

DISTRICT accountants and warehousemen gathered in Austin two months ago to "talk shop" and have their picture taken. They are, from left, row 1: Ray Boies, Melvin Green, Abie Cohn, George Pendergrass, Harry Johnson, George Brooks, Glynn Drake, Bill Key, Robert Denman, Harold Dunn, Bill Sanders. Row 2: Billy Kennedy, Bobby Bailey, Lee Reese, Odell Martin, R. L. Medford, Archie Dixon, Clarence Shanks, Arthur Hanners, Billy Warren, Marvin Gillespie, Billy Minor, Roland Howard, Billy Young. Row 3: John Richardson, Dale Park, Elmer Kunz, Joel Williams, Max Byrd, Charles Currie, Paul Clark, Charles Tipton, J. D. Vogt, Vernon Bruns, O. C. Thoreson, Alvin Cloer, Marvin Adams. Row 4: Wesley Burks, Cleve Stover, Fred Khoury, Eddie Puckett, W. C. Vaughan, W. A. Bullock, Hudson Jones, James Goff, W. C. Dickinson, June Gunter, John DeLacie, Dan Morton. Row 5: Van Wheat, Lawrence Wilks, Kenneth Pond, Lauris Weathers, Billy Moore, Robert Cannon, Jay Peterson, Harold Sargent, Henry Baker, Doy Skinner, Billy Hines, Robert Flaherty. Row 6: John Heim, Norman Wilson, Knox Ryan, Wendell Ashley, Horace Ammons, Avner Spainhour, Obert Stevens, Johnson Gault, Otto Bohls, Ray Marek, George Carpenter, Andy Crites, Jimmy Maguire.



THE year-old Devils River Bridge on US 90 west of Del Rio has won a coveted Prize Bridge Award from the American Institute of Steel Construction. The Institute presents these awards annually to encourage imaginative and esthetic use of fabricated structural steel in bridges. Judges called the bridge, designed by Bridge Division, "one of the most graceful bridges we have seen," and noted that the design shows "great thought, economy, restraint . . ." H. B. Zachary Co. of San Antonio was the contractor.

West Texas Town Possesses Smallest Vehicle Registration

There is no parking problem in Loving County if figures released by Motor Vehicle Division are any indication.

A grand total of 166 cars were registered in the far West Texas county in the fiscal year ended August 31. By comparison, Harris County, the state's most populous county, had 842,503 vehicles registered.

Statewide, 6,220,693 vehicles were registered compared to 5,975,051 last year, an increase of 4.1 per cent.

The registrations included licensing of passenger cars, trucks, trailers of all kinds, construction machinery, buses, motorcycles and miscellaneous vehicles.

Passenger cars licensed in Texas totalled 4,345,267.

License fees collected during the 1964-65 fiscal year were \$129,776,276.92, of which \$99,932,268.81 went to the state. The remainder of the fees are distributed to the counties in which the vehicles are registered.

Dallas County had the second largest number of registrations, 701,119, followed by Tarrant County with 337,083, Bexar County with 360,718 and El Paso County with 155,396 registered vehicles.

Faltinson Retires; Henry Heads New Division of Automation

A new Division of Automation was created December 1. State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer named Hubert A. Henry, Engineer of Photogrammetry, Engineer-Director of the new division.

The move represents a streamlining of administration in the Department with some functions of the old Operations Division being realigned in the new division and others being assigned to Equipment and Procurement Division.

The Operations Division was dissolved December 1 with the retirement of Ray C. Faltinson, Engineer-Director of the division for the last 20 years.

(Highway News will carry a feature on Faltinson next month, along with pictures taken at his retirement party November 4.)

The new Division of Automation includes:

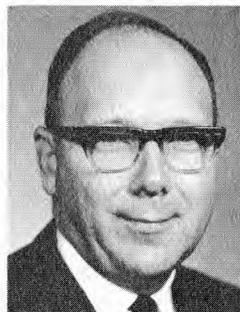
—A reproduction section including blueprinting, offset duplication, photographic reproduction, bookbinding, a typing pool and allied functions.

—The Department's computer center.

—Photogrammetry (aerial surveying) and all of its functions. Photogrammetry activities were part of Highway Design Division.

