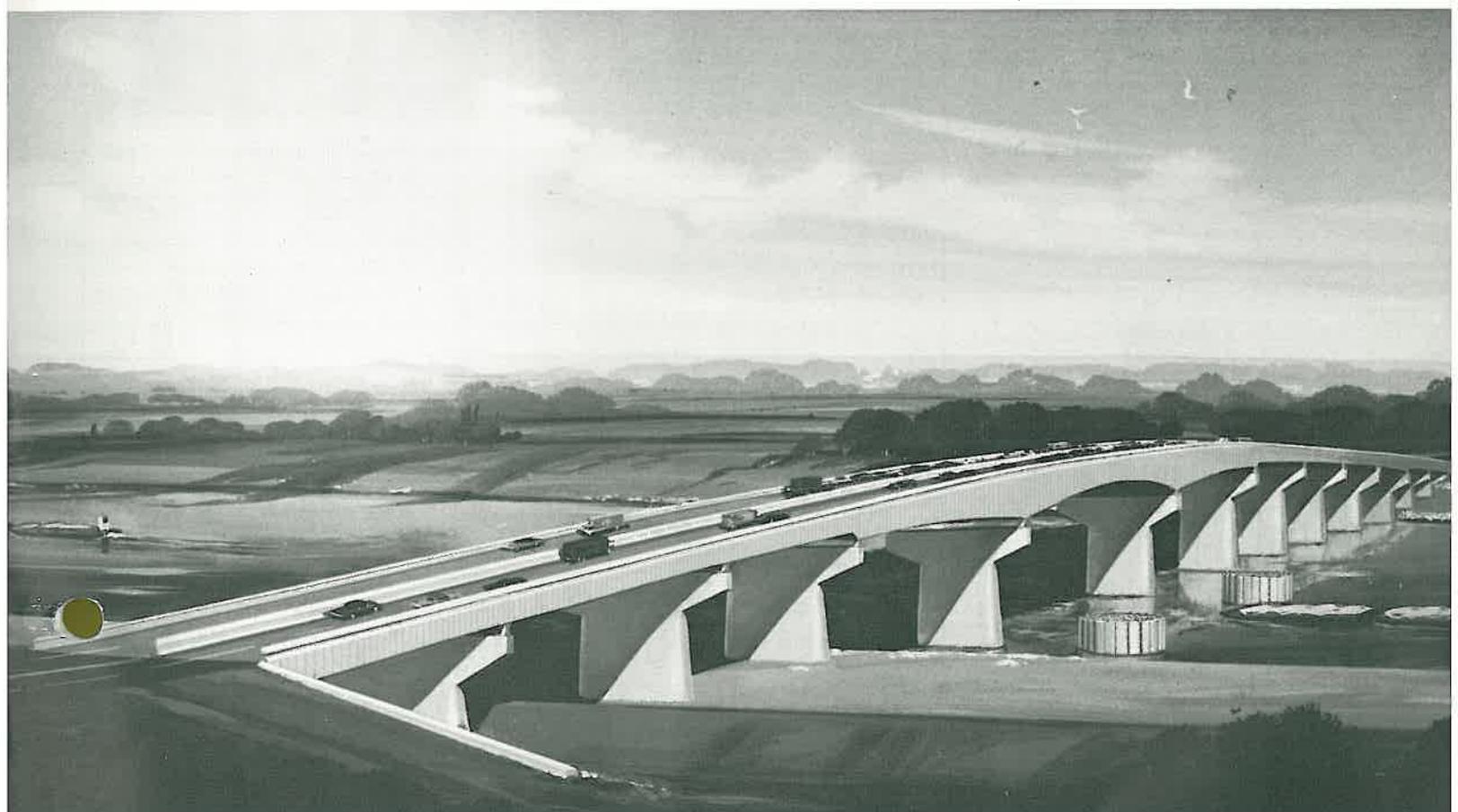


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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL HIGHWAY SHORT COURSE

The thirteenth annual Highway Short Course was held at the University of Arkansas March 21-22. The two-day seminar is co-sponsored each year by the University and the Highway Department to acquaint Department employees and allied industry people with progress of the highway program, development of new methods and the findings of research by both the Department and the University.



Dr. Palmer C. Pilcher, v.p. of Academic Affairs, U. of A. - "Welcome"



Chief Engr. J. T. Pendergrass - "Arkansas Highway Dept. Report"



J.J. Crawley, B.P.R. - "Safer Highways"



Asst. Const. Engr. J. R. Chaney - "Scenic Highway Construction in Arkansas"



Surveys Engr. C. E. Venable - "Photogrammetry - Present and Future"



Safety Officer Roland P. Humble - "What Makes a Safety Program Work?"



Accident Analysis Review Team member A. E. Johnson, Jr. - "Diagnosing Highway Accident Locations"



Maint. Engr. J. E. Lowder - "Observation and Performance of Maintenance Operations"



Prof. J. R. Bissett, College of Engr., U. of A. - Always a familiar face at the Short Course.

LONGEVITY AWARDS PRESENTED TO FOUR



Employees who received service awards at the March Commission meeting are front row, left to right, Jeff Davis Lindley, Bryan Clinton Clark, Oscar Hugh Marcum and Leo Elmer Parker. Shown with them are Commissioners Lawrence Blackwell, Pine Bluff; Truman Baker, Searcy; Maurice Smith, Birdeye; Chairman Armil Taylor, Clarksville; John Harsh, Magnolia, who made the presentations; and Highway Director Ward Goodman.

