

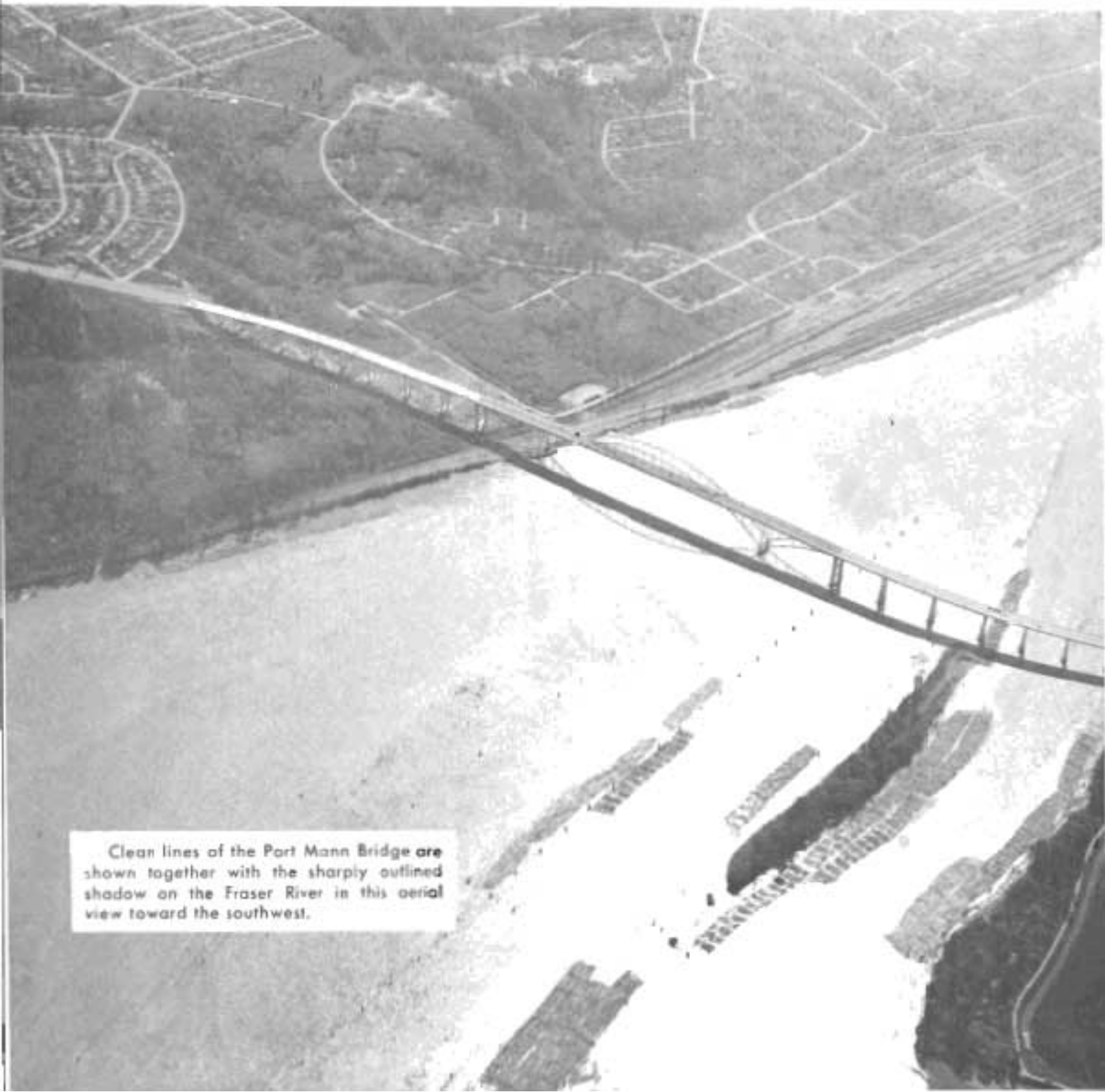
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Clear lines of the Port Mann Bridge are shown together with the sharply outlined shadow on the Fraser River in this aerial view toward the southwest.

# Port Hardy, Road Maintenance Crew

Typical of many crews who serve in isolated areas of the province is the Road Maintenance crew in the Port Hardy area on Vancouver Island. This northern part of the Comox District is cared for by a six man crew under the direction of Foreman Cecil Smith who was transferred from Lillooet last year. District Engineer R. G. Mulcaster makes use of air travel when he visits this area of his District as the only road connection to the south is a logging road and its use is restricted. Housing is scarce and costly, food and other necessities are similarly high in price, and many of the amenities taken for granted elsewhere are non-existent. Access to repair facilities though difficult is essential because road maintenance in this area is hard on equipment; excessive rainfall being only one of the problems with the men of the Department must contend.



Some of the Port Hardy Road Maintenance crew, left to right, Bill Dimery, laborer; Bob McLennan, truck driver; Don Turnbull, grader operator; Cecil Smith, foreman. Absent, Dave Millard, grader operator.



Mr Mulcaster and Resident Engineer George McCabe pose beneath whale jaw bones in Coal Harbour.



Steve Hordychuk, laborer.



Roger Lozier, grader operator.

Left to right, Mr. Smith, Mr. Mulcaster and Resident Engineer George McCabe inspecting some of the work being done by the Department in Port Hardy.



