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Director F. R. Oliver was in charge of registration on the opening morning of the course.



Chief Engineer Ward Goodman presided over the afternoon meeting on March 2.



These gentlemen held a panel discussion on "Cooperative Urban Transportation Planning." From left are: Bill Cooper, assistant engineer, Planning and Research; Professor W. S. Bonner of the City Planning Division at the University; R. W. Parker, traffic engineer, P&R; Charles Frierson, chairman, City of Jonesboro Street and Highway Committee; and Frank E. Hawley, assistant Planning and Research engineer, Bureau of Public Roads.

SIXTH ANNUAL

Many Highway Department engineers and administrative officials attended the Sixth Annual Highway Short Course March 2-3 at Fayetteville.

The Course was sponsored by the University of Arkansas College of Engineering and Engineering Experiment Station, in cooperation with the Highway Department and the University Division of General Extension.

Several of our key personnel and Bureau of Public Road officials made talks during the two-day meet. Director Oliver presided over registration on opening day. Chief Engineer Ward Goodman presided over the afternoon session on March 2.

Johnnie Gray, staff photographer for the Department, showed his new highway film, "Planning in Action." Raif M. Smith, administrative assistant, spoke on "Organization and Management of Highway."

John W. Courter, division engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, presided over the morning meeting on March 3.



Shown at the banquet tables are some Highway Department personnel who attended the Short Course. At left, nearest camera are: Bill Rainwater, Charles Freeman and Charles Wroblewski. At right: Baldy Vinson, Dale W. Davison, John S. Harris, Jr., and Raif M. Smith.



J. R. Henderson, Cooper, James McCarthy, Art Johnson, Joe Magness, and Jake Clements, Jr.

SHORT COURSE HELD



Gene Bepalow, vice president of Choctaw, Inc., spoke at the banquet held in the Student Union the night of March 2. His subject was on countries in Europe and the Far East.



Spencer Buchanan, professor of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering at Texas A&M College, spoke on "Soils Engineering."



Harry Wright and Jack Teasdale, engineer and assistant engineer of County Roads, AHD.



A. C. Taylor, engineer of Region 6, Bureau of Public Roads, Ft. Worth, Texas.



Harold Engstrom, with the Arkansas Foundry, who spoke on "Engineering Registration - What it is and What it is Not."



Bob Bissett, director of the engineering experiment station, University of Arkansas.

Featuring Jim Lowder...

Acting District Engineer

District 3 - Hope

James Elbert Lowder's career with the Highway Department is just 10 years old, yet he has made the remarkable rise to acting-district engineer of District 3 at Hope. Jim's advancement is attributed to some fine characteristics and his abilities, not the least of which is, obviously, engineering.

Jim started working in March 1951 as assistant resident engineer and instrumentman in Little Rock. He held this position until July 1952 when he was made resident engineer in Hot Springs. In December 1953 he returned to Little Rock where, until 1959, he worked as engineering assistant, assistant resident engineer, resident engineer, district construction engineer, and district assistant. He was transferred to Hope for his present position on November 1, 1959.

Jim's birthplace is Jessieville, Arkansas, a small town about 20 miles northwest of Hot Springs. His parents moved to Hot Springs later and he graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1940, which puts him in the young age bracket. In 1942 he was inducted into the Air Force where he took glider training. He was a pilot in the U. S. Army Air Corps, 433rd Troop Carrier group from September 1942 until March 1946, piloting transport type aircraft. In September 1946 he enrolled at the University of Arkansas where he graduated in 1950.

Equipped with a bachelors degree in civil engineering, Jim became sanitary engineer for the Arkansas State Health Department, a job he held until he came to AHD.

His father, Mr. William Lowder, was a carpenter by trade. He died about 18 years ago. His mother resides with a son, Ralph, in Hot Springs, where Tom and Buster Lowder, and sisters, Mrs. James Marlar and Mrs. Ruby Brown reside. Another sister, Mrs. David Hankins, resides at England.

On December 24, 1943, Jim and the former Ethel Hicks of Hot Springs were married. Ethel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hicks, was born at Buckville, Garland County. She was graduated from the Mountain Pine High School. Ethel has many hobbies and interests but the one in which she really excels is cooking, and she is an immaculate housekeeper. They have two children: Sue, 16, who is a junior in Hope High School, and Wesley, 11, a sixth-grader.

Jim is a big football and baseball fan, and likes to work with young people. Last year he was one of the managers of the Little League of which his young son is a member.



He enjoys hunting and fishing and takes young Wes along on some of the fishing trips, even though Wes may outshine his Pop on casting. But then this can be excused on the grounds that the pupil is most generally better than the teacher...

The Lowders are very active in the Baptist Church, to which they belong. Jim is also a member of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers and is director of that organization for District 3.

Jim is a man well liked and popular with the employees and is held in high respect for his humility as well as his vast storehouse of knowledge. He is possessed of profound wisdom which is displayed by his remarkable understanding of human nature and consideration for his fellow man. He is never too busy, regardless of how important the task he may be doing, to give advice and help to his employees when asked. However, even though he is mild-mannered, quiet, and seemingly easy-going, he expects and demands accuracy in the work of those under him and is adept in the art of "chewing" without raising his voice, and he never uses profanity in any form - not even a short expletive like "damn" or "hell." His ability to "chew" is attested by one of his men who stated that never in his life did he ever have such a nice, through chewing as he received from Jim Lowder. Jim also is one of those rare men who can look you in the eye and say "yes" or "no" and make you like it. And, if it's information you want, talk to him for five minutes and you can get more than a Philadelphia lawyer could give in five years.

Jim's slow drawl gives one the idea that he's weighing each word - which probably he is doing. He is never hasty to make a decision because he listens to all sides and ponders over each fact. Once he makes up his mind, is most decisive and courageous in his convictions.

So far, it has not been proved that he was wrong.

Progress of Interstate System in Miller County

by J. E. Lowder
Acting District 3 Engineer

Interstate Highway 30 will begin in Arkansas at its intersection with U. S. 71 at the North Texarkana city limits and proceed generally parallel with U. S. 67 to a juncture with Interstate 40 at Little Rock. Construction of I-30 is now essentially complete from three miles west of Benton to Little Rock. Another 11 miles is under construction from three miles west of Benton to Ten Mile Creek toward Malvern.

