Barge Destroys Old Bridge

CREWS HAVE BAILEY OPEN AT TWIGG ISLAND IN FIVE DAYS

About 8:30 a.m. on June 23, an empty 1800 ton sawdust barge, being towed up the north arm of Fraser River by Marpole Towing Company's Tug, Chugaway 2, struck the downstream chord of the 150 foot truss on the 1500 foot long Twigg Island Bridge and sent it crashing into the Fraser River.

Frank Stirling and his crew, together with four members of the Mission bridge crew under Bridge Foreman Ole Johnston and three members of the bridge maintenance crew from Oak Street, worked continuously from Saturday afternoon through to 3 a.m. Monday, at which time the launching nose of the Bailey touched down on the rollers on the opposite side of the gap.

With the Bailey secure for the night the Crew took leave for a short rest at a hotel close to the bridge. For many it was the first rest in more than forty hours.

Back to work at 8:00 a.m., Monday the men continued pushing the bridge across the gap until it was finally secured in position Monday afternoon. The crew that had been working up to this point was relieved by the New Westminster District maintenance crews from Cloverdale and Burnaby and they continued on through Monday night laying the deck and building approach ramps.

On Tuesday June 28th, at 7:00 a.m., the bridge was open to traffic.

Darkness was a problem but this was overcome through the efforts of Barry Smith, Menno Schmidt, Merv Kirkland and helpers of the Burnaby electrical crew who strung a cable across the gap and set up a number of flood lights.

Throughout all this, a vigil was maintained on the river by the Department of Highways' sounding boat, manned by Jack Cummer and Vern Poustie, who were relieved by Ernie Shannon and Laurie Pettigjohn. They sat for hours in the boat waiting to rescue whatever, or whomever, fell into the river. The only casualty was a lunch kit which they quickly retrieved.

Bailey bridge assembled and in place prior to opening, June 28.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Spectacular blast on North Thompson Highway project is typical of rugged work being undertaken throughout 150 miles of major construction.
Minister’s Message

Approach of winter means tougher driving conditions and as operators of a very large fleet of vehicles perhaps we need to take a good look at our safety record. We have begun to compile weekly accident statistics and first returns from all districts and headquarters indicate a need for more care. Total for July alone show a frequency rate of .8 accidents per 100,000 vehicle miles. The rate for the public, at large in the whole province in 1965 was .62 accidents. Indications are that our rate for August and September may be higher than .8, even allowing that most of our accidents are minor ones, that we are often working under difficult conditions and with cumbersome equipment, reports show that more than half of these accidents could be avoided by improved defensive driving practices. Let’s make good use then of our professional ability and experience, let’s be bosses of our machines and bring that rate down to an acceptable level. Safe driving is your responsibility.

P. A. Gaglardi, Minister

Left to right, Mrs. Margot Schaefer and Mrs. Katy Levens, clerks in the William Lake District office pause to pose for the editor of the Road Runner.

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OBITUARY

FRED W. HUDSON died suddenly August 22nd, in Princeton, B.C., Mr. Hudson, assistant mechanic at the Princeton garage had worked continuously for the Department since May 1955.

He was born in Redditch, England on December 6th, 1906. He leaves his wife Donna Mary, three daughters and mother. He was secretary of the Princeton Branch of the B.C. Government Employees Association, interested in ski jumping, be officiated in various ski tournaments throughout the Province.
Members of Q-22 crusher crew are seen above. Front row, left to right, Foreman Fred Alexander, Harold Reine, Lorne Reine. Back row, left to right, Glen Bens, Dave Matins, Glen Overholt, E. Williams.


Bill Thompson, Road Foreman at Boswell, Nelson-Creston District leaves for work. Bill has been with the Department since 1930.

Two members of Region 3's scraper crew are seen above. They are Don Nelson and Ralph Wright.

Shown in his pickup is Charlie Vincent, Road Maintenance Foreman at Creston. Charlie has been with the Department since 1936.
Brand new bridge in 1939 was this Trans Canada Highway structure at Jones Creek. Note King Truss and short wooden span it replaced. The picture to the right shows the Jones Creek bridge widened to 40 feet and strengthened in 1963.

How Far Does $25.00 Go?