An award for 35 years' service was presented to one employee and 25-year certificates to three others at the March 27 Highway Commission meeting.

JEFF DAVIS LINDLEY, a job superintendent at Wynne, has completed 35 years. He is a life-long resident of Cross County and went to work for the Department as a laborer in 1933. He is married to the former Mary Helen Foster, also of Wynne and they recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Both are active members of Harris Chapel Baptist Church. The Lindleys have four children and seven grandchildren.

BRYAN CLINTON CLARK, an engineering aide III, has completed 25 years. He began as a laborer and was later promoted to rodman, chainman and instrumentman before his present job. Both he and his wife, Mary Jo, are natives of Hempstead County, she being born at Hope and he at nearby DeAnn. Clark is a deacon in Garrett Memorial Baptist Church and a Master Mason with membership in Whitfield Lodge 239 in Hope. They have two sons.

OSCAR HUGH MARCUM, also of Hempstead County, is a patrol operator. He has completed 25 years. He remembers working for the Department when 38 cents an hour was the going wage. During his tenure he has operated all types of maintenance equipment and is very proficient at using the modern motor patrol. He and his wife, the former Margaret Fitzhugh of Winthrop, live at McNab. He enjoys the outdoors and likes to spend his spare time hunting. They have two sons and one granddaughter.

LEO ELMER PARKER is a civil engineer II and works with Resident Engineer W. A. Dodds at Little Rock. He first came to work for the Highway Department in 1937 as a chainman, then left and worked for a time with the Corps of Engineers. Ten years later he returned and has been a resident inspector and engineering assistant prior to his present title. Leo and his wife, the former Mary Agnes Redwine of Walnut Ridge reside at 1612 South Harrison in Little Rock. He is a native of Enola in Faulkner County. They are parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. His favorite hobby is fishing.



When Jeff Lindley came to Little Rock to receive a 35-year service award, he brought along his own cheering section from the Wynne office. Shown with him, left to right, are Mary Ann Harrell, stock clerk; Glenda Grafton, payroll clerk and radio operator; Mildred Stacy, bookkeeper; Dick Ethridge, fuel clerk; and Donna Smith, clerk.

REGIONAL ICET CONVENTION

HELD AT LITTLE ROCK

The Southwestern Regional meeting of the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians held its third annual meeting at the Hotel Marion April 18-20. More than 80 technicians registered for the meeting of this new group. The region is comprised of the states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Colorado. More than 150 technicians have been certified in Arkansas.

Delbert Schmand, chief of the Operations Division of the Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers, delivered the keynote address. Others on the program included Col. Charles D. Maynard, manager of industrial development for Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Co., Assistant Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper of the Highway Department; John E. Caruthers, executive vice-president of Central Transformer Corporation at Pine Bluff; and Col. Charles L. Steel, district engineer with the Corps of Engineers at Little Rock.



John Kizer, seated, an engineer from the office of Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning, was the banquet speaker. With him are Mrs. Kizer, and standing, left to right, Gene Ashcraft; Gene Naugle, a C.E.T. from Norman Pumphrey's residency at Camden; and Mr. Pumphrey.

W. W. MITCHELL, FORMER DIRECTOR, SUCCUMBS



William Washington Mitchell, age 83, of Capitol Hill Apartments, died Monday, April 15. He was appointed Highway Director by the late Governor Carl E. Bailey in 1938 and reappointed by Governor Homer M. Adkins in 1941 and served in that capacity until August of 1945 when he left to become deputy director of the War Assets Administration.

Mitchell was born at Springfield in Conway County and attended school at Atkins. He was employed by several railroads in Arkansas, Minnesota, Montana, Washington, British Columbia and Idaho for about 11 years. From 1918 through 1921 he was in charge of a \$3½ million road improvement district project of 157 miles (now a part of U. S. 65) in Chicot, Drew, Desha, Ashley and Lincoln counties. In 1922 and 1923 he was assistant chief engineer during construction of the Palarm and Woodson roads (U. S. 65) and a section of the Perryville road (Highway 10) in Pulaski Road District No. 10.

In 1923 Mitchell was employed by the Highway Department as district engineer at Ft. Smith and in 1927 he was promoted to assistant chief engineer of the Department. He left the Highway Department

in 1934 to become chief engineer of the Public Works Administration. He returned in 1938 to become director.

Mitchell was re-employed in 1948 as engineer of the County Road program, a position he held until retirement in 1958. He was a registered professional engineer with the registration No. 52.

He was a Mason and a member of the Arkansas Consistory and Scimitar Shrine Temple. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ellah Bost Mitchell. Funeral services were Wednesday, April 17 at Ruebel Funeral Home in Little Rock, Interment was in Atkins cemetery at Atkins, Ark.

DRAFTSMAN VICTIM OF AUTO CRASH



Larry Wayne Parish, 22, a draftsman in the engineering section of the Right of Way Division, was killed March 26 when he lost control of his car on U. S. 70 about a half mile east of the North Little Rock city limits. The car skidded out of control and overturned in a marshy area. He was thrown from the car and his body was found beneath it in about two feet of water.

Parish was employed in 1964 and left after several months for a tour of military duty. He had returned to the Department in July of 1967 after being discharged from the service.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parish of Little Rock; a brother, Stephen with the Air Force in New Jersey; a sister, Mrs. James Bolton of Houston; and his grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Bowers of Beebe. Funeral services were held at Westbrook Funeral Home in Beebe with burial in the Beebe Cemetery. Pallbearers were Carl T. Keehn, Bob Evans, Ronald Johnston, Ted Mitchell, Bill Bell and Jim Mode, all employees of the engineering section.



