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DISTRICT DOINGS

Wappapello Lake . . .

Asst. Park Manager Richard Hite spoke to the Ozark Foothills Chapter of the Society of American Foresters at their meeting in Poplar Bluff. Richard briefed the members on the status of the Ruffed Grouse stocking program at Wappapello Lake.

Park Ranger Dan Erickson and Park Technician Roger Martin spoke to the Puxico Boy Scout Troop No. 370 about the Corps of Engineers' Recreation Resource Management Program and about volunteer opportunities for Boy Scouts at Wappapello Lake.

Mark Twain Lake . . .

Park Aid Nina Walker presented "America" to the Rotary Club at Louisiana, MO.

Park Ranger Steve Austin and Park Technician Anne Behrens met with area interested teachers to assist them in setting up an Eco-Meet program to be sponsored and operated by area schools in the future and conducted annually at Mark Twain Lake.

Park Manager Dennis Foss spoke to 30 members of the Hannibal Rotary Club, and 95 members of the Chamber of Commerce of Palmyra, about recreation-resource management activities at the new lake.

Carlyle Lake . . .

Carlyle Lake's Outreach Program was a big success again this year. With the restriction of one program to a school, 68 schools were able to enjoy a program compared to 47 schools last year. Park Aids, Joel Hardy and Mark Meyer and Park Technicians, Jeff Sniadach and Maggie Briggs presented this year's topics: "Foods, Wild and Edible," "Poisonous Plants and Animals," "Mammal Predators — Past and Present," "The Lodge Builders," and "Illinois Prairie Life" to approximately 9,580 students.

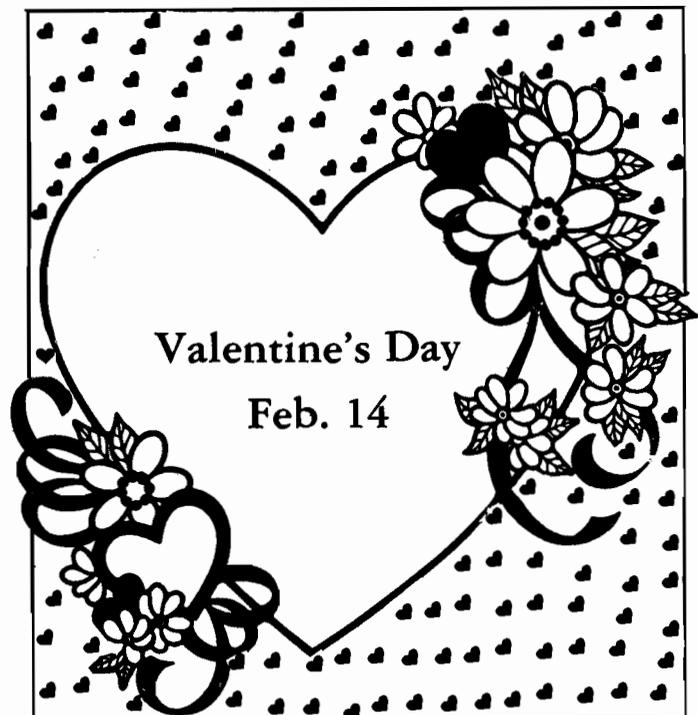
Maggie Briggs attended the Central High School Science Fair and participated as a judge. The high school students prepared many interesting displays and experiments.

AROUND THE DISTRICT . . .

Bill Sutton spoke to the Southside Kiwanis about L&D26(R).

Two public meetings were hosted by Col. Gary D. Beech. The first in Portage des Sioux was about the National Marine request for a fleeting permit, and the second was held in Arnold, MO, about the Lower Meramec Flood Control Study.

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HERE AND THERE ♥ ♥ ♥

Rend Lake . . .

Mark Montgomery has come on board at Rend Lake as the new Park Technician in the Interpretive Services Program. Mark is a native of northern Illinois and has been married a little over a year. Welcome to the Corps, Mark!