Kelowna staff came across a letter in the office files showing how far money used to go. Dated 1932 it accounts for $25.00 spent on rental and labor on Beaver Lake Road, Kelowna. Comparable cost for the same work day is also shown.

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The $25.00 would buy work for 1\frac{1}{2} days in 1932. The same 1\frac{1}{2} days costs $129.45 today.
TOTEMS MARK HAIDA ROUTE

The Native Indian Participation Centennial Subcommittee in conjunction with the B.C. Centennial Committee undertook to have some 20 totem poles carved and erected on the lower mainland and along the East coast of Vancouver Island to commemorate the "Route of the Haidas".

Thirteen of these poles were to be erected along the Vancouver Island Highway system and the B.C. Department of Highways was asked to assist in the selection of the sites and to undertake the erection of the poles. J. Pankiw, now District Engineer at Lillooet co-ordinated this work. Preparation of the sites and erection of the two-ton legendary monster was handled by the local bridge crews from Burnside, Nanaimo and Courtenay Districts.

Final location of the totems ranged from Sidney to Port Hardy and Prince Rupert. Unveiling dates ranged from May to August to coincide with other local celebrations.

Burnside bridge crew, left to right, M. Smith, H. Goodmanson, R. B. Hedstrom, J. Walker, J. Johnson, J. Popadyne, beside the newly erected totem at the inner harbour in Victoria. Carver was Henry Hunt.

Courtenay bridge crew erecting totem pole on the Plaza in Campbell River. Left to right, Marcel Daulin, Mr. Henderson—native carver, Harry Moore, John McCabe, Henry Patterson.

A farewell banquet was held July 29 by the employees of the Grand Forks-Greenwood District for H. J. KELL-SALL, District Engineer, who is transferring from Grand Forks to Revelstoke. A camping cooler was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Kell-sall.

JOHN TERESHUK, formerly mechanic's helper at McBride, was transferred to Good Hope Lake, for the Burnage River Camp.

MILAN STANGA of the construction branch has joined the survey crew at Smithers.

T. M. FORSYTH, Engineering Assistant in Omineca West, has transferred to North Vancouver (Gibsons) effective September 1, 1966. A surprise party was planned for Saturday, August 27th with about 70 people in attendance.

WATSON PLATT, who recently assumed the duties of timekeeper in the Salmon Arm District. Prior to this Mr. Platt was employed as yardman in Terrace, assistant stockman in Vance Coupe, assistant stockman in Terrace and bridgeman in Revelstoke.
NORMAN ALLEN was honored recently at Prince George upon the completion of 25 years service with the Government of British Columbia. Norm began work for the Lands Department in Victoria in 1941 and shortly afterwards joined the Navy in which he served three and one half years. In 1949 he transferred to the Department of Highways as Right-of-Way Agent in Victoria and moved to Prince George in 1961. Born in Revelstoke, he moved to Victoria in his younger years and was active in lacrosse as a player and later as a coach. Norm and his wife, Diana, have three children and all take an active part in square dancing.

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A banquet was held in the Frontier Inn at Fort St. John July 7th, when 60 employees and their wives gathered to honor George Reid on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Reid entered the service in 1955 and was employed as a steam-boiler operator and truck driver. A presentation of a portable record player and two lawn chairs was made by John Lay, Resident Engineer.

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A retirement and transfer party was held at Houston on June 18 for A. W. Kerr, retiring Bridge Foreman and P. S. Dunn, District Superintendent, transferring to Vernon. There were about 110 people in attendance. T. Forsythe presented the Dunns and the Kerrs with luggage on behalf of the employees from Omineca East and West and Skeena East.

WILLIAM MARSHALL, retired June 30, as Head Ferryman of the Arrow Park Ferry. A native of Scotland, he started as Assistant Ferryman in 1942, and became Head Ferryman in 1954. He is succeeded by J. G. Dettman, on the same ferry since 1951. Bill will now be able to give more attention to his hobbies of gardening and bird hunting.

D. F. Martin, Regional Engineer at Nelson, presenting to GEORGE GRUMMETT, a scroll for 32 years of Meritorious Service to the Department. George retired in February and was honored at a banquet on July 29. George's service with the Department began in 1932 as a Tractor Operator in the Kelowna area. Since then he has operated various types of equipment and in 1954 moved to Grand Forks as Road Maintenance Foreman. At the time of his retirement in February of this year he was Road Maintenance Foreman.