Greer indicated that the computer center would be expanded at a later date and liaison between the center and other divisions of the department will be accelerated.

Henry, head of the new division, is 46. A native of Pleasanton, he attended public schools in San Antonio and Austin.



After two years at the University of Texas, he entered the US Army as a private in 1941. During five years of Army service, he was a specialist in radio, radar and electronics, serving both as an instructor and with tactical units

overseas.

After the war, he returned to the University and received a degree in geology. He joined the Texas Highway Department in 1948, working in the Highway Design Division.

Later, he headed all geological work in the division and still later, he also was in charge of the division's illumination work.

Henry became a Registered Professional Engineer in 1955 and in 1963 he was placed in charge of the Department's first photogrammetry section. He has directed all photogrammetry activities in the Department for the last 2½ years.

He and his wife have three children, two sons, 13 and 12 and a daughter, 2.

In announcing Faltinson's retirement Greer said, "under his direction, the division has rendered services to the Highway Department of great value and Mr. Faltinson's direction of these activities has been a credit to his administrative and engineering abilities."

A Special Thanks...

... to Bob McCarty, D-16, for art on pages 6-7 and on the cover. Since giving is such a part of the spirit of Christmas, it seems appropriate to spotlight the first "gift" mentioned in the well-known carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas."



CHAPTER 1 delegates to the annual State Texas Public Employees Association convention held in November at the Villa Capri were, from left, Gladys Nielsen, Maurine Rohde, John Nixon, Walter Hejl, Kathy Butler, Jonell Brown, and Clifford Cox. Wayne Henneberger, Bridge Division, was elected to serve as one of four new board members by the 250 delegates.

Chapter 1 Christmas Party Offers Santa, Bingo, Prizes

Chapter 1, Texas Public Employees Association, will have its annual Christmas party Tuesday (December 7). The party will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Camp Hubbard Cafeteria.

After a brief business session, Santa Claus will appear with presents for the children.

In describing plans for the party, President John Nixon revealed that the cafeteria would be decorated by Gladys Nielsen and that there would be entertainment. At press time, talent show crowd pleaser Ken Lawrence was a possibility.

Also part of the party agenda are free bingo games, with turkeys, hams, pies, fancy Christmas decorations, etc., as prizes. Anyone who would like to donate goodies to supplement prizes bought by Chapter 1 may contact Kathy Butler or Robert Flaherty, says Nixon.



BEFORE presenting Mr. and Mrs. Mc Shelby with a silver tray at a Division party, Highway Design head T. S. Huff said, "Ten years from now our pavements will be better because of Mc Shelby." Shelby has headed D-8's research section since 1955 and is now coordinating the research program at Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute.



REFERRING to Shelby's new alignment with Texas A&M, Huff said, "We're not losing an employee. Maybe we're gaining a University." Shelby will be a liaison between TTI and the Highway Department. D-8 Aggies, led by Ed Carl, gave Shelby a shirt bearing a verse from the "Spirit of Aggieland." R. L. Lewis has replaced Shelby as D-8's Research Engineer.

Greer Pledges Department's Support Of LBJ's Highway Beautification Act

D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, has outlined an initial plan of compliance with the recently-enacted Federal Highway Beautification Act.

The act, as approved by the Congress and signed into law by President Johnson, envisions control of billboards and junkyards and scenic enhancement along the nation's federal-aid highway systems.

In Texas this will include the 3,027 miles of the Interstate highway system and 14,562 miles of the primary system, or a total of 17,589 miles.

Simultaneously with the signing of the act on October 22, Governor John Connally and the Texas Highway Com-

mission both pledged the full support of the President's home State of Texas to compliance with Highway Beautification Act.

Greer explained the initial steps as follows:

- (1) A complete inventory of the outdoor advertising signs, displays and devices presently in place within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right of way and visible from the main travelway of the highways.
- (2) A similar inventory of junkyards leading to their removal or screening under the act.
- (3) An expanded program of work on highway landscaping and scenic enhancement, totaling approximately \$10 million.

Information obtained by the two inventories, Greer said, will be used in studies that will be made relative to possible state legislation to implement the provision of the act, including zoning of industrial and commercial areas along the State highway system.