# Minister's Message



We can pause momentarily and congratulate ourselves on the notable improvement we have made in our safety record in two years. As shown elsewhere in the Road Runner we have cut our frequency rate from 42.7 in 1964 to 14.3 in 1966. A 66 per cent cut in accident rate is a significant achievement and it should be further noted that two of the award-winning Districts, Kelowna and Salmon Arm, were tied with frequency rates of zero! But our motor vehicle accident record for the latter half of 1966 was something else — 1.36 accidents per 100,000 miles compared to a figure of .74 averaged by eight U.S. State Highway Departments surveyed. We should at least match the U.S. figure in the current six-month period. Safety really is our business.

P. A. Gaglardi, Minister



Kamloops District and hired equipment at work on the construction of approach and surcharge for a new bridge on the North Thompson Highway at Kamloops.

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## Ferries—Coming And Going



*The Westbank Yacht Club premises, formerly the ferry MV "Pendozi", was the scene of a recent party hosted by the Westbank Highway crew. About 120 District personnel and their friends attended. The 130 foot long ferry was built in Kelowna in 1937. The launching is shown in the picture on*



*the left. No longer needed after the Okanagan Lake Bridge opened in July, 1958, the "Pendozi" was turned over the City of Kelowna which later donated it to the Westbank Yacht Club. It is shown in the right picture permanently berthed in Gallatly Bay, Westbank.*



*An aerial cage capable of carrying an operator and three adult passengers went into operation across 800 feet of the Skeena River at Usk, B.C. on February 1, 1967. Art Olson, Bridge Foreman, and Mitch Kohl, Bridge Truck Driver, are shown making one of the first aerial crossings*



*The end of a decade of operation by the Renata Ferry came February 3. Plying the Lower Arrow Lakes between Deer Park and Renata, (both of which will be flooded by the High Arrow Dam), the steel hulled vessel was formerly a freight carrying tow barge converted into a ferry under the direction of Russell Broughton, Mechanical Foreman from the Rossland Shop. Head Ferryman, John Rohn, (insert) served on the ferry from its initial runs.*

## 'Snow Fun



*Cutting through snow with a snow-blower mounted on a Hough Loader on a minor road in the Sunrise Area, south-east of Fort St. John. Many miles are often drifted in like this because of the open farm land. The operator is Walter Daunness of Fort St. John.*



*Materials testing crew installing deep settlement plates in a peat bog on the North Thompson Highway near Avola. Crew members are Don Garner, Dave Pecarski and Robbie Osborne.*



*During the winter months an ice crossing is maintained at the Clayhurst crossing over the Peace River. The crossing is one of three links between the South Peace River and North Peace River Districts and is of considerable importance to the entire Peace River Community.*



*Have snow! Will sell at lowest known rate with understanding that buyer removes goods from public roadways at his own expense and that such removal be carried out as, when and where the snow falls and or drifts upon public roadways . . . Note depth of snow by comparison with District Officials' car on Pouce Coupe Highway.*



*At 11:30 p.m. February 5, 1967, a C.N.R. train derailed 40 miles west of Terrace blocked Highway 16 for three days. A 70 car westbound freight train loaded with wheat, struck a snow slide, derailing both engines and 13 boxcars. Engines and box cars came to rest in a tangled mess on the highway. Both engineer and fireman escaped without seri-*



*ous injury. Little assistance could be afforded by Department of Highways crews because special crane equipment was required by the railway to lift the heavy boxcars and diesel engines. The picture on the left shows engines lying on the pavement, one almost in the Skeena River, the one on the right, derailed cars after striking the snowslide.*

## On The Job



*The New Westminster Delta Maintenance Crew and the Bridge Crew assisted in a trial installation of a reinforced concrete railway crossing of the B.C. Hydro and Power Authority railway on Route No. 99 King George Highway in Newton. The picture on the left shows the crossing being installed in slab sections designed in the New Westminster District Office and, right, the completed job. The railway and department officials are watching this crossing performance with interest and hope it will prove a boon to railway crossing maintenance and economy.*



*During the past winter the Fort St. John Bridge crew have constructed two identical bridges on the Hudson Hope road, one at Farrel Creek and the other at Lynx Creek. As the temperature was below zero most of the time Polythene canopies were built over the piers and concrete lowered by crane and hopper through the roof. Upper left, Bridgeman Mike Bidulka trowels concrete at the abutment inside one of the heated canopies. The steel I-Beam stringers were then set in place, each one 50 feet long and weighing 4½ tons. Guided, upper right, by Bill Marshall, Earl Ness and Foreman Floyd Erickstad. Lower left, concrete being lowered into first pier at Farrel Creek, lower right, Floyd Erickstad and Earl Ness cleaning socket as beam is lowered into place.*

## Obituaries

Many Highways and Public Works' employees will be sorry to hear of the death January 1st, 1967, in Victoria, of CAPTAIN RICHARD CULLEN, aged 87. Captain Cullen was known to many, having been appointed District Office Manager for the Department of Public Works Vancouver in February, 1920, where he stayed to June, 1927. He left the service, then rejoined as a District Office Manager in New Westminster April 1st, 1935. He was later in Merritt and the Fraser Canyon and was appointed District Office Manager in Penticton April 1st, 1942. He moved to Headquarters in Victoria April 14th, 1947 and was there until his retirement.

