Historical Information Signs for Rest-stop Areas

The Department of Highways has provided financial support for a project undertaken during the past year to produce a series of historical information signs for highway rest-stop areas in various parts of the Province. Ten signs were designed by the Archeological Sites Advisory Board, while the Historic Sites Advisory Board researched the material for eight display signs.

The purpose of the project is to present to the public varied aspects of the socio-cultural heritage of British Columbia. The archeology signs illustrate some of the technological and cultural achievements of the native Indian people of British Columbia, and the methods by which the archeologist is able to reconstruct past cultures and customs based on excavated material and data. The importance of protecting and conserving heritage resources through proper management and long-term planning is also emphasized.

The displays relate the role of both Indian and European settlers in the cultural and economic development of British Columbia within the context of the expansion of highway networks.

The signs are 8 feet wide and 4 feet high, and consist of removable central panels which are supported by aluminum alloys supports. Illustrations and text are embedded in an opaque fibre-reinforced plastic. This method of presentation was selected because of its high resistance to weathering and vandalism.

Each sign comprises approximately 150 words of text and photographs and drawings presented in three colour combinations. Maps or additional illustrations are found on the back of each display. The design and layout for each sign was provided by a commercial display firm, while historical research was carried out by Diana French of Archeological Sites and Duncan Stacey and Zane Lewis of Historic Sites.

Rest-stop sites for the signs were selected with the assistance of Michael Pope, Department of Highways, Landscaping Division. They are distributed along major routes throughout the central and southern regions of the Province. To date, one sign has been erected at Prince Rupert (see photo) dealing with the role of the native people of British Columbia in the growth of the fishing industry. The remaining signs are expected to be in place by late spring next year.

Several signs will be located on south Vancouver Island. One of these, to be placed on the Malahat Highway section of the Trans-Canada Highway, relates the story of the original Malahat road. This route was chosen by Major MacFarlane, of Mill Bay, who realized the necessity of linking the agriculturally rich Cowichan Valley with the port and capital city of Victoria.

At Oyster Bay near Comox a sign illustrating the highly advanced woodworking technology of Coastal Indians will be erected.

The highway rest-stop signs project may be extended to include additional locations in other regions of British Columbia. Plans to produce brochures utilizing display research material have also been outlined.

The Gabriola ferry crew was commended in a recent letter to the Minister from Mr. and Mrs. J. Leitch, of Vancouver, for "assistance beyond the call of duty." They are Capt. Art Young, Engineer Joe Eyjolfson, Mate Alex Hamilton, and Deck Hands Mike Sleeth and Ed Polinsky. The couple had car trouble when they were about to board the ferry on Gabriola Island at 3 p.m. Labour Day. The crew pushed the car on board, Joe Eyjolfson found the trouble and repaired it en route, and Mr. and Mrs. Leitch drove off at Nanaimo.

REGION 1 CONFERENCE

This year the amenities of the Harrison Hotel again provided the setting and background for the conference.

Following last year's theme of "The New Department of Highways—Where Are We Going," the choice this year was "The New Department of Highways—How Far Have We Come?"

The first minute was devoted to a silent tribute in memory of Don Long and Ken McRae of Region 4, who had been killed in an air crash a few days before the conference began.

Pat Carr, Regional Highway Engineer, opened the conference by welcoming and introducing guests. Following an address by Howard Surrock, Deputy Minister of Highways, everyone joined together for group photographs.

A novel feature of the conference was the answering of members' written questions posed by chairmen to three panels:


J. Adams, Assistant General Secretary, BCGEU; R. G. Harvey, Associate Deputy Minister; A. R. Limacher, Personnel Officer; T. R. Johnson, Services Engineer; and P. J. Carr were the panel members who answered questions on "Personnel."

Questions on the "Maintenance Management Program" were answered by E. A. Lund, Maintenance Management Engineer; S. J. Price, Assistant Comptroller of Expenditure; and T. R. Johnson, Services Engineer.

H. Turner, Deputy Commissioner of Superannuation, gave an interesting and always topical talk on "Superannuation—The Current Situation," and answered questions from the floor.

Also shown were slides and motion pictures on culvert installation, the George Massey Tunnel washing unit by Tom Yearsley, on rock salt and liquid calcium chloride, and the Lions Gate Bridge viaduct redecking by Len Johnson, Headquarters Bridge Construction Engineer.

