greatest, Zelda. They were delicious, delightful and de-lovely, respectively.) Mr. Tanner almost up-set our apple cart by leaving, but fortunately, he got back in time to be presented with a beautiful Sheaffer Desk Set. Happy Birthday, Boss, and may you have many, many more.

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Beverly and Don Brady and their two Irish tow-heads, Kevin and Michael, visited with Bev's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Potter, of Newport, over the Easter week-end. All of Bev's sisters were there with their husbands and children and they had what she called 'an old time reunion'.

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Your reporter drove down to Monroe, Louisiana the week end of April 27. The kids, Sonny and Nancy went of course, as well as Mrs. Ruby Baker, of Monroe, who had been a house guest for a week. Sure had a good time.

Of all the things to happen! Lucille Sowell's husband was offered a job in Memphis that he couldn't afford to turn down so she is leaving us. We are all sorry to lose her but our loss is Memphis' gain for she is a grand gal and wonderful to work with. We wish them the very best of luck in their new surroundings.

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Another very familiar face in the Little Rock building will be missed during the week days anyway. Our afternoon elevator operator, Mr. Frank Lewis, has had his hours changed and will now be working on week ends only. He will have plenty of time to fish now which he loves to do, but it won't seem the same without him around. Visit us sometime, Frank?

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Our Personnel Interviewer, Jimmy Zinn, and his wife, Grace, attended a two-day United Commercial Travelers Convention at Texarkana May 9 and 10 as a delegate from the Little Rock Council. While the convention was in session Jimmy served as the local chairman for youth activities.

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An old friend of the Personnel Division, Mr. Fred McGrath, came by to see us recently for the first time in ages. As usual he brought one of his beautiful cocker spaniels with him, "Happy."

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"Offspring" of some of Personnel who will be graduating will be: Jimmy Sowell, who will depart from West Side Junior High, and Jimbo Adams, who will get his "sheepskin" from Park Hill Elementary School's sixth grade.

The partyline

The Personnel Division welcomes Norman Smith, our new Building Superintendent for the Little Rock Building and Grounds. We hope he will be happy with us.

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Luther Squires has been off for several weeks due to an injury he suffered in a fall. He's getting along much better we're happy to report.

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Leslie and Bivens - Reporters

Aleene Boysen had a nice Mother's Day present...a pretty, new, gray 1957 Chevrolet. She says she will be passing the hat in a few days.

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We're sorry to lose Wally Blackstone who is resigning because of her health. We'll certainly miss her!

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Virginia Jones' sister, Wilma Keating, from Atlanta, Georgia, visited with her for a few days recently. Virginia accompanied her to Lockesburg for a weeks visit with their parents.

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Leta Leslie enjoyed a week-end visit with friends at Henderson State Teachers College May 11 and 12.

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Sam Foster is still on the ailing list, we're sorry to report. We hope he'll be better soon.

An antique shop in Minneapolis has this sign displayed in their window: "You think it's junk? Come in and price it."

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Mary M. Hill - Reporter

Among Easter week end vacationers in our office were Bonnie and Bob Hill, who had a wonderful time in Indianola, Iowa, Bob's home town.

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Congratulations to W. K. Heard who is driving a beautiful new 1957 Pontiac.

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C. P. Jernigan was a visitor in the home of his son in Fort Smith over the Easter week end.

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We are glad to have "Dutch" Helton back with us at Central Shop. Dutch transferred from Personnel Division on May 1. We also extend a welcome to W. R. Bullard who joined the force in the Heavy Equipment Shop on May 13.

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Red Shaw is a patient in the Veteran's Hospital at Fort Roots, because of a back injury. We miss you Red and hope you will soon be well and back on the job.

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Henry B. Kirchoff is on annual leave and is visiting his mother in Paragould.

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Congratulations to Sandra Fiedler, daughter of Adele Fiedler, who graduated from Cabot High School on May 16. May the years ahead bring good luck and success.

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We extend our sympathies to C. W. Colvert in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Lewis Colvert, Cullendale, Arkansas, who passed away on April 26.

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DISTRICT 2

Division 2 Ouida Grimes Pine Bluff

Joe Tice, Bridge Superintendent, had a bad accident recently. While making repairs to his house, he fell about 5 feet breaking both arms. We're sorry, Joe, and hope you mend very soon.

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Mrs. Walter Perry has been in the hospital. Hope she is feeling better.

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Many, Many thanks to the Drew County Personnel for inviting us to the barbeque you had on April 24. It was wonderful.

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"Blondie" Goins moved his house trailer to his lot on Lake Ouachita recently. Have fun, "Blondie" and Peggy. We may surprise you some Saturday morning when you wake up, and all be there to spend the week end.

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Dewey Rawls and his wife have moved into their new home, which they built, nearly, all by themselves. We're happy for you and proud of you Dewey.

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Hurshel Harwell and wife, Barbara, invested in a new 14-foot Speedliner Run-About, 30 horse power outboard motor and trailer. Russell Gaddy and yours truly have already taken a ride in it.

