The third annual Region 2 Curling Bonspiel was held in Kamloops on April 5 and 6, 1974, with 32 rinks entered. Rinks were from Kamloops, Salmon Arm, McBride, Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, Merritt, Lillooet, Williams Lake, and Regional staff members. Individual trophies and prizes were presented to each member of the winning and runner-up rinks in A, B, and C events.

Winners of the A event were from Valemont representing the McBride District and Construction Branch. They are, left to right, Brian Daniels, Wayne McCarver, John McNee, and Pete Puhallow. Second in the A event was a rink from Falkland representing the Salmon Arm District, composed of Cam Wilson, Rob Ford, Allan Lokinger, and Darwin Churchill.

Winners of the B event representing Salmon Arm District, are, left to right, Alban Rhodes, Cliff Hobbs, Eric Howard, and George Bailey. Second in the B event was a composite rink, composed of Ric Meidinger, Mike O'Connor, Brian Kelly, and Dan Doyle.

Winners of the C event from the Nelson District are, left to right, Norm Samson, Doug Godfrey, Ove Pederson, and George Kent. Second place in this event went to the rink from Fort St. John, composed of Homer Good, C. Martel, H. Logan, and D. Davis.

Winners of the A event, representing the Construction Branch, Slocan, are, left to right, G. Gibbon, L. McNicholas, Mike Makayev, and G. Telford.

The B event winners, New Denver District, left to right, E. Bergeren, G. Norman, Lois Norman, and Morley Hyatt.

The C event winners was the rink from Hope. They are, left to right, Don Kirkland, M. Kirkland, Ron Dash, and E. Dash. Second place in this event went to the rink from Fort St. John, composed of Homer Good, C. Martel, H. Logan, and D. Davis.

The Pouce Coupe District hosted the annual Region 4 Bonspiel at the Dawson Creek Curling Rink from March 22 to 24, 1974. Rinks came from as far away as Nakusp, Hope, and Atlin, which won the award for the rink which came the longest distance.

The winners of the A event and the coveted Region 4 Flagman trophy was the rink from Fort St. John; left to right, Lawrence Harding, Ken Brookbanks, Bob Johnson, and Dennis Cullin. Second place in the event went to the Burns Lake rink, composed of Bob Sault, Vic Barrett, Lloyd Havens, and John Bergen.

The B event was won by the rink from Rolly; left to right, Ralph Shearer, S. Shearer, Harold Querin, and E. Querin. The Prince George rink consisting of Bill Zaporozan, Louis Schick, D. St. Thomas, and J. Vassello won second-place honours.

The C event winners was the rink from Rolly. They are, left to right, Don Kirkland, M. Kirkland, Ron Dash, and E. Dash. Second place in this event went to the rink from Fort St. John, composed of Homer Good, C. Martel, H. Logan, and D. Davis.

Trevor Bagot, Electrical Engineer; Newton Campbell, Electrical Draughtsman; Herb Coupe, Assistant Traffic Engineer; and Steven Lohr, Engineering Aide, recently placed third in the Provincial Government Men's Curling League. They each won a curling-broom for their Saturday morning efforts.
Now that many of the bad stretches of road have been repaired and work is in progress elsewhere, we do not expect much comment on the improvements. Keeping the highways in good repair is the Department's business. Nevertheless, I would like to extend my personal thanks to the many Department people who put in long hours of hard work repairing spring damage as quickly as possible. This year I would also like to particularly mention those of you who worked around the clock to complete the dikes in Kamloops and other areas. While it now seems unlikely that a major flood will develop, there is a good deal of satisfaction in knowing that most of the work was completed in time to combat the expected danger.

GRAHAM R. LEA
Minister

CBA Engineering Ltd., Vancouver consulting engineers, have received a special Award of Merit from the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada and the Canadian Consulting Engineer for the Mission Bridge project. In a letter to the Minister advising him about the award, the President of CBA, Keith A. Henry, expressed his company's "appreciation for the co-operation and help we have received from you and your officials in the Department which have been essential to the successful work on the project." The award was presented at a special meeting of the Association in Banff on June 4.
PATRICK J. CARR has been appointed Regional Highway Engineer in Burnaby succeeding Dudley D. Godfrey who has retired.