Prior to the employment two years ago of Mr. F. R. Oliver as the State Highway Department Director, it had been the policy of the Department to concentrate effort in one area or segment of Interstate Road and work toward its completion. Since that time, however, the forces have been deployed to areas of traffic congestion where a completed segment of the Interstate Highway could relieve that congestion and still form an integrated system.

One of these segments is in the Texarkana area and is the one we are interested in today. This project is programmed by the State Highway Commission as Job No. 3566, Texarkana-Homan. This will tie to a segment of Interstate Highway now in the planning stage by Texas. It will proceed east for 11 miles to Homan. Later, an interchange will be constructed here under a different contract. Job 3566 will have an interchange facility at the intersection of your proposed loop road and one at Paup's Spur. It will have three grade separation structures and four bridge structures. The roadway will have four 12-foot traffic lanes - two opposing lanes on either side of a 60-foot median. It will have a design speed of 70 miles per hour with maximum three per cent grades. Right-of-way width will be a minimum of 300 feet with numerous places where a greater width will be required.

Bureau of Public Roads approval has now been obtained on the route location and interchange locations. Recently a preliminary inspection was made by Bureau and State Highway Department personnel. This is a prerequisite to completion of final construction plans. Some field work is yet to be done at structure locations before final structure plans can be made. Some right-of-way sketch maps are not yet complete. Property appraisals cannot be started until surveys are completed at these structure locations and the right-of-way sketch maps are completed. Detail information as to right-of-way widths for specific locations is not yet available. Soon after plans are completed, the right-of-way will be staked to facilitate the right-of-way appraisals.

District 9 Works 52 Hours to Keep Highways Open

by Bill Moore
Acting District 9 Engineer

On the night of February 6, while the weatherman was predicting snow for Northwest Arkansas, the first flakes began to fall in most of the 9 counties of Arkansas Highway Department's District 9.

Since this forecast is always bad news to Maintenance employees, all area foreman and supervisors reported to their respective headquarters at midnight and started the long battle to keep the highways open. Within two hours approximately 60 men were hard at work operating snowplows, motor patrols, and salt trucks over the major highways in the district. At dawn, Tuesday morning, 4 inches of snow were on the ground and it was snowing at the rate of one inch per hour. By this time all the employees in the district were at work operating 7 snowplows, 35 motor patrols, and 8 truck-mounted salt spreading machines. In addition to this equipment, approximately 55 trucks were being used to spread countless loads of sawdust and to assist motorists.

The snow finally stopped late Tuesday afternoon with an average accumulation of 9 inches, district-wide, with a few locations receiving as much as 14 inches.

The crews continued working around the clock until Wednesday afternoon, and by that time all the roads were clear and dry and the battle was won.

The Highway Department crews had worked 52 hours, removed 3,000,000 cubic yards of snow from 1500 miles of State highways, and kept traffic moving.

It is easy to see why Maintenance Department employees in District 9 dread to hear the weatherman predict, "Snow for Northwest Arkansas."

PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

During the past few months the Personnel Section has expanded and refined its functions so that it is now capable of handling any type of personnel recruitment that may arise within the Department. Since Personnel maintains close liaison with the Employment Security Division, University of Arkansas and local business schools, it is considered unnecessary for division-section heads to solicit private employment agencies for job applicants. No person should be obligated to pay a fee to secure employment with the Highway Department. Further, applicants who come to the Department's Personnel Office on their own initiative are usually more interested in public service work than applicants who are merely looking for employment.

In order to further aid division and section heads, the Personnel Office has gathered a wealth of information regarding job classification, merit rating, beginning salaries and equalization of salaries within the Department. An abundant supply of applications, for most

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FOR SALE: 1958 Silvertone Hi-Fi, mahogany with matching cabinet, 4-speeds. Only \$75. Contact Nancy Rankin, Ext. 280.

FIRST AID TRAINING SCHOOL HELD FOR AHD EMPLOYEES

The First Aid Training School, held March 13-16 in the Commission Room of the Little Rock Highway building, followed a close schedule during each of the 8-hour days, and covered all subjects in the Standard and Advanced Courses.

Carl Hosack, safety supervisor, and co-ordinator of the school, worked approximately two months getting the school programmed.

The instructors and equipment were furnished by the National Red Cross, which also agreed to reduce the number of hours from 44 to 30, necessary to become instructors. This was accomplished by the planning of Harold Johnson, director of First Aid, and Bill Headrick of Planning and Research who was assistant instructor. Both men are well qualified, and from comments of individuals attending the school, they all were high on the system used for instructing the group.

Division heads and district engineers chose the men who would attend the course. Their selections were based on their ability to absorb and their potential as future teachers or instructors. The instructors stated that in a large class, such as the one held, some fail to start and others fail at the finish line but of the 40 employees in training, not one failed. They showed great interest, and their willingness to learn and general attitude will be of great help in teaching first aid to fellow employees.

The American Red Cross issued to each student completing the course their cards for the Standard, Advanced, and Instructor's (Pulaski County) First Aid to the Injured courses. The Instructor's Card for the State of Arkansas will be issued by the American Red Cross.

Those attending the school were: District 1, Bill Vickers and Ralph Vickers; District 2, C. W. Woodfield and W. K. Wilson; District 3, Gene Pendergraft, S. J. Huckabee, and W. R. Friday; District 4, Calvin Peevy and Harvil Johnson; District 5, C. I. Bradberry; District 6, George Ingle and W. A. Hardin; District 7, M. S. Smith and D. W. Laughlin; District 8, V. L. Gray and Noah Moody; District 9, Jeff Davis, John Box, Sr., and P. B. Lovelady (Henderson Ferry); District 10, J. C. Cobb, and N. B. Ladd.

Central Offices, C. W. Wroblewski; Central Shops, Leon E. Sneed and Bill Tanneberger; Traffic Services; Bobby Mathis and F. W. Koch; Bridge Maintenance, J. M. Smith and S. C. Yates; Materials and Tests, R. E. Camp and Henry Hart; Surveys, Morgan Bryant, Harold Culdice, A. G. Rives, Jr., G. T. Kicksey, J. T. Watts, Lonnie Radford, F. D. Cato, B. F. Prince, and J. R. Owen; and Safety, Carl Hosack.

These men are to be commended. By attending these classes they have made a significant contribution to health, safety, and welfare of Highway employees, and their community.



The First Aid Training School class and instructors are pictured on the lawn of the Central Office Building.