Plans for the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers booth at the All Sports Show, Feb. 7-12th at the Cervantes Center have been coordinated by Park Ranger Joan Guilfoyle-basman this year. The booth design has some changes this year, with new audio-visual displays.

Rend Lake has been covered with a layer of ice for much of this month, the first time in several years. Commercial fishermen have been going at it, despite the ice, since January 5th. As of the 18th, 44,092 lbs. of fish had been removed, with one crew taking what may be a record 8,000 lbs. in **one day!** The commercial fishing program will last through February 3rd.

Lake Shelbyville . . .

On Saturday, 21 January 84, 60 volunteers from two states, along with officials from the Corps of Engineers and the State of Illinois, Department of Conservation, met at Lake Shelbyville to conduct the annual Fish Habitat Improvement Program. The volunteers braved a wind-chill of 21 degrees below zero to place 1000 donated Christmas trees into two locations in the lake. The Fish

Habitat Improvement Program at Lake Shelbyville began four years ago as a means to replace decaying natural habitat in the lake. Another work day will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, 11 February, to place another 500 trees into the lake.

The annual Bald Eagle Survey took place on 6 and 7 January. There were none sighted on these two days. However, ten sightings in this area were reported by members of the general public between 3 September 83, and 7 January 84. The reason there were no sightings during the survey was probably because the lake was completely ice-covered at that time.

Carlyle Lake . . .

Julia Head was the guest of honor at a retirement party on January 27. Julia worked as a secretary at Carlyle Lake for 20 years and served 23 years with the federal service.

The recreation area opening dates at Carlyle Lake have been changed to April 15 closing on October 31. Boulder and McNair campgrounds will not open until May 1 and will close on September 30. All boat ramps will be open year round except when there is ice or high water except Coles Creek which will open April 15 and close October 31.

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INCENTIVE AWARDS ♥ ♥ ♥

PROMOTIONS:

Melinda Williams, PO,
Personnel Staffing Specialist, GS-212-11

Donna Zoeller, ED-DA,
Engineering Draftsman, GS-818-4

Janice Hitchcock, ED-DM,
Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-11

Claudia Tonsor, OD-R,
Secretary (Steno), GS-318-5

Thomas Gardner, CD-CC,
Civil Engineer, GS-810-11

Jane Collins, BC,
Program Analyst, GS-345-11

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS:

Joan Heckstetter, OD-PB
Paul Nottmeier, OD-PB
Oleva Robinson, PO-M

Donald Coleman, ED-HW
Jane Collins, BC
William Levins, RE
James Bonds, OD-E

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARDS:

James Bonds, OD-E
Paul Holder, OD-RR

SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE AWARDS:

A Special Act Award was presented to Carolyn Clark of the Real Estate Division for her superior efforts in preparing the mailing of offers to former landowners during the Meramec Park Lake Disposal Program.

A Special Service Award was shared by 4 employees in the Office of Administrative Services for their helping hand to the Real Estate Division in processing 600 pieces of certified mail relative to the disposal of lands

INCENTIVE AWARDS (Continued)

SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE AWARDS (Continued)

at the Meramec Park Lake Project.

Norma J. Moore
Debbie Kuhlmann
Johnny Campbell
La Verne Bethany

A Special Act Award was presented to a group of employees for exceptional service as a member of the Value Engineering Cost Reduction Study Task Group from 16 Aug to 31 Oct 83 which investigated and delineated potential areas of study pertaining to the Lock and Dam #26 (Replacement) project. The following employees were honored:

Michael L. Mertens
James E. Worts
Billy R. Arthur
Edward C. Demsky
Kenneth R. Koller — Was given a Certificate of Commendation.

A Special Act Award was granted to Melbourne Clinton, Janet Davis, and Bill Roberts, of the Real Estate Division for assisting in the Meramec Park Lake Disposal Project. As Staff Appraisers they performed in a superior and efficient manner in completing this project within a limited time frame.

The best way to get courteous treatment from another driver is to drive a police car.