Other guests included were H. T. Miard, Senior Associate Deputy Minister; J. A. Dennison, Chief Highway Engineer; P. B. MacCarthy, Senior Maintenance Engineer; Ray White, Regional Highway Engineer, Region 2.
Highways Minister Graham Lea presided at an inaugural ceremony at Sandspit, September 2, when the new Queen Charlotte Islands ferry MV Kwuna went into service between Skidegate and Alliford Bay.

The 235-foot ferry MV Kwuna was launched May 28 by Mrs. Edna Paton, top left, Clerk-Stenographer 3, Service Branch, Victoria, which includes the offices of Ferry Superintendent Ted Blanchard. Mrs. Paton has been with the Department since 1962. Bottom, Ken Eaton, Senior Captain, left, and Les Douglas, Mate, aboard Kwuna during her trials in August. Ken was formerly Senior Captain of the Cortes Queen and Les was Mate on the Denman Island ferry.
H. T. (TOM) MIARD, the Department's popular and well-liked Deputy Minister for 15 years, has retired after 28 years' service. Prior to that, Mr. Miard was with the Federal Department of Mines and Resources and the Department of Transport. His total service with both Governments adds up to around 40 years.

He was born in 1911 in Coal Creek, a mining-camp 6 miles from Fernie, where his father was a mining inspector. In 1921 the family moved to Fernie, where Tom went to school. A Fernie Free Press item called "50 Years Ago" attests to Tom's diligence and scholarship in those days:

"Tom Miard, winner of the Governor General's Bronze Medal for District 9, was presented with a handsome book by N. E. Sudbury."

He went to the University of British Columbia in the late 20's and graduated in 1933 with a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering. During and after university Tom worked for the Federal Government, and in the mid-thirties he was resident engineer in the Big Bend Highway construction project, much of it built with "relief" labour.

In 1940, Tom joined the Department of Transport, where he worked in the development of some 26 airports in Alberta, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories. During this period he was appointed Assistant District Airways Engineer with headquarters in Lethbridge.

Tom joined the Department of Highways in 1947 as District Engineer at Nelson. In 1950 he became Divisional Engineer in the same area and in 1954 moved to New Westminster in a similar position. He came to Victoria the following year as assistant to the late Evan Jones, Deputy Minister, and then in 1956 was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister. In September 1958 he was made Deputy Minister after Mr. Jones' retirement and he remained in that position until January 1973 when he was given a number of special assignments as Senior Associate Deputy Minister. He worked on these until his retirement in December 1975.

A gathering was held in Cloverdale in June for the retirement of ADOLF MARKUS NIELSEN, a Captain on the Barnston Island ferry. Adolf and his wife, Ethel, were presented with a gift for their home on Barnston Island, where they will continue to live. Adolf was born in 1914 and commenced work as a Ferryman in 1948. He became Captain of the same ferry in 1956.

10-7 CLUB

N. M. F. POPE, Landscape Supervisor, has retired after 35 years in Government service. Mike started work for the Parks Branch in 1940, then under the B.C. Forest Service, working on the development of the Peace Arch Park. After service in the RCAF in the Second World War, Mike went back to the Parks Branch, where he stayed until he transferred to Highways in 1965. While with Highways he served a three-year term on the Roadside Development Committee of the Highway Research Board in Washington, D.C., the only Canadian to be named to the committee. His many friends and colleagues at Headquarters turned out at a large luncheon September 19 to honour Mike and present him with gifts for his retirement.

Senior Road Foreman CHARLIE G. JEFFS, Nelson Highway District, retired June 30 after 42 years' service with the Department. A retirement supper and dance was held honouring Charlie and his wife Hazel attended by friends from parts of the Region and the Province, including former Regional and District officials. Charlie was presented with a gift by George Kent, District Highways Manager, on behalf of his fellow workers and a Meritorious Service Award by Pat McCarthy, Senior Maintenance Engineer.

CAPT. DENIS P. HARVEY has retired after 18 years as a Captain on the Alberni ferry, born in Ipswich, England, he farmed in Alberta during the '30's, joined the navy in 1940, settled in Chilliwack after the war, and started work as Captain on the Agassiz-Rosedale ferry. He was skipper on this ferry until its closure, when the Agassiz-Rosedale Bridge was built. He then transferred to the Albion Ferry and stayed as Captain until his retirement. The 30-member staff and friends held a social evening in May to mark Denis' retirement with his wife, Florence, on his farm in Whonnock.