Pat was born in Clair, Sask. He graduated in 1955 with a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Manitoba. Following graduation he joined the Saskatchewan Department of Highways as Assistant District Engineer.

He began with the B.C. Department of Highways in July, 1959 as District Engineer in Pouce Coupe. He was transferred to Courtenay as District Engineer in April, 1965, and was promoted to Regional Maintenance Engineer. He then transferred to Prince George in August, 1965, and to Burnaby as Assistant Highway Engineer in February, 1973.

Pat and his wife, Joyce, have two children. An avid curler, he was a member of the Prince George "Smale" rink that won the B.C. Curling Championship in 1969 and was runner-up the same year in the Canadian Curling Championship in Oshawa, Ontario, and British Columbia Champions again in 1971.

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WHAYNE CHAPPELL has won through competition the position of District Office Manager in Merritt. He was formerly District Office Manager in Quesnel and has worked in the Vernon and Victoria offices. His hobbies are fishing, photography, and table tennis.

CLIFF SMITH, won through competition the Head Ferryman position on the Arrow Park Ferry. Cliff was originally from Headquarters Paving Branch. He is married and has two children. His hobby is water skiing. Behind the ferry?

AL SCHUMAN, won through competition the Mechanic 4 position in New Denver, transferring from Bella Coola in March, 1974. Al is married and has two sons. His hobbies are fishing, hunting, and he is a Citizen Band Radio Operator.

DON ROSS, won through competition the position of Bridge 2 in the New Denver District. Don enjoys boating, water skiing and fishing. He has a private pilot's licence. Fishing is another hobby he enjoys with his son and daughter.

JIM ROBSON, won through competition the Bridge 3 position in the New Denver District. He was in the Courtenay District previously. He is married with two children. Fishing, fixing cars, and gardening occupy his space time.

JOHN RYAN, Engineering Assistant in the North Vancouver District, has won through competition the position of Maintenance Methods Officer in Burnaby. John began with the Department in 1967 in Squamish with the Construction Branch. He is married and has one child. Tennis and rugby are John's hobbies.

CLIFFORD J. RAMSAY, Draughtsman 4 in the Survey and Design Branch, Region 1, North Vancouver, has won through competition a Technician position in the New Westminster District. Cliff began with the Department on the survey crew in North Vancouver in 1966. Since then he has worked on the survey crew in Alberni and the design office in Victoria before returning to North Vancouver. Cliff is married and his hobbies are golf, hockey, wine-making, and maintaining his home in Burnaby.

R. H. (RICK) SLINGERLAND recently won through competition the position of District Highways Manager at Pouce Coupe. Stan, his wife, Margaret, and their two children moved to Pouce Coupe in the first part of April. Stan was formerly the Technician at Fort St. John and then Dease Lake. He has worked for the Department since June, 1960.

JIMMY TWEED, a member of Q-8 mixing plant in Region 1, has won through competition the position of Plant Foreman 1 on Q-11 mixing plant in Region 4. He will be stationed in Smithers. His fellow workers made a presentation to him on the occasion of his promotion and transfer. Jimmy is married and is an avid hunter and fisherman.

WAYNE FONTAINE, Engineering Aide 3, Construction Branch crew, won through competition the position of Engineering Assistant with the District at Pouce Coupe. Wayne is married and is taking up farming like many other Department employees.
JACK DODD-RIDGE, Regional Office Manager in Prince George, has recently won through competition the position of Personnel Officer in Region 4 at Prince George. Since Jack began with the Department in 1950 he has worked in Burns Lake, Nansimo, Victoria, and New Westminster prior to his transfer to Prince George in 1967. He is married with two children. His principal hobby is coin collecting and he is also interested in bowling and softball.

WALT HADDOW recently won through competition the position of Assistant Mechanical Foreman at Chetwynd in the Pouce Coupe District. Before moving to Chetwynd, Walt spent six years in the Pouce Coupe shop as a Heavy-duty Mechanic.