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A long time Road Foreman with the Department, L. A. (SANDY) FOWLER, died January 19, 1967 in his 76th year. Mr. Fowler first worked for the Department at Gibsons in 1920 and moved to Pemberton the same year as bridge-man, becoming Road Foreman in 1922, remaining in this capacity until his retirement in 1957 at Squamish. Mr. Fowler looked after the roads in the Pemberton area until 1945 when he moved to Squamish. He was predeceased by his wife, Annie Adella. A son, Bill Fowler, works for the Department in Lillooet.

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V. NIXON, former stockman with the Department of Highways at Burns Lake, B.C., died suddenly February 10th, 1967. Mr. Nixon started with the Department on October 1, 1947 and worked as Truck Driver Grade 1, Power Grader Operator 1 and eventually as a Truck Driver 2 before taking over the Stockman duties in 1951, the position he held until his retirement May 31st, 1962.

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Grand Forks-Greenwood District was saddened by the death of JOSEPH ALEXANDER HAFFNER, November 29, 1966, at the age of 43. Joe served with the Canadian Army from November, 1944 to March, 1946 and upon his discharge operated a butcher shop in Grand Forks. He joined the Department in April 1952, and was employed as a machine operator at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Eileen, two sons and two daughters,

## Peek Into The Past

In 1921 the Department hired a special "traffic enumerator" to keep a record of motor vehicle volumes on the Pacific Highway and on Scott Road. The results on an average day: 312 vehicles on Pacific Highway and 123 on Scott Road. Today's corresponding figures: 3,550 vehicles on Pacific Highway and 4,110 on Scott Road.



A 1939 and a 1930 Sawyer-Massey grading the old Cariboo Highway in 1942. The 1930 grader (L-20) could be purchased for \$4,933 and rented for \$10 a day in those days.



An old grader still in use in the Parksville area by private contractors. The make is unknown. Does anyone recognize this model?



This snow slide came down about 10 miles west of Fernie, B.C. in 1930. It was dug out by hand by a relief crew stationed at Elko, B.C. Picture taken by Tyler Lindberg, former Road Maintenance Foreman and still with the Department of Highways at Jaffray, B.C.



Plowing the Barkerville Road in 1942. Operator Harold Turton on a 1929 Caterpillar Gas 60, Harold is still driving Cat in Quesnel. J. Titus on a 1929 Monarch Gas Dozer. He is now Road Maintenance Foreman in Quesnel. The Model 35 was purchased for \$3,347.

Mark Nicholson, Mechanical Foreman, Courtenay and his friend Mac Kirkland were looking at the December, 1966 issue of the "Road Runner," they volunteer the following information about an old shovel and truck on page 5. Mark was working for the Department at the time and was driving a Federal truck loading at this shovel at the time when this picture was taken. The man standing beside the shovel is Percy Addalard. The shovel reference number was H-1, the first one owned by the Department. The driver of the G.M.C. truck in the photo was Charlie Morrison (deceased). The pit at which they were working is called the Slaterville Pit.

# Safety Stories, Awards

## Nanaimo Holds Safety Rally

A safety rally was held in Nanaimo on January 18, 1967 with personnel from Alberni, Nanaimo Cassidy, Duncan, Lake Cowichan and Salt Spring Island in attendance. During the meeting M.G. Elston, Regional Highway Engineer, presented Lorne Slater, Chairman of the Nanaimo-Island Safety Committee with a Bronze on Gold Award. This Bronze on Gold Award is the first such award to the Department of Highways, and was won by the Nanaimo-Islands road maintenance crews consisting of Nanaimo, Gabriola Island, Thetis Island, Salt Spring Island, Pender Island, Galiano Island, Mayne Island and Saturna Island. A "10 on 2" Award was presented to Arthur Machie by Alex Caldwell, Regional Safety Officer. K.E.G. Jackson, Safety Officer, B.C. Civil Service Commission addressed the group and Arnold Glover, Bridge Foreman, Nanaimo gave an effective talk on first aid and a practical demonstration of artificial respiration. Films on safety were shown by Adam Kloster.



Mr. Elston, (right centre) presents Bronze on Gold Award to Mr. Slater, Mr. Caldwell (left), Mr. Morris (right).



Mr. Caldwell (right) presents 10 on 2 Award to Mr. Machie at Nanaimo Safety Rally.

## Eight State U.S. Average B.C. Goal

A motor vehicle accident record at least as good as eight U.S. state highway departments surveyed recently is the B.C. Department's goal by the end of June this year.

This has been indicated by Assistant Deputy Minister F.A. MacLean, in looking over recent figures which show that the Department did not do so well in the first six months.

From July 1, 1966 to December 31, 1966, the Department averaged 1.36 accidents for each 100,000 miles travelled compared to a frequency rate of from 0.46 to 1.00 (or an average of 0.74) in the eight states queried.

However, a good record in the second six-month period could bring the Department's full-year average down to the suggested goal level.



The Fernie Garage Crew safety record was officially recognized by headquarters recently with the presentation of a Silver Award, for achieving 37,707 hours of work without loss of time from injury. Left to right are Elmer Winnig, Joe Knight, Foreman Ed Sangale, John Hughes, and Stockman Sam Ceravetta.