EDITH M. SILVER, District Office Manager, Vanderhoof District, retired earlier this year after 55 years' service. Edith started with the Department in 1940, progressing from Clerk 1 to District Office Manager in 1955, which position she held until her retirement. Though far from retirement age, Edith decided to retire at the same time as her husband. About 50 employees from Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Fort St. James, and Prince George gathered to honour Edith. L. A. Broddy, Regional Highway Engineer, Prince George, presented her with a Certificate of Meritorious Service and B. D. Hunter, District Highways Manager, presented a gift from fellow employees.

JOHN DILK, Machine Operator, who started in 1961. Both were presented with toy replicas of the equipment they operated, together with cash gifts.

HENRY D. (HANK) REDECOPP, Road Foreman 1, has taken an early retirement after 26 years' service with the Department. On his last working-day a gift from his fellow employees was presented by R. M. McMillan, District Highways Manager.
KARL E. HERRMANN, Labourer, Cranbrook District road crew, retired July 31, 1975, after 23 years' service in various classifications, Shovel Operator, Loader Operator, and Road Maintenance Foreman. Fellow employees joined Karl and his wife for a farewell get-together. He is married with one daughter and three grandchildren. His hobbies are gardening and fishing.

CLARENCE LOFDALH, Bridgeman 2, Merritt District, retired in August after nine years with the bridge crew. He was presented with a silver chalice along with a cash gift. Clarence was the handyman around the District, acting as Carpenter, Painter and whatever other task was required of him. He is now making his residence in Penticton.

PROMOTIONS

W. M. (MERRILL) SPROUL, Assistant Regional Engineer, Prince George, has been appointed Regional Highway Engineer for Region 3, Nelson. Merrill has been with the Department since 1956. He is married with four children and enjoys golf and woodworking. He will not be moving to Nelson for a time because of a senior staff shortage at Prince George.

ED COSMAN, new Foreman at Coalmont, Merritt District. Ed comes from Clinton and was the successful candidate for the Coalmont position.

MISS BEVERLEY O. BOOTH has recently been promoted from Clerk 3, Headquarters payroll office, to Clerk 4 (Trainee) in the New Westminster District office. Bev started with the Department in May 1971 as a Clerk-Typist in the Headquarters accounts payable office.

NATALIE REINKE has been appointed Clerk 5, Vanderhoof District Office Manager. She started as Clerk-Stenographer 2, advancing to Clerk 3 in 1974 as Timekeeper. She replaces Mrs. Edith Silver who retired in May.

Other recent promotions include J. C. COPLEY, Engineering Aide 2, Kamloops, to Engineering Aide 3; A. B. SKOGAN, Engineering Aide 2, Kamloops, to Engineering Aide 3; R. J. STOREY, Engineering Aide 3, Prince George, to Engineering Assistant, Kamloops; J. D. MCDONALD, Engineering Aide 2, North Vancouver, to Engineering Assistant, Kamloops; P. G. BEYER, Engineering Aide 1, Burns Lake, to Engineering Assistant, Chilko; W. S. MILLER, Engineering Aide 2, Quesnel, to Engineering Assistant, Salmon Arm; L. R. FLEMING, Engineering Aide 2, Lillooet, to Engineering Assistant, Quesnel; J. D. MACDONALD, Engineering Aide 3, Trail, to Engineering Assistant, Rossland; T. E. BOHAN, Engineering Aide 2, New Denver, to Engineering Assistant; J. P. O'BRYAN, Engineering Aide 3, Kimberley, to Engineering Assistant, Cranbrook; R. G. STRAIN, M.O. 3, Golden, to Engineering Assistant; G. W. THIEL, Engineering Aide 3, Quesnel, to Engineering Assistant; K. M. RENSISY, Engineering Aide 3, Vanderhoof, to Engineering Assistant; G. APPERLOO, Engineering Aide 3, Smithers, to Engineering Assistant; D. V. VARNER, Engineering Aide 3, Terrace, to Engineering Assistant; J. H. VANDERWOLF, Bridgeman 2, Lillooet, to Bridgeman 3, R. GUSTAFSON, M.O. 7, Cloverdale, to Foreman 1 (Road); N. R. ALDERSO, Foreman 2 (Road), Fort St. John, to Foreman 3 (Road), New Denver; D. D. GENTLES, Engineering Aide 3, Castlegar, to Engineering Assistant; W. E. J. NEWMAN, Engineering Aide 3, Terrace, to Engineering Assistant; D. L. LA BAR, Engineering Aide 2, Hope, to Engineering Aide 3, Construction Branch; D. S. BLANCHET, Engineering Aide 2, Cloverdale, to Engineering Aide 3, Construction Branch; J. H. WILSON, Engineering Aide 2, Manning Park, to Engineering Aide 3, Construction Branch; J. R. O'FLAHERTY, Engineering Aide 2, Hope, to Engineering Aide 3, Construction Branch; J. A. BODNER, Machine Operator 7, Horsefly, to Foreman 1 (Road); W. J. PIJL, Engineering Aide 3, Terrace, to Engineering Assistant, Paving Branch; E. J. JOHNSON, Machine Operator 3, Terrace, to Bridgeman 2, Vanderhoof.
ABOUT PEOPLE...