L. E. ANDERSON has been appointed Road Foreman 1, North Vancouver. He was formerly Machine Operator 6, Saanich.

I. C. FALLOWFIELD has been appointed Plant Foreman 1, Burnaby. He was formerly Plant Operator, Surrey.

N. W. DAYKIN has been appointed Engineering Aide 3, Dock District. He was formerly Engineering Aide 2, Surrey.

G. J. PETERSON has been appointed Mechanic 3, Williams Lake District. He was formerly Mechanic 2, Williams Lake.

G. J. KNIGHT has been appointed Bridge Foreman 1, Dock District. He was formerly Acting Bridge Foreman 1, Dock District.

D. G. SMITH has been appointed Centreline Marking Foreman, New Westminster. He was formerly Machine Operator 6, Cloverdale.

S. B. HILL has been appointed Road Foreman 1, New Westminster. He was formerly Temporary Road Foreman 1, Cloverdale.

W. E. STANLEY has been appointed Engineering Assistant, Kamloops. He was formerly Engineering Aide 3, North Vancouver.

C. E. BAXTER has been appointed Mechanic 3, Merritt. He was formerly Mechanic 2, Nelson.

RON HORSWELL, Yardman in Chetwynd, won through competition the position of Stockman in the Vernon District in March 1974. Ron was in Chetwynd for 15 years and before that worked with the Department in Pouce Coupe. Ron is married with one son.

J. A. TIERNEY has been appointed Road Foreman 1, Courtenay. He was formerly Temporary Road Foreman 1, Courtenay.

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B. J. BEAULIEU has been appointed Road Foreman 1, Courtenay. He was formerly Temporary Road Foreman 1, Courtenay.

G. F. GALBRAITH has been appointed Regional Hydroseeder Foreman (Road Foreman 2), Kamloops. He was formerly Plant Foreman 1, Kamloops.

C. J. LIPPA has been appointed Bridge Foreman 1, Victoria. He was formerly Bridgegeman 3, Osoyoos.

M. C. VAN DEN HOOVEN has been appointed Engineering Assistant, North Vancouver. He was formerly Engineering Aide 3, Victoria.

P. G. JENSEN has been appointed Bridge Foreman 1, McBride. He was formerly Bridgeman 3, McBride.

G. W. JEFFS has been appointed Road Foreman 2, Nelson. He was formerly Machine Operator 4, Nelson.
ABOUT PEOPLE...

HOWARD F. STURROCK, P.Eng., was recently appointed Deputy Minister of Highways. Mr. Sturrock has experience in a wide range of engineering projects concerned with land development, municipal services, and community planning.

Born and educated in Scotland where he graduated from St. Andrews University, Mr. Sturrock served with a leading Scottish firm of consulting engineers until he emigrated to Canada in 1955.

After working for several years with two consulting firms, he established his own practice in 1959.

Mr. Sturrock is married and has four children.

Prior to his appointment he worked with members of the Department on a highway development programme for the northern part of the Province.

HARRY WARING, Regional Paving Superintendent, Prince George, has been with the Department since September 1960. Prior to this he worked for B.C. Hydro. He is married with two children and two grandchildren. He enjoys table tennis and golf.

MERLE SPROUL, Assistant Regional Highway Engineer in Prince George, has been with the Department since February 1956. He is married with four children. He enjoys golf and woodworking.

HELMUT WOLF, Engineering Aide in the Prince George Regional office, has been with the Department since 1966. Prior to his move to Prince George last year he was with the Bridge Branch, the Construction Branch, and the McRae District. He is married and has four children. He enjoys reading, calligraphy, and building boat models.

CATHY HAACKE has been with the Department as a Radioteleoperator in Kamloops since August 1973. Cathy is married and has three children. Reading, knitting, sewing, and cooking are her hobbies when time permits.

H. S. (HOWIE) TURNER recently left the Department when he won through competition the position of Technician 1 with the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources. Howie was with the Department for 17 years. He started with the Construction Branch in 1956 and later transferred to the Kamloops District.

MRS. SUSAN FRITZ, Clerk 3 in the Accounts Branch, Headquarters, has transferred to the Department of Housing as Clerk 4 effective May 1, 1974. Susan came to Highways in 1972 and worked in the accounts receivable section.