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BILLIE'S GONE

Those of you who have spent any length of time at Locks and Dam 26 will find something missing the next time you go there. You may not know what it is at first, but it will come to you sooner or later. Billie's gone.

That old dirty-yellow mass of fur was always there. There are old timers who remember when a pup wandered onto the lock grounds 14 years ago. She just stayed. And the Locks became hers.

Any doubts about her ownership would be quickly dispelled when you saw her go after a dog who was stupid or arrogant enough to trespass.

She was cool to strangers until she was sure you belonged there. Then you had her permission to come and go without bother.

Maybe it's better that she has passed on now, before the locks are taken away. She wouldn't have understood. After all, they were hers.

Billie is buried on the middle I wall. That part of the locks will remain when the structure is taken out.

She may be gone, but, somehow, if I were a dog, I'd still be uneasy about going near those locks.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE, FEBRUARY, 1984

More than half a century ago, in 1926, Carter Godwin Woodson, a black historian, conceived and instituted Black History Week. Today, Woodson's vision is a national, month-long event.

The theme for this year's observance is "Black Americans and the Struggle for Excellence in Education." The African-American has long possessed a deep faith in the power of education to bring a change in his status and in the conditions affecting his personal life. He has believed that education is the key to many of the shackles that bind him. In the days of slavery, this was also believed by his master who made it a crime for him to learn to read and write.

The St. Louis District will observe Black History Month with a program on Wednesday, February 15, 1984, at 10:00 a.m. in room 1040. In addition to the program, a film **Buffalo Soldier** will be shown on 22 and 24 February at 10:00 a.m. in room 1040. The "Buffalo Soldier" is a 90-year old black American from Missouri who reminisces about his armed forces career.

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CHANNEL 9 CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the past accomplishments of Black Americans in the nation's history, and an opportunity to inspire future accomplishments. Channel 9 joins in the national celebration with documentary, drama, and songs throughout Black History Month, honoring the culture and contributions of those black men and women whose lives have helped to shape the course of American history. The following is a listing of programs to be presented during the month of February:

February 7, (Tuesday), 8:00 p.m. **Nothing But a Man.** A proud young black challenges the white communities concept of what a black man should be.

February 5, 12, 19, 26, (Sundays), 3:00 p.m. **Tony Brown's Journal** — Four part series on the NAACP.

February 10, (Friday), 8:00 p.m. **Inside Story.** Hodding Carter takes an insightful look at black political officials as they are viewed by a largely white press.

February 15, (Wednesday), 9:00 p.m. **Gotta Make This Journey: Sweet Honey in the Rock.** A black women's "a capella" singing group and their music.

February 23, (Thursday), 9:00 p.m. **Tony and Lena.** Lena Horne one of the world's top female black entertainer stars with Tony Bennett in singing some favorite standards.

February 24, (Friday), 9:00 p.m. **88 Seconds in Greensboro.** A documentary with footage of the "Greensboro Massacre" in 1979, where KKK and Nazi Party members opened fire on demonstrators in North Carolina.

February 27, (Monday), 8:00 p.m. Great Performances: Ellington: **The Music Lives on.** A celebration of the man and his music.

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THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND



More than 30,000 Missouri children are reported abused or neglected each year. Last year, the Governor and the Legislature established the Children's Trust Fund. This fund, made up entirely of contributions, is a way for Missouri citizens to help prevent child abuse and neglect.

The Children's Trust Fund is administered by a Board — and contributions to the Fund will only be used for local prevention projects.

You may contribute to the Fund in one of two ways when filing your state income tax form: (1) if you determine you are to receive a refund, you may contribute \$2.00 or more on an individual return, or \$4.00 or more on a joint return; or (2) if you determine you are not eligible for a refund, you may contribute any amount you wish to the Fund by entering that amount on Line 26C and including a check in the amount of your contribution.

For more information about the Children's Trust Fund, write to the Children's Trust Fund, P.O. Box 1641, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

ARMY ROTC

After college, students can receive a diploma and a whole lot more. As members of Army ROTC, they can also earn a commission as an officer in today's Army.