Greer said the major operation to be carried out by the Department in the near future will cover that section of the act dealing with landscaping and scenic enhancement.

"This is a type of work well known to the Highway Department," he said, "since we have been doing a great deal along this line for the past 25 years.

"The provisions of the new Beautification Bill make it possible for us to expand this program efficiently, expeditiously and economically," he said.

It is expected that this program will be formulated and processed by the Texas Highway Commission in the near future so that work can get underway no later than the spring of 1966.

Funds to cover scenic enhancement work are provided in the Beautification Act. Although the Texas Highway Department is the agency that will operate the program, all funds will be provided by the federal government without matching funds by the State.

Co-workers Give Texie Personalized Plates

One of Motor Vehicle Division's favorite employees has retired: Texie Pfaefflin.

Texie began working for the Department of Public Safety's Certificate of Title Section in 1938. When the Highway Department took over this section in 1941, Texie transferred, too, and began her 23-year Departmental career.

Her tenure was interrupted briefly—for a little over a year—with her marriage to Frank Pfaefflin. Pfaefflin worked for the DPS until his retirement in 1957.

Through the years, Texie and her husband have been devoted baseball fans and Disch Field fans will miss them as much as we will. They have changed their residence and bought a home in Dallas (5147 Chalet Lane).

At a retirement party held her last working day, Texie received personalized license plates from Title Section and a silver tray from the Division. The tray was engraved with her years of employment.

Texie was wonderful to us and we won't forget her—or her years of devoted service.

—Polly Landis, D-12



TEXIE PFAEFFLIN
... and presents

In Memoriam

L. A. FLETCHER
Equipment and Procurement
Division (ret.)
November 3, 1965

NANNIE JAMIESON
Equipment and Procurement
Division (ret.)
September 21, 1965

GEORGE T. CARPENTER
Materials and Tests Division
November 12, 1965

Since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Saturdays this year, employees will have less to cheer about this year. The Department will close Thursday (December 23) and reopen Monday (December 27).

Greer Lauds Consolidated Program Approved by Highway Commission

The Texas Highway Commission has approved a two-year \$350 million Consolidated Highway Program, one of the most important in the history of the Texas Highway Department.

State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer said the 1967-1968 program includes work on 9,469 miles of roads under the Department's jurisdiction and called it one of the "most meritorious programs ever formed by the Department."

He stressed the program's many safety features, the protection of investment previously made from highway user tax funds and the immediate benefits that will add to the safe and efficient movement of traffic over the Texas highway system.

The safety work included in the program represents about 52 per cent of the total monies involved.

This covers widening of existing lanes, construction of additional lanes, paving of shoulders, widening of structures, grade separations, barrier fences and guard fences.

The safety projects included in the program take on added significance considering a recent report showing a decrease in traffic accidents and deaths on US-and State-numbered and Interstate highways.

Construction to Improve IH Section Near Austin

The contract has been let to bring a 6.9 mile section of Interstate Highway 35 just north of Austin to full Interstate System standards.

Thomas K. Wood, District 14 Engineer, said constantly increasing traffic loads dictate building overpasses, eliminating crossovers and constructing frontage roads from 1.9 miles north of US 290 in Austin to 3.6 miles south of the Williamson County line.

Cecil Ruby Co., Inc., of Austin was awarded the \$1,835,437.49 contract. The work is to be completed in 300 working days.

The project is typical of "stage" construction techniques used in building the Interstate system, Wood said. When the highway was built in 1953-54 it was designed to handle traffic volumes from that time up to a specific stage in the growth of traffic volumes and development of the surrounding area.

Structures and other work included in the contract let October 29 were deferred, enabling the Department to spread monies available at that time over a wider range of projects.

A third-quarter report by the Department of Public Safety showed 94 fewer deaths on US-and State-numbered and Interstate highways as of last October 1 than in the same period in 1964. Fifty-seven fewer accidents were reported.

Smithville Man Wins TGRA Editorial Contest

An editorial by Chester K. Mick of *The Smithville Times* has won the Highway Week editorial contest held for Texas news media. The contest was sponsored by the Texas Good Roads Association.

Mick, who built his prize-winning editorial around the Highway Week theme, "Building Highways for Tomorrow," received a \$100 US Savings Bond. A plaque also was presented to *The Smithville Times*.