J. A. (BILL) INGRAM, Principal Clerk, Accounts Branch, Victoria, transferred to the Department of Public Works as Administrative Officer January 1, 1974. Bill was well known for his help in obtaining material through the Purchasing Commission during emergencies and for his processing of leases and rental agreements. Born in Saskatchewan, he began part-time work with the Forest Service and Public Works in 1936. Steady employment came in 1937, with time out for military service from 1940-1946. After this he returned to the Location Branch in Kamloops in a clerical capacity. He transferred to Victoria in 1949, to the Construction Branch in 1951, and finally to the Accounts Branch as Senior Clerk in 1952 and Principal Clerk in 1957.

BILL and his wife, Betty, have two married daughters and one granddaughter. His extra-curricular activities include charitable work sponsored by the B.C. Government Employees Union. He also participates in the activities of various service clubs. His hobbies are bowling and collecting stamps and coins. Bill has been an Associate Field Editor for the Road Runner for several years.

MISS CONNIE PIDSKALNY, Engineering Aide 2, started with the Paving Branch, Kamloops, in March of 1974. Connie is now happily involved in the quality control testing and design of bituminous mixes. Connie came from Churchill, Man., four years ago. Her interests and hobbies are canoeing, cycling, and tennis.

DENNIS H. C. ANDERSON is a Road Maintenance Foreman at Bear Lake in the Prince George District. Dennis began with the Department in 1967 and worked in Langford and Stewart before transferring to Prince George in 1972. Dennis enjoys the outdoors.

MRS. JUNE STREIDER, Switchboard and Telex Operator in North Vancouver District office, transferred from the Department of Public Works on April 1, 1974. Her hobbies are painting and gardening.
MISS CATHIE BELISLE is the McBride District Voucher Clerk working in the Kamloops District office. Cathie started with the Department in July 1973. Her hobbies are skiing and swimming.

ROBERT G. BUCHANAN, Engineering Aide 2, started with the Geotechnical and Materials Testing Branch, Kamloops, in May 1974. Bob is working on aggregate studies and subdivision development. His hobbies are basketball and track and field.

H. E. FAST, Truck-driver at Athalmer in the Golden District, began with the Department in April 1973. He is married and has two children.

KEN CLEMENS, Golden District, is a Truck-driver at Athalmer. Ken, who is single, began with the Department in November 1973. His hobbies are fishing, water skiing, and horseback riding.

PAT DICKSON is the new Clerk-Typist in the Vanderhoof District office. Pat had previously worked for the local Government Agent. She has two children and they enjoy holidaying at their cabin on Fraser Lake. Pat is an active member of the Kinette and Curling Clubs.

ROY JACKSON, Engineering Assistant with the Design and Survey Branch, has decided to make his home on the range after nine years with the Department of Highways. Prior to coming to the Kamloops regional office in May 1972, Roy worked in Region 4. We wish Roy success in the cattle business.

ALLEN HALE, Ferryman on the Arrow Park ferry, came to the Department from the New Denver Youth Centre. Alan previously worked on the range for two years. He is single and enjoys camping, hunting, and fishing.

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KAREN HEYINK, Clerk-Stenographer in the Burnt Lake District office, has recently transferred to a similar job with the Department of Recreation and Conservation and Attorney-General's Department, working one-half day in each office. Her fellow employees wish her well in her new position.

ALICE PAYNE, Clerk in the Prince George District office, has been with the Department since 1966. She has two sons and enjoys the outdoors. She is associated with the local four-wheel-drive club and the antique car club.

DARLENE McINTYRE, Timekeeper in the Prince George District, has been with the Department since 1972. Prior to this she worked for the B.C. Forest Service. Darlene is married with three children and enjoys spending her leisure time with her family.

BARRY SIDDALL, Radio Technician at Prince George, has been with the Department since May 1971. He is married and interested in stock-car racing. He is also on the executive of the Prince George Minor Football Association.

LEN CHARETTE, Truck-driver in the Golden District at Athalmer, has been with the Department since December 1971. He is married with seven children. Len's hobbies are hunting, fishing, and playing in an orchestra in his spare time.