As Clerk-Typist, CAROL McGREGOR joined the Headquarters Services Branch in June 1974. Among other duties, Carol keeps track of milesages for transportation units and requests for credit cards. Her husband is with the Department of Lands and their hobbies are curling and lawn bowling.

DONNA JODREY started as Clerk-Typist in June 1975, and her work is mainly in conjunction with coding and typing various letters and instructions. Donna and her husband enjoy bicycling and going for walks. Her favourite past-time is needlepoint and cooking.

SYLVIA ARNOLD, who worked for a time in the Nanaimo District office, has now acquired the position of Parking-lot Attendant for the Gabriola Ferry. Her friends in the Nanaimo office wish her every success in her new position.

A bright new addition to the Nanaimo District office staff is MAIRI DONALDSON, now working part-time on the Maintenance Management Program.

MONA SHARPE has been a Clerk-Typist in Region I office since April 1974. Mona likes cats, cooking, and buying clothes, though not necessarily in that order, and since her marriage in May 1975, she has found that housework too has to be a hobby. She would like to travel.

CONVALESCENT

J. L. TEICHROEB, Machine Operator, Vanderhoof Highway District, has returned to work after an illness which kept him off the job for six weeks.

CAROLE LA-FLEUR has been the Personnel Assistant in Region I since joining the Department in October 1974. Previously Carole had gained experience by working in labour relations with the International Air Transport Association in Montreal, where she was raised, and with B.C. Telephone. Carole has travelled extensively in Latin America and Europe, and has studied in the University of Madrid. Her knowledge of French and Spanish aid her in teaching English to New Canadians on a voluntary basis. She enjoys reading, writing, and skiing, and continues to broaden her education by presently attending BCIT.

MEZIADIN CAMP

Meziadin Highways Maintenance Establishment is 40 miles east of Stewart and 100 miles north of the Yellowhead Highway. Most regular employees have trailers and many have their families with them. A new complex for 20 men, complete with washroom and cookhouse, was completed in 1975. The garage was completed in 1972. It has electric floor heating and full heat utilization from the generating plant, heat being circulated through ducts to the shop area.

The establishment is situated close to the Stewart-Watson Lake Highway, 500 feet from Meziadin Lake and provides a tremendous view of the lake, the valley, and the high snow-capped Coast Mountains. Shopping is done in Stewart with the occasional trip to Terrace or Smithers.

The crew is responsible for the section of highway from Cranberry Junction, 50 miles south of the camp, to Cousins Creek, 40 miles north. They are also responsible for a short section west toward Stewart. The crew is now preparing to face another winter of snow conditions that are seldom exceeded anywhere in the Province. Hanna Pass, just north of Meziadin, may receive up to 600 inches of snow annually and can expect to have a spring snowpack in excess of 11 feet. Combined with high winds and narrow roads this makes it an area for a special kind of people and the Department is fortunate in having them at the Meziadin Lake depot.

The Senior Road Foreman FRANK WILDE, who has 11 years of Government service, and his crew are shown. Missing from the pictures is DICK BIRCH, Yardman, Labourer, and jack-of-all-trades. Fishing, hunting, woodworking, Citizens Band radio, target shooting, are some of the hobbies which occupy whatever spare time these people may have.
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A Penny Saved

The following memo was written on February 24, 1932, when a buck was a buck and there weren't too many of them. This was from the Chief Engineer of the Department in Victoria to the General Foreman at Smithers:

"With reference to your A.V. 965, this voucher was paid from Smithers on October 20th, 1931, presumably by Cheque No. 3275. The voucher covers two C.N.R. accounts: one dated August 25th, 1931 for 2 coils wire rope amounting to $2.55 (this has WB NO. 8-203 quoted in the corner), and the other invoice is dated September 10th, 1931, and is for freight on 1 sheet iron amounting to $1.15. The WB number is 9-113.