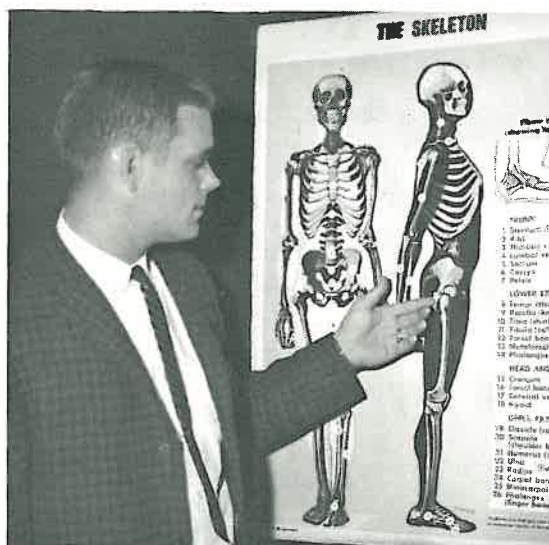
First aid films were shown by Mr. Johnson and one film, "That They May Live," was especially fine on artificial respiration. Johnnie Gray showed "Highway Planning in Action," and an actual demonstration on fire fighting by Fire Appliance Company, was shown also.

ACCIDENTS PLENTY EXPENSIVE

In dollar costs, accidents drain the economy of the nation to the staggering tune of \$14,415,000,000 in any given year! This includes total costs of accidents; medical and hospital expenses; claim settlements of insurance; property damage in motor vehicle accidents; property destroyed by fire; and property destroyed or production lost due to occupational accidents.

Manpower loss to the nation is also a staggering figure: Accidental deaths, 96,000; Injuries, 9,600,000.

The table below is the number of accidents occurring in the Highway Department.



Harold Johnson, director of the Training School



Woodrow Wilson is having his arm "set" and bandaged by Woodrow Hardin of District 6. Looking on are Homer Snodgrass (who did not take the course, but was merely an onlooker), and C. W. Woodfield from District 2.



A. G. Rives, Jr. is being the "guinea pig" for this demonstration on making a sling for a fractured arm. Henry Hart from Materials and Tests is on the left. The employee on the right is unidentified.

DISTRICTS Jan. 1, 1960 to Dec. 31, 1960 ACCIDENTS

District	Number Accidents	Cars	Pick-up	Stake	Caryall Sta. Wagons Sed. Deliveries	Dump	Patrol	Front End	Mowers		Tractor Truck
									Rotary-Sickle		
1	19	0	2	0	0	9	2	1	5	0	0
2	12	1	1	0	1	4	1	0	4	0	0
3	11	0	1	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	0
4	12	0	3	0	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
5	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0
6	15	2	3	1	0	7	1	0	1	0	0
7	9	0	0	2	0	4	1	1	1	0	0
8	10	1	2	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	0
9	18	1	2	0	2	8	1	0	3	0	1
10	28	0	2	0	0	14	1	0	11	0	0
TOTALS	139	5	16	5	6	63	8	5	28	1	2

TAKEN FROM ACCIDENT REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE.

Carl Hosack, Safety Supervisor

Neill Bohlinger Receives Plaque From Arkansas House Members

Neill Bohlinger, our general counsel for the Highway Department, returned to his offices in the Highway Building on March 10 after a 60-day session at the Arkansas Legislature where he served as Parliamentarian of the House for his tenth term. He has served four or five terms in the House of Representatives.

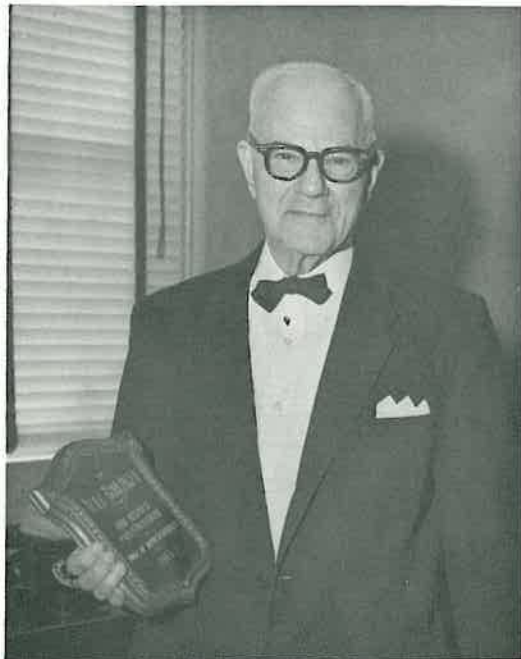
To show their esteem and respect for Mr. Bohlinger, the members of the House held a ceremony on the last day of the Legislature to present him with a gold plaque inscribed: "To Neill Bohlinger, Our Beloved Parliamentarian 1961." The presentation was made on behalf of the members by Representative Glenn F. Walther.

A week after his return to office, he and Mrs. Bohlinger flew to Miami and Key West, Florida for a well earned vacation. He returned March 27, tanned and fit.

Mr. Bohlinger, born and reared in Little Rock, is descended from one of Little Rock's oldest and finest families; the Bohlingers settled in Little Rock more than 125 years ago.

He has served more than 12 years as General Counsel for the Highway Department, endearing himself to everyone who knows him, not only for his brilliance as an attorney but for his charm and sharp sense of humor. He practiced law in Little Rock for more than 50 years before his Highway appointment.

He is a life member of Christ Episcopal Church.



Mr. Neill Bohlinger

PAUL JOHNSON APPOINTED U. S. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY



Paul Johnson, an attorney for the Highway Department since 1959, became an assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas on March 20.

Johnson received his appointment from Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. He will serve on the staff of United States Attorney Osro Cobb, who is expected to leave office later this year.

A native of Wilmar, Drew County, Johnson was graduated from Monticello High School and the University of Arkansas Law School. He practiced law at Monticello from 1937 to 1955, was in the furniture and hardware business at Crossett a few years, and in 1958 became assistant general counsel for the State Employment Security Division at Little Rock.

He served four years (1943-47) as prosecuting attorney for the tenth Judicial Circuit, which includes Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Dallas, and Drew Counties.

During his tenure with the Department he specialized in condemnation cases, which will also be his duties in his new position, in addition to representing the federal government in all phases of its civil and criminal work. Johnson recently handled a \$20 million Saline County condemnation law suit at Benton which received nationwide attention.

The Johnsons live at 2308 Blackwood Road. They have two children, Paul, Jr., a junior at Little Rock University, and Paula, a senior at Hall High School.