Second place plaque went to *The Polk County Enterprise* for an entry written by Billy C. Dove. The third place plaque was won by *The Kilgore News-Herald* for an editorial by Winston Gardner.

Mick's winning editorial recalled the roads of yesteryear when "mud chains were standard equipment." It traced development of highway systems to the present day.

"Tomorrow's highways will be almost fantastic in concept," the editorial said. "... We must watch with understanding and pride as our talented engineers and construction workers design and build highways with a soul—great arteries that pulsate with the life blood of a mighty state and nation."

Other finalists included *The Wink Bulletin*, *The Hamilton Herald News*, and *The Marshall News-Messenger*. They were singled out for honorable mention.



WELDON Hart shows Tom Taylor one of the plaques later presented to Highway Week editorial contest winners. Hart is TGRA Executive Vice-President and Taylor, Director of D-16.

P-o-o-o-r Aggies!

The Monday morning after the Longhorn's third loss—to SMU—a 4 by 5 card appeared on the bulletin board by the Main Building coffee shop.

It read:

"For sale. Used Orange lights. Contact the 'Tower,' U of T. Posted: 11-1-65. Remove: Next year or the next."

Some wise-guy Aggie, no doubt, we all know who had the last laugh, don't we?

Before the Thanksgiving grudge game, incidentally, Gene Ferrari of Maintenance Operations Division turned in the following piece, saying, "We would appreciate it very much if you will print this in your next edition of Highway News—as is, without comment."

"In considering the feelings of Texas fans who watched their No. 1 University team meet with repeated defeat, a group of sympathetic Aggies are studying a proposal. Win, lose, or draw in the Texas A&M Texas game, this group want to show their sympathy in some way and are contemplating sponsoring the Darrell Royal Show next year."

Vandals Destroy Highway Signs

Highway signs are erected for the safety and convenience of the motoring public—not to provide gun-toting punks with a handy target for plinking.

Yet, a major share of the \$450 thousand vandalism to Texas highway signs annually is caused by gunfire, according to D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer.

Bullet-riddled roadside markers accounted for 85 per cent of all signs which had to be replaced in one Texas Highway Department District in West Texas in one year.

Even a small highway sign costs about \$10 to replace. Larger, more elaborate signs costing hundreds of dollars have been targets for wanton vandalism too, Greer said.

If apprehended, vandals can be made to pay for the destruction they cause. But the person who operates a motor vehicle in Texas foots the greater portion of the bill for replacement through his motor fuel taxes and licensing fee, Greer said.

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Happy Days Are Here Again—Almost

Holidays are happy days, and the faces of these Highway employees reflect the joy and happiness felt at the approach of the Holiday Season. They join us in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



WILLIE HARRISON
Operations



BARBARA GLASS
Motor Vehicle



FRANK FREY
Highway Design

JAMES FRIESENHAHN
Bridge



PHYLLIS WALLACE
Accounting



PAUL GOERTZ
Planning Survey





BECKY WILHITE
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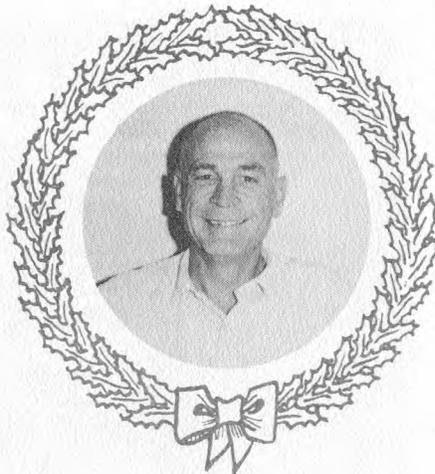
SANDRA CROW
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Materials and Tests



MAURINE WAGNER
Secondary Roads



JERRY MEEK
Right of Way



RALPH BANKS
Maintenance Operations



LASH GARRARD
Construction

— Around the Buildings —

AID

John Powers has resigned and is attending Law School.

Carole Koonce resigned and Maxine Cowan has taken her place.

Other new employees are Jim Munson who transferred from the Welfare Department and Wendell Kelley.