Cam Wilson, foreman of the Falkland Maintenance Crew in the Salmon Arm District, was presented with a Bronze Certificate Award of Merit. He and his crew worked 28,900 consecutive man hours without a time-loss accident. Safety Awards. They are Captain Callow, H. Kittie, A. Springett and w. waisu.

Thomas A. Simpson, Equipment Operator with the Skeena East District, has recently achieved an enviable record . . . completion of ten consecutive years of service without missing a single work day from illness or injury.

S. J. Sviatko, District Superintendent, Smithers, praised Tom for his conscientious and performance on the job and for his skill and versatility as an operator of any piece of equipment in the district. He also received a congratulatory letter from R. G. Harvey, Regional Highway Engineer, Prince George, for his achievement.

O. T. King, District Office Manager, Salmon Arm District, accepted a Gold Certificate Award of Merit from Ted Anderson, W.C.B. Inspector, on behalf of the Salmon Arm District Office Staff — Harry Francis, Regional Safety Officer, sanctions the proceedings—the Award reads "for having operated 90,038 consecutive man hours" — don't forget that the two gals keep from dropping typewriters, desks, filing cabinets, etc., on their toes also.



## Perfect Score By Two Districts Help Region 2 Win Safety Award

Perfect safety records by two of its Districts have helped Region 2 win the Minister's Trophy for the 1966 calendar year.

At the same time the two Districts, Salmon Arm and Kelowna, with accident frequency rates of 0.0 won the Regional Trophy jointly and will share it during the year.

The frequency rate for Region 2 was 10.6, the lowest in the Province.

Other District Trophies were won by Nanaimo in Region 1, New Denver in Region 3 and Fort St. John in Region 4.

The Department's safety record improvements have been gratifying, according to the Honorable W.D. Black, Provincial Secretary, who congrat-

ulated the Honorable P.A. Gaglardi recently on the Department's accomplishment. The overall frequency rate has been reduced from 42.7 in 1964 to 14.3 in 1966. This represents a reduction from 368 time-loss accidents in 1964 to 142 in 1966, even though the Department worked 1,500,000 more man hours in 1966.

Mr. Black noted that the results were achieved only by teamwork in the Department and asked that his congratulations be passed on to all supervisors and other employees of the Department.



A Silver Safety Award was presented to the Cranbrook District by G. K. Austin, Regional Safety Officer. Shown are the foremen in the Cranbrook District: left to right, back row—L. Taylor and G. K. Austin, Regional Safety Officer.

### Active Committee Promotes Safety in South Peace River

An active Safety Committee is having a marked effect upon the safety consciousness of employees in the South Peace River District.

Of particular interest is the three man Inspection Committee which makes regular trips through the District and reports hazardous conditions to the Safety Committee each month.

All the group members gathered for the regular monthly meeting on February 15th at the Pouce Coupe foreman's office. They are Tom Raymer, Jim Olichny, Jim McClarty, Euclid Tremblay, George Still, Ben Anderson, Ted Crawford, Bill Green, Fred Dayus, Jim Steve, Mac McDermid, Oscar Arndt, Harold Kelly and Clarence Fox.



Presentation by District Engineer R. W. Gittins of Gold Certificate Awards to the two Delta Maintenance crews. Left to right, Mr. Gittins, N. Paterson, Delta East Safety Representative; L. Lindsay, Delta East Foreman; J. Pabin, Delta West Foreman; J. Cookhouse, Delta West Safety Representative and A. Caldwell, Regional Safety Officer.

### Seat Belt-Right-of-Way Agent Both Help Car Accident Victim

The value of seat belts and the gallantry of Department employees were both demonstrated effectively in a recent incident on the Trans-Canada Highway.

E. Norman Delmonico, North Vancouver Right-of-way Agent, returning from the interior had an opportunity to help at a car accident two miles east of Lytton.

A small English car he was following lost control and rolled over four times finally coming to rest on the shoulder of the Highway. Norm stopped and went to aid the occupant expecting the worst. To his surprise he found the

driver, Miss Hillary Jarvis still strapped to her seat and apparently just bruised and dazed. He rushed the young lady to the Lytton Hospital and, after her release, drove her to her home in Vancouver. Her seat belt apparently prevented any serious injury.

The car, a 1965 Epic, was badly damaged and considered a write-off by the insurance company. The loss of control was thought to have been caused by an overtaking car which sprayed slush on the windshields of both Miss Hillary's car and Norm's.

## Awards

A Bronze safety award was presented to the Cranbrook Bridge Crew by G.K. Austin, Regional Safety Officer. Shown left to right are L. Beaton, B. Dean, R. Thompson and A. Connah.

A safety award was presented to the Construction crew at Golden by G.K. Austin, Regional Safety Officer.

Herb Coupe, District Engineer at Salmon Arm District recently presented a Bronze Certificate Award of Merit to George Kovalcik, Foreman of the Salmon Arm area Maintenance crew which worked 61,021 consecutive man hours without a time-loss accident.

The New Westminster office and engineering staff has received its Silver Certificate for safety.

The Coquitlam maintenance crew under Foreman Stan Deans has received its second Bronze Award.

The Nanaimo-Islands District mechanical staff won a Bronze Safety Award recently with District Superintendent, John Morris, making the presentation. Receiving the award were Gordon Coughtry, Mechanical Foreman, and Mechanics, Bill Paitson, Mel Payne and Rick Kirby.