HIGHWAY BOWLING LEAGUE FINISHES SEASON

The Highway Bowling League closed its season April 15 with P & R Mapping winning the second half championship. They were routed by the 1515 Restaurant team, who won 3 out of 4 games in a play-off Monday, April 22 to determine the season's winning team. 1515 Restaurant was the first half season champion.

Five of the league's teams are made up largely of Highway employees. Trophies for outstanding bowling during the season will be awarded at the League banquet to be held at 1515 Restaurant, Monday evening, May 6.

The teams of highway employees and their players are:

Materials and Tests: William Lainhart, R. C. Turney, John Redding; H. J. Hensley, Joe Magness, J. W. Chapman and George Green.

County Roads: Robert Mize, John Tallant, Max Hall, John Adams, Dale Loe, Ben Hogan and Don Potter.

Roadway Design: Richard Butler, Billy Hurt, Paul Haydon, Jim Patrick, Brooks Nichols, Jim Trost and Rick Henriksen.

P. & R. Mapping: Gary Foughty, Norman Cranford, James Ryan, Marlin Powell, Henry Mercer and Robin Rye.

P. & R. Traffic: John Sage, Kenneth Bynum, L. R. Jester, James Barnett, Buddy Lewter and Mayo White.

Henry Vopel of the Reproduction Section was the only A.H.D. employee on The Teacher team.

Election of officers for the 1968-69 season will be held at the banquet. H. J. Sandlin of the Public Roads team was the president this year.

COLLAPSED SILVER BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED

The Department of Transportation has given the go ahead to the states of West Virginia and Ohio for replacing the Point Pleasant bridge (also known locally as the Silver bridge because of its color) which collapsed into the Ohio River December 15, 1967, claiming the lives of 46 people.

Construction is expected to begin within 90 days with a target date set for 1969, about half the time usually required for a project of this magnitude", according to Federal Highway Administrator Lowell K. Bridwell. The new four-lane structure, estimated to cost \$10 million, will be located downstream two miles from the former bridge, near the confluence of the Ohio and Kanawha rivers.

COMING EVENTS IN ARKANSAS

May 30-June 2: Fourth Annual Sidewalk Art Show, Eureka Springs, Ark.

June 1: Old-Timers Day, Salem, Ark.

June 14-16: Fourth Annual Arts & Crafts Festival, Greenwood, Ark.

July 6-7: Arkansas Hill Country Arts & Crafts Association Fair, Buffalo River State Park.

Aug. 10-11: Arkansas Hill Country Arts & Crafts Association Fair, Bull Shoals State Park.

Greenwood's citizenry are brave. They plan to have their Arts and Crafts Festival June 14-16 despite the near-devastation visited upon the community by a vicious tornado which struck April 18.

Paintings, carvings, books, hand-painted china, stuffed dolls, hand-woven fabrics, rugs, quilts, pottery, picture frames, needlework, jams, jellies, tooled leather accessories and creations of feathers are just some of the many items which will be exhibited and sold.

The second floor of the old Jail Museum has now been restored and the old building and its contents contain many items of interest. In the freakish manner of tornadoes, the old jail stood, sustaining very little damage, while virtually all around it, including the courthouse, was destroyed.

The Greenwood Jaycees sponsor the annual festival. Additional information may be obtained by writing Dr. H. G. Alvarez, Publicity Chairman, Greenwood, Arkansas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letter of appreciation was written to Weights and Standards officers Gene Williams and John Black of the Springdale weight station for their help in recovering the body of retired Highway employee Henry Coe whose auto was swept from a low-water bridge by strong current of the rain-swollen Clear Creek March 20:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and to express my sincere appreciation for the services you rendered, during the recent search and dragging operations, on Clear Creek, North and West of Fayetteville, Ark.

In times of emergency and need, it is men like you, who by their devotion to duty, makes life a little more secure and meaningful for their fellow man.

Again thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely yours

Arthur B. Davidson
Sheriff, Washington County

A.H.D. GOLF TOURNEY TO BE IN JUNE

Larry Johnson of Planning and Research came up with the idea of a Highway Department invitational golf tournament and it immediately sparked the interest of many employees, 44 of whom had qualified as of April 17.

The tournament will be a 72-hole total score handicap with a minimum of four qualifying rounds (72 holes) to be played at War Memorial Park anytime during April and May. After completion of the rounds, turn in your scorecard to Larry, dated and initialed. He will compute each handicap and post it. As of June 1 each contestant's handicap will be established and will remain fixed for the tournament.

In both qualifying rounds and tournament play each contestant must play with at least one other contestant. Tournament rounds may be played anytime during the month of June.

The tournament is open to "...all ye who are called golfers." The rules are such that anyone "who can swing a golf club and hit the ball (sometimes) can compete.." This includes male employees, husbands of lady employees and other men outside the Department. It also applies, of course, to our out-of-town employees who wish to enter.

The rules have been established as follows:

1. There will be no out-of-bounds rules, only fairway and rough will establish the limits of play.
2. The ball may be played from the rough; but in the case of an impossible lie, the ball may be moved and played from the closest fairway with a one stroke penalty. All ditches crossing the fairway or near the fairway are considered "in the rough".
3. A lie on the fairways, may be improved within one club length of the ball.
4. Putting on the green will be continuous until a player has putted out.
5. There will be no "gimmies" so the ball must be putted into the hole.
6. The flag will be removed from the hole when everyone is on the green. The stick may be used to mark the hole if requested by a player putting.
7. Players will match for positions on No. 1 hole, then tee off in order, by low scores on previous hole.
8. One man will be designated scorekeeper for the round of play. A player's handicap for each hole will be posted on the scorecard before starting and the handicap score at the end of each hole will be entered by subtracting the handicap for that hole from the actual score.