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Jack Doss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Doss, and Miss Margaret Greenwood, were married April 24. They both graduate from Watson Chapel High School this spring and are planning to leave for Fort Worth where they will make their home. Congratulations

to the couple. (Barney said he didn't lose a son but gained a pretty daughter.)

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Everyone has fishing fever! Russell Gaddy has a new fly rod and James Pierce bought some fishing tackle. Your reporter and Selma Chavis have new fishing hats.

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We are happy to report that Mrs. Brewster Shalmy is recovering nicely after her operation.

DISTRICT 3

Division 7 Sula Burnham Camden

April Showers should be changed to "April Floods." We lost several bridges and closed several roads, but due to our efficient crews, traffic was maintained within a few hours.

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Welcome to Mary Cross, who is replacing June Ivy, who is replacing Charles White who resigned. Hope all are happy.

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We are happy to report that "Uncle" James E. Fultz is recovering nicely after his operation. Uncle Jim is still at the Ouachita County Hospital and would like to hear from all his friends.

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Mrs. E. J. Lindsey was recently dismissed from the Ouachita County Hospital. We are all pulling for you, Matt.

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The sun is shining, weather nice, and fishing trips are being planned. Yours truly is going in my new 1957 baby-blue Chevrolet...Hope to report a good catch.

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DISTRICT 2

Construction W. L. Wright Pine Bluff

Did you ever feel that you had not quite done your best or had let your fellow workers down just a bit? This reporter had that feeling when our last issue of Arkansas Highways arrived and the boys found that we had no report.

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We wish to share honors with Sam Huckabee in District 3. Our boy, Jimmy Hilburn, averaged B plus during the February 4 to March 1 term of Training School in Little Rock. Charles Bland attended the session from April 1 to April 26, but we have not received a copy of his grades. We feel sure he did well, as he is really on the ball.

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We have a fellow in our office whom we wish to publicly introduce to the readers. He is Maynard Sheffield, prompt, neat, congenial and quick to seize an opportunity to lend a helping hand. Maynard is a fine person, and we want everyone to know it!

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There are no tall fish stories to tell or that any big ones got away, but some of our fellows have been tempting them, at least trying to tempt them.

DISTRICT 2

Division 6 Edith Greene No. Little Rock

A farewell barbecue picnic was given by Division 6 Employees at Burns Park on April 30, in honor of our beloved J. E.

McCook, better known as Cap, or Pappy, who retired from the Highway Department May 1, 1957.

Mr. McCook worked for the Department fourteen years and had worked for the County twenty-seven years. At his retirement his title was Assistant Division Maintenance Superintendent. He will be greatly missed by the entire organization.

After the barbecue meal, Pappy cut his cake which was inscribed "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and Helen McCook read a poem "The Maintenance Man," after which John Allen presented him with a fishing rod and reel. Off the cuff remarks were made by Mr. Rives, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Tinsley and Mrs. J. E. McCook.

Approximately one hundred people attended. Guest other than members of Division 6 were; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rives, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sisk, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Tinsley, Mrs. John Harris, Mr. Charlie Holderbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hayes, Mrs. J. E. McCook, Mrs. Helen McCook, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Nation, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Saxton, Mr. and Mrs. William Tisdale. Everyone had a wonderful time!

NATIVE ABILITY

A little girl in faded gingham,
A little boy in tattered denim,
In a meadow on their knees
Disputing the right-of-way with bees...
See how each follows a subtle nose
To the plots where treasure glows?
If children can't find them, no one knows
Where the wild strawberry grows!

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DISTRICT 3

Division 3 Olive Jackson Hope

Congratulations and best wishes to all of the graduating sons and daughters of Division 3 Personnel. Three of the outstanding Seniors deserve special recognition for their achievements. They are: Margie Clark, who is Co-Salutatorian of the Prescott High School Class, Class Secretary, Class Favorite, Homecoming Queen, Co-Editor of School Annual, Member of Dynamo Staff, Class Beauty, D. A. R. Good Citizen, Senior Who's Who, and also had the leading roll in the Senior Play. Margie is the daughter of Ardell and Nellie Clark. Charles Ray Tittle, son of Clovis and Nettie Tittle, who is Co-Valedictorian of the Hope High School Class. Charles was President of the Student Body, President of the Key Club, Member of the National Honor Society, English Four Club, Football Squad, Track Team and Coach of the Elementary Football Team. Charles also received two awards. One for the Outstanding Four Year Senior, and the Reader's Digest Award. Ernest Whitten, son of Newburn and Louise Whitten, who received the Good Citizenship Award, which was a \$25.00 Cash award. Earnest was also on the Five Point Students, and a member of the National Honor Society.

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Carolyn Lewallen, Freshman Business Education Major at Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas, toured with the Singing Stars May 2-3 for four concerts. Carolyn is the daughter of Edna Lewallen, our Payroll Clerk.

Cleo Powell had the misfortune of being in an accident at the intersection of Highways 4 and 67, Friday, May 3. Cleo was badly bruised and received a head injury. Also, his truck was badly damaged.

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Ted Maryman attended the Consistory in Little Rock May 6-7.

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Floyd Pharris, Jr., Houston Kitchen, Elmer Clark and Cecil McCorkle, all members of the National Guard, attended a National Guard Meeting in Little Rock over the week-end of April 27.