NICK NIELSEN has retired from the Department of Highways after 12 years service as Yardman at Smithers. His fellow-workers had a get-together and presented him with a lighter. "Nick" will be missed by all who knew him. He has taken up quarters at.Canim Lake and will enjoy his retirement fishing and hunting.

Fellow employees presented a transistor radio and fishing tackle to GEORGE LUNDIE, who retired recently in the Salmon Arm District. George started with the Department in 1953, and with his retirement he will be able to devote more of his time to fishing and gardening.
A presentation of the Silver Certificate Award of Merit was made to the Terrace garage crew August 22, 1966 by District Superintendent J. P. O'Toole. This award represents 58,982 man-hours or four years of work without a three day time loss for this crew. Left to right, J. P. O'Toole, District Superintendent; Russ Trites, Mechanical Foreman; Bob Smythe, Automotive Mechanic; Wilf Toop, Welder; Howard Toftager, Stockman; Bud Bridal, Mechanic-Welder; Gene Butterfield, Assistant Mechanic Foreman; Don Nordstrom, Apprentice Mechanic.

Ben Pass, Safety Coordinator, presented a Bronze Certificate to D. C. Westaway, District Superintendent, for the safety record of the Kaslo-Slocan District.

Kamloops Mechanical and outside crews observe a demonstration on fire fighting by Bill Balbierce of Lillooet. Classes in good safety practice help keep accidents to a minimum.

H. J. Kelsall, Safety Director of Region Three, presenting Bronze Safety Certificate to Morley C. Hyatt, foreman of the Kaslo area road maintenance crew.

Chris Peterson, Yardman, Quesnel, with his Ten-on-Two Award. Chris was placing 14 inch bolts on a shelf above his head when one of the bolts fell and landed on the toe of Chris' boot. His safety-toed shoes prevented a painful injury.

George Labay, Mechanic Foreman receives Silver Award from District Superintendent R. M. McMillan, on behalf of the Grand Forks shop crew which has worked 64,040 accident-free hours. Left to right, J. Legebokoff, W. Faminoff, R. M. McMillan, D. Currie, G. Lobay, E. Profili, F. Scherer, J. Goldie, R. Smith.

REGIONAL SAFETY AWARD
COLUMBIA DISTRICT

A general safety meeting was held in Smithers June 14, 1966 with 69 members present from the Smithers, Hazelton and Telkwa crews. Guest speakers were K. E. G. Jackson, Civil Service Accident Prevention, who spoke on the new W.C.B. regulations. Jim Stevens, Regional Safety Officer spoke on accident frequency rates. T. R. Yearsley, Regional Mechanical Superintendent at Prince George spoke on communicating one's intentions to others and safe driving habits.
Learning ON THE ROCKS

An instruction and refresher course for the 24 wrecker operators who work on the major bridges in the greater Vancouver area and the Deas Island Tunnel was conducted on July 18-22, 1966. The instructors for the course were Department of Highways Patrolman H. M. Dennies, and Holmes Towing Equipment, Western Canada Representative, Clifford Airth. Three hours of each day was devoted to theory covering, traffic control, proper use of traffic cones, hand signals, attending motor vehicle accidents, escorting vehicles and the proper care and maintenance of equipment. The practical side of the course involved the lifting, towing, and backing of a disabled vehicle with the tow truck. All drivers participated in these exercises and in the use of the winch to recover overturned vehicles. Many excellent suggestions were received from the drivers aimed at improving this service to the motoring public. The picture shows a rear end pickup being backed through an “S” lane nine feet in width. Left to right, H. Emerson, J. Dodds, J. Roe, Driver Training Instructor Howard McLeod, and Patrolman Dennies.

Location Crew under Resident Engineer Herb Walker had interesting job at Prince Rupert region. From ropes on rock bluffs five city streets in the space of few miles. Above Ben Johansen and Doug McCartney are shown cross-sectioning.

Drilling for anchors for retaining wall above Kennedy Lake on Alberni-Tofino road reconstruction.