P.J. Carr, Prince George Regional Maintenance Engineer, presented to John Reynolds, Chairman of the Safety Committee, a Bronze Safety Award which was achieved by the whole District for working 90,020 man hours without a time-loss accident. The presentation was made January 11th at the Omineca West District Safety Committee meeting.

## Promotions



**STEVE CUTT**, Assistant Foreman at the Grand Forks shop, has won the position of Mechanic Foreman at New Denver. Steve will be

missed by the citizens of Grand Forks as well as by the Department there. He was very active in community affairs. An active member of the Grand Forks Voluntary Fire Department, Steve was Assistant Fire Chief, Acting Fire Marshall and a member of the Ambulance Rescue Unit operated by the Fire Department. He is a member and Past President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a member of the local Trap Shooting Club and an ardent curler. Steve, along with three other employees of the Department of Highways, known as the "Highwaymen", won the Corby Curling Trophy in the 1966 Commercial Bonspiel at Grand Forks.

Steve and his wife, Patricia, have two small children, Steven and Charlene.



**CARL A. RAUCH** formerly employed in Columbia District has won the position of loader operator with the Greenwood Maintenance

crew in the Grand Forks-Greenwood district. Carl was born in Invermere and worked at various jobs before joining the Highways Department in August, 1961. He and his wife, Sharon, have a nineteen month old daughter, Corrine. Carl's hobbies are hunting and fishing.



**GEOFFREY WARRINGTON** was recently promoted to Assistant Mechanical Foreman at Pouce Coupe. He has

been with the Department for 13 years and worked in the shops of Rossland and Golden before Pouce Coupe. Geoff and his wife, Sharel, have three children.



**R. G. WHITE**, District Engineer in Nelson for nearly four years was promoted to the position of Regional Location

Engineer in January 1967. Before working for the Highway Department Ray served approximately 12 years with the B.C. Forest Service, Construction Branch. Ray and his wife, Vi, have three daughters and one son.



Recently promoted to Clerk-Steno 3 in the Nelson Regional Office was Mrs. Shirley Karasa.

Shirley previously worked in the Nelson District Office for 3 1/2 years and is a welcome addition to the Nelson Regional staff.

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**EARL MARTINSON**, Machine Operator 9 in Vernon moves to Mica Creek as Road Maintenance Foreman 3. The Department crew in Vernon wish him the best in his new position.

**WILLIAM (BILL) M. TAYLOR** of Fruitvale recently took up new duties as Road Maintenance Foreman 1 on Bowen Island in the North Vancouver District.

**BRUCE CASEMORE**, formerly of Nelson, has won the Road Maintenance Foreman 2 position at Edgewood. He joined the Department of Public Works in 1952, and has worked chiefly as a machine operator with the Regional Construction crews.

**A SHELKIE**, Heavy-duty Mechanic at Fort St. John was promoted to Assistant Mechanical Foreman 1.

**HENRY MEERMAN**, Auto Mechanic at Fort St. John was promoted to Heavy-duty Mechanic.

**FRED CHAMBERS**, Road Maintenance Foreman 2 at Fort St. John was promoted to Road Maintenance Foreman 3.

**LAKE SOUTHWICK**, Road Maintenance Foreman 1 at Fort St. John was promoted to Road Maintenance Foreman 2.

**M. CALBREATH**, Road Maintenance Foreman 1 at Dease Lake camp was promoted to Road Maintenance Foreman 2.



*Neatly stacked piles of no-post concrete guard rail are just part of the production put out by the Department "plant" at New Denver. Similar operations are underway at Cranbrook and Vernon to supplement private contract supplies of the guard rail.*



*An overall view of the screening plant recently built in the Golden Hill Pit. Known affectionately as "The Shaky Mountain Operation" by the crew, the screener was built by local crew members. Among those working the equipment are Leigh Stull, Bob Sims, and Ronnie Feuz.*



*What is it? Large rock along roadside on South Pender Island on Gowland Point Road.*

## TRANSFERS



**CLIFF CLARK** who transferred from Port Clements to Fernie as Road Maintenance Foreman 2, had an

argillite carving presented to him by his Department friends on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Cliff is married and has six children.



**VINCE SCANLON** is the new Regional Right-of-Way Agent at Prince George. He

transferred from Nelson where he worked for a year before which he was with the Land Registry office.



**LEN KLASSEN**, was recently appointed Stockman for the Prince Rupert District.

He was previously at the Department's Allison Pass camp. Len and his wife, Sharon, are now settled in Prince Rupert and enjoyably busy all the time.

**DAVE LESYK**, Mechanic at the 100-Mile shop was transferred to the Kamloops shop in January. Dave had been at 100-Mile shop for seven years and was known and liked by all from Cloverdale to Prince George. At a dinner dance held in his honor, Dave was presented with a portable radio by fellow workers.



**DARYL KOSKIMAKI**, Timekeeper in the Vernon office transferred to the Department of Finance, Vernon, as Clerk 3. Daryl's work will be missed in Vernon.

A farewell party was held at the Masonic Hall on February 10th for **FRANK RUSSELL** by the B.C. Government employed at Lillooet. Frank is being transferred to the Department at Golden as Heavy Duty Mechanic. Bob Coe made presentations to Frank and his wife on behalf of the employees. The party was attended by approximately 60 people.