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NECESSITIES OF CAR OWNERSHIP HAVEN'T JUST GOTTEN COMPLICATED



Was there ever a time when all a person had to do about car ownership was show his money and pick out the one he wanted, fill it with petrol and motor happily away? Evidently not. Recently Mrs. H. Rowe, who lives out from Jacksonville sent in this aluminum disc for identification. Her husband found it while helping raze some old buildings near the State capitol. For some unknown reason the disc had become lodged between the walls of the house.

The disc is one of the motor vehicle registration seals issued between 1911 and 1920. It was issued at \$5.00 a year for the first three years but jumped to \$10.00 in 1914 and remained at that price until its discontinuance in 1920. It was normally affixed to the auto dashboard, which was wooden in those days.

Additional requirements were a certificate of registration, the equivalent to today's all-important pink slip, and two license plates, one each for front and rear of the vehicle. Motor vehicle registration during that 10-year period totaled only 213,893.

GOLF TOURNEY (Continued from page 7)

The handicap is to be computed by taking the average of the last four practice rounds and subtracting the course par (65) from it. The difference is then multiplied by 85% to arrive at an 18-hole handicap. The handicap is then spread by holes according to the order designated on the scorecard.

Those who have qualified already are L. R. Jester, Jim Barnett, Ed Johnson, Mayo White, Bill Looney, John Vandenberg, David Conner, Jim Head, Nathan Bingham, B. C. Lewis, Marlin Powell, Larry Johnson, Don Martin, Glendol Jackson, Fred Williams, Bill Courtney, Paul Broyles, Ted Mitchell, A. C. Ledbetter, F. J. Wiggins and Nathan Garrett.

Also John Bricker, Bill Cooper, Bob Narrell, Lewis Dishongh, Dale Loe, John Sage, Wayne Major, Ken Bynum, John Adams, Melvin Hall, Billy Durham, Charles Rain, Frank Caple, Lee Wagner, David Marsh, J. E. McCarthy, Floyd Pharris, Raymond Holland, Bryan Davis, Art Johnson, Rex Leathers, Bernie Babb and Ben Evans.

"ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS", SR.

For several years (we can't determine how many) there was a Highway Department magazine called "Arkansas Highways." This issue of May, 1926 is volume 3, indicating it was then in its third year of publication. It apparently ceased in the depression years. The group gracing the front cover are the District 10 forces at Jonesboro. Some of you may recognize former Planning and Research engineer Fred J. Herring, third from left in the second row. Mr. Fred was at that time an employee of District 10. (Perhaps a more accurate title for the picture would have been "The Men Behind the Guns Plus One").

One of the most noticeable differences between the magazine then and now is that then it took advertising. An article written by Office Engineer O. L. Hemphill on automobile accidents states that 241 accidents occurred in the two-year period of 1924-25. Careless and reckless driving and speeding caused 115 of the total number of accidents. Other categories included drunken drivers, driver asleep, defective equipment, blinding lights, sharp curves, loose gravel and earth, bridge floor failure, narrow embankment, open bridge (missed detour), obscured windshield because of snow and fog and collision with pedestrians.

An article by A. W. Buford, District 10 engineer, states that "highways in Lee County are fast being converted from delta gumbo to high class gravel roads."

In this issue pleasure was still being expressed over the enjoyment of the completion of the Hot Springs highway (now Highway 5) the previous July. A favorite slogan of the Department then seemed to be "roads that go somewhere." One road with which the construction people were having difficulty making "go somewhere" was "Highway B-17" between Searcy and Heber Springs. E.E. Bonowits was the district engineer and he was claimed to be no mean geologist, at least in the realm of ability to handle "jaw-breaking geological terms". However the writer noted that "the going is as rocky as 'Bonny's' vocabulary and the progress slow...through crystalized sandstone belonging to the Pennsylvania age of the carboniferous period." The article ended on an optimistic note to the effect that "Bonny ...expects to complete this job during the next few weeks, if his compressed air, dynamite and vocabulary hold out."

A short paragraph noted that the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, North and South Dakota, Louisiana, New Mexico, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada all had less than one hundred miles of concrete roads each at that time, while Arkansas was way out front with 405 miles!

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"The Men Behind the Guns"



Tenth District Forces at Jonesboro

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HIGHWAY DAMES TO SEE ONE OF "PLAYS FOR LIVING"

Jo Nell Moore, Publicity Chairman

The Highway Dames will meet April 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Arkansas Power and Light hospitality room for a catered luncheon. The program will be a play, "War of the Words", one of the "Plays for Living" series presented by the Family Service Agency. Shirley Chaney and Marge Davison will be hostesses.

New officers will be elected during the business session.

A picnic in Lakewood is planned for the installation of officers at the May 23 meeting. Plan to attend, as the May meeting will be the last one before summer vacation.

WHOSE IDEA WAS THE CENTER STRIPE?

It was Michiganander Edward Hines who first got the idea of painting a white line down the center of a bridge after he saw a horse and buggy and an automobile almost collide on a narrow bridge back in 1911. Hines, a road commissioner of Wayne County, later ordered a white line painted down the center of every bridge and every curve, and still later, on every highway in his county.