JERRY KOSKI, Machine Operator at Athalmer in Golden District, has been with the Department since April 1969. Jerry is married and has two children. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

SAKAYE HASHIMOTO was recently appointed Yardman 2 in the New Denver District. He is married with one child. His hobbies are fishing, outdoor activities, and used cars.
PEEK INTO THE PAST

Reconstruction of Trans-Canada Highway, 1.7 miles west of Lytton, June 1947.

Highway and bridge crews construct detour and clean debris from Texas Creek Bridge, which collapsed on June 28, 1939. Headgear worn by the men would hardly pass muster today. Location was on the Trans-Canada Highway, 7 miles east of Hope.

Some of the “youngsters” of the Headquarters staff on a fishing expedition 22 years ago. All are still with the Department and now have a combined total service of 115 years. Left to right, T. A. (Gus) Jacklin, Comptroller’s Office; W. Boughey, Administrative Assistant; Ray Chamberlain, Services Branch; Dave Wardell, Insurance and Claims office.

The Department road crew at Canal Flats in 1929.
Chev truck (1927) loaded with crew heading for Radium in 1929, standing on the right is recent superannuant, Tyler Lindberg.

All of the photographs on this page and lower right on the opposite page were provided by TYLER LINDBERG.

Tyler Lindberg in a Model T Ford Government truck at Waldo in 1929.

Construction of the Banff-Windermere Highway, photograph circa 1929.

The Elko relief camp and road crew which worked on the big snowslide of 1932, previously shown in RR, March 1966, page 10.
Friends and fellow employees met at a club in Burnaby on April 26, 1974, for a farewell banquet and dance to honour D. D. (DUDLEY) GODFREY, retiring Regional Highway Engineer. Present were representatives from Headquarters and all Regions, as well as some recent superannuants and others with whom he had been associated during his 26 years with the Department.

In making a presentation to Dudley, H. T. Miard, Senior Associate Deputy Minister, reviewed his years with the Department, which began in 1948 when he became District Engineer in Revelstoke. Two years later he was promoted and transferred to Prince George as Divisional Engineer and in 1956 promoted to Regional Highway Engineer at New Westminster. In 1963 he became Chief Engineer and moved to Victoria where he stayed for the following six years until he moved back to the Lower Mainland as Regional Highway Engineer.

Mr. Miard’s résumé of Dudley’s career noted that he quickly established his reputation as a raconteur, and through the years this ability has been useful in relieving the tedium of long conference sessions and establishing rapport with groups of men on the job. He was president of the Association of Professional Engineers.

Born in England, he began his engineering career in South America with a British railway company, where he remained for 19 years. He was District Engineer when the company was expropriated and he emigrated to Canada with his wife and three children. British Columbia was a happy choice for he is a ski-ing and outdoors enthusiast. He is a member of the Alpine Club of Canada, and member of the executive of the Vancouver Natural History Society. In July he will be in charge of a camp for the Society at the Khunne National Park in the Yukon.

He is chairman of the Avalanche Task Force established earlier this year by the Minister and he will continue to work on the committee until investigations are complete this coming October.

OSCAR ANDERSON, Machine Operator in the Nelson Highway District, retired in November 1973, after 13 years with the Department. He received a presentation from his fellow employees and the B.C. Government Employees Union. Oscar and his wife Helen, will continue to live in Nelson.

PETER N. LEGEBOKOFF, of Nelson Highway District, retired at the end of April 1974 after completing 21 years of service with the Department as a Labourer, Machine Operator, and recently as a Head Foreman. Fellow employees and the B.C. Government Employees Union made presentations to Pete to mark his retirement. He and his wife, Nora, will continue to live in Nelson.

GEORGE LIP-SACK, Nelson Highway District, retired in March 1974, completing 24 years with the Department as a Machine Operator and Construction Foreman.

George was a Regional Construction Foreman and worked on many projects in Regions 3 and 1, including the Patricia Bay Highway reconstruction near Victoria. He received presentations from his fellow employees and the B.C. Government Employees Union. He and his wife plan to retire in the Kootenays.