On behalf of the Highway Department we offer congratulations to Johnson on his new position.

ASA DUNCAN RETIRES

Asa Loyd Duncan, equipment inspector with the Equipment Division, Jacksonville, retired March 15 after serving with the Highway Department for 24 years.

Duncan's association with the Department began in 1932 when he went to work as a job superintendent in the Construction Division in the Ft. Smith area. Subsequently, he served as district mechanic and assistant maintenance superintendent until 1941 when he joined the U. S. Army. In 1947, after his Army service, he again came to the Department as equipment supervisor and has been employed since that time in the Equipment Division.

The Jacksonville offices honored Asa with a party and a going-away gift on March 13. C. Don Hayes, director of Equipment, made the presentation of a fishing rod and reel, which will get plenty of use as his future plans call for rest, fishing, and traveling. The cakes, served with coffee, were baked by the girls in the Equipment Office.

Asa will be missed by his co-workers who wish him the best of luck and good health in the future.



Equipment Director C. Don Hayes and Asa L. Duncan

WHELCHEL TRANSFERRED

Y. W. Whelchel has been transferred from Planning and Research Division to the Director's Office where he has been appointed as a staff specialist.

Whelchel has been with the Highway Department for 15 years. During this period he was employed in P&R, where he did a splendid job in directing the Traffic Count and Analysis activities. Recently he has served as trouble shooter and public relations man for the Department.



J. R. Henderson (right), engineer of Planning and Research, presents Y. W. Whelchel a gift from the P&R employees.

Mrs. Oliver Wins Stole



Mrs. Oliver wearing her mink stole

Mrs. Oliver returned to Little Rock from a recent weekend trip with Mr. Oliver to learn that she had won a beautiful mink stole. Mr. Oliver had purchased tickets (as a donation) for the Barbershop Quartet Benefit at the Robinson Auditorium March 18, the proceeds of which went to purchase a station wagon for the North Little Rock Exceptional Children's School. Mrs. Oliver held the winning ticket. The stole, made of Arkansas wild mink, was made and designed especially for the benefit, by Mr. Bensky. Mrs. Oliver appeared on "Little Rock Today" on March 20. Congratulations, Mrs. Oliver.

PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (con't)

employment needs, are also kept on file and are available for review by division heads and supervisors at all times. Division heads should avail themselves of the services offered by the Personnel Section in order to obtain the best qualified applicants for any opening or position.

When an application is checked out of the Personnel Office, it should be reviewed and returned as soon as practical so that it may be available for consideration by other supervisors.

No prospective employee shall report to work until the proper documents have been reviewed and the Payroll Authorization (AH-125) has been approved.

SIGNS FOR SERVICE ON EXPRESSWAYS

SIGNS have been erected by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways on a controlled-access section of U. S. Route 22 in Berks, Lehigh and Northampton counties to warn motorists that they must leave the expressway to obtain necessary services such as motor fuel, food, and lodging.

This is an experiment - the effectiveness of the signs will be used to determine signing standards and practices on other controlled-access highways in Pennsylvania. Standards for the signs were established by a motor-services committee composed of representatives of highway-user groups, motel and restaurant groups, and others. The standards are:

1. That the service be available within a mile of the interchange.
2. Any gasoline station. The station need not be open 24 hours a day.
3. That at least 25 seats be available at an eating place, and that the establishment meet state department of health standards.
4. That 10 or more rooms with private baths be available, but that the rooms need not be all in one business establishment.

Sixty-six miles of U. S. Route 22 have been constructed as a full controlled-access expressway. The signs "No Services on this Route Next 66 Miles" and "Gas, Food, Lodging at Signed Exits" have been erected at the Berks-Lebanon county line and at Easton, termini of the section. The signs are white with green letters and are 5x10 ft. in size. The sign "Gas Lodging Next Right" has been erected at appropriate places. A space is left for the word "Food" after the word "Gas" in the event a restaurant is built.

Better Roads Magazine

WANTED: Roommate (female variety) to share expenses on a three-room and bath apartment, located at 623 Midland. For more information contact Ruth Foll in the Personnel Office, Ext. 210.

COMPUSLORY RETIREMENT AGE LOWERED TO 67

The Highway Commission at the meeting March 15 in the Commission Room, lowered the age for compulsory retirement for Highway employees from 70 years to 67 years.

The Minute Order stated in part that: "after carefully considering the economic, professional, and social aspects of the situation, it is the considered opinion of the Commission that steps should be taken to conform to the prevailing rule for the retirement of superannuate employees."

Effective December 31, 1961, all employees who are 67 years of age or older shall be retired on such benefits as they may be entitled to at that time. When any employee becomes 67 years of age on and after that date (December 31, 1961), they shall be retired at the close of the month in which the age of 67 is attained.

The Highway Commission, in recognition of the acute shortage of professional engineers and other key employees throughout the Highway field, reserves the right to continue in an active duty status such employees whose employment has or will be terminated under the provisions of this order when satisfactory evidence is established that by doing so, the Department's best interests will be served. If and when the provisions of this section are exercised, employment shall be on a year by year basis as authorized by the Commission.

The new ruling will affect approximately 50 employees by the effective date.

AHD EMPLOYEES ATTEND COURSE
IN CIVIL DEFENSE

A Radiological Monitoring Course, sponsored by the Executive Office of the Civil Defense and Disaster Relief, was conducted March 23 and 24 in the Conference Room of the Welfare Building. The course of instruction was designed specifically for State Departmental employees.

The purpose of the course was to acquaint State level personnel in radiological monitoring, and to train qualified personnel as radiological defense instructors. The objectives of the course are to familiarize the participants with the necessity for and the magnitude of radiological defense and to present the basic concepts of nuclear science. Participants will also become acquainted with the principles and types of radiological defense instruments which are used to measure nuclear radiation.

The fifteen Highway Department employees who attended the course were: Bill Vickers, District 1; C. R. Gaddy, District 2; Ted Maryman, District 3; Bob Gray, District 4; C. L. Bradbury, District 5; George Ingle, District 6; Maxwell Smith, District 7; Charlie McAlister, District 8; Hillman Watkins, District 9; J. C. Cobb, District 10; Jim Francis, Maintenance Division; Hoyt Thomas, Personnel Office; Asa McCord, Planning and Research; Bill Tanneberger, Central Shop; and Y. W. Whelchel, Administrative.