COVER STORY

HIGHWAY BRIDGE, ORIGINALLY INTENDED AS A RAIL BRIDGE, TO BE REPLACED

The old bridge across the Arkansas River on U. S. 79 near Pine Bluff is to be replaced with a new structure which will be located just downstream. The old bridge, dating all the way back to 1915, was built by a county improvement district in cooperation with a private group who had plans to build an inter-urban route from Pine Bluff to Stuttgart.

The truss bridge was designed to be a combination railroad and highway bridge, with the rail traffic being carried between the trusses and highway traffic using lanes outside of each truss.

The railroad was abandoned in 1921 and later the center section was converted for highway traffic. When the center lane was concreted, traffic practically abandoned the outside plank-floored lanes. After World War II the outside lanes were improved with concrete decking by the Highway Department.

The new structure, being designed by Brighton Engineering Company, 8500 New Benton Highway in Little Rock, will be 2501 feet in length.

GOINGS-ON IN OTHER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS

PENNA. H.D. PURCHASES "WHITE KNIGHT"

The Pennsylvania Highway Department is one of the nation's pace setters in highway research and to aid in that research they recently bought a Road Surface Dynamics Profilometer. Only the fourth of its kind in existence, from the outside it looks like any other white station wagon, but inside there is more than \$70,000 worth of equipment which is capable of charting the profile (road surface) of a highway as accurately as if a survey crew had measured it. What it basically does is bring the road surface into the materials and testing lab, at speeds up to 60 miles per hour.

Lab personnel have dubbed the unit the "White Knight" because it is white as are all the research vehicles to distinguish them from the other yellow Department trucks, and because it roams the roads recording road profiles.

A two-man crew, consisting of an electronics technician and a driver, can easily obtain profiles of both wheel paths simultaneously at a rate of 40

m.p.h. The "White Knight" permits the Materials Bureau to "dissect" the road profile by means of analyses now known or still to be discovered through research, a practice they are confident will result in better, yet less costly, highways.

390 ARRESTED FOR LITTERING IN S.C.

South Carolina's Highway Patrol records indicate that 390 persons were arrested for highway littering and 455 written warnings were issued during 1967. Offenses included throwing trash from motor vehicles, dumping garbage on or beside highways and spilling loads from moving trucks. Disposition of the 390 cases - 386 convictions and only four acquittals.

Violations are punishable by fines ranging from \$50 to \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days. Persons found guilty of littering may also be required by the courts to remove it as a part of the sentence.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Members of the diaper set who paid visits to the central office recently were Mike Hogan and Douglas Head. When you see Ben Hogan and Jim Head (both well over 6 footers) carrying those little bundles, you really know that from small acorns great trees do grow.

Raif Smith, former administrative assistant, and now with the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington, was a visitor to the building April 11 while in town on business.

More baby business - Ferol Jones' little grandson, William Todd Tribell, was christened Easter Sunday. His christening gown was the same one worn by one of his great-uncles and made for him by his mother in England.

Ferol, who is president of Razorback Chapter of American Business Women's Association, attended the national A.B.W.A. convention in Wichita, Kans. April 19, 20 and 21. Afterward she went on to Kansas City for a visit with her sister.

Gail Fisher, who has been assisting in the Director's office for the last seven months, resigned April 19 to await the arrival of her baby. She and her family left the next day for New Orleans where her husband had been placed on a temporary assignment by his company. A very official-looking document replete with an impressive number of "whereases" and "therefores" setting out her contribution to the Department while an employee was presented to her as a memento.

Emily Bush from Personnel is taking Gail's place temporarily and we welcome Emily to the 10th floor.



Anna Keys, daughter of Legal Chief Tom Keys, is one of the junior state sword drill winners in Southern Baptist churches. She recently won the district sword drill held at Benton, representing Second Baptist Church. Junior aged participants are considered state winners if they win a district contest. Anna is a fifth grader at Forest Park Elementary School.



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mel Jones and Mildred Harness



Alleene Boysen's daughter, Betty spent a week in Hawaii with her husband Dave Hendricks while he was there March 23-31 on a rest and recreation leave from duty in Vietnam. He returned to duty at Ozan 100 miles north of Saigon on March 31. They are shown soaking up the sun at the Outrigger Hotel. Betty teaches third grade at Badgett Elementary School.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

We are pleased to have two new employees with us. Willie Whitmire, owner of a small farm, renders his services to the State. Between his horses, hunting and working for the State there is very little time for anything else.

Willie has lived in Arkansas all his life. His love of horses finally has become a reality. You may see him at any horse show or horse auction. He now has

five head of horses and is always in the market for more. Willie, his wife and one year old son live at Sardis in Saline County. Just plain ole country folks, he says.

Bill Bowden, our other new employee, came to us from Garver & Garver. His wife is a draftsman with Brighton Engineering Company, and they have two daughters and one son. Bill was born at Russellville and has a twin brother who is an auditor. Bill is another fisherman, so he should feel right at home with all the other fishermen in the Highway Department. We welcome both fellows to our department.

April 16, Harold and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Our son Gary, and his wife, Lynne were included in the celebration at the Olde West Dinner Theater.

Alice Joe returned from a trip to Albany, New York to represent Bridge Design Division and the Highway Department at a "Systems Engineering Work Shop" at New York University. Alice left Tunney, her son, with her brother in Havre de Grace, Maryland. She had a very interesting and informative trip and also enjoyed the visit with her brother and his family.



