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FIVE PASS REGISTRATION EXAMS

It's a proud moment in the life of an engineering student when he receives his college degree in engineering as it's a giant step towards his future and the security of his family. When he passes his registration examination to become a registered professional engineer, it's the icing on the cake. Such an accomplishment opens avenues of opportunities for advancement and broadening his horizon.

Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman states that the Board of Registration Examiners recently announced that five of our Highway Department engineers, who took the exams last October, had passed their examinations to become registered engineers. The men are: Billy M. Cline, David L. Moore, Travis G. Orton, Jr., Joseph B. Hogan, and James C. Frazier, Jr.



Cline

Cline, 26, is a native of Paragould in Greene County. He attended schools in Greene County, graduating from Green County Tech in 1954. After four years at the University of Arkansas he graduated in 1958 with a BSCE. He was selected by the faculty out of an approximate class of 20 as the outstanding civil engineering graduate. Cline worked as a rodman for two summers before he became a permanent employee after his graduation, at which time he was made assistant resident engineer. In 1959 he served three months' active duty in the Army Reserve. Upon his return he was located in Forrest City

and in May 1961 he was made acting resident engineer in Brinkley. Later he was transferred to Wynne, District 1, in the same capacity. Currently he is handling five major construction jobs in the area totaling close to \$2 million. He is married to the former Miss Mary Edwina Wright of Mississippi, and they have a son, Ronald Alan, 18 months old. Cline is a Methodist, teaches Sunday school, and is a loyal supporter of the Razorbacks. He has been promoted to resident engineer.



Orton

Travis Orton, Jr., has been around the Highway Department since 1953 when he began working as a draftsman in Roadway Design during the summer months. A native of Ft. Smith, his family moved to Little Rock where he attended elementary schools. He graduated from Little Rock Central High, going on to Arkansas Tech for two years. He transferred to the University of Arkansas and received his BSCE in 1959. He entered the Navy in 1955 and served two years, resuming his studies upon his discharge. In 1961 he transferred to Construction as an engineering assistant, his present title. Orton, 30 years old next May, is married to the former Miss Patricia Parker of North Little Rock where they reside with their two children.



Moore

Moore, a native of Pope County, first began employment in the Department in July 1956 as a summer employee. He entered the University of Arkansas the following September where he received his engineering degree. Prior to his studies at the University he attended Arkansas Tech for two years. Upon graduation in 1958 he returned to AHD as a senior instrumentman and has been advancing steadily since. He was promoted to assistant resident engineer in 1959 supervising various construction projects, including work on LaHarpe Boulevard, Cantrell Road, and the Freeway Bridge. He will be promoted to full residency. He is married to the former Miss Bobbie Skidmore of Russellville.



Hogan

Joseph B. Hogan, a native of North Little Rock, received both his BSCE and AB degrees in 1958 from two different colleges. He was one of the first two students to receive the degrees under a combined 5-year plan for engineers worked out between Hendrix College, Conway, and New York's Columbia University. After he received the degrees he came to the Highway Department as a junior bridge designer. In order to obtain field experience not available in Bridge Design, he was transferred to Construction Division in 1961 as an engineering assistant. Last July he was promoted to acting resident engineer in District 3 and since his registration he has been promoted to resident engineer. The Hogans reside in DeQueen.



Frazier

James Coy Frazier, Jr. is another employee who started out as a summer employee in AHD. His first stint was in 1954 and he returned the following two summers. In 1957 he was associated with an oil firm in Texas and later for McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis as a test engineer. He completed his college education in 1958, graduating with a BSCE from the University of Arkansas. He is a native of Dodson, Tex., but has lived in Arkansas since an early age and attended schools in Desha County. Much of his engineering work since he returned to the Department has been directing construction on bridges south of Little Rock for the Interstate System, working with Ralph Jones, resident engineer in District 6. In February 1962 he was transferred to District 2 as acting resident engineer. He is currently in McGehee and was promoted to resident engineer January 1. Other highway engineering he has done includes surveying, mapping, cost analysis, etc. Frazier is married to the former Miss Louise Camel and they have one child.

Highway Department and Bureau of Public Roads Inaugurates Concurrent Audit System



Seated, left to right, are: Ward Goodman, John W. Courter, Director Oliver, and Charles Smith. Standing are Highway Commission Chairman, John E. Crain, Sr., and Paul Doyle, and James Warren.

The Highway Department and the Bureau of Public Roads on December 19 formally signed into official policy a new concurrent audit system which became effective January 1.

Signing the agreement for the Highway Department, in the presence of the State Highway Commission members were Director F. R. Oliver, and Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman. John W. Courter, division engineer for the Bureau, signed for the government agency. Also representing the Bureau of Public Roads were Charles H. Smith, assistant chief of auditing of the Finance Division from Washington, D. C.; Paul A. Doyle, executive officer; and James F. Warren, assistant executive officer, Region 6, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and J. C. Sears, administrative manager of the division office in Little Rock.

Conversion to the new Concurrent Audit System is the promulgation of a study and review of the Department's

management structure and an evaluation of its operating methods, practices, organization, and policies. Relatively few changes were necessitated in the Highway Department's accounting methods to permit adoption of the new system. The new Public Roads' audit plan is designed to facilitate reimbursement of state claims through placing reliance on the state's systems and procedures. Arkansas is among the first 10 states to qualify for conversion to the new system.

Initiation of the Concurrent Audit plan is considered a progressive forward step in joint efforts of the states and the Bureau of Public Roads to provide the most efficient and accurate auditing system possible. The plan has adequate safeguards to permit checks and assurances of compliance with the federal and state regulations governing expenditures of public funds. To utilize federal funds made available to the states for highway construction, the states must first expend their own money and then be reimbursed for the federal share.

Three Engineers Complete Engineers' Training Program

Special certificates will be presented to three graduate engineers of the Highway Department on January 23 at Commission Meeting, for having completed the 12-month Engineers Training Program which is sponsored by the Department. They are: M. J. Hensley, James L. Riley, and Charles F. Jones.

