

Meet Our Junior Past President

W. W. "Bill" Stiffler was born in Ogden, Utah, July 8, 1890. He attended grade school in Silver Creek, Utah; high school in Eureka, Utah; and college at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. His father died when he was sixteen, and Bill was called upon to complete his father's unexpired term as District Recorder for the Titanic Mining District, Eureka, Utah, and also to continue partnership in a general mercantile company for a year.

In 1907 he entered the Civil Engineering field as a chainman for the Titanic Mining Company on mine surveys. In 1909 he was employed by the Salt Lake City Engineering Department as chainman and rodman. In 1912 he accepted a better position with the Union Pacific Railroad as inspector on construction. Due to a ruptured appendix, Bill served the railroad only six months, and after four months in the hospital he returned to Salt Lake City as inspector and levelman. Between the spring of 1917 and fall of 1919, he held the positions of roadmaster for Salt Lake County; locating engineer for the Utah State Highway Commission; and construction engineer for the Salt Lake City Engineering Department.

In 1919 he left Utah and moved to Oregon and worked for a short time as tallyman for the Behner Lumber Company, leaving this to go with the Oregon State Highway Department as transitman. Except for a short period in private practice in 1923 he has been with the Department since. His advancement during this time has been steady. In 1925 he was promoted to resident engineer, in 1929 to resident maintenance engineer, and in 1935 to assistant maintenance engineer, which position he now holds.



W. W. "BILL" STIFFLER

He enjoys hunting, swimming and baseball. He has spent much time in hiking, and mountain climbing, and has several peaks in Oregon to his credit.

Bill and his wife reside at the Devereaux Apartments in Salem, having recently sold their home in the north part of the city.

Mr. Stiffler is one of the founders of the association and as our first president rendered valuable service in guiding the association through its formative period, and contributed much to the high purpose and character of our association. Much credit goes to him for the success of the association's efforts in behalf of sick leave benefits for hourly rate employees and adjusted wage schedules.