BRIDGE

Successful deer hunters include Alton Franklin, Ken Willis, and Hayden Denham.

Gussie Everts' father passed away.

Will Berezovitch and Carroll Leech have resigned.

Jim Wueste has returned after two years' military leave.

Hattie Olle has resigned and moved to Flatonia with her husband, who accepted a job there.

Dan Williams has a new car.

Nancy Bennett, Betty Black, and James Wall are new employees.

Leon Brownson has transferred from Planning Survey Division.

CONSTRUCTION

New employees are Marjorie Burks and Jean Schmidt. Marjorie worked with us several years ago, and Jean was in Secondary Roads when she was Jean Williams.

Two young engineers who have become registered professional engineers are Bobbie Templeton and Jim White Jr.

Disappointed hunters are Jeff Seay, Ted Ziller, Charles Teich, and Paul Beisenherz. Jim White Jr. was the only successful hunter. He got a seven-pointer.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Steve Thompson and Jane Wolff were married November 19.

Gus Bunch has returned to work after an extended illness.

Mike Espinosa, a former employee, was married on November 27.

Skippy Carter's son, David, is home from Hawaii. He will be here for 30 days, and then be stationed in Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

Barbara Allen has resigned to become Mrs. Wesley Eckenfelder.

Judy Morris is a new employee.

Elmer Olle's son, Jeffery James, was born on September 24.

Two new mommas are Mildred Kothmann (Shanna Renee) and Jo Ann Swiger (Joyce Elaine). Jo Ann has already returned to work.

HIGHWAY DESIGN

Russell Nelson, Photogrammetry Section, took some vacation time to be with his wife and new son—their second—last month. Jeffery Lyn was born on November 15.

Jim Brown, Research Section, has transferred from District 19.

Bob Rutland has moved from Photogrammetry Section, Camp Hubbard, to the third floor, Main Office, to assume new duties.

Bob Reed has returned from a two week honeymoon in New Mexico and Colorado.

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

John Moonman has bought a "station to station" model of a new car. Patsy Button is driving a new Blue Bomb.

November is superseding June for marrying. Carolyn Haydon married Ron

Sunstrom on November 26, and Shirley Rappmund married an Ohioan, James Thompson, on November 6.

"Bim" Greer is recuperating at home after a stay in the hospital.

Joe Webb has it made. He became a registered engineer.

Bill Stebbins has been busy as a bee lately. He was in New Orleans for a weekend with the Seebees to help repair hurricane damage, won third place in a sports car rally, and sang with a Barbershop Choir which placed fifth of 17 groups in the Southwest District.

The TV celebrities of D-18, Gordon Turn, Joe Webb, Gerry Fox, and Don Stearns, have been working hard on their Civil Defense Course. They were caught by the television camera's sweep during a class period.

Delbert Phillips took advantage of Houston's ever-increasing night life between studies last month. He attended a Signal Maintenance School.

Tommy Kidd has been keeping the favor of the right gods, for he had just joined the National Guard when he received his pre-induction notice.

Chris Hempel was one of our first deer hunters to get a hit: an eight-point beauty.

The new raven-haired secretary, Ramona Nickel, is a Lockhart native.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Martha Mazur, Linda Langwell, and Gwen Hansen Swank have resigned.

Naomi Bethard is a new employee.

NATO Celebrates Silver Anniversary

The National Association of Travel Organizations held its Silver Anniversary meeting in Dallas November 13-17. The meeting drew representatives from the 50 states, including the US Travel Service in Washington, and several foreign countries.

State, national, and international travel promotion programs were discussed. The group was urged to cooperate collectively in the "Discover America—See the USA" Campaign.

Tom H. Taylor, Director of Travel and Information Division, served as chairman of the Program Coordinating Committee. Richard Pierce, D-16's Superintendent of Travel Promotion, also attended the meeting.



THE faces change, but the music is forever. Departmental choirs will lead employees in the beloved Christmas carols at the traditional holiday programs, scheduled for December 22. T. C. Julian's choir performs each year in the Big Hearing Room, and Hugo Heimann's, in the Camp Hubbard Cafeteria.

— Around the Buildings —

Edna Stark has returned to work after the birth of her daughter.

Gwen Hansen became the bride of Ronnie Swank November 6.