The program, initiated in February 1960, is designed to familiarize the civil engineering graduates with all aspects of highway engineering so that when they complete the program they can choose the particular field of engineering in which they are most interested. The program includes training in the districts around the state and the departments of Bridge Design, Construction, Materials and Tests, Roadway Design, Computer Center, Traffic, and the Bureau of Public Roads' office.

Hensley, 25, was employed October 1960, but took time out for a short military stint. He is a native of Texarkana where he attended high school. He attended Southern State College for two years before transferring to the University of Arkansas where he graduated with an engineering degree. Hensley has chosen Construction as his engineering field, and will work with Resident Engineer Lem Tull, District 6, His mother, Mrs. Lola Hensley resides in Texarkana.

Briley has been employed since May 1961. A native of Ft. Smith, he will be 25 in February. He graduated from North Little Rock High School and the University of Arkansas with a civil engineering degree. Briley is married to the former Miss Claudia Ann Spurlin. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Briley, reside in North Little Rock. Briley will work in Materials and Tests.

Jones, a native of Muskogee, Okla., has chosen to work in the Research Section headed by Robbie Parker, in Planning and Research. Jones was employed in September 1961. He attended high school at Mena and graduated from the University of Texas with a BSCE. He is married to the former Miss Sarah Perkins and they reside in North Little Rock.



Hensley



Briley



Jones

AHD ISSUES ROAD COURTESY BROCHURE

The State Highway Department's Safety Department has prepared a pamphlet for distribution with the 1963 automobile license. The brochure is a brief compilation of motorist courtesy and safety reminders on the highways. It points up a current problem born of modern highways progress—that of the slow driver. The slow driver is encouraged to keep his vehicle moving at a speed so as not to impede the normal flow of traffic on the highways.

The Highway Department prepared the pamphlet after the Legislative Council approved a recommendation of its Roads & Highways Committee that the Department make a study of the problem of the slow driver and distribute the pamphlet in an effort to increase road courtesy and safety. Representative T. L. Greenlee of Pine Bluff, a strong proponent of highway safety and courtesy, sponsored the study. Pamphlets have been mailed out for distribution at all Revenue offices throughout the state.

We will print the contents of the brochure in the next issue.

NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAMED

A new Advisory Committee was named by Director Oliver January 9. They are Thomas B. Keys, Legal Division, chairman; Adele Fiedler, Surveys, and Ralph Stiefvater, Assistant Chief Engineer's Office, members. Retiring members were Mayo White, chairman; Mamie Fanning, and Glendol Jackson. The Advisory Committee members serve one year.

Obituaries

MRS. GLADYS PLUNKETT

Employees in the Central Offices and Jacksonville were saddened by the deaths of three employees in December.

Mrs. Gladys Plunkett, 50, an employee in Data Processing Center, died Tuesday, December 4 in a Little Rock hospital after suffering a stroke in October.

The wife of Fred A. Plunkett, she was a member of the Markham Methodist Church. She was with the Department 10 years.

Other survivors include a son, Freddie Plunkett of Fayetteville; a daughter, Sue Ann Plunkett of Forrest City; a brother, Grover Smith of Little Rock; and a sister, Mrs. Joe Dreese of North Little Rock.

Funeral services were conducted by Ruebel Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers were employees of Data Processing Center.

JOHN HOMER KNOTT

John Homer Knott, affectionately known as Jake, a bridge engineer in the Bridge Design Division, died of a heart attack December 12 in a Little Rock hospital. He was 66 years old, and had worked in the Department 35 years.

Jake was a resident of Benton where he was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church and a Sunday school teacher. He was graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Engineering in 1919, and was a member of Tau Beta Pi honorary engineering fraternity.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lillian Cockmon Knott; two sons, John Homer Knott, Jr., of Memphis; and Richard R. Knott of Minden, La.; a sister, Mrs. George Richardson of Bentonville, and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Benton by the Ashby Funeral Service.

FRANK PAUL PRATT, SR.

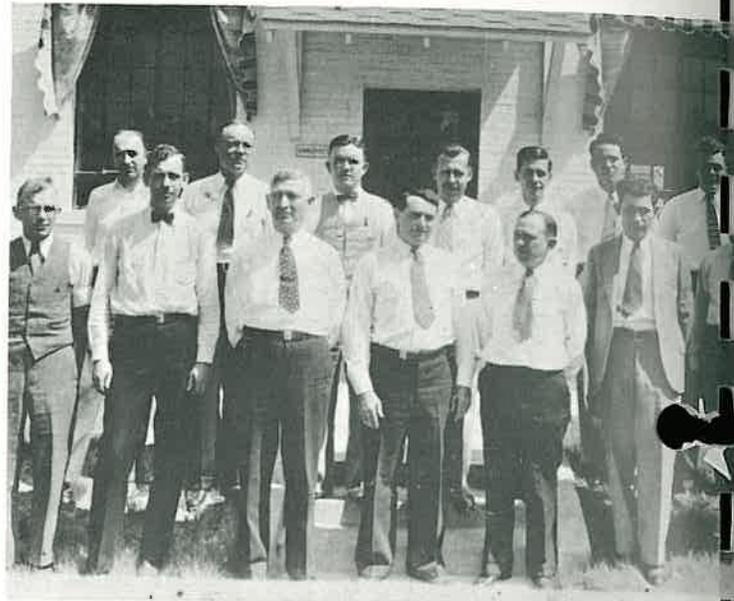
Frank Paul Pratt, Sr., 66, a shop foreman for the Equipment Division at Jacksonville, died in a Little Rock hospital December 13, after an extended illness.

Frank was born at North Little Rock. His father, the late Gabe Jones Pratt, was police chief in North Little Rock for many years, as well as a brother, the late Gabe Pratt, during the 40's.

Frank resided in Little Rock at 208 East Tenth St. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Mary Kline Pratt; a son, Frank P. Pratt, Jr., of Little Rock; two brothers, Al Pratt of Sulphur Springs, Tex.; and Joe Pratt of Joplin, Mo.; two sisters, Miss Margaret Pratt and Mrs. Keith Rutherford, both of North Little Rock; and two grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Ruebel Funeral Home.