With reference to the second matter mentioned, the original abstract of unpaid vouchers showed C.V. 1111 as amounting to $1.44. The voucher, however, read .94¢. This was incorrect. Two invoices were attached to the voucher, but the total of the one for .94¢ was all that was shown. The other, for .50¢, was freight on a box of fittings shipped on September 3rd from Hazelton to Smithers. The original has been changed and gone through our books as $1.44."

P. PHILLIP

The More Things Change

Fuel was a problem in the old days too and so were rising prices. The following is a letter to the Cariboo District Engineer from the Minister of Public Works December 4, 1912:

"Replying to your letter of the 15th ult., regarding the purchase of oats for stock in Road Superintendent McNiven's division. I may say I have given instruction to purchase 30,000# which General Road Superintendent More advises me can be had now at 7¢, whereas, in the spring, they cannot be had for less than 9¢ or 10¢. The Vouchers for the payment of same, however, will have to be held as cash and be a charge against the 1913-1914 District Vote for Cariboo."

The file was entitled "Fort George and Cariboo Districts — Horse Feed."
Elegant days of the hunt. In Delta? This scene was the start of a "Drag Hunt" in 1913 with the Ladner ferry Helen M. Scanlon in the background. In a drag hunt no live fox was used. A scented object was dragged by horse and rider in advance and the hunters and hounds tracked it. Note the cars. One on left is said to be a 1910 Cadillac and the other appears to be a later model. Picture was given to Jack Ward, Carpenter, Dock Design District, by Ernie Austin, whose family was well known in that area in the early days.

Fodens Ltd.
Sandbach.

Found in an old file was this picture of a Foden Steam Wagon, two of which the Department of Public Works obtained in 1912 for the Delta and Dewdney Districts. Cost for each was $4,300. The machine weighed nearly 5 tons, would carry 6 tons and had a top speed of 6 miles an hour. Operator had to be a 4th Class Steam Engineer. By 1914 the Department decided to stick to gasoline trucks for hauling and the steam wagons were converted and used for road oiling. They were still around until about 1920.
Complete electrical facelift is under way in the Massey Tunnel, New Westminster District. Left, "hay rack" was put together by District crews for installation of new conduit and light fixtures. Right, north portal of the tunnel showing present dark interior in contrast to bright exterior sunlight. Working on the rig is Philip Lalley, Electrician, on the ladder, Electrical Construction Foreman Larry Berkey.

A. Casagrande, formerly Road Foreman at Duncan in the Nanaimo District, is now Road Foreman in charge of four-lane widening on Trans-Canada Highway, Cassidy section.

Standing beside recent R.O.P.S. installation on R-664 loader in the Nelson District are, left to right, B. Lines, Regional Driver Trainer; W. Kortegaard, Shop Foreman, and T. Agopsowicz, Mixing Plant Foreman.

Nanaimo has just recently acquired a new Bamford brushing machine. The operator, Larry Proteau, is seen with the new unit in the background.

Installation of the first metric information sign in the Prince Rupert Highway District. Where? Ten kilometres from Prince Rupert on Highway 16, of course. Lloyd Rosell, Road Foreman, left, and Donato Grossi, Sign Maintenance Man, do the honours.

Len Lund, Bridgeman 2, Vanderhoof District, filling in the end of a 6-foot cattle underpass. John Mulvev, Bridgeman 3, not to be denied a peek, is at the edge of the pipe.
Transformer recently moved by B.C. Hydro from Nicola Lake to the Nicola substation on Douglas Lake Road. Low-bed trailer was specially constructed to haul the transformers, weighing 340,000 pounds. The total weight of the loaded truck and trailer was 513,100 pounds. The Bailey bridge is 70 feet long, triple single-chord reinforced with four trusses per bay. The deflection or sag on the bridge when the load was going across was only 1 1/2 inches.

The Vanderhoof District bridge crew, with the help of nine auxiliaries, has been decking the new Omineca River Bridge near Germansen Landing for the Department of Mines. At the right is the old Omineca Bridge and on the left, first span of the new bridge.