**RON ST. AMAND**, Stockman at Good Hope Lake camp was transferred to the Prince George shop.

**JOHN TERESHUK**, Mechanic's helper at Good Hope Lake camp was transferred to the Prince George shop.

**HENRY LUBBERS**, Mechanic's helper at McBride was transferred to the Good Hope camp.

**THOMAS W. TAYLOR** was the successful applicant for the position of Road Maintenance Foreman at Patallo Bridge.



**M. E. MERLO**, Regional Materials Engineer in Nelson for the past four years, was recently transferred to the position

of District Engineer in Nelson. Mario and his wife, Monica, have two sons.

**DONALD E. NORDSTROM**, Assistant Mechanic, transferred from Terrace to the Grand Forks shop December 20, 1966. Don was

born in Hardisty, Alberta, and moved to B.C. about 15 years ago. He joined the Department four years ago. He enjoys hunting and fishing. Don and his wife, Doreen, have a daughter, Christina Lyane, born January 23, 1967.



## WEDDINGS



*John F. Olson and Hazel Le Masurier were married at Knox United Church, Terrace, B.C. on February 11, 1967. Many of John's friends from the Highways Department attended a wedding banquet and a reception at the Cedars Motel that evening after the wedding. John has been a truck driver in this District for the past eight years.*



*Carol Wakely of Kamloops and Gary Nicholson formerly of Courtenay were married at Courtenay last November. Gary is working in the shop at Williams Lake. He is the son of Mark Nicholson mechanical foreman at the Courtenay shop.*

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*On October 22, 1966, Henry Ens and Muriel Headley were married in the First Memorial United Church, Vanderhoof. The reception was held in the Memorial Arena Hall. Henry is a grader operator in the Vanderhoof District.*

## Extra "Curricular" Activities



Dale Cassell, mechanic in the Kamloops Shop had the honor of refereeing a hockey game between Russia and Canada in Vancouver. He was selected from many top officials to handle this key game between the Canadian National Team and Russia's Moscow Selects. He is shown in this Vancouver Province photo moving in to break up a possible fight involving Russian players Victor Zidhok, left, and Viktor Yaroslavtsev and Canadian Ted Hargraves (white jersey). Dale should have quite a future in refereeing.



J. W. Nelson, Regional Highway Engineer, Kamloops, and his wife, Shirley, have just returned from an enjoyable holiday in Hawaii.



Earl A. Lund, formerly Regional Materials Engineer, Prince George, was given a farewell party on his transfer to Prince Rupert as District Engineer. A farewell gift of a desk set was presented to Earl on behalf of the Testing Branch in Prince George.



Graham Fraser, Regional Right-of-Way Agent, being wished farewell by Don Martin, Regional Highway Engineer, after being presented with a farewell gift of a camera. Graham was transferred to the North Vancouver office in December, 1966, after serving in Region 3 since 1958. Graham and his wife, Gwn, will certainly be missed by all in Region 3.



One of the highlights of the Vernon winter carnival parade was the appearance of this 80-year-old horse-drawn grader, later presented to the Vernon Board of Museum and Archives by the Honorable the Minister. The man responsible for the organization of the Department entry and restoration of the grader was Les York, Road Maintenance Foreman in the Vernon District (seen on the left in the picture). He was assisted during the long hours of work by Ben White, W. R. Claridge, Jack Amies and Joe Harwood.



Mrs. Audrey Anderson, a clerk in the Burnside District Office, is having a hard time concentrating on her work these days. Shortly she and her husband will be leaving on an eleven-week vacation in Europe. They will fly to Paris where they will hire a car, cover the southern European countries first and then follow the sun north as the weather warms. They intend to spend the last few weeks in Britain before leaving for home from London.

### Fraser Valley Golf Tournament Set

The 1967 schedule for the Department of Highways' Golf Classic in the Lower Fraser Valley has been posted. The Chilliwack District was the big winner last year by winning the team trophy three times.

Ray Reekie of Oak Street Yard won the Best Performance Trophy, Bert Larson of the Dock District the Most Courageous Golfer Trophy and Ross Ellis, Chilliwack District, the Most Consistent Golfer Trophy. The success of last year's classic should indicate a really bang-up competitive tournament this Spring. All employees are asked to register early in order that reservations of course can be confirmed. The 1967 schedule follows: March 18, Greenacres Golf Club — Richmond, 10:00 a.m.; April 15, Newlands Golf Club — Langley, 10:00 a.m.; May 13, Meadowlands Golf Club — Chilliwack, 9:00 a.m.; June 17, Maple Ridge Golf and Country Club, 8:00 a.m.; July 15, Hazelmere Valley Golf Club, 8:00 a.m.; August 19, Chilliwack Golf and Country Club, 10:00 a.m.; September 16, Langara Golf Links, 11:45 a.m.; October 21, Peace Portal Golf Club, 10:30 a.m. Those wishing to participate are asked to contact Bert Larson or Gordon Rowand by phoning 521-9641 or writing to 773 - 6th Street, New Westminster not later than the Wednesday preceding each tournament.