P&R EMPLOYEE'S HOME DESTROYED BY TORNADO AT SALTILLO COMMUNITY

Those of us who have never experienced the deadly violence and destruction of a tornado had just as soon leave it that way.

Edwin Hoggard of Planning and Research would have also if he had had a choice. But, unfortunately, Edwin and his family, the O. H. Hoggards, of the Saltillo Community in Faulkner County, were among the families hardest hit when the rash of storms blasted Arkansas, Sunday afternoon, March 12.

The damage was heaviest in the above-mentioned areas, completely destroying the Hoggards' home and most of their belongings; the largest thing saved was the newly-purchased deep freeze, minus its top.

There is always something to be thankful for - the Hoggards were not injured, thanks to some friends' storm cellar.

The pictures shown here were taken by Edwin the day after the storm.



Friends help salvage household effects from the Hoggard home.



Damaged power lines, such as these, were typical all over the devastated area.



Here are four trees that used to shade the Hoggard home.

RAY-GRAHAM VOWS SPOKEN



The handsome couple shown here are Betty Ray Graham and her brand-new husband, Wade Graham. The marriage took place March 4 at Church of Christ, Sixth and Izard, with the Reverend Cleon Lyles officiating. Betty works in microfilming. The romance blossomed while Wade was employed in Data Processing Center. He is now employed at the State Capitol.

LES EVITTS PASSES BAR EXAM



Les Evitts passed his bar examination March 27 and is now a full-fledged practicing attorney for the Highway Department. He was transferred to the Legal Division March 16. Les, an employee since 1955, studied pre-law at the University of Arkansas and attended Law School at Night. Congratulations, Les!

Robert Arnold, an employee of the Buildings and Grounds section, was married March 21 to Miss Mary Houston of Little Rock. A few days after his marriage he was admitted to the Veteran's Hospital on Roosevelt Road, where he remained for over a week. The doctor's diagnosed his case as acute indigestion.

Arnold, a member of the night crew, has been an employee of the Department since March 5, 1959.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

accounting

Blanch Smith

In the last issue of "Arkansas Highways" we inadvertently failed to mention the afternoon party we had for Jim Watts and Rayma Fisher. Also the presentation of going-away gifts to them.

Jimmy Meyer and husband, Ron, are moving to Benton around April 1, as Ron is to be Advertising Manager of the Benton Courier. Jimmy will commute from Benton.

Margaret Allen, Irene Hawkins, and Peggy Yielding went to Memphis recently to visit relatives.

Olin Randle and Pat Koonce attended the ABWA "Bosses Night" dinner on March 9 at the Lafayette Hotel. Randy's guest was Jim McCarthy and Pat's guest was Johnny Beavers.

Mr. McCarthy made a trip to Helena, Arkansas, and Vicksburg, Mississippi, to obtain data necessary for operating the Helena Bridge toll facilities.

data processing

Carolyn B. Reddin

Tony Yandell spent two weeks in St. Louis March 13-24 attending a class on programming the "IBM 1401 Data Processing System." This is the system that will be installed in the Highway Department Data Processing Center in 1962.

Art Johnson, Raif Smith, Pat Huddleston, and Robbie Parker were on the bus called the "Little Rock Special" to attend the "66 Mid-South IBM Data Processing Premier" in Memphis on March 28. Main feature of the Premier was the 1401 system.

Nedra and Joe Barton spent the weekend of March 18 in Center Point, Arkansas visiting with Joe's parents.

Billie Ratcliff is back after being off several days due to illness.

equipment

Avalee Padgett

Johnnie Gray ran his new film, "Arkansas Highways - 1961" for the Equipment Division on March 24. We offer our congratulations to Johnnie on a very good film. He brought Birdie Wright and Marie Rossing with him for their first visit to the Equipment Division offices. We enjoyed having them very much. Don't wait so long for a return visit, girls.

Galen Carter and Henry Kirchoff have been off for several days due to ill health. We miss them and wish a speedy recovery to both of them.

The Lem Kirkpatrick and daughter, Kitty, attended the races in Hot Springs on March 25. Kirk said he didn't know the price of hay had increased so much.

Carl Hosack, Leon Sneed and Bill Tanneberger attended the First Aid Training School held at the Little Rock building. Leon attended the IBM School the previous week and last week Bill attended the Radiological Monitoring Course held in the Welfare Building in Little Rock. Everyone seems to be back in their regular routine at this time.

Asa Duncan, equipment inspector, retired on March 15. Asa will be missed by all his co-workers and we wish him many happy years ahead. Thurman Payne transferred from center striping to replace Asa. Welcome to the Equipment Division, Thurman.

We also welcome E. C. Tharp in Central Stores, and Charles Keathley, who is working at the gas station in Little Rock.

We extend our sympathies to J. T. Shaw whose sister, Mrs. Eva May Carroll passed away on Friday, March 17 in the home of a son in Conway.

personnel

M.A.

Ruth Foll spent the week end of March 25 at home with parents, in Mountain View. The following week end she drove to Hope to attend the wedding of her roommate Lynda Rowe to Quinton Hurtgen. She's looking for another roommate.

D. W. Davison, Personnel officer, and Jim McCarthy, Accounting director, discussed operation of toll facilities when they visited the Mississippi Highway Department March 21-24.

We gave Carolyn Reddin a small going-away party March 15 when she transferred to Data Processing Center. We presented her with a gift and enjoyed cake and coffee.

Hoyt Thomas paid a visit to the tracks at Hot Springs one Saturday, much to his sorrow, as he didn't bring back any moolah as he had hoped. Hoyt is planning a big Easter holiday with friends from the University of Arkansas.

Lavona Croft's cousin, Donna Cole, from Evening Shade, was her guest for a week, March 27-31.

Jane Greenlee, our new girl (pictured) is fitting right in with things in Personnel. She's very pleasant and we're enjoying her thick "southin' accent."

We hate to think that the new retirement age will catch our Jim Zinn next year, as this office won't be the same without Jimbo.

This reporter's sister, Mrs. Lou Sanders from St. Louis was a visitor in Little Rock for a week March 18-25. During her stay she was honored guest at a luncheon given by the writer.



Jane Greenlee, new girl in Personnel

planning

& research

Bonnie Linn

We hated to lose Y. W. Whelchel when he was transferred to the Director's Office, but we are happy to see him promoted to new and greater responsibilities and our best wishes go with "Y." On his last day with us, we gave a coke party for Y. and presented him with a gift.