George Walter Allen, 68, of Siloam Springs, formerly of Batesville, died December 7 in a Siloam Springs hospital. He was a retired engineer with the Department. Mr. Allen was born in 1894 at Batesville. Funeral services were held in the Pyeatte Chapel, with the Reverend Jimmy Phillips officiating. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Louise A. Allen; a son, George C. Allen of Little Rock; two brothers, Loyd Allen and John Allen of Batesville, and three grandchildren.

Memories...



One of the hardest tasks some of the Bridge Design employees ever undertook was cleaning out the desk and gathering the effects of their beloved co-worker, Jake Knott, who died suddenly of a heart attack last month. In among his effects was the photo, above, taken in 1934 in front of the old Highway Department Central Offices, currently being used by our Legal Division.

From left to right, back row, are: Jake Knott; J. C. Perkins, Sr., deceased; Bob Hiles, now with the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Washington, D.C.; Eddie Williams, senior designer in Bridge Design; Barney Gasser, now with Arkansas Foundry; John Dickenson, superintendent of construction, Day and Zimmerman Construction Company; and Curtis Glover, working with a Little Rock insurance firm.

Pictured on the front row, left to right, are: John Strom, an engineer with Garver and Garver Consulting Engineers; L. P. Carlson, head of Bridge Design, AHD; Neal Garver, Garver and Garver; Loren Bundy, deceased; R. C. Gibson, regional bridge engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads in Kansas City, Mo.; Harold Bastian, assistant head of AHD Bridge Design Division; and W. C. Glover, deceased.

ANOTHER SECTION OF THE FREEWAY OPENS TO MOTORISTS

A section of the Freeway, from Roosevelt Road through the Biddle Shops and the South Terminal Interchange to the Benton Highway, was opened in December, in ribbon-cutting ceremonies. The new section is approximately 7 miles long.

North bound commuters from the Benton Highway, Cloverdale, and other suburban areas residential areas are able to drive as far as the Roosevelt underpass where traffic is channeled east and west while workmen put the finishing touches to the stretch between Roosevelt and Capitol, scheduled to open next July.

Representing the Highway Department in the opening ceremonies was Y. W. Whelchel, administrative assistant. Mayor Werner Knoop represented the city of Little Rock.

The South Terminal begins just beyond the Rock Island overpasses, south of the Biddle yards and sorts traffic to U.S. 67-70 (Interstate 30), linking with the Benton Highway and to the Pine Bluff Highway.

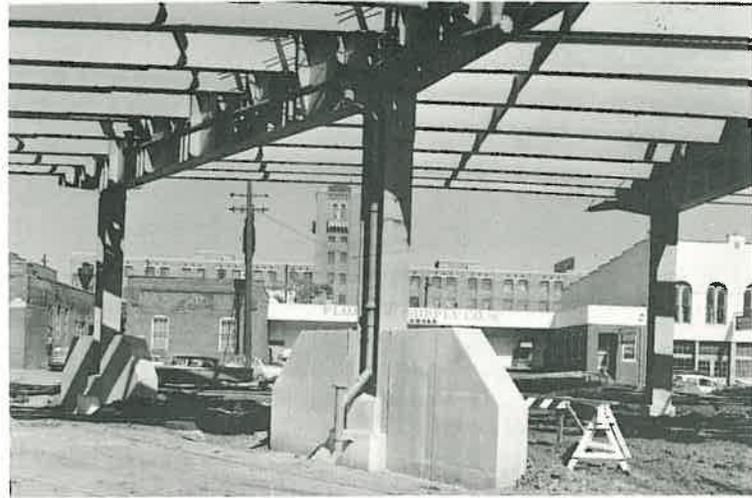
A loop road bypasses the Freeway through the Biddle yards for residents west of the Freeway heading for the downtown area.

Bob Crafton, Freeway engineer, said that the Roosevelt to Capitol section, the Markham Street Interchange and the North Terminal segment to Levy were scheduled for completion about the same time in July 1963.

The Markham Interchange is about 75 per cent complete and will route traffic off the Freeway into the downtown area and to La Harpe Boulevard for connection to Highway 10. All that is lacking on the Roosevelt to Capitol portion is the pouring of concrete, shoulders, and other minor items, Crafton explained.

Interstate 30 will begin in the North Terminal (Park Hill) and continue to Texarkana, via Highway 67-70 to Benton, where the highways divide. Highway 70 goes to Hot Springs and 67 continues as I-30 through to Hope, Prescott, Malvem, and Arkadelphia to Texarkana.

Interstate 40 is the east-west expressway from Memphis to Ft. Smith, through the North Terminal.



All pictures are of construction on the Markham Street Interchange.





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 Front row: F. R. Oliver, John E. Crain, Sr., Kent Brown, Joe Schamer, and Purvy-L. Harris. Back row: Truman Baker, Wayne Hampton, Glenn Wallace, Arnil Taylor, and Ward Goodman.

Three employees received certificates of merit at the December 19 Commission Meeting in the Central Offices in Little Rock.

Kent Brown, an engineer with Surveys Division, received a special retirement certificate in recognition of 31 years of service with the Department. Brown retired last month at the age of 65.

Purvy Lee Harris, a mechanic in Central Shops at Jacksonville, received his belated 25-year service awards and a 28-year retirement certificate. Harris had reached the compulsory retirement age of 67. He also retired last month.

Joe Schamer, assistant head of Accounting Division, was the recipient of an American Association of State Highway Officials certificate, for 25 years in the Department.

Deputy Director Ward Goodman made the presentations before a large gathering of co-workers and relatives of the men.

Director Oliver was a guest speaker at the Camden Lions Club December 12...The next day he was a guest speaker at the Conway Rotary Club. The Olivers spent a White Christmas in Leavenworth, Kan. Mr. Oliver said five inches of snow fell on Christmas Eve while they there.

The Highway Commissioners, Director Oliver, Deputy Director Ward Goodman, and other Highway Department officials were guests at a fish fry at Wooster on January 4. The fish fry was given by Wooster citizens in appreciation of a 7-mile stretch of pavement on Highway 25, from Conway to Wooster.

The Arkansas Highway Dames celebrated Christmas with a party in the Meeting Room of the Arkansas Power and Light Company on December 13. At the business meeting the Project Committee reported on the success of the Christmas card exchange. Many members made donations to the Arkansas Highway Assistance Fund in lieu of sending cards to friends in the city and over the state. Greetings were expressed in the communal card in the Highway Central Offices lobby.