COMPUTER SERVICES

Fay Sullivan

The month of March has brought a lot of activity to this Department. Our new employees include: Tommy Bradshaw, Donna Carson, Suelene Goode, Suzan Harville, Brenda Kierre, and Martha Langley. Also, Ronald Wallace transferred to this Department from the Supply Section on March 1.

Leaving during March were Sharon Burnett, Gene Etchison, Rita Hendricks, Judy Linam, and Carol Young. We had cake and coffee, and presented each of them with farewell gifts and best wishes for their future endeavors. Roger Bonds left us in February to go into military service.

Frances Richardson, who left us during the latter part of February, has been by for a couple of visits.

Roy Shelby was presented his 15-year service pin and certificate this month.

Carolyn Reddin took a week's training at National Cash Register, here in Little Rock, for a week to learn to operate our new machine known as the magnetic tape encoder.

Our congratulations to John Quarti and his wife, who are the proud parents of a son born March 23. He has been named John Edward.



EQUIPMENT

Tyronza Hines

We miss Bennie Robbins who recently transferred to the Maintenance Division. However, we see Bennie around the building quite often, so it isn't like she is gone completely.

This reporter moved to Bennie's vacancy and Jo Ann Wolfe has been employed to take my place. She is married and has a six-year-old daughter.

Sandra Behnke recently resigned and we had coffee and cake as a going-away party for her. We wish you the best of luck, Sandy.

Sue Fuller transferred in from the central shops at Jacksonville to take Sandy's place and the next day received her five year service pin and certificate! Since she had been with the Department almost five years, most of us already knew her. Sue's family is a husband, a six-year-old daughter and a son, 10. We are happy to have both her and Jo Ann with us.

Maurice Head presented Sue's award and we celebrated the occasion with coffee and cake.

Thurman Payne has a "Sunlit Gold" Ford with beige interior on order. It should be here by the time this is in print. Sounds pretty!



PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

We'll run just under the line with this bit of news but here 'tis...Frank and Ceil Newsham are working in their yard and bets are that it is a lovely place. Once in a while that golf game loses out. Many of us are doing such work for no other reason than that we would be completely overtaken by the weeds.

We had a good excuse to order Mexican food on March 23. It was Shirley Bain's birthday. Visitors were Benny Robbins of Maintenance, Betty Claude from Bridge Design, Barbara Oldham of County Roads, and Fay Sullivan came from Data Processing.

Emily Bush has an unusual hobby, that of flower arranging. Emily transferred to us from Accounting the first of April. She is now doing your service award work.

The first week in April Marie and Tommy Hartley went fishing at Lake Overcup near Morrilton. We received reports of a pretty good catch.

Early in April Shirley's mother, Mrs. Chester Whitten, came from Bodcaw for a weekend. Shirley enjoyed her visit as well as her help in refinishing some furniture.

Frank and Ceil Newsham spent the weekend of Easter in Houston, Texas with Ceil's mother, Mrs. Daisy Smith. Marie Hartley entertained her family, her maternal grandparents and her father's mother on Easter. This reporter enjoyed son Ronny's holiday visit from the University.

Sibble Cox had a short vacation and did some fishing as well as gardening. Mike, her grandson, visited her at her home near Beebe and was so excited with his catch of a two-pound catfish.



The Staff

New employees in the Field Data Collection Section since we last submitted

the news are: W. K. Duerson, of England; J. C. Howell, of Benton; E. O. Woodward, of North Little Rock; and H. W. Forrest, of Little Rock. We welcome all of them.

Vicki Saunders, who left the Department a couple of months ago, has returned to our Mapping Section, and we're glad to have her back. Mary Louise Bailey, who resigned from Mapping, was given a farewell party. She has accepted a position which will not take so much of her time, so that she can be with her children more. She will be with Southern Litho Supply Co.

Bill Headrick has received a plaque and a pin from the American Red Cross for over 10 years' service, teaching more than 1,000 people first aid.

B. C. Lewis of the Finance & Economics Section and Billie Whiteside of our front office have both received their 10-year service awards, each with a cake and reception by fellow employees.



L. R. Jester and Billie Whiteside



B. C. Lewis and L. R. Jester



Jeff Munson, one of our newest personnel and a former LRU student, was married on April 5th to the former Shelia Trammel in a ceremony at the Mabelvale Church of Christ. Jeff received a gift from

This Division had a visit recently from former employee Bill Smith, who is now with the phone company in Russellville; also from Janet Smith, who has since become the bride of Larry Pumphrey.

Many of our people are involved in golf and are getting up a tournament. Bill Looney shot a 62 (unexpectedly) the other day.

Don Finkbeiner is still at his house construction project. M. L. Beckett has bought a travel trailer. Many are thinking of new cars, and planting gardens. Spring is here.

fellow workers, which he had quite a struggle opening; but he was reminded it was one of the few he would be allowed to open himself.

J. D. Barnett, our assistant division head, is reported to have quit smoking, and his ashtray is empty; good luck to him.

We love our work, but of course everyone loves weekends. A fellow employee was observed in the hall, looking rather down-at-the-mouth. When asked why, he replied, "How would you feel if you had just been informed it's Thursday and not Friday?"

We extend our sympathy to Herman Sanders and family on the recent death of his brother.

Parish in an automobile accident. Wayne worked in this Section for seven months during 1964, entered the service for three years, and returned to work with us July 10, 1967.