Ed Johnson, who has been assistant to W. K. Bartleson, has been selected to head the Traffic Counting and Analysis Section. Ed has been with the Department since September 15, 1953; is a graduate of Ouachita College and with his experience and background, is well qualified for his new position.

Bob Kessinger has been transferred from Traffic Section to Road Life and Road Inventory.

Wedding bells have been ringing again! Kenneth Graves of Road Inventory was married March 18 to Miss Hilda Humphries of Benton, Arkansas. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Jane and Karl Huff spent the week end of March 11 in Fayetteville visiting their son and his family.

J. R. Henderson, Billy Cooper, and Lester Jester, along with several others from the Department, spent the day in Hot Springs March 24. They met with the Mayor, City Council, Garland County Regional Planning Commission and Resident Planner Frank Brutts. Lester Jester presented a report on the "Proposed Highway Network Plan for Hot Springs."

We are all deeply regretful about the incident which happened to the family of Edwin Hoggard. The tornados destroyed their home near Conway and most of their longings.

Bea Davis is back again after her trip to Memphis for another ear operation. We are glad Bea is doing so well and hope this operation will be a complete success.

Lee Gibbons is certainly beaming after his week end in Hot Springs. We wonder if his bulging pockets could contribute to that smile. There have been no comments from Pat Patton or Bill Smith on the subject. We'll have to wait and see if their machine needs to be oiled.

procurement

Amy Tedford

The Chancel Choirs of First and Park Hill Presbyterian Churches of North Little Rock presented, on Palm Sunday, March 26, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois. Jim Meredith was organist for the occasion.

"Widow" Gray has just returned from her first week end fishing trip of the season. Since the Water was so high on White River there was not much point in fishing at the trip was a lot of fun and relaxation. Roger Gray, son of "Widow," was confined recently to the base hospital at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tuscon, but he has just about won the battle with the flu and is reported back on duty.

Conley Meredith made First Division for his clarinet solo at the District Band Festival last March. This rating will qualify him for entrance in the State-Wide Band Festival that is held in Hot Springs each year in April.

If you have noticed Frank Caple with a red face lately, it isn't because he's blushing. He stayed out in the sun too long setting out grass in his yard one sunny day. He admits he should have stayed home on a certain Thursday night not long ago and set it out then, but like many others here in the office, he had "other plans."

If all goes well, and as planned, this writer and family should be in our new home being built on Nelson Drive in North Little Rock by the middle of April. We can sympathize with all the others who have built their homes - it's a great big headache but it is fun.

Linda Mode, our newest employee, recently spent the week end with one of her girl friends at Harding College. She found out that college life is not exactly for her... was fun but that being in by 10 p.m. is around too early.

Martha Meredith celebrated a birthday March 24. Jim was successful in planning

a surprise party. Martha was most pleased with the day's events including her winning the daily double at Oaklawn.

right of way

Nancy Sipe

Spring fever time is here again and we are guilty of being susceptible to its influence. There are some who have been more seriously ill, however, and we are glad to report improvement.

Due to illness, Norman McLeod was rushed to Baptist Hospital Friday afternoon, March 17. After a few days there, he went on home to DeQueen to recuperate. He made a rapid recovery and is now back at work.

Don Reed's wife, Bernice, spent a week at Baptist Hospital. She's home now and Don reports that after a couple of whippings, she's back "in line." We're glad she's improving, and if whipping Don is her medicine, we approve the prescription.

Kaye Green, Accounting Section, also spent a couple of days in the hospital and we were delighted to have her back bright and early on Monday morning.

Colonel Schafer was ill a few days last month, but with the pretty spring weather and warmer temperatures, he recovered quickly, felt quite chipper and went back out on the right of way, and actually helped clear it. From the look of anguish he wore - from a mighty aching back - we bet he's ready to swear off pulling fence posts.

All the girls have been bringing scarves to work of late. Why? In hopes of getting an invitation to ride in the new white 1961 Chevrolet Impala convertible. The owner? Carl D. Fowler. It's a beaut, Carl, and happy driving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bartlett are proud owners of a new home in Broadmoor subdivision. Many happy days, Jim.

Our apologies to Richard Andry, new employee in the Accounting Section as of February 1. Forgot to include his name last month and we're sorry. Dick comes to us from Construction Division, is married and has three children. Welcome, Dick.

Right of Way is happy to welcome four new employees. Ann B. Sniff in the Accounting Section; Karen Jones in the Appraisal Section; Cliff Moore and Henry Pote in the Engineering Section.

roadway plans

John Dunn

Brooks Nichols took off the last of March for a few days while his brother was on leave from the Navy, to visit parents and relatives in Locust Bayou.

Ralph Stiefvater is taking training (for the time being) in the IBM Computing

Room. Ralph was with us in Roadway Design for a while. Delbert Vanlandingham has returned to our section, and we are very glad to have him... Gary Settles is another newcomer. He is attending Little Rock University studying pre-engineering.

district 3

Olive Jackson

The following received service awards during March: James E. Lowder (our boss), 10 years; and Howard Hazel and J. D. Neighbors, 5 years. Congratulations, Men!

Ted Maryman, assistant maintenance superintendent, took the training course in Radiological Monitoring for Instructors, which was conducted by the Civil Defense and Disaster Relief in Little Rock March 23 and 24.

Charles Tittle, son of Clovis and Nettie Tittle, is still receiving honors at Ouachita College in Arkadelphia where he is a senior, and his parents are very proud of him. His most recent accomplishment is a \$1500 Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for graduate study at the college of his choice.

This selection was announced by Hans Rosehaupt, national director of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Charles was one of 1400 students in the nation to receive this honor. He plans to enter the University of Texas next fall for graduate study in his major field of sociology. Charles attended Texas A&M before entering Ouachita in January. He is a member of Alpha Chi honorary scholastic organization and Sigma Tau Delta, English society.

Those from the Little Rock office who were in our district recently were: Jake Clements, Ed Orsini, Tom Smith, and Carl Hosack. Hope they will come back soon.

Charlie McPherson, who had the misfortune of breaking his left arm March 15 is recuperating nicely in the Memorial Hospital. Charlie's accident happened when he was on his way to work and his car collided with a mule on Highway 4 about four miles from Hope. Charlie suffered a compound arm fracture.

Halbert and Helen Jones of Fouke are the proud parents of a little girl, Karon Munzel, who arrived January 12.