Pete Desnerais, Project Supervisor, Nanaimo District, is just completing a section of four-laning on the Island Highway. Three members of his survey crew are, left to right. Bruce Campbell, Gerry Aldous, and Glen Laudin.

J. Reed, Shop Foreman, Cranbrook District, left, and A. Latozky, Shop Foreman, Golden District, at new Golden shop recently. Foremen were viewing a new type of sand and salt spreader.

A second bridge taking shape in Cassidy, Nanaimo District, to provide for four lanes on the Trans-Canada Highway.
TRAINING AND SAFETY . . . "ROADEOS"

CHILLIWACK

Winners in various categories pose with prizes, above. Left to right, Glen Steiger, Machine Operator, Abbotsford, second in 4-ton class; Al Funk, Machine Operator, Rosedale, first in 4-ton; Don McCall, Foreman, Rosedale, who accepted award for best maintained vehicle on behalf of Rosedale mechanical crew; Bill Geyer, Machine Operator, Agassiz, first in crew cab; Bill Grieves, Bridgeman, second in crew cab. Below, tricky maneuver for 4-ton under watchful eye of judge Tom Yearsley, Region 1 Mechanical Superintendent.

Pat Carr, Regional Highway Engineer, right, makes presentation to Bill Geyer. Some 60 employees took part in the event, several of which have been held throughout the Province this year. Below, two hopefuls, Mel Lum, Machine Operator, Abbotsford; and Pete Roche, Machine Operator, use engine hood for desk to complete the written part of the competition.

SAFE DRIVER TRUCK ROADEOS

The RR has recently featured a number of articles and illustrations on truck "roadeos." The question has been asked: "What is the purpose of holding truck roadeos within the Department?" Hal Dennies, Region 1 Safety Officer, has provided some answers. He says they should (a) promote improved driving skills and familiarization with adverse driving conditions by the operator; (b) evoke personal pride in the crew, District, Region, and further improve communications in the Department; and (c) stimulate friendly competition among crews, yards, Districts, and Regions.

It is intended that all Districts and Regions will conduct roadeos on a yearly basis, with awards and prizes in each District. The objective would then be to hold an inter-Regional competition for the best District and finally a Departmental competition for the best Region.

Mr. Dennies found it gratifying at the recent roadeos to see support from Management, the British Columbia Government Employees' Union, and a keen interest by all personnel participating. Win or lose it is a combination of skills, improved relations, and a better understanding of people working with each other from day to day.

James L. Stimpson, left, Mechanic 2, accepts Most Improved District Safety trophy for the Cranbrook District presented by Gil Kilgour of the Public Service Commission at a banquet held in Trail last summer.
SAANICH

Recent track rodeo in Saanich District saw some 120 people in attendance. A few above are, left to right, Don Hogg, Larry Citra, Carson Dupuis, Bill Williams, Rich Marchie, Steve O'Neill, Keith Bamfield, Les Johnson, Bill Olsen, Dan Scoones, Dave Miller, Joe Arden, Terry Gordon, Bill McFarlane, Nelson Carlow, Ernie Glashutter, Rod Bitterman, Tom Rothgardt, John Smith, and Harry Linton.

Placing well in the crew cab contest was Marlene Barry, Clerk-Typist in the Saanich District office.

First place in the 4-ton competition was Dave Miller, right, Mechanical Foreman, Saltspring Island, here receiving prize from P. J. Carr, Regional Highway Engineer.

Making a convincing gaucho—even on a loader-activated hobby horse—Langford Machine Operator, Marty Didrich, did his thing at the rodeo to provide some "half-time" entertainment.

Training Program Available

A new self-advancement training program has been developed and is now available for all Department of Highways employees.

Officially called the Highway Technology Training Program, it features a wide range of correspondence credit courses developed jointly by the Department and the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Its objectives are as follows:

- To provide catch-up and upgrading opportunities for all classifications.
- To make the program available in all locations in the Province.
- To provide a flexible program allowing inter-branch mobility.
- To permit advanced training in specialized fields.
- To allow students to reach levels acceptable to recognized certifying groups.
- To evaluate other training for credit.

Highways Minister Graham Lea has urged employees "to avail themselves of this opportunity for self-advancement."

"This program is not solely for technicians," he said, "it is for any persons in the Department who seek the personal satisfaction of upgrading their knowledge and training—for that satisfaction alone, for advancement, for specialization, or toward a change in their lines of work. Knowledge leads to mobility in employment opportunity."