One of our favorite employees, Arthur Reichstadt, left us March 15 to start his retirement. Arthur's many friends in Right of Way were sorry to see him leave and hope he is enjoying the retirement. A party was held in his honor March 15 so all his friends in Right of Way could say goodbye and wish him well. Among the guests at the office party were Mrs. Reichstadt, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Gray and Nancy Sipe. Since Arthur was our "court order" man in the Engineering Section, we had his cake decorated like a court order. Coffee, cokes and nuts were served with the cake. The night of the 15th the Engineering Section treated Mr. & Mrs. Reichstadt to dinner at Tia-Wanna where a good time was had by all who attended.

Another of our employees, Bruce Johnson, left us April 12 to return to California, where he worked before coming to Arkansas two years ago. He was presented a pen and pencil set. Cup cakes, coke and coffee was served at a small office party in his honor. He will be residing at Anaheim. We are very sorry to lose Bruce and wish him the best.



A hearty welcome to our new employee, Carl Polston. Carl is single and is now residing at Walnut Ridge but plans to relocate in this area.



RIGHT OF WAY

The Staff



Pictured at left is our new clerk in the file room. She is Kay Jones, married and the mother of a daughter, Sherri, aged 4½. She is originally from El Dorado, but for the past 7 years has been residing in Houston. Her husband attended the University of Houston where he majored in Accounting. He is now associated with E. L. Gaunt and Co. in Little Rock. Kay is replacing Mary Arey who is leaving soon to be a full-time housewife.

Well, it finally happened! After all these years. Retha Griffin finally got a new car. She really went all the way when she bought, too - a Chevrolet Impala with air conditioning and all the other luxury features. Son Terry just couldn't stand it, so last week while home from Henderson for the Easter holidays, he purchased a Chevelle. The General Motors people are getting rich just from the Griffin family.

ENGINEERING SECTION: The employees in this Section and the Right-of-Way Division were saddened March 26th by the loss of our fellow employee Wayne



UTILITIES SECTION: Pictured above is our very own Doug Thacker shown receiving his five year certificate and pin from our boss, Alton Van Patten. The presentation was made March 21

during a section party honoring Doug. Doug started out as a draftsman and has advanced up the ranks to become a technician. He is one of our favorite people and we extend to him sincere congratulations on this milestone in his life.

Flash, Flash!...James Burge of our section had the honor of being personal photographer to Miss Rosemary Dunnaway, America Junior Miss 1967, and Miss Sue Wright, Arkansas Junior Miss 1968, during the annual America Junior Miss Pageant held March 7-15 in Mobile, Ala. The pageant is for girls in their senior year of high school. Each state conducts a local pageant to select a representative to the National Pageant. Miss Wright was Arkansas' candidate in this year's pageant. Lorne Greene of Bonanza fame was master of ceremonies accompanied by Miss Joanie Summers.

James has been photographer for the local pageant for the past two years. This was his first coverage of the National Pageant in Mobile. He reported a "very large" time in Mobile even though there was a lot of work involved. I think he had a pretty big job just trying to keep up with our two Arkansas girls.

Photography is a hobby in which James became interested during high school days. Later, while a student at Arkansas Tech, he was one of the school's photographers for two years. He spends much of his spare time covering high school pageants, graduations and private events.

Our sympathies are extended to Jim Bartlett over the loss of his mother, Mrs. Pauline Bartlett who passed away March 5 after a long illness. Her funeral was held March 7 in Appleton, Ark.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

Our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rodgers who became grandparents April 9. The proud parents are Lt. & Mrs. Nelson S. Groomes, III and the little miss was named Tristram Shandy. Lt. Groomes is stationed at present in Sinop, Turkey.

Billye Sipes, Gary's wife, had the misfortune of breaking her foot recently. She's pretty happy now, as the cast will be coming off in a few days.

Congratulations to Cameron Lowe who received his 15-year service award and pin the 16th of April. Cake and coffee was served in his honor.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Lee recently drove up to the Mayo Clinic for check-ups and just to see the place.

Charles Toland resigned the last of March to go into private industry. Cake and coffee was served and he was

presented a MacGregor windbreaker from Roadway Design. His squad took him to lunch at the Lamplighter and presented him a beautiful lighter. We all miss him, but wish him the very best in his new job.

George Major took an unusual vacation in March. He was invited to go with a group of anthropology professors and graduate students from the U. of A. to observe how the people live and to watch craftsmen at work on the Indian reservations of New Mexico and Arizona. They were fortunate enough to be there while several religious ceremonies were going on. He brought back a cache of information and lots of silver work and turquoise jewelry, some Navajo rugs, Hopi baskets, pottery and carved Kachina dolls.



"Ugh! Standing these days is a bit of a problem." That's Karen Sue Hayden, 9-months-old daughter of Paul and Shirley Hayden.



DISTRICT 4

The Informers

According to Scott County Area Foreman Curtis Lee Oliver, Wright Piles was the first employee of the Highway Department from Scott County to retire with 25 years' service. Piles received the service award in October at the Commission meeting in Little Rock and then retired at the end of 1967.

All the Scott County employees enjoyed and learned a lot from the defensive driver's course held at Waldron March 11-12.

Frank O'Donell conducted the regular safety meeting at the Waldron headquarters the first week in April. It's always a pleasure to work with him, Roland Humble and V. W. Dumas of the Safety Section.