Refreshments were served during the social hour at which time the film, "The Littlest Angel," was shown

by Johnnie Gray. In color and music, this popular film made a universal appeal.

The January meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, in the Commission Room of the Highway Department. Mrs. William Nash of Little Rock, who was one of the judges at the Miss America Pageant last September in Atlantic City, will be our guest speaker. She will comment on the activities of the Pageant.

Come yourself, bring another member, also, a couple of sandwiches to go with coffee served by the Food Committee.



June Dillion and her boss, Bill Johnston, head of Roadway Design, share a big joke during the party they had in their office December 21. At bottom, June beside their Christmas tree.

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AHD REPRESENTED AT "ARKANSAS CAREER DAYS" AT UNIVERSITY

The Arkansas Highway Department was one of some 50 companies and agencies participating in "Arkansas Career Days," at the University of Arkansas December 3-4. It was the first such program to be held and was hailed as a success. Dale Davison, Personnel officer, and John Kizer, engineer in the offices of Assistant Chief Engineer J. T. Pendergrass, represented the Department.

The purpose of the program is to give the firms a chance to come together in a group to hire students of the University, thus keeping the graduates in Arkansas, and working for Arkansas firms.

About 400 students lined up to discuss Arkansas careers with the executives. Several were hired on the spot, despite the usual practice of delaying final commitments at least until March. Louis D. Trager, head of the University placement office, said the students were quite enthusiastic over the idea of having Arkansas businessmen come to the campus and discuss the careers available in the state. "We have a constant stream of recruiters through the office during most of the school year but this is the first time a large delegation from Arkansas came to offer jobs to the graduates," Trager said.

Trager said business administration and engineering majors drew the biggest play but other fields also attracted considerable attention.

W. F. Rector of Little Rock, chairman of the organization, said the "Arkansas Career Days" sessions went much better than had been expected but he expressed the belief the event could be bigger next year.



Mr. and Mrs. Kent Brown cut the huge cake at the farewell party given for him by the Surveys Division, December 19. Kent retired last month.



Personnel Officer Dale Davison, facing camera at left, and John Kizer, right, engineer in the office of Assistant Chief Engineer J. T. Pendergrass, are shown interviewing engineering students regarding employment with the Highway Department, during the University of Arkansas' "Career Days," held December 3 and 4.



At left, Feryl Jones and her boss, Ward Goodman, are shown at the Christmas party given by Mr. Oliver and Mr. Goodman in their offices. Below: Joyce Spencer, Dorothy Switzer, and Feryl. Bottom picture: Millie Houston, Charles Wroblewski, and Martha Pendergrass.



AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Tyronza Hines

The Accounting Division held their annual Christmas party on December 20, with a potluck luncheon and an exchange of gag gifts. Director Oliver was our guest of honor.

Joe Schamer was presented a 25-year AASHO award December 19. Congrats to Joe.

Margaret Allen's son and his family from Huntsville, Tex. arrived in Little Rock December 21 to spend the Christmas holidays with Margaret and John.

Irene Hawkins' son Jimmy, and his wife Annette, arrived December 19 to spend the holidays with his family. Jimmy attends the University of Arkansas.

Johnnie Beavers and wife Mollie, were very happy to have their other son Charlie, and his wife Kay, at home for the holidays. Charlie is a second lieutenant with the Air Force and stationed at Wichita Falls, Tex. They were home four days.

Margaret Schamer of Memphis spent the holidays with her parents Joe and Evelyn.

Olin Randle left for Fayetteville December 23, where she spent the holidays with her son and family.

Pat Koonce and children left for Evansville, Ind. December 21 to stay over Christmas with Pat's mother and father.

Lola Buck went to St. Charles, Mo., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Henry Stunburg and family.

BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

The Bridge Design Division, finding a surplus of funds in the coffee-making operations, asked Mrs. Hazel Bastian and Mrs. Esther Williams to buy presents for our 26 youngsters ranging from a year-and-a-half to 13 years. They bought a gift perfectly suited to each child and returned money to the coffee fund. We had a Christmas tree for the children and enjoyed very much seeing them receive the gifts. We actually had added another baby girl to the roster before Christmas - Laura Lee Harrison, 7 pounds, 11½ ounces, born December 14 to Barbara and Frank Harrison - but at the time of the party she was only two days old and couldn't quite make it.

As we were all invited to the big Christmas Party planned in the Roadway Design Division on Friday afternoon before the holiday, we had a very modest coffee and cake party that morning at

which time I received a beautiful gift from the office, which will be long appreciated. Roadway Design's party was a huge success and we all enjoyed dropping in during the afternoon.

Throughout the holidays friends of Jake Knott in Bridge Design and over the building, and indeed, throughout the whole Highway Department, were saddened by his untimely death and were at the same time reminded by the season that he had always been "a man who knew how to keep Christmas."

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hazel McKim

The A. J. Whites had a very happy Christmas as all their children and their families—36 in all — were together for Christmas dinner.

Joe Hohnbach fell and fractured a wrist so he has it in a cast. The pain has eased up somewhat.

Ralph Post was injured in an accident December 21 and as of this writing he is still off from work.

All the rest of the night crew said they had a very nice Christmas. Happy New Year to all.

EQUIPMENT

Doris Healy

If you see a streak of red and white go by, don't be alarmed—it's only Shirley Healy driving their new 1963 Ford Galaxy, white, with red interior, It's really pretty, Shirley.

Arkansas Travelers for the month of November were: Bonnie and Bob Hill, who visited his parents in Indianola, Iowa Thanksgiving. Bonnie is also the proud owner of four Siamese kittens. Bernie Cox and family made a trip to Aurora, Ill. in November and reported a little snow.

The W. W. Yanceys had their son and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin from Atlanta, Ga., as guests over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Heard celebrated their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary on November 28. Best wishes to the Heards and we wish them many more. We're sorry to report that Mr. Heard entered the hospital December 2 for an operation but he was doing fine at the last report. We hope to see him soon.