## Extra "Curricular" Activities (cont'd)

### Would You Believe Two Holes-in-One

While playing in a friendly golf match recently at Victoria's Cedar Hill Golf course, George Wagg, of the Comptroller of Expenditure's office, scored a hole-in-one on the par 3, 125 yard 11th hole. To make the occasion even rarer the group with which George was playing, while on the 9th tee, had witnessed another golfer sink his tee shot on the 11th. When George stepped up for his turn he commented that if someone else could do it the feat shouldn't be too great. Using a six iron he then proceeded to sink his shot. This, incidentally, was George's second "Ace" at Cedar Hill. The first was a few years ago at the 18th hole.

### Convalescents

WILLIE WILLIAMS, ferryman from Good Hope Lake camp, is convalescing in the Willow-Chest Centre in Vancouver, where he has been a patient since September, 1966.

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JOCK RATTRAY, Foreman at Good Hope Lake camp is convalescing after surgery in Vancouver.

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BILL HAINES, who has been with the Salmon Arm District since 1956, is recuperating from a serious operation. His many friends wish him the best of health and hope to see him back on the job soon.

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MURDO McLENNAN has been on the sick list for some time now and the Salmon Arm District Highways personnel are hoping that Murdo will make a quick recovery and be back at work soon.

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The Port Hardy crew and friends in the Comox District wish DAVE MILLARD, (graderman) a speedy recovery and hope to see him back at work soon.

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WALTER MILLARD, Road Foreman on Demas Island, came back to work in the middle of January after a month's illness.

## RETIREMENTS

### 40-Year Employee Honored in Retirement



A long-time employee of both the Department of Highways and Public Works was honored at a luncheon and presentation in New Westminster in January.

Mrs. Joyce Maype retired after 40 years service. Officials of both departments from Victoria and New Westminster attended the two functions.

D. D. Godfrey, Highways Department Chief Engineer presented Mrs. Maype with a gift of luggage from her fellow employees and Arnold Webb, Deputy Minister of Public Works presented a gold watch from his department. Mrs. Maype also received a Meritorious Service Scroll. Her husband was with her during the ceremonies.

Mrs. Maype began her government service in 1921 in the office of the Provincial Secretary in Victoria.



Frank Smuin, centre, was honored by fellow employees at the annual banquet and dance of the B.C. Government Employees Association in Creston, February 10th. Frank retired December 30th, 1966 after working with the Department for several years as a member of the Boswell crew. He is presented with a retirement gift by C. V. Vincent, left, Road Maintenance Foreman, and, right, Gordon Puttock, grader operator and President of the Creston Branch of the Employees Association. Frank was born in McGrath, Alberta in 1901



U. (SAM) PORO-BICH, Road Maintenance Foreman 1 at Stewart retired on January 31, 1967, after 12 years with the Department. Sam

came to Canada in 1920 as a farm hand, moved to Stewart in the 30's and was hotstman for the Silbak-Premier Mine until its closure in 1933. He operated all types of equipment for the department including the Steard snowblower. Sam intends to take a short holiday "outside" and then return to work in Stewart.



PHILIP SCHNEIDER, employed on the Keremeos Road Maintenance crew retired February 16, 1967 after 12 years of service with the Department. To honor

him friends and fellow workers gathered at his home in Keremeos where he was presented with a power saw and scroll with names of Keremeos, Oliver and Penticton crews and office staff members. He and his wife, Molly, are planning to take a holiday to his home town in Fox Valley, Saskatchewan. He is an ardent gardener and fisherman and will be well occupied in these pursuits.



TUDOR BRYAN retired in March this year. He started with the Department in 1942 at Kamloops on location work as chairman. He

has worked with J. H. A. Steven, A. McNab, Major Hodston, B. Prowse, I. Cameron, A.J. Montador, P. Coates, G. W. Harper and finally D. J. Keane at Smithers. A native of Wales, Tudor plans to take a trip "home" and then live with relatives at Kamloops. A conscientious and devoted employee he is retiring from his chairman position after 24 years.

## On The Job



The Sharp Bridge destroyed by a landslide on December 13, 1966, left, and one of the new structure, right. Sharp Bridge is on Sylvester Road about one mile north of Hatzic Lake. The bridge was replaced in one and one half days by the bridge crew under Foreman Clarence Johnson from the Chilliwack District.



A. Stanyer, Heavy Duty Mechanic at Burns Lake Shop, preparing the portable steamer for use on Department equipment working in outlying areas. The steamer was designed by Olvie Saunders, Mechanical Foreman at Smithers, and has proved very useful.



Bill Bos, Alberni Resident Engineer, left, and Alec Bruyden, Ucluelet Maintenance Foreman are shown on location survey for the new road into Port Alberni on Vancouver Island's Coast.

While building a new equipment shed on Salt Spring Island the Nanaimo Bridge crew handled a quantity of cement. Left to right are John Shepherd, L. Beaner and L. Stevens.



Pavement burning at Fanny Bay on the Island Highway, left to right, W. Lapinski, G. E. Hessel, Burner Foreman, and Harry (Bucket) Waterfield.



Robinson Wilson, graderman, Nanaimo had just completed a fine job of grading on the new Departure Bay-Island Highway junction, north of Nanaimo when this picture was taken.

Left to right, Lloyd Antrim, Auto Mechanic; Lorn Anderson, Mechanical Foreman, and Howard Ingram, Road Foreman, standing at the entrance to the Parksville shop.



Mel Payne, Mechanic in the Nanaimo shop is shown hard at work.