Harry Fast on a granite outcrop of rock.
R. M. McMILLAN, formerly of Gibbons and North Vancouver, has been appointed District Superintendent of the Grand Forks-Greenwood District, Region 3, with headquarters in Grand Forks. Mr. McMullan was born in St. John, New Brunswick, after serving six years in the Armed Forces he returned to that province to attend University. Before joining the Department in May, 1956, he was engaged in municipal engineering for the City of St. John, New Brunswick. He is married and has three sons.

JOHN PANKIW has recently been promoted to the position of District Engineer at Lillooet. John, a graduate of the University of Alberta, has recently completed the Department's Engineer Training program. John is a hunting and fishing enthusiast and should feel right at home in this District.

MRS. RITA BOVILL has won through competition the position of Clerk-Typist in the Smithers Right-of-Way Office.

Recently reclassified to Engineering Assistant in the Salmon Arm District is MURRAY RAMSAY. Mr. Ramsay is also an associate field editor for the Road Runner.

HAROLD V. BAILEY has won the position of Road Maintenance Foreman 3 in Grand Forks. Harold was born in Vancouver, but moved with his parents to the Boundary District in 1920. He is married, and he and his wife Florence, have two daughters. As a member of the Grand Forks Volunteer Fire Department, he holds the position of Inhalator Captain of the Rescue Unit. He is an ardent curler, and along with three other employees of the Department, the 'Highwaymen' won the Corby Trophy at the Grand Forks Commercial Bonspiel. Prospecting is his hobby, and he hopes to strike it rich some day.

WILF MCDONALD has recently won through competition the position of Resident Engineer at the Burnside District Office in Victoria. Wlf was previously a Resident Bridge Engineer at Blue River, B.C. and has worked for the Department since 1952.

A. T. S. MOSER, successful applicant for the position of District Stockman, Vanderhoof. Alec was born in England, later training in Canada with the R.A.F. and serving as a glider pilot in World War II. He came to Canada in 1950, and to the Vanderhoof area in 1953. He has operated a guiding business and worked as parts manager for a local automotive dealer. He is 41, married, and has twin children, a boy and a girl.
Sports, Social Activities

The Kamloops Department of Highways raft crew in their first attempt in the Overlander Days Annual Raft Race nearly upset the favourites and the finalists in the 181/2 mile long race. The Firemen, who won the race, have entered for the past three years. The crew, left to right, Bill Moores, Don Newman, Jake Krushinsky, Dennis Jones, Robbie Jamieson, Ron Donchi, Jules Dramsted.

Left to right, D. C. Pollock, Oscar Hogue, Bill Baker, Reg McMillan, G. Owen, W. M. Underwood, some of those who gathered to make a farewell presentation to Reg McMillan who left to become District Superintendent in Grand Forks.

LACROSSE AWARDS

The smallest man on the Victoria Shamrocks Lacrosse team was the biggest winner when Nirmal Dillon, clerk in the Highways accounts office, Victoria, received three trophies during the teams annual award presentation. "Best-conditioned player", "most sportsmanlike player" and sharing the "inspirational play" trophy were the honors bestowed upon the 135 pound forward. Combining speed and durability (only player on the Victoria team to play the full 30 game schedule), Nirmal had a fine season scoring 27 goals and adding 14 assists.

Miss Maureen Lemmerick, a member of the Alberni Office Staff, is very active in the Alberni Valley Drama Group.

At the "Summer Classic" held at the Hazelmere Golf Course, Chilliwack District's golf team, Don Osborne, Ross Ellis and Gordon Vance successfully defended the team title won in the "Spring Classic" at Meadowlands golf course. They were paced by Don Osborne who had the second lowest individual net score for the tournament.

SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

The Department of Highways softball team won the play-offs of the Civil Service Softball League in Victoria. The league consisted of four teams, Finance, Highways, Lands and a team from other Departments called Remnants. The Highways team won 5 and lost 4 games during league play to end in second place behind Finance who won 6 and lost 3 games. The first game of the finals was a free swinging affair that Highways won 19-16. The second was a little tighter with Highways winning the championship 13-5. Their record for the season including the play-offs was 9 wins and 4 losses, which was a big improvement over last year. Team members are, Gordon Bengilly, Jack Doddridge, Bill Duckworth, Ron Grant, Pat Harkness, Jim Holmes, Ted Janik, Bob Lomas, Joe Shui, Rick Smith, Roy Vollinger, George Wagg, Norm Wyllie, Rick Heatherington, Wayne Lendrum and Ron Rhodes.