GERALD S. TOWGOOD, of the Nelson Highway District, completed 25 years of service with the Department as a Mechanic and Assistant Mechanic Foreman. His fellow employees and the B.C. Employees Union made presentations to him on the occasion of his retirement.

SAMUEL W. BOYD, Nelson Highway District, will retire at the end of August 1974, completing 28 years of service with the Department as a Mechanic. Presentations were made at a gathering honouring other Nelson area retiring employees.

HOWARD GOWER, Asphalt Mixing Foreman in Region 1, retired on May 24, after 26 years’ service. Howard originally came from Winnipeg where he had worked for the Manitoba Department of Highways. He began with the British Columbia Department in 1948 on Vancouver Island on one of the original asphalt plants and later travelled throughout the Province with this plant. About five years ago new asphalt plants were assigned to the Regions and Howard was assigned to Region 1. A farewell dinner and dance was held on May 10 in Surrey to honour Howard and Fred Bain, a recently retired Clouderdale shop employee.

MARCEL J. LAISNEZ, Machine Operator 4 of the Kimberley Road Crew in the Cranbrook District, retired March 31, 1974, with over 13 years of service. At a dinner in his honour, District Highway Manager G. K. Austin and Road Maintenance Foreman A. L. Popp made presentations to Marcel on behalf of his fellow employees. He is married with one daughter. His hobbies are gardening and restoring old cars.

ANTONIO TROZZA, Labourer in the Cranbrook District, retired March 31, 1974, after 17 years of service with the Department. He received gifts at a dinner in his honour. The presentations from his fellow employees were made by G. K. Austin, District Highways Manager, and A. J. Kernaghan, District Technician. Tony is married with two children and four grandchildren. Retirement plans include a trip to Italy. His hobbies are fishing and watching hockey.

HARRY DAWES, Machine Operator in the Nanaimo District, retired May 17, 1974. Harry worked as a Truck-driver, Grader Operator, Flagman, and in other jobs on the maintenance crew during his 23 years with the Department. He is married and has two children. Harry also received a meritorious certificate, presented to him by J. W. Morris, District Highways Manager.
CARMAN SAPIRO, Road Maintenance Foreman in the Revelstoke District, has recently retired after 31 years with the Department. Carman appears as if he has thrived on his long years of service.

F. J. STEVENS retired from the Saanich District on January 3, 1974. Jim commenced work with the Department in June of 1953. He was a Machine Operator with the road crew on Saltspring Island. Fellow workers and friends presented him with a gift at a farewell party.

The Cloverdale East crew of the New Westminster District gathered to make a presentation to ROBERT E. GOODWIN on the occasion of his early retirement on April 15, 1974. He began work as a Labourer on February 1967 and became a Machine Operator in June 1972. He is married with four children and will continue living in Langley. His hobby has been beachcombing.

JAMES V. F. REGGIN, Labourer in the Nelson District, took an early retirement in December 1973. Jim had worked for the Department for 26 years. He will continue living in Nelson and travel to warmer parts of the continent during the winter months.

DAVE BOW, Engineering Aide in the Quesnel District, recently retired. Dave's plans for his leisure time include a holiday and tending to his farm. He started with the Department in Quesnel in 1951 and worked in the area until his retirement. His fellow workers made a presentation to him and wished him well.

ERNEST F. ABRAHAMSEN, Nelson Highway District, retired September 1973 after 25 years' service with the Department as a Grader Operator. He and his wife will continue living in Nelson.

A retirement gathering was held recently for NORMAN GREIG, Timekeeper in the Lillooet District for 17 years. Presentations were made by J. P. O'Toole, District Highways Manager, on behalf of Norm's fellow employees. He has a view home at Lillooet and will continue gardening, one of his favourite hobbies.

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PROMOTIONS

W. P. (PETE) PALIS tested the position of Engineering Aide 3, Assistant to Regional Officer, Planning Branch, Kamloops. He started with the Construction Branch in September 1969. Pete is married with two children. His hobbies and interests are farming, outdoor activities, and sports.

This spring GENE BOTTLE won through competition the position of Patching Foreman, Pouce Coupe District, on the retirement of Fred Davis. Gene has worked intermittently for the Department since May 1961.