In fact, they can receive additional benefits throughout their college years. As freshmen and sophomores, they can participate in the ROTC Basic Course, in which they will experience leadership and management training. During their last two years of college, they sharpen those skills in the Advanced Course and receive up to \$1,000 for each year. Under the Army ROTC two-year program, anyone who missed the Basic Course can still enter the Advanced Course by first attending a paid six-week Basic Camp, during the summer prior to enrolling in the Advanced Course.

A student might also qualify for a full-tuition Army ROTC four-year scholarship. Three- and two-year scholarships are also available to students already enrolled in college. Or he or she can take advantage of the Army's **Simultaneous Membership Program** (SMP) by joining the Army National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve, while enrolled in ROTC at college, and earn over \$11,000 during those four years.

In short, students who become ROTC college graduates will leave college with a diploma, a commission, valuable management and leadership training and experience they couldn't duplicate anywhere else.

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HYDAR'S HAPPENINGS

HOW IS YOUR IQ ON OUTDATED COINS?

Our American coins, today, are Pennies, Nickels, Dimes, Quarters, Halves and Dollars. Things were different long time ago. We have had scads of denominations. Check your IQ, see how many of these coins you can remember.

- Q. Benjamin Franklin bought 17 Cabbage Patch dolls 2 for a cent. Ben handed the clerk a dime. What change did he get back?
- A. A cent and a half. Between 1793 and 1857 the U.S. minted half cents. Had no purchasing power so the coin was discontinued.
- Q. Andy Johnson bought a good 3 cent cigar. He gave the clerk a half dime. Using the largest denomination of coins possible, how many coins did the President get back?
- A. One coin, a 2-cent piece. Incidentally the 2-cent piece was the first coin to bear the motto "In God We Trust." Minted from 1864 thru 1873.
- Q. President Hayes went to a Washington barber to get a hair-style and a beard trim. This cost him the extravagant price of 2 cents. He gave the barber a dime, no tip. What was the largest denomination of coins he got back, and how many?
- A. Two coins, a nickel and a 3-cent piece. U.S. minted 3-cent pieces in silver from 1854 to 1873.
- Q. U.S. Grant, who liked to drink occasionally, bought a 30 cent pint of whiskey. He gave the clerk a half dollar. How many coins in the largest denominations did he get back?
- A. One. A silver 20-cent piece. Minted from 1875 — 1878. The public did not like the 20-cent piece because it was easily confused with a quarter. By the way what happened to the Susan Anthony dollar?
- Q. Honest Abe bought his wife a 3 dollar video game in 1860. He received no change back. What large denomination coins did the Emancipator use?
- A. One, a 3 dollar gold piece. Minted from 1854 to 1886.

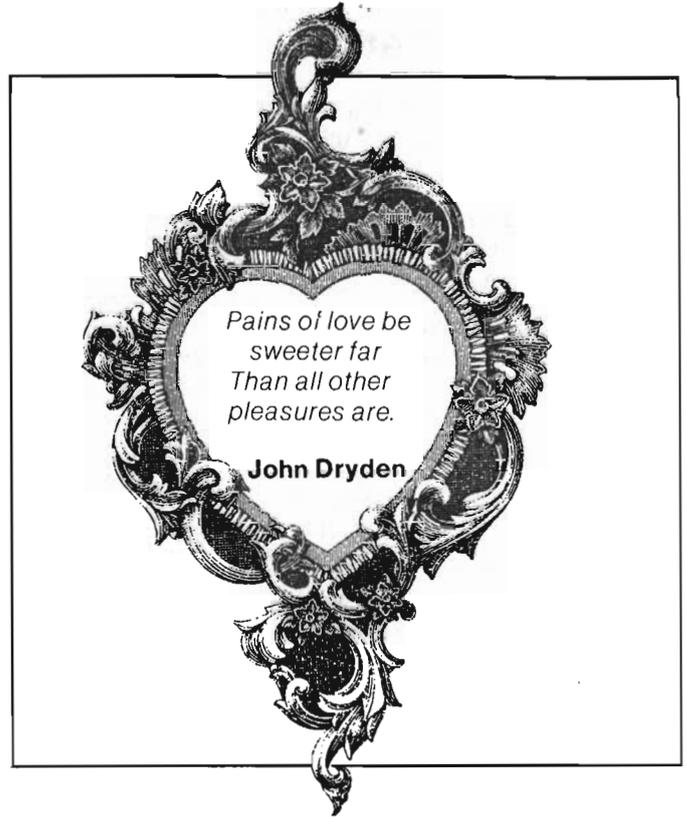
The U.S. also minted \$2.50, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 and \$50.00 pieces prior to 1933.