We've been advised by Runt Moser that Asa Duncan, a former equipment inspector equipment inspector in our division, is in Sparks Memorial Hospital, Room 615, Ft. Smith, Ark. He has had surgery twice. Sure hope he gets well soon.



"Believe me, it's good to just sit back and relax after the busy holidays." The darling little girl is Karen Janelle, 6 months old and the daughter of Jim Johnson in Central Warehouse.

P. L. Harris will be leaving us December 31, after being with the Department for 28 years. Harris is retiring due to the Highway Department's retirement age policy. We'll miss him but wish him much luck and happiness.

Our boss, C. Don Hayes, attended the AASHO Convention in Miami, Fla. the week of December 3.

Carol Hilton's husband Charles, was nominated for Airman of the Quarter for his outstanding services for the months of October, November, and December in the 825th Headquarters Squadron. They'll be chosen sometime in January. Charles and Carol visited their parents in Colchester, Ill. during Christmas week.

This reporter's husband Jerry, bagged a 7 point buck and we're enjoying venison.

Everyone enjoyed our Christmas party on Friday, December 21. We had refreshments and gift exchange.

Our hearts were saddened by the death of Frank Pratt, Sr., who was shop foreman at Central Shops. Frank will be missed by everyone who knew him and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

Our sympathies also are extended to G. G. Carter and the family of his brother, who died November 27; and to H. G. Edmonson, whose daughter died December 17.

SIGN IN OPTICAL SHOP: Eyes examined while you wait.

SIGN IN MUSIC SHOP: Violin for sale cheap—\$25—no strings attached.

FREEWAY

Patsy Mayhan

The Freeway Christmas Party was held Thursday night, December 20, at the American Legion Hut in North Little Rock. Attending were Department employees and their wives of the Lem Tull residency; the Don Cahoon residency; the H. H. Perkins' residency; the Ralph Jones residency; George Peevy's residency; Jack Burcham's residency; and Bob Crafton's office. Representing the construction office were Mr. and Mrs. John Tallant, and Mrs. Frank Neighbors. Others were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schenke, and Powell Grant-ham, and representatives of several contracting and supplies firms and wives. Approximately 100 persons were at the event.

Credit for the success of the party goes to the following: Decorations Committee, Ralph and Martha Jones, Peggy Price, and Bonnie Crafton; Food Committee, Don and Alice Cahoon, Harry Metcalf, and Jim Little; and the Entertainment Committee, Jack Burcham and Pat Mayhan. Door prizes were given. If anyone wants to know how much mileage you can get out of a monkey, just ask Mindel Lambert. Bob Crafton made "Hammerhead" (?) awards to the four Freeway residents. We found out last summer at the Freeway picnic that John Tallant could not sing "Mule Train" and the Christmas party it was discovered that he could not twist. It must be his looks that attracts. Also, a well presented picture display showing progress on the Freeway was arranged by Bob. Everyone had a good time and from this writer's observation, all were able to return to work the next morning in good condition.

LEGAL DIVISION

Betty Grimes

Christmas was celebrated in the Legal Division with a delicious buffet luncheon. Those of us who have been here almost forever agreed that it was the finest Christmas party we could remember. Everyone had that contented and happy glow that comes with a full tummy and the pleasure of good fellowship. We are indeed blessed with a congenial group of co-workers and many fine friends, some of which we were fortunate enough to have with us to share our repast. It would take up too much of the page to list the many delicacies that were prepared, but a tasty barbecued ham was the main attraction. Gifts were exchanged, carols were played on a portable stereo, and an air of child-like anticipation was abound. We sincerely hope that each and every one of you had as happy and memorable a Christmas as we enjoyed, and we extend best wishes for a Happy New Year to all.



Dowell Anders, chief of the Legal Division and Helen Hackett, his secretary, pause during their festivities to exchange Christmas gifts.



Dishing it up are Joyce Barry, Linda Colbert, and Tom Keys.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

This reporter doesn't feel much like the clever writer, Jean Kerr, this month. It's a chore to settle down and think about the New Year's resolutions to make and break in the same day, or income tax time just around the corner, license plates to be purchased, etc. And to realize that it will be a long time before we get another nice holiday.

Several in our outfit have new tax exemptions. The Donald Liles welcomed Leslie Andrew Liles, December 16. He tipped the scale at 8 pounds. Mr. and Mrs.

G. E. Smith, Jr. announce the birth of a daughter, December 20. The Junior Miss weighed 8 pounds. There is another new baby in Materials and Tests. Krista, new daughter of Morris and Jean Fulcher, made her arrival December 29, weighing 7 pounds, 11½ ounces.

Herald Sneed fractured his arm while working on his tractor and was off several days...Willard Harrison is in a Conway hospital after suffering a heart attack. Smokey (Bill) Wood spent several days at the Baptist Hospital for a checkup.

L. G. Willcockson is sporting a new baby blue Grand Prix Pontiac.

Birthday boys who placed another candle on their cake in December were: R. Camp,

R. C. Turney, Dick Pils, C. H. Tullos, and Robert Hickey.

We had several men of leisure recently. Vacationers were: C. H. Tullos, H. Hart, R. Camp, Donald Liles, Carter Howard, Fred Clark, Bill Langston, J. Garner, D. Havens, Ed Davis, Robert Sims, Robert Keathley, Grady Putman, James Baird, G. E. Smith, Jr., and Willcockson.

Razorback boosters who attended the Sugar Bowl game were John Dunbar and Willcockson.

Travelog: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Schneider attended the AASHO Convention in Miami Beach, Fla. December 4-8.

Joe Magness attended the Research Sub-Committee Meeting in Fayetteville December 3 and 4.

Raymond Lynch and family visited his son, Bill, and family in Lubbock, Tex.

Russell Newsom spent Christmas holidays with his sister in Texas.

Carmath A. Phillips was married December 8 in Benton to Betty Ray Dean. The newlyweds are residing at 1515 West Eighth, Little Rock.

MICROFILMING

Sarah Neel

Verna Daes and family spent the week end of December 15 in Memphis visiting her sister, Mrs. Arno Christopher and family, who recently moved there from Illinois. While there Verna and Ivan were lucky enough to get in on helping them move into a new house. But they all pitched in and got it all straightened up, in plenty of time for the Daes to attend Ivan's company (Recordak) Christmas party.