Those from this district who attended the First Aid Training School in Little Rock were: E. A. Pendergraft and Sam Huckabee. The school was from March 13-16.

district 5

A. L. Moser

Epter McElrath was a patient in Harris Hospital this month, but he's out and back on the job.

W. W. James had a serious accident while operating a chainsaw in which he mashed his hand. We miss you W. W., so get well soon.

C. L. Bradberry, assistant maintenance superintendent, was in Little Rock last month to attend the First Aid School.

Tom Campbell was a patient in the Clinic Hospital, but has returned to work. Ludie Massey is back at work after being on the sick list for a week.

The Russell McMillians spent the week end of March 18 in Hartville, Missouri with their daughter Sally Kathryn, who is teach-school there.

Charles D. Evans, son of Drexel Evans, had the misfortune of breaking his leg while playing at school on March 1. He is showing some improvement at this time.

district 6

John Trawick

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hamilton on the arrival of their daughter, Jeani Dee, born March 16 in the Jefferson Hospital in Pine Bluff. Hamilton is senior instrumentman at Lonoke.

The swiftness of our J. L. Goins, Jr., stock clerk, may be appreciated elsewhere, but not so by the Little Rock Police Department. A local radar setup reported his travels at 35,0001 mph in a 35 mph zone. He reports his tires are balanced although his pocketbook, as of this incident, is not.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Rockwell on the birth of their daughter... The stork has been busy at District 6! Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Johnson are the proud parents of a boy born March 26, weighing 6 pounds, 5½ ounces.

district 7

Burnham and Campbell

Highway Commissioner Glenn Wallace was guest speaker at the Camden Lions Club March 8. Mrs. Wallace spent the day as guest of Mrs. Walter Hicks and Mrs. G. E. Nunnally and we enjoyed a visit with both Mr. and Mrs. Wallace in this office.

Hal Woodson has started replacement of all timber bridges between Smackover and Mt. Holly with steel and concrete.

W. E. Hicks attended the Warren Rotary Club meeting, at which Director Oliver was principal speaker, on March 7. Mr. Hicks spoke to the Junction City Lions Club March 21.

Visitors to our district in March were R. B. Winfrey, Jake Clements, L. C. Carlson, Lester McCain, and Homer Lucas, all from the Little Rock offices, and Bill Boydson and Anthony Leone, with the Bureau of Public Roads.

The new Ouachita County area yard is nearing completion and a barbecue is being planned by local personnel around the middle of April.

J. A. Cheatham and Donald Beard of C. L. Baucum's office, and J. C. Webb

and Charles Rampley attended the Arkansas Professional Engineer's Banquet in Little Rock March 23.

Mary Nell Carlson drove to Fayetteville with some friends for a pleasant week end March 11.

Mr. Webb enjoyed a visit from his daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren from Texas.

Charles Rampley spent his vacation remodeling the kitchen in his home... Noel Word and Carl McMahan attended drag strip races in Hallsville, Texas.

Carlton Tidwell, asphalt paving inspector, is being transferred from George Kames at Monticello to J. C. Webb at Camden, effective April 1.

Edgar Winters is seldom in the news... we find that most of his time is spent making asphalt reports... Larry Hollis states that the expense of having his shoes half-soled has been eliminated since asphalt operations began.

Mr. Hicks held two schools for Construction Manual issued recently by the AASHO.

Odis Alexander is making our district office lawn very attractive by planting flowers and grass, setting out shrubbery, and trimming the trees on the grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. George Orsburn, Okolona, were happy to have their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Biehunko, for a visit recently. They are students at TCU at Fort Worth. George is real proud of his new son-in-law.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Loyd Scott and family on the death of his brother Willie Scott, 14 years old. Willie was playing in the yard, fell on a stake, was rushed to an Arkadelphia hospital and died of a stomach injury before they could perform surgery.

district 10

Kathryn Booher

Congratulations to two of our men who received service awards during March: Gilbert J. Furlow and Joseph R. Penn, who have been working now for 15 years!

District Engineer J. F. Price; District Maintenance Supt. J. H. Sanders; and Resident Engineers E. W. Smith, Jr., N. D. Pumphrey, H. C. Martin, and K. J. Carpenter, attended the Sixth Annual Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville March 2 and 3. They reported a very interesting meeting and enjoyable trip.

On the return trip from Fayetteville, Mr. Price stopped in Harrison for a nice visit with J. C. Perkins, Sr., and Mrs. Perkins. He was happy to find Mr. Perkins doing so well. We, in District 10, are expecting the Perkinses to visit us in the early spring.

District 10 enjoyed visits from the following from the Little Rock office during the past month: Asa Duncan, H. S. Dreher, and Mr. H. O. Thompson from the Bureau of Public Roads.

The four men on the cover of last month's magazine are personnel from this district, working out of the Blytheville area. Behind the instrument is Cliff Ellis, senior instrumentman. The three boys in the are, from left to right, Sonny Linam, a summer employee last year, and Alton Kilburn and Billy Webb, chainmen. They were working on the Lemsford Grade Separation to the Missouri State line. This picture was also in the Biennial Report for the fiscal years 1959-60. We're very proud of this photo. (Editor's note; Thanks for supplying this information. I couldn't find out the names of the men so didn't write a outline as I usually do.)

Congratulations to Joe and Gleniece Easley on the arrival of their first child, Vicki Ann, who made her appearance on March 2. Joe works in the Blytheville Construction office.

Donald Barnes is sporting a 1961 Rambler station wagon, and Billy Webb has a red and white 1957 Ford, his first car. Both are pretty.

K. J. Carpenter and Billy Hyde have high hopes of having lots of tomatoes this year. Both have been planting and transplanting their plants and they're having good luck with them. Mr. Carpenter, a garden enthusiast, reporting of being sore from setting out about 800 onion sets over a recent week end.

Sure hope Jason Adams had a happy "29" birthday on March 27.

Bad luck has really stalked Bobby Pillow, heavy truck driver for District maintenance. Bobby's toe was broken and his foot badly bruised when a skid fell on it recently, and about a week later he was loading pipe when the pipe slipped cutting his face and lip, requiring several stitches. We sure hope Bobby gets along okay and nothing else happens to him.

Thanks to Johnnie Alexander for sending us the news from the Blytheville area for this month. We're always glad to get reports from our resident engineers' offices and hope more of the field clerks will take the hint and send us any monthly news items they may have. (So do I.Ed.)