NEW FACES

ALLAN HEPPE, Technician 2 in the Geotechnical and Materials Testing Branch, Burnaby, has been transferred to the Quesnel Highway District as Technician. Al started with the Department in Victoria in 1956. Prior to this he worked for two years for the Saskatchewan Department of Highways Construction Branch. He is married and has three daughters. Al's wide-ranging interests include curing, fishing, chess, and graphology. His fellow workers made a presentation to him on the occasion of his transfer.

25 Year Service Award

G. E. (ERNIE) SCOTT, Road Foreman 4 in the Merritt District, received his 25-year Service Award. Ernie started with the Department in Kamloops and has worked in Lillooet, Williams Lake, and Merritt. He was involved in a bit of British Columbia history in 1952 when he and Jeff Bennett of Kamloops were the first operators to take a power-grader from Blue River in the North Thompson to Albrids in the Mcbride area. Ernie and his wife, Jackie, have three children. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, target shooting, and he is an avid motor-cycle racing fan, owing to his son's participation in the sport.
ON THE JOB...

Riprapping by the Penticton District crews along the Similkameen River in preparation for four-laning on the Hope-Princeton Highway. Work was done in early spring in order not to disturb spawning. Close co-operation was maintained with the Fisheries and Wildlife, Water Rights, and Parks Branches.

The old Bigmouth Bridge in the Revelstoke District, bypassed by a new location, is shown as it was moved off its piers to be relocated at Greely near Revelstoke.

A 0-9 Mixing Plant has been converted to complete hydraulic drive and ready for the summer season at Salmon Arm by the shop and mixing plant crews. Left to right, back row, Carl Nowatzek, Mechanic Welder; Ed Selzenrich, Mixing Plant Operator; Sam Luckton, Yardman. Centre row, Jack Marsh, Mixing Plant Foreman; William (Sandy) Hamer, Machine Operator; Cliff Hoggs, Assistant Stockman; Len Miller, Mechanic; John Collins, Mechanic; Harry Genschorek, Mechanic Foreman; and bottom row, Norm Donadaneau, Mechanic; Tom Clark, Mechanic; and Lloyd Gall, Stockman.

OBITUARIES

Many old-timers in the Department were saddened to learn of the death May 17 of EVAN JONES, former Deputy Minister of Highways.

Mr. Jones retired in 1958 after serving as Deputy from 1948. He first joined the Government in 1920 and served in various capacities and in different parts of the Province with the Department of Public Works. He served overseas in the First World War from 1915 to 1919.

GAVIN ARTHUR, Machine Operator in the Lillooet District, died suddenly at the age of 47 years. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Ted Arnoldus, Road Maintenance Foreman 2, Terrace District, is shown at the construction site of the approaches for the new Lean-To Creek Bridge. Ted has been with the Department for 20 years.

C. A. (Cliff) Stitt, Mechanic 2, right, is shown instructing K. K. (Ken) Kelly, heavy-duty mechanic apprentice, in the art of replacing brake lining on a grader. Both men work in the Kamloops shop.
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Eddie Richardson, Machine Operator in the Merritt Highway District, digging out frost-holes on the Merritt-Kamloops Highway.

Henry Metcalf, Shop Foreman, Prince George, left, presents Dave Miller, Mechanic in the Prince George Shop, with his Journeyman Heavy-duty Mechanic Certificate.

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R. G. Harvey, Associate Deputy Minister, left, presents the Roy McLeod Memorial Award to Fred Boychuk, Machine Operator, who accepted on behalf of the Kelowna District. The award is presented annually to the District in Region 2 with the best safety record.

The annual award for the District in Region 3 with the best safety record went to New Denver, which narrowly edged Rossland. Derek Parkes, Chairman of the Headquarters Safety Committee, left, presents the award to Wally Welch, Chairman of the New Denver Safety Committee. This and other safety presentations were made at a banquet and dance in Silverton on April 9.

Andy Stoppa, Machine Operator in the Kelowna District, right, accepts the General Motors Award from R. G. White, Regional Highway Engineer, Kamloops. The award is presented annually for the lowest vehicle accident frequency.