This reporter spent the Christmas holidays in Jackson, Miss., visiting Dr. and Mrs. Myron Z. Neel and family. Dr. Neel is the nephew of my late husband, Walter Neel.

Henry Williams, vault custodian, spent Christmas Day with Verna and Ivan.

PERSONNEL

M.A.

The office force all enjoyed their holiday season immensely, and we're particularly appreciative of the extra day off we had—Christmas Eve...Our thanks to the Highway Commission for making it possible. Some of us had visitors and others visited, but all agreed that it was a happy time.

On Friday before Christmas we had a small party in the office and exchanged Christmas gifts. We had our lunch of fried chicken, etc., delivered and it was delicious. Margie Davison, wife of boss, Dale, was our guest and Birdie Wright also joined us. Later on some of us visited other offices to have a cup of coffee and wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Paul Wroten spent Christmas with his mother and other members of his family in Perryville...Hoyt Thomas, wife Linda, and their youngun', Brooks, alternated their time with his parents in Little Rock and Linda's in Guy. Hoyt got in his traditional Christmas rabbit hunt.

Ruth Foll drove up to her hometown, Mountain View, to visit her parents and sister. As usual she got in a lot of sleep and rest she said...Shirley Bain and her family spent part of the holiday season in Hope with her parents, and in Little Rock with her husband's parents.

We all had the pleasure of meeting Jane's brother, Dr. Hal Hooper, and two of his beautiful daughters, Patsy and Karen, the morning of December 21, when they visited us in the office. They were enroute to their home in Tennessee after a visit in Texas. During the visit Karen entertained us by dancing the genuine Hawaiian hula and singing. Hal is a very nice looking man as well as charming. We hope they return someday soon.

Jane's mother, Mrs. Boots Hooper, came in unexpectedly December 22, bringing with her, Prissy, another daughter of Jane's brother. They stayed until December 26. Mrs. Hooper lives in Tennessee, also.

This writer's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Stanford, and niece, Rinda, from Fairhope, Ala., were our guests.

Jackie Wallace said she received many nice Christmas gifts but one of them she could have done without. While visiting in Heber Springs with her grandmother, she slipped on the ice (Major Berry's work) and broke an ankle. She was off a week, but returned hobbling with crutches. Before she returned to work several of us dropped by to see her and autographed her cast which she expects to have with her for six weeks.



"It isn't everyone who can fit into this job. It takes someone who's satisfied to accept \$32.50 a week."

BREVITY VS. GOVERNMENT

The Lord's Prayer has 56 words...Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 266 words...The Ten Commandments, 297...The Declaration of Independence, 300...A government order setting the price of cabbage has 26,911 words.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

With the holidays out of the way and everyone back on the job, things are beginning to settle back into routine.

Several employees have been on annual leave, vacationing, visiting and enjoying the holidays while others rested at home with friends and relatives.

The girls in Planning and Research enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at Hank's Dog House. Everyone exchanged gifts and ate a delicious meal. Our special guest was Bea Davis, a former employee in P&R, now retired.

Our crew in P&R had their annual Christmas party December 21. We had several guests to stop by and good food and music were enjoyed by all.

Johnny Longcoy is back with us after being gone several weeks following surgery.

Ralph Pack had surgery after an injury to his knee. He's doing better and should be back with us soon.

Aline and Joe Daniels won a 3-day trip to New Orleans during the first week in December. The trip was sponsored through the company where Joe works. Both had a wonderful time.

Mignon Besancon spent New Year's week end in New Orleans and was on hand for the Razorbacks' tilt with Ole Miss. She enjoyed everything but the final score.

Our engineer trainee for December was Charles Jones and we enjoyed having him with us.

Former co-workers, including Jim Barnett and Nona Boudra, both now attending college, dropped in during the holiday season.

RIGHT OF WAY

Ann Sniff

Parties, parties, parties! Right of Way was one great big gala affair beginning Friday, December 14, when Bob Yada and Ken Brown left us to take positions with the U. S. Corps of Engineers. We sent them off with a party and gifts and regrets but we sincerely wish them the best in their new jobs.

The Appraisal Section had their annual Christmas "get-together" at Coachman's Inn the night of December 14 with a good turnout and enjoyment for all.

On Friday, December 21, we had a gift exchange along with our celebration here at the office and had as guests the Reproduction Section. The annual dinner party of the Right of Way Division was held at Tia-Wanna Supper Club that night. Everyone agreed that it was an outstanding party.

Brenda Larch became Mrs. Jack Vocque on December 22. Congratulations to Brenda and our Best Wishes to the newlyweds.

Last, but not least, was a birthday celebration for this reporter and Bill Pease of the Legal Division on December 27. In spite of a skeleton crew in both

divisions, there was a pretty good crowd for the luncheon at Medical Arts Building, with speeches and appropriate (Happy Birthday) music.

New Year's Resolution: "There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us, that it's rather hard to tell which of us ought to reform the rest of us."

ROADWAY DESIGN

John Dunn

A very good Christmas was had by all in Glenn Trammel's squad. We really howled!

Our entire crew in Roadway enjoyed a tremendous Christmas party December 21. To say it was a success would be putting it mildly. We had a big tree and frivolity reigned. All the fellows in Roadway wish to express their heartfelt thanks for a job well done by June Dillon, Gail Hamm, and Sharon Burnett.

Bud Smith spent the holiday season in Jonesboro.

Happy New Year, June! And to everyone.

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

There was a lot of deer hunting going on in District 2 the last deer season. The following employees were the lucky ones; Woodrow Wilson, Floyd Fullbright, Huey Murphy, Johnny Fox, Bob Farmer, Earl Arnold, Walter Griffin, Elbert Martin, J. F. Carter, Collins Wall, Lester Rabb, Roth Rabb, Thomas Woodard, John Hughes, James Minchew, J. V. Morphis, W. J. Ryals, Dewey Hicks, W. H. Kyle, Ed Meeks, C. V. Earnest, Troy Chambliss, J. L. McGee, Roy Johnson, J. J. Doss, Gerald White, Larry Doss, son of Dock Doss, and James Harrison, son of Gerald White, and a few more of which I don't have the names.