## QUARTER CENTURY CLUB



*Mark Nicholson, Mechanical Foreman at the Courtenay shop receiving his 25-year service award from Premier W. A. C. Bennett. Mark started with the Department in 1928 at Cranbrook and for the next nine years worked at Cloverdale. In 1941 he went to Golden, worked at New Denver and then Courtenay in 1951 where he is presently employed.*



*D. O. 'Don' Young received his 25-year service award in December, 1966. Don started with the Department in 1930 on a casual basis, after two years he obtained steady employment as a truck driver, a position he held for 11 years. Don's next 11 years were spent as a grader operator after which he was appointed a Road Maintenance Foreman. He was transferred to Kimberly in 1963. His hobbies are hunting and prospecting.*



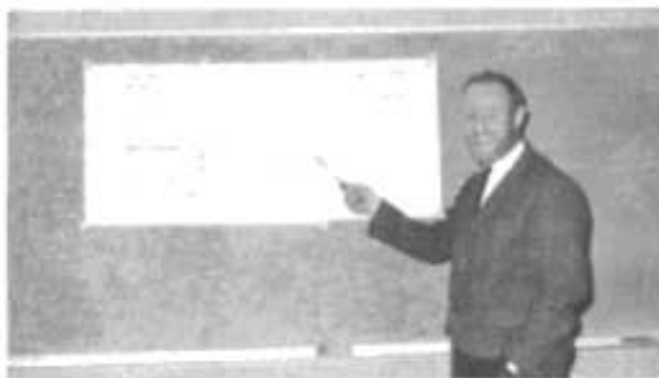
*Two Department employees at Burnside who recently received their 25-year service awards from Premier W. A. C. Bennett at a luncheon in Victoria. On the left is George Wilkinson, who handles sign maintenance in the District and right, Bill Sluggett, a grader operator.*

## DRILLERS ATTEND WEEK-LONG COURSE

Thirty of the Department's drillers attended a week-long course at the B.C. Vocational School at Burnaby from January 9-13, 1967.

Safety was one of the main topics and talks were given by J. Paton, of the Workman's Compensation Board, who spoke on Safety in the Diamond Drilling Industry. K. Jackson of the Civil Service Commission, spoke on safety generally and on defensive driving. During the safety session Ray Bordeleau, the Drilling Superintendent was presented with a B.C. Safety Council Bronze award earned by the drilling section.

The engineering staff of the Testing Branch, John Hvoz-danski, Andy Reid, Frank Laronde and Don Mason, gave the technical instruction in soils assisted by Bill Brand, Glen Higgins, Jim Mewhort and Maynard Rudolf, Dick Readshaw, the Senior Materials Engineer, spoke on The Use of Soils Engineering in Highway Construction. There were several speakers from private industry. The Course was arranged by John Austin, Drilling and Exploration Engineer, assisted by Tom Reid, Equipment Foreman.



*R. B. Diamond, Resident Paving Engineer, instructing on seal coating methods and practices during classes held at the Prince George Vocational School from February 13 to 24 by the Paving Branch.*

*Adrian Allermeersch, Resident Paving Engineer, setting up a level to check curb and gutter installations at Ashcroft. Adrian has been with the Department of Highways for ten years, the last four of which have been with the Paving Branch. He is married with three children.*



## Roads



The River Bottom Road in the Duncan area was completely washed out in the January floods. The photograph shows the remains of the road on the top of the cliff above the Cowichan River. This is a minor side road and access is available from both ends. However, plans are under way to replace this missing link.



During the fall farmers of the Peace River country haul thousands of tons of grain to the elevators in Dawson Creek and Pouce Coupe. The picture shows four grain trucks off-loading from the Clayhurst Ferry a 40-50 ton barge.



Water poured over the Tzouhalem Road near Duncan for a week during early January. The Cowichan River overflowed its banks and A. Casagrande and his Duncan crew were busy maintaining traffic as well as they could during a difficult period.

## About People



Willie Starchuk, timekeeper at Grand Forks, is also secretary of the District's Safety Committee. Willie served with the R.C.A.F. and worked for the C.P.R. before joining the Department in 1956. He enjoys hunting and fishing and his remaining spare time is usually spent working on his farm just East of Grand Forks. He and his wife Mary, have two daughters and five sons.



Don Hutton, draughtsman with the Location Branch, in the Nelson Regional Office.



Pretty, vivacious and efficient are words that describe Dorothy Holgate, employed as a clerk in the Pouce Coupe office. Dorothy has an interesting record as an all-around athlete and proudly possesses the trophies and awards to prove it. She does much of her own cooking and sews most of her own clothes.



Bert Hunter, left, Construction Foreman; Bert Lennartz, centre, Senior Draughtsman, and Ron Garner, Head Lab Technician, right, at Kamloops Regional Headquarters. Bert's duties include prospecting for gravel pits within Region 2. He is paying strict attention to the test hole plots which Bert and Don are plotting on the cross sections.



Mrs. Gizelle Cella is back as the stenographer in the Prince Rupert District Office after a year's absence during which she was married. Giselle is our contribution to bilingualism in Canada; her French accent can be heard any day at Prince Rupert 1 on the radio.



Glyn Briscoe of Port Moody a newcomer to New Westminster District crews as Engineering Aide 2 putting his notes on paper in the office