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Money can't buy love, but it can put you in a strong bargaining position.

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TRAVEL NOTES

... POLICY REGARDING OFFICIAL TRAVEL

The policy of the Department of the Army is that travel will be directed only when necessary on public business and when such travel is considered to be in the best interest of the Government. Rates of reimbursement are administratively established within the legal maximum imposed by various statutes. The rates are established on the premise that they are equitable to meet the aggregate cost of official travel, to the end that employees will not be penalized by reason of being directed to perform such travel. Employees are expected to exercise the same care in incurring expenses that a prudent person would exercise if traveling on personal business.

... BEWARE OF MAKING FALSE CLAIMS

When an employee signs block 14 of a Travel Voucher (DD Form 1351-2), he is stating that all amounts (dollars) claimed on the face, reverse, and attached are true and complete. The Public Law of 25 June 1948 (18 USC 287) provides that "Any person who knowingly presents a false, fictitious or fraudulent claim is liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years of both."

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VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AT CORPS LAKES

Recreation Resources Management Branch is well underway on a program to utilize volunteers to help staff Corps lakes.

Until passage of a 1983 Congressional Act, the Corps was prohibited from accepting free services from citizens and retirees.

The St. Louis District is accepting volunteers for work mostly in the recreation resources management area. Qualified volunteers will be trained and equipped to perform various services such as staffing visitors centers and helping to develop wildlife areas and nature trails.

If you know anyone interested in applying for volunteer work, they can contact Robert Wilkins, Recreation-Resources Management Branch at 314-263-5667, or contact the lake management offices within the District.

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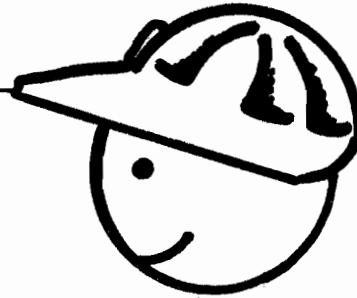
DISTRICT GOLF LEAGUE

Over 60 current and retired employees participate in the golf league on Tuesday evenings at the Clinton Hills Course (Illinois side). The league also sponsors Spring and Fall Tournaments. St. Louis involvement in the first two division-wide tournaments has garnered six of the eight flight championships. The local group varies from 4-handicappers to players in the 24-handicap range.

Although league teams are competitive, a certain amount of socializing has been known to take place after the final putt has been missed. For 1984, the league is re-staffing its teams to better balance handicaps and create new "teammate" relationships. Now would be an excellent time to join, or rejoin, the league before teams are firmly arranged. Consider improving your golf game while socializing with some of the District's best swingers.

For more information contact any golfer or call Dave Harley, 263-5832, before 20 February 1984.

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HEAD-HARDNESS CERTIFICATE

For employers who have had trouble convincing their employees that wearing a hard hat on the job is the smart thing to do, we offer this pertinent "program" devised by Frank M. Graham, Western Paving Construction Co., Denver, as printed in *Job Safety Consultant Magazine*.