Vernon Farmer had a "wonderful hunting trip" in Colorado. He got two nice deer.

Other successful hunters are Bill Hudgins and Garland Emerson.

Glen and Betty Watson visited their grandchildren in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during the past holiday and week-end.

Clark Lagow and his wife are parents of a girl, Jennifer, who was born on October 16.

Clint Hastings has returned to work after surgery and an extended illness.

Dale Foster coached the Louis Shanks' Dodgers, Little League Football Team, which won the City Little League Championship.

Joe Canfield enjoyed his vacation. He visited Rainbow Natural Bridge, Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde National Park, Petrified Forest, and other points of interest.

MOTOR VEHICLE

Anne Overcash is home recuperating from a back operation.

Judy Stine has returned to work after a short stay in the hospital and is feeling fine.

Mrs. Lillie Eckert, grandmother of

Bertha Allamon, passed away on November 9.

Jewel Morren is back after being hospitalized from injuries received in a car accident.

Bess Lowe resigned October 26. She had worked for the Department since 1953.

Sandra Cottle became Mrs. Perry Lee Chastain October 29.

Ann Stidham became Mrs. Gary Raum November 12.

Sally Rosipal became Mrs. Jim Fletcher October 3.

Dora Heppert has resigned to devote full time to being a mother and homemaker.

Judy Anderson and her husband, Stan, have a new home at 8405 Rockwood.

Barbara Sieck has a new 1965 Monaco and is now saving for a trip to Hawaii when hubby returns from Viet Nam.

New employees: Shirley Barnes, Dorothy O'Doll, and Sally Marschall.

Sonny Franklin bagged a nine-point buck and his son, a three-pointer. Leslie Pecht got a four-pointer, Royce Ellis, a turkey, Owen Lohman, six and eight-pointers, Kenneth Braune, six and four pointers, and Jerry Palmer, one buck.

PERSONNEL

Betty Watson has resigned and moved to Baytown.

JoAnn Patty is a new employee.

PLANNING SURVEY

Lewis Boswell spent a week in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

Jack Jordan's wife has been in the hospital, but is now recuperating at home.

The Ed Wades are parents of little Rebecca Grace, born November 5.

Successful hunters include Hugo Heimmann, William (Scotty) Oliver, and Lee Killgore.

RIGHT OF WAY

Former employee Aneta Toole sent word that "DDT" (Diane Denise Toole) arrived November 10. If it had been a boy—"TNT."

Jerry Kirkland announced the arrival of a second son, Klayton Edward, born October 16.

Joe Marks has been in the thoughts of Right of Way personnel. Marks is recuperating from lung surgery and is greatly missed at work.

Wayne Childers camped out in Colorado on a recent vacation.

Claudia Pearson proudly reports that seven-month-old grandson, Scott, has eight teeth and can turn on the TV.

Deer hunters Guthrie O'Donnell, George Smith, John Crane, and Hugh McPhaul, listened to Don Gartman, Lyndon Crider, and Joe Daywood's hunting tales with envy. The latter trio came home with trophies from trips in the wilderness: nice, big bucks.

SECONDARY ROADS

As soon as Douglas Washburn's broken leg mended, he took off on his long-awaited trip to Las Vegas. Doug was also the first D-14'er to bring in his deer. Randy Randall was the second.

TRAVEL AND INFORMATION

Nell Olsen has returned after being hospitalized after an automobile accident.

Richard Pierce is back at his desk again, too, after his recent illness.

Willis Albarado, wife, and daughter vacationed in California.

Hilton Hagan became papa of a healthy boy, Patrick David, November 6. Both Mamma and baby are doing fine, but Papa has not fully recovered! Hilton cared for two of their four children the two weeks his wife was in Dallas where the "big event" took place. His wife and the little ones stayed with Hilton's mother.

A large group of D-16'ers took Lois (Sis) Gourley to the Villa Capri for lunch on her last day with the department. She now works for a lawyer across the alley in Mutual Savings Building.

Laura Dodd, married and mother of a four-month-old boy, replaces Lois.



"MR FEZBY WANTS TO KNOW IF HE CAN KEEP THE PEN YOU SIGNED HIS ONE-O-TWO WITH?"