Curtis Lee Oliver received his 10-year service award and lapel pin on April 1. (He's the one who grows those monstrous sunflowers, Ed.) Curtis is still talking about the trip he and Mrs. Curtis made to California, the Painted Desert, Grand Canyon, etc. last fall. They also visited friends in Williams, Ariz., 60 miles from Grand Canyon, where they, too, lived in 1951-52. Curtis says it's nice up in the mountains in

summer but there is lots of snow in winter.

(It's good to receive news from Scott County.)



Curtis Oliver in the Painted Desert.



DISTRICT 7

Burnham & Campbell

Congratulations to service award recipients; James Wesley Robinson, 15 years; Woodrow Harcrow & Charley Merce Olds, 10 years; and James Willie Pipes, 5 years.

Welcome to Larry Hollis, who transferred from the Construction Division and is now Accountant II in the District office.

Kermit Wendall, construction inspector, has been transferred from the residency of G. E. Gunn to N. D. Pumphrey in Camden.

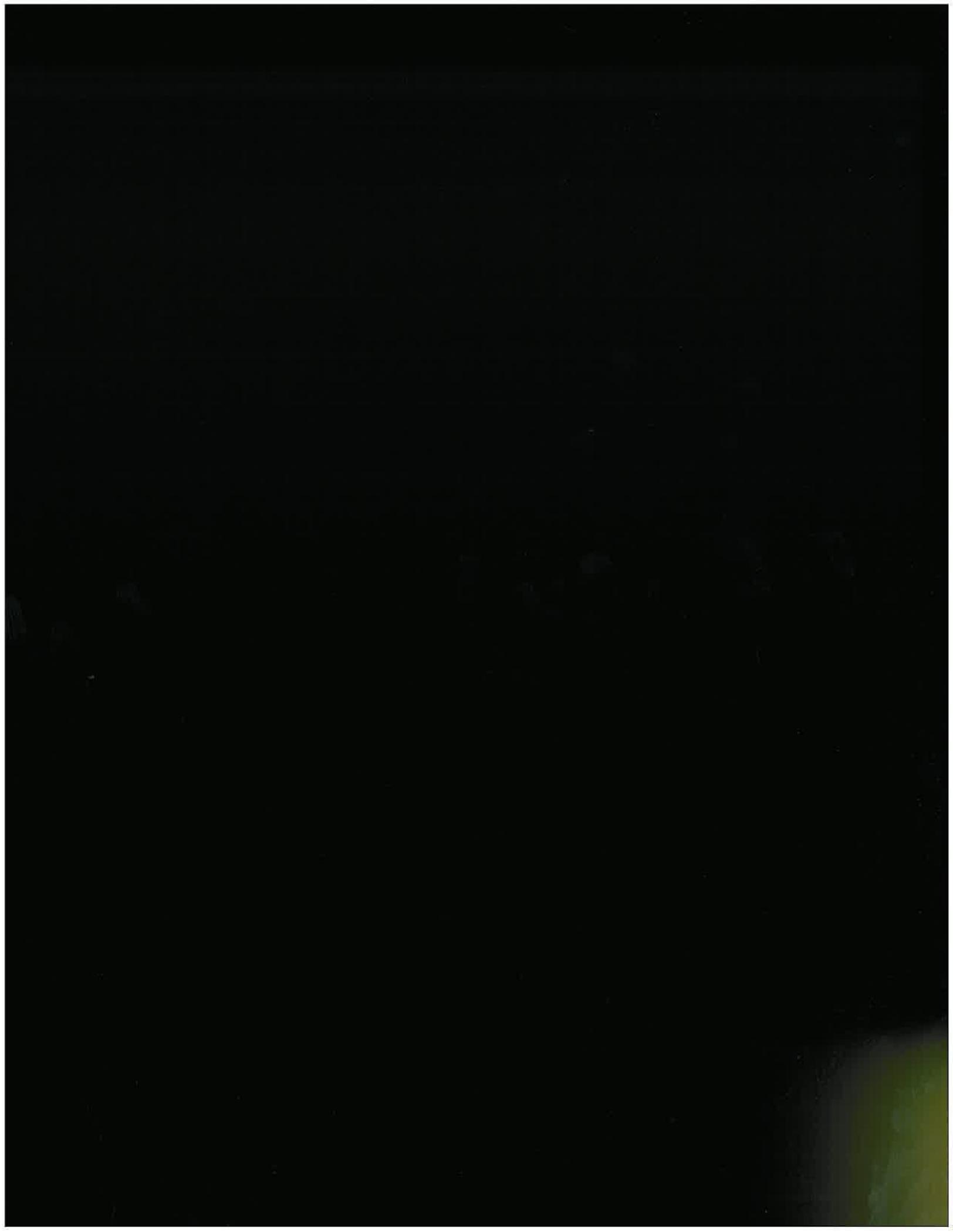
We are glad to have Jerry Thompson back after a pneumonia bout. Eddie Beasley has been sick the past two weeks and hope he can return soon. Both Jerry and Eddie work for N. D. Pumphrey.

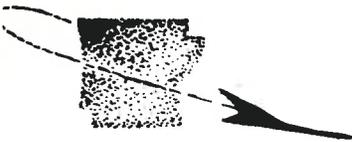
Mr. and Mrs. Pumphrey are quite proud of their son, Butch, who has qualified as a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Congratulations, Butch, we are all happy for you. The Pumphreys are also sporting a new white Opel Kadett.



Arlene Davis caught a six lb. bass and several crappie weighing over 1½ lbs. Can anyone beat that? Spring will see all of us trying.

Ralph Toward enjoyed a visit from his son and family during the Easter holidays. Ed is in the Service.





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