The McGehee construction office sent us the news that they also had some deer hunters: Gary Williams, Charles Weaver, Wayne Hilburn, and J. C. Merrell. Only one came back to work with his shirttail cut off - better luck next time, Merrell! A deer barbecue is being planned for the employees and their families.

We had our annual Christmas party in the District office December 21. There were approximately 220 persons attending to partake of the delicious food. The menu consisted of ham, baked beans, potato salad, potato chips, coffee, cold drinks and the most delectable pies and cakes. We presented each of the children with a small gift. Our special guests were Mrs. Inez Royston, Walter Combs, Bob Warren, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Vick, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook, Roy O'Briant, and Mrs. Blondy Goins and two grandsons, Bubba and Chuck. We don't know what we would do without Mrs. Goins—many thanks.

Get well wishes are sent to Blondy Goins, who was sick and unable to make the Christmas party, and to Roy Akin of Monticello.

Mike Shalmy of Rome, N.Y. spent several days recently with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Shalmy, and John Thomas.

Joe Houseman of Pine Bluff took a few days' vacation to spend the holidays in Panama City, Fla. He owns a home there and plans to make it his residence when he retires.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

Service awards were presented to Nick John Jones of Nevada County, for 15 years' of service. Jones is retiring December 31 and we all extend our best wishes to him for a long and contented retirement.

Our Radiological Monitoring Course was conducted in December by Messrs. Bill E. Huie, safety director; Leon Sneed, Frank O'Donnell, all of Little Rock.

Ed Orsini and B. Cruce, auditors of the Department, and Ed Arnold, legislative auditor, completed their audit in our district.

We have a new employee: Angelo Hollis, who started to work in Hempstead County December 16.

Those of the office personnel who were out of town during the Christmas holidays were: Iva McKinnie, who visited her parents in Stuttgart; Georgia Whittemore, who visited relatives in Prescott; Edna Lewallen, who spent the holidays in Dallas; and this reporter, who visited sister and family in Marianna.

Congratulations to Curtis Houston Crow on receiving his 5-year service awards in December.

We had a big fish fry in the district office building December 20 during the noon hour. Some of our guests were R. B. Winfrey, Jake Clements, and the Radiological Monitoring Course conductors, mentioned above. Also on hand were our auditors and construction and maintenance employees, who were taking the course, and the office and shop personnel.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Clovis G. Tittle in the death of his wife, Nettie Lee, who died December 2 in a Texarkana hospital.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE FROM DISTRICT 3!

DISTRICT 6

Bob Valentine

We in District 6 hope that all our fellow employees had a MERRY CHRISTMAS, and sincerely hope the New Year brings all good things—a message this reporter forgot to extend before the December issue was printed.

Several of our co-workers made trips over the Christmas holidays, but not before they celebrated a bit around the office. Thursday, December 21, District 6 held an open house with Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Oliver, Ward Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shumaker, and family, and Mr. Mrs. R. B. Winfrey among the attending guests. A buffet of baked ham, select cheeses, olives, pickles, cakes, and raisin and pumpkin pies were served with coffee.



District 6 was fixed up mighty pretty for their Christmas open house. In the top picture, looking real sharp, are Boss of District 6, E. E. Hurley, and Maintenance Superintendent W. T. Jeter. In the bottom picture are some of District 6's fairer sex, Georgia Russenberger, Billie Jones, and Edith Greene, from left to right.

Travelers over the holidays were W. T. Jeter, who went to New Orleans to spend a few days with his son, W. T., Jr., and to take in the Sugar Bowl game; Frank McKay, who traveled all the way to see his mother, Agnes, who is recuperating from a recent illness; and Georgia Russenberger and family, who made it to St. Louis to see her brother.

Frank said that when he left Boston it was snowing and below zero, so what did he run into when he came back home? Yup, more snow. But it didn't last long, fortunately. (By the time this is printed however, we may have had more.)

The E. E. Hurleys were visited by son, Pat, during the holidays.

Lou Brians' daughter, Deborah, had her tonsils removed a few days before Christ-

mas but made it home in time for Santa.

Henry Laws, one of our mechanics, is doing fine and is back home now. Henry had surgery just before Christmas.

Our washer pitching champ, Bobby Battie (the Duke) took his wife and little boy Mike, down around Warren way for Christmas but Bobby said the snow down there drove him home before the visit was completed.

We have a new mechanic in our group: B. D. Everett. Welcome, Everett.

We extend our sincere sympathies to W. A. Hardin, in the loss of his mother December 14; and to Lee F. Cole, whose wife, Catherine, died December 26, after a brief illness. Funeral services for Mrs. Cole were held December 28.

That's it from District 6 with this one last note: Congratulations to the staff of the Arkansas Highways Magazine for the fine job they did in 1962 and for the beautiful Christmas edition. A job very well done. (All modesty is forgotten when such a nice compliment as this comes our way. Thanks much. We'll return the compliment Bob, by stating that you're doing a good job reporting for District 6. Our friends out on the Benton Highway were away too long. Ed.)

DISTRICT 7

Burnham and Campbell

Five employees from the Fordyce office received certificates of accomplishment from the University of Arkansas Extension Service for attending a short course in "Quality Concrete," which was held at University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock. The class was conducted by the Portland Cement Association each Tuesday night for five weeks. Those attending were: Lee Brazzell, Sr., instrumentman; Gene Naugle, Jr., instrumentman; Jack Brazzell, engineering helper; Bob Myers, levelman; and Norman D. Pumphrey, resident engineer.

We welcome Bill Morgan, Jr., instrumentman, who transferred to this district from DeWitt December 1. Also, Wayne K. Rogers, who is in our El Dorado office as of December 1.

Sam Smith, assistant construction engineer; Leon Sneed, of the Equipment Division; and Frank O'Donnell, assistant safety director, conducted a Civil Defense Meeting for the Camden district supervisory personnel on December 17 and 18. Monitor work and the use of monitoring instruments were discussed and explained, also types and kinds of fallout shelters. The meeting was attended by Ed Findley, Ouachita County Civil Defense director, and County Judge J. B. Cross.