Hector McLeod, Resident Engineer, Nanaimo, attended the annual lamb barbecue on Saturna Island and recommends this affair to his friends.
Miss Loudell Lang and Ronald Posein were united in marriage at Kamloops in Calvary Temple, August 6th, 1966 by the Reverend L. Hale. The reception was held at Scott's Hotel. Loudell is employed by the Department as secretary for the Kamloops region and Ronald is employed as a driver. They will continue to reside in Kamloops for the present.

Joan Yesdreyzki and David Richter were married in the Fraserview Pentecostal Church by the Reverend R. J. Mitchell on July 9, 1966. Joan is secretary to District Superintendent W. M. Underwood and David is a wrecker operator on the First Narrows Bridge.

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A great "do it yourself" man, R. S. Abele, stockman at Grand Forks, Bede suffered a broken leg July 9th when a section of the wall collapsed while he was enlarging his basement.

CARL NOWATEZK, Mechanic Welder in the Salmon Arm shop is back to work after a stay in the hospital.

LEN REEDMAN, Truck Driver on the Chase crew is expected to return to work soon. Len has been off for almost two months after undergoing a serious operation.

R. STEEVES, Road Maintenance Foreman, Saturna Island, is back on the job after a stay in the hospital.

W. A. "BILL" PHAIR, Heavy Duty Mechanic in the Cranbrook shop is recuperating at home due to ill health. His colleagues wish him a speedy recovery.

H. Y. BAILEY, Road Maintenance Foreman, Grand Forks, is recuperating at his home after an operation.

LL Paul Heyes and Gaby Hoback were married at the West Burnaby United Church on July 23, 1966. Gaby worked with Dock District as an Engineering Aide 1 for two years. The couple will reside at Bangor, Maine, U.S.A., where Paul is stationed with the Air Force.

Some "smart guy's" final touch to signing at the Summit of the Salmon-Creston Highway.
The through Howe truss, Powell River, was replaced by the tied arch truss seen on the right. The first bridge built in 1927 and repaired in 1961 when the bottom chord failed, had substandard approaches and modern trailers had difficulty negotiating the approach curves.

Hatzic Pumps Bridge

Len Kercher placing pile prior to driving, Hatzic Pumps Bridge

Abe Wiebe, right, and Rudy Herdan holding pile true during pile driving, Hatzic Pumps Bridge.

Len Kercher cutting piles for Hatzic Pumps bridge, three miles east of Mission City.

Nanaimo bridge crew renewing super-structure on Boulder Creek Bridge on Nanaimo Lakes Road.

Lloyd Shuster and Dave Bow of Quesnel compacting fill around six foot culvert.
About People

Shown above is the location crew on the Prince Rupert arterial highway. Left to right, Len Johansen, Peter Davies, Dennis Law, Doug McCutney, Harry Fast, Bob Sturkey, and Rick Pringle.

A meeting of the outer island men at Salt Spring Island, left to right, Ken Johnston, truck driver, Larry Auchenblone, Road Maintenance Foreman, Fender Island; Bill Bates, Road Maintenance Foreman, Salt Spring Island; and Bob Steeves, Road Maintenance Foreman, Saturna Island.

District Superintendent John Morris, Nanaimo; Resident Engineer, Bill Bos, Alberni; and Regional Maintenance Engineer for Region 1, Walt Mercer, at the Alberni Court House.

The mechanics at the Alberni shop, left to right, George Boyce, Foreman Milt Hepner, and Gerald Antoni.

The reason travellers on the Vanderhoof-Stuart Lake Road reconstruction have found the ‘inconvenience’ painless, Miss Geri Campbell, 4th year student at the University of B.C., has spent the past two months as flag girl on Project 1558. Geri is studying to be a teacher and was tied for the runner-up spot in the recent Vanderhoof Centennial Queen Contest.

Galiano Island crew, Angus McDonald, Herb Stevens, and Road Maintenance Foreman Bernard Stallybrass, left to right.

Tom Aarts, instrument man running line at Port Alberni.
On The Job

Herb Walker, Resident Engineer and Norm Zapf, Director of Location flew into Fort Nelson recently to inspect highway Location assignment.

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