Graham has announced the introduction of a Head-Hardness Certification Program. Any worker whose head can pass the following tests will receive a Head-Hardness Certificate which exempts him from wearing a hard hat:

- Penetration: Ability to keep a one-pound plumb bob dropped from 10 ft from penetrating 3/8-inch into the skull.
- Heat and Chemicals: Ability of the head to resist fire, acids and solvents.
- Electrical: Subjecting the head to a 60Hz AC current of up to 30,000V, to determine if there is a leakage of less than 9mA below 20,000V, and no breakdown of insulation resistance below 30,000V.
- Impact: Ability to withstand an 850-pound impact from an eight-pound iron ball dropped from a height of 5 ft onto the top of the head.

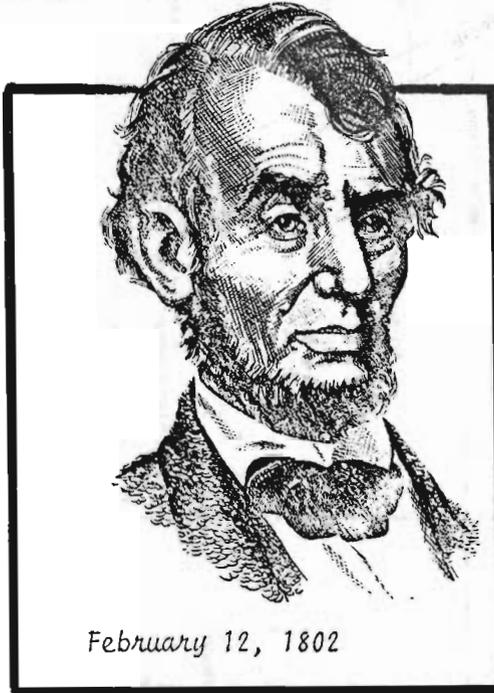
To date, there have been no takers at Western Paving!

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USE OF BULK MAIL

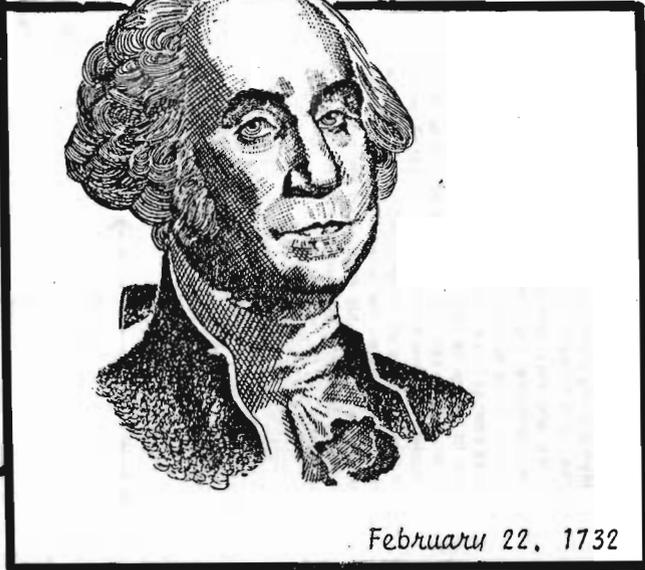
Employees are reminded to use bulk mail when sending correspondence to HQUSACE, LMVD and/or WES, and any of our field offices. Use a SF 65, Government Messenger Envelope or plain white envelope. Mark it "Bulk Mail" with the appropriate office symbol. LMVD has a documented suggestion wherein offices within our District are forwarding correspondence separately instead of using bulk mail. A consolidated mailing saves costs in envelopes, handling, weight, and postage.

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February 12, 1802

PRESIDENT DAYS'



February 22, 1732

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The minister of a rural church deep in the Ozarks suggested to his parishioners that they purchase a chandelier. It was put to a vote and all members voted it down.

"Why do you oppose the purchase of a chandelier?" asked the preacher.

"Well," drawled one of his flock, "first we can't spell it, so how can we order it? Second, even if we did get it, no one can play it, and third, what we really need is more light."

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ALCOHOL ADDICTION

A chart which depicts phases, or periods, which lead to addiction as well as the road to recovery is reproduced on the next page for your information.