J. C. Webb and employees held a barbecue on November 14 at noon. Special guests were W. E. Hicks, Jake Clements, G. E. Nunnally, Jewell Prince, Mrs. J. C. Webb, Judge Cross, and district office employees. As always, Jelly's dinner was delish!



John Livingston, inspector for J. C. Webb, is shown with the 11-point buck he killed. The deer was a barbecued piece de resistance at the noon luncheon given by Webb and his men November 14. Another of Webb's men, Tommy Mitchell, an engineering helper, shows off his 8-pointer below.

NEW ARRIVALS: The Michael Leaths announce the birth of a daughter on November 12; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wynn, a daughter, Denita Karen, born December 8; Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Outlaw, a 6 pound 6½ ounce baby girl born in November.

Perhaps Ray's baby daughter brought him good luck as he killed an 8-point buck on his vacation.

James E. Brock is improving after having surgery December 12 at the North Little Rock Veteran's Hospital; and A. G. Evans, who was very ill due to a wasp sting, has returned to work.

Jessie W. Millican shot at a deer but a tree got in the way. Maybe it was a mobile tree, Jessie, but better luck next time.

Dick Bartel and wife flew to New York for the Thanksgiving holidays. J. C. Webb had a nice visit in Texas with his daughter and family.

The Webbs entertained with a 7 o'clock Christmas breakfast in their home December 18. The novel idea of breakfast with Christmas decorations was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests: Sam Smith, and the 16 employees of Mr. Webb's office.

The W. E. Hickses had as their Christmas visitors, daughters Virginia, from Tulsa, and Judy, a sophomore at the University of Arkansas.

Union County maintenance moved into their new headquarters at El Dorado. A. W. Hardy, Jr., resident engineer, and party, also have an office in the building. All are pleased with the new facility.

The holidays were spent in various ways by our employees - some scattered out of town, others stayed at home. A. W. Hardy, Jr., golfed; Lowell Hardaway visited his family in Arkadelphia; S. L. Swink and family were in Kansas to show his parents their new granddaughter; Oliver Reddin visited his brother and family in Tennessee; Boyd Hatridge was in Houston visiting his son and family; and Peggy Millican stayed home cleaning house and cooking for the family.

DISTRICT 10

Isabelle Psalmonds

The employees of District 10 maintenance and construction divisions who were fortunate enough to attend the Civil Defense Radiological Survey School, which was held November 29-30, wish to take this opportunity to commend Leon Sneed, Paul Wroten, and Frank O'Donnell for



for doing such a splendid job of teaching the course. They made the class very interesting and the information given was easily understood. All the men enjoyed the classes and are looking forward to the follow-up classes. Thirty-two men attended the school.

J. F. Price and Bill Vickers were lucky enough to bring home a deer this last season. They were not too large but they were deer.

The Walnut Ridge office has had a rash of dependent changes: Don LeMay, Gary Rose, and Burr E. Swann have recently become newlyweds.

The bridge crew is busy building a new bridge up at Holly Island. They are doing the work at night.

The employees in the district office and shop, and the area foreman and their families had a Christmas party in the district shop December 21. The men did most of the preparation. The meal was wonderful and fun was had by all. This was also in honor of Bill O'Guinn, equipment supervisor, who is retiring effective December 31. We wish Mr. Bill the best of everything as he retires. We welcome Virgil Stuart, who is the new equipment supervisor.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Leland Tate family, whose brother died; to Clifford Cook in the loss of his mother; to Mrs. E. Butler, whose brother-in-law died; and to the family of Harlen Bryant, truck driver, who died December 1.

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Letters...

To Mr. F. R. Oliver

Just wanted to write you a word of thanks for the Highway Magazine and so very thankful for the November issue, that has all the names and addresses of the retired members. I looked at the list of names and found many of them I knew but did not know their addresses. So I want to thank you very much for this fine way of doing things. I appreciate the good work that the Highway Department is doing and glad to know that 217 is going to be up for bids November 20. Thanks again to you and the Highway Department.

Your friend,
Mike Garner
Charleston, Ark.

COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR

This is to advise you that Commission Meeting dates for the first half of Calendar Year 1963 have been scheduled as follows: January 23, February 20, March 20, April 24, May 29, and June 26.

Please see that all work schedules in your respective offices are conformed to these dates.

F. R. Oliver
Director of Highways

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Asked to define "medieval" a college freshman wrote: "Partly bad."

The preacher was finishing admonishing his flock on the evils of avarice: "And remember, my friends," he said, "there will be no buying or selling in Heaven."

Whereupon a man who sat in the back seat was heard to grumble: "That's not where business has gone anyway."

Heard in a restaurant (two women talking): Why don't you go to him in a perfectly straight-forward way and lie about the whole thing?

A woman in the suburbs was chatting over the back fence with her neighbor.

"We're going to be living in a better neighborhood soon," she said.

"So are we," her neighbor volunteered.

"What? Are you moving, too?"

"No, we're staying here."

The father looked up from his racing sheet and noticed baby in the pen. Turning to his wife, he said: "Baby's nose is running again."

"Don't you think of anything but horse races?" his wife snapped.

The farmer whose pig was killed by an automobile was raving mad. Motorist: "Don't worry. I'll replace your pig."

Farmer: "You can't. You ain't fat enough."

Judge, after charging jury: "Are there any questions you would like to ask before considering the evidence?"

Juror: "A couple of us would like to know if the defendant boiled the malt one or two hours and how did he keep the yeast out?"

Picture a woman in the midst of divorce proceedings, complaining to her friend about all the legalities and red tape. "Oh," says the friend, "don't talk to me about red tape. I've had so much trouble over my property that sometimes I wish my husband hadn't died."

Two bachelors got off on the subject of cooking. "I got one of those cookery books once, but I never used it. Too much fancy work in it," one said.

"How come?" asked the other.

"Why, every one of them recipes began: 'Take a clean dish,' and that stopped me."

Little Tom had just been vaccinated. When the doctor tried to put a bandage over the spot, Tom insisted that he wanted the bandage on the other arm.

"Why Tom, the bandage should be put on the sore arm so the boys at school won't hit it," the doc said.

"Put it on the other arm, doc," Tom insisted. "You don't know those guys."