A 54-year-old woman gave birth to a baby. The editor of the local newspaper rushed in and said, "Run it on the front page." The reporter replied, "That's not front page news." To which the editor said, "It should be intensely interesting to half of our readers and it will scare the hell out of the other half."

He drinks only to calm himself...He steadiness to improve...Last night he got so steady...He couldn't even move.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

Charles C. Thirion, employed in the Buildings and Grounds section, wishes to express his deep appreciation to all the Highway Department employees for their kindness and sympathies extended to him and his family in the death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Minnie Mae Blenden Thirion.

Mrs. Thirion, 48, died quite suddenly of a heart attack on March 14. Other survivors are eight children, Charles C. Thirion III, with the Armed Forces, and Ronald Eugene, Barbara Ann, Marilyn Kay, Mary Kathryn, Clarence, Larry Wayne, and Nita Jean, all of the home. Another daughter Ceceila, 15 years old, died of a rare heart ailment only last December.

THE MISSING "S"

The editor of a small-town newspaper once explained the loss of the letter "s" from his composing room in the following way:

"Latht night thome thneaking thcoundrel thtole into our compothing room and pilfered the cabineth of all the etheth! Therefore we would like to take advantage of thith opportunity to apologize to our readerth for the general inthipid appearance of your paper today. We would altho like to thtate that if at any time in the yearth to come we thhould three thith dirty thnake in the grathth about the premitheth, it will be our complete and thorough thatithfaction to thoot him full of holeth. Thank you!"

He: "My girl friend is a twin."
Him: "So? How can you tell them apart?"
He: "Her brother is built different."

"What in the world are you doing down there in the cellar?" asked puzzled rooster.

"Well, if it's any of your nosy business," replied the hen. "I'm laying in a supply of coal."

A Texan was heard to explain it thus: "A man can't lie fast enough to keep up with the truth about Texas."

The Hotel Clerk was losing his patience. "Look," he said, "I've told you a dozen times, we don't have any rooms. We're full."

"If President Kennedy came," the man persisted, "you'd have a room for him, wouldn't you?"

"Why, of course," the clerk admitted.

"Then let me have his room. He's not coming."

Maintenance Steno: "Horace, I'm through with you for good. Here is your old dinner ring back, and you can return my lock of hair this very minute!"

Washed-Up Boy Friend: "Okay, don't act excited, dearie! Do you want the dark lock, or the one you gave me when you were a blonde?"

Little Girl: "Mama, Daddy and I stopped on my way home. I had a coke and Daddy had a glass of water with an olive in it."

"How did you make your neighbor keep his hens in his own yard?"

"One night I hid half a dozen eggs under a bush in my garden and the next day I let him see me gather them."

"Jim, wake up. There's a burglar in the kitchen and he's eating up the rest of the pie we had for dinner."

"Go back to sleep. I'll bury him in the morning."

He was telling his old friend that he had just been to see the banker about negotiating a small loan.

"I don't want to bother my friends," he said, "but it looks like I'll have to ask a little favor of you. The banker gave me this paper and said if I'd get your name on it he'd let me have the money."

The old friend's face reddened, "I just don't like it about you feeling compelled to go to a bank for this loan," he fretted. "You just go back and tell that banker to sign the paper - then I'll give you the money."

During a fire in the night, the tenants of an apartment hotel rushed into the street carrying their most prized possessions. One woman noticed that the gentleman who lived directly above her was carrying a large covered bird cage.

"What have you there?" she asked out of curiosity.

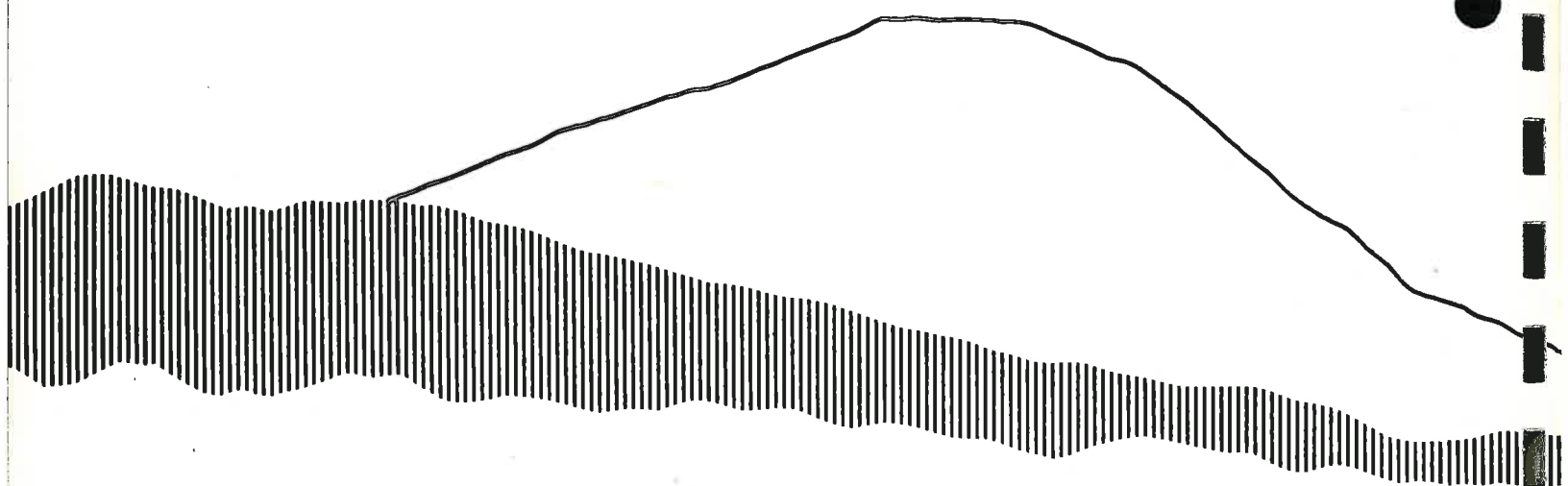
"That's my pet rooster," said the man.

The woman gasped and fainted. When she was revived she told her anxious neighbor, "I'm sorry I fainted but you see I've been under treatment by a psychiatrist for the past year because I kept hearing a rooster crowing!"

"Well, you didn't have to marry me, you know!" bawled the furious wife, thinking surely this shot would put a clincher on the quarrel.

"But we weren't so sure at the time dear, now were we?" hissed the husband.

Annoyed wife to husband: "Can't you just say we've been married 24 years instead of 'almost a quarter of a century'?"



".....land of pleasant driving."