Jock Kelsall, Assistant Highway Engineer, Nelson, left, accepts the Minister's Trophy, given annually for the Region with the best safety record, presented by P. B. MacCarthy, Senior Maintenance Engineer, Victoria.

W. D. (BILL) NEALE, Machine Operator in the Kelowna District, accepted a Silver Safety Award on behalf of the Westbank crew. The award was presented by R. G. Harvey, Associate Deputy Minister, who also presented a Gold Certificate award to W. N. (BILL) WOLFE, Bridge Maintenance man, who accepted the award on behalf of the Okanagan Lake bridge crew.

Additional safety awards were presented at the Region 3 annual Safety Banquet in Silverton on April 19. Bill Leitch, Safety Officer with the Public Service Commission presented a Gold Award of Merit to JOCK WALKER, Bridge man 3, who accepted it on behalf of the New Denver Bridge crew. Gord Sutherland, Region 3 Safety Officer, presented FRANK SAWATZKY, Paving Branch Project Supervisor, with the annual award for the Headquarters branch with the best safety record.
This summer the Department has undertaken several projects outside the scope of usual highway work.

While some of the activities are more exotic than others, chances are employees may become involved with a film production about flood control, an archaeological survey, an historical study of the Provincial highways, or a study of the Department’s communications system.

**Flood Control Film**

The Department has made arrangements with the Department of Agriculture film crew, under the direction of Norbert Hartig, for the production of a film which will show the work of flood control.

Working in close cooperation with other departments involved in flood control, the film makers intend to cover all aspects of the subject, starting with measurement of snow-pack and water levels, and the work done to prevent floods, and continuing with the planning and organization needed to cope with an emergency.

With the possible exception of the scriptwriter, everyone hopes the film will end at the planning stage. If a flood situation does develop, the film will include the actual work of flood fighting.

**Archaeological Survey**

By this time, an archaeological survey team should be a fairly familiar sight as last year’s team travelled quite widely throughout the Province.

He is particularly interested in talking to people who may have worked on the Yellowhead or Hart in the early stages of survey and construction.

**Communications System Study**

The work that Kirk Spowage will be doing on communications systems consists primarily of research, so he will not get out in the field very much.

He will be making a comparison of existing communications systems and reviewing new developments in the field with a view to providing guidelines for future growth of our own system.

**Historical Research**

Under the newly introduced “Innovation ’74” programme, Dave Hobson has been hired by the Department to undertake some historical research of Provincial highways.

He will have an assistant, Charles Steele, on the project.

Since a project of this magnitude could develop into a life’s work, rather than a summer job, it is expected that Mr. Hobson’s research will provide background material and suggest directions of future investigations. Along the way he does hope to come up with some interesting items, such as an answer to the question of which was really the first official highway in British Columbia.

Because of the limitations in time, Mr. Hobson plans to concentrate on Highways 1, 3, 5, 16, and 97. Once he has collected sufficient background material, he plans to begin his fieldwork investigating the Cariboo and Kootenay Trails and then go on to the Yellowhead and Hart Highways.

Sherill Kautz, left, and Barbara Routley.
Above T. E. Ashe, Senior Ferry Captain, inset, on the François Lake ferry in the Burns Lake District, has worked in the lakes area since 1969. Below, during ferry re-fit and periods of heavy traffic in the summer, a barge is used to transport additional loads. A small tug manoeuvres the barge near the landings and pushes it across the 2-mile crossing.

Above, François Lake freezes over every winter and the ice is sometimes difficult to break. Below, the bubble systems near the landings were completed this winter with the installation of two 50-h.p., 460-volt roto-phase compressors.

Putting the reaction ferry back into summer operation at Usk in the Terrace District are, left to right, Sid Mills; Mel Nichols; George Kellog, Ferry Operator; Barney Lune; Ernie Brink; and Bob Hale, Bridge Foreman. During the winter months the ferry is removed from operation because of the ice on the Skeena River and a cable car is used to cross the river.

V. BENNETT, Senior Engineer on the MV Galena, serving Voith-Schneider propulsion unit.