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We are very glad to have Clovis Tittle back on the job after an illness of several days.

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Lula and Loyd Haynie have returned from a nice trip to Dallas and Denton, Texas, where they visited Lula's relatives the weekend of May 11.

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We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Clarence George Critchlow, who passed away in St. Michael's Hospital in Texarkana, Friday, April 26. Mr. Critchlow suffered a stroke while working on Highway 67 in Miller County.

DISTRICT 4

Division 4 Ann Hammock Fort Smith

The office girls were invited over to Margarette Parnell's house about 3 weeks ago for luncheon on her patio. She and her mother built the patio themselves and her mother's iris garden was in full

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bloom and just beautiful. The lunch was just delicious and we all enjoyed it.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leakey on the arrival of a baby son, on April 26. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and his name is Thurman.

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Helen Butler has given her apartment the works...every room has been repainted, refurbished with new curtains, bedspreads, colorful pillows and such. Nice! We all had a casserole luncheon there recently.

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We're happy to report that Gene Bell is at home and doing fine after having a small tumor removed from his finger.

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After attending the Training School in Little Rock for 5 weeks, Earl Clem has been transferred from Division 4 as Heavy Truck Driver to assistant to Mr. Benny Strange in the Materials and Tests Department. Congratulations, Clem.

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Wedding Bells will be ringing soon for your reporter. The "lucky guy" is Kenneth Lindsey of Van Buren, and is employed by The Dixie Cup Company. The event will take place in June in Van Buren but I'll continue my duties as bookkeeper. (Congratulations, Ann, and hope you will be very happy..Ed)

DISTRICT 4

Division 8

Russellville

Ed Gardner, one of our shop employees, made a week end trip to Shreveport,

Louisiana, to visit his son who is ill. He and Mrs. Gardner reported he was much improved, after they returned.

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We are happy to have R. L. Robertson of Perry County, back on the job after an emergency appendectomy.

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Our sign crew has just completed a first-class paint job on our shop. The fellows who work in the shop followed through with a window washing and general clean-up. The results are mighty pleasing to the eye.

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Everyone was glad to see Mr. "Leck" Owens back on the job after a week off due to illness. Mr. Owens is our Division Assistant Maintenance Superintendent.

ALVA C FRIEDL

Alva C. Friedl, 52, passed away Sunday, May 12, in a Little Rock Hospital after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Friedl had been employed by the Highway Department since 1956, and in this short time he won the admiration and friendship of all who knew him. His passing comes as a great shock to all of us, and our hearts are saddened by the loss we feel.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Julie Taylon Friedl, five children, Richard, who is in Japan, Robert, of Dallas, Jane, Julie and Alice of Little Rock. Also surviving Mr. Friedl is his mother, who makes her home in Independence, Missouri. To them we offer our deepest and most sincere sympathies.

JEST FOR FUN



ANY QUESTIONS?

And here's the happy, bounding flea—
You cannot tell the he from she.
The sexes look alike, you see,
But she can tell, and so can he!

OPPORTUNITY

A rather fragile looking gent was hailed into court for striking his wife, a large buxom woman.

"Why did you strike your wife?" the surprised judge asked after appraising the couple.

"Well, your Honor," replied the defendant softly, "she had her back to me, the broomstick was handy and the back door was open. So I just took a chance."

FREE RIDE

Marvin Johnson's little boy, caught in mischief, was asked by his mother, "How do you expect to get into heaven?"

The boy thought a minute and then replied,

"Well I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door till they say, "For goodness sake, come in or stay out! Then I'll go in."

BEAT THE CLOCK

Last words of the hotrod handicapper:

"I'll race you. Let's see who can reach the coroner first."

WISE WORDS

A neck is something that if you don't stick out you won't get into trouble up to.

"BON VOYAGE"

"My brother is going to Europe and I'm going to New York to wish him a bum voyage."

"You mean a bon voyage, don't you?"

"No, he's taking a tramp steamer."

THINK IT OVER

People who wonder where this generation is headed would do well to consider where it came from.

LEGEND OF THE SHALLOW CREEK

At a Revival meeting in the hills, a traveling parson was trying to make the best possible impression on his flock of new converts. "Miss Bessie," said the minister with great dignity, as he led a young woman into the small stream for the baptism ceremony, "I'm going to lead you out into this water and wash out every single spot of sin that you've got. "Now Reverend," giggled the hillbilly gal as she stepped forward, "In that little ole' shallow creek?"

THE DEFENSE RESTS

An English lady, self-appointed supervisor of village morals, accused a workman of having reverted to drink because "with her own eyes" she had seen his wheelbarrow standing outside a public house. The accused made no defense, but that evening placed his wheelbarrow outside her door and left it all night.

J'EVER NOTICE?

The man who gets the girls applause
Must act, not look, like Santa Claus.

BOTANY LESSON

A garden club in Illinois announced the forthcoming visit of a celebrated botanist.

"He will discuss trees, and conduct the ladies on a short walk through the park, identifying them by their shapes and characteristics."

Definition of A Husband: A man who wishes he had as much fun when he is out as his wife thinks he does.