The Minister said he was pleased with the co-operation the Department received from BCIT in working with Highways staff in the development of the program.

"The Institute has lent its substantial prestige to the value of the certificates which will be awarded on completion of each of the three levels," he said.

There are 21 courses at Level 1 and 26 at Level 2 such as Communications, Drafting, Math, Construction Methods, Geology and Soils, Computer Applications, Principles of Supervision, Maintenance Management, Photo Interpretations. A third level is also being planned.

Detailed information on the courses and application forms are available at District offices and maintenance establishments.
NEW DENVER

First place winners at recent New Denver District truck rodeo are shown here, above right. They are back row, left to right, N. A. Lindstein, Mechanic Helper; M. G. Flynn, Stockman; R. E. Broughton, Mechanic Foreman; D. E. Gee, Mechanic; R. J. Lahner, Mechanic; K. K. Peters, Mechanic; J. Johnson, and J. R. McDonough, Mechanic; front row, B. J. Ogilvie, Mechanic; B. J. Wilson, Mechanic; A. J. Edwards, Mechanic Helper; A. Latkin, G. O. Skaar, Mechanic. Above, over-all first place winner W. A. McCargar receiving prize from H. J. Keisall, Assistant Regional Highway Engineer. Right, caught at lunch break during rodeo are, left to right, E. M. Bergen, Machine Operator; R. D. Unrau, Machine Operator; A. J. Edwards, J. B. Banman, Labourer; and C. F. Allen, Machine Operator.

LILLOOET

Lillooet District had its truck rodeo earlier in the summer. Shown here are winners of the best over-all crew trophy. From Gold Bridge they are, left to right, Brian Tremblay, Machine Operator; Jim Keir, Foreman, with trophy; Philip Madsen, Machine Operator; and Tom Illidge, Machine Operator. Also shown, Ernie Neliz, Truck Driver, Lillooet, who was first in 4-ton competition.

“Stay Back and Stay Safe”

A frequent and costly accident is the collision with the vehicle ahead. But there are four simple rules to help avoid it.

1. STAY ALERT—Watch for signs from the driver ahead which may indicate his intentions. Is his turn signal on? Are his brake lights on? Is he drifting to the right or left, indicating preparation for a turn?

2. STAY AHEAD OF THE SITUATION—Look beyond the car ahead and get a bigger picture. He might be in a situation which would force him to act quickly, and this could involve you. Are there pedestrians, parked cars, or cross-walks which could create a forced stop?

3. STAY BACK—Allow one car length for every 10 miles an hour in your speed—more during adverse road or weather conditions. Use the TWO SECOND rule to be sure. As the car ahead passes any fixed object, count “one thousand and one, one thousand and two.” If you reach the same object before you have finished counting, you are travelling too closely.

4. START SLOWING SOONER—Apply your brakes the instant you see a hazard developing, but slow gradually. Even though you may not have to stop, you will have lessened the brake reaction distance and alerted the driver behind you to a possible emergency situation ahead.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD. THAT'S WHERE THE ACTION IS!
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Men's low gross winner Lundy Hamilton, Rossland District, receives prize from Harry Ronmark, Regional Maintenance Management Technician, after Region 3 gold tournament in July at the Kokanee Springs Golf Course. Some 92 golfers representing a number of Districts took part in the meet.

The best Kamloops District fisherman was a fisherwoman. Mrs. Dennis Hall, wife of the Region 2 Electrical Foreman, won the Kamloops District Fifth Annual Fishing Derby at Roche Lake in June this year with a 3-pound, 11-ounce trout. Runner-up was Dennis Hill with a 3-pound, 2-ounce fish.

Rinks skipped by Jim Lawrence, Regional Personnel Officer, left, with Pat L'Hirondelle, third, Al Nesting, second, Don Page, lead; and George Harper, Saanich District Highways Manager, with Colleen Robertson, third, Lloyd Paulsen, second, and John Ryan, lead; wound up in a tie for first place in a mini-bonspiel at Harrison in conjunction with the recent Region 1 conference.

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WALTER CARYK, left, Mechanic Foreman at Boston Bar, and Neville Hope, District Highways Manager, Merritt District, talk over small administrative problem.

In a reflective mood, Ted Stockand, Patching Foreman, Saanich District, takes a quiet coffee break at the Langford yard.

RICK SMITH and SEAN DONALDO, Quesnel District office, viewing plans of the Red Bluff drainage system.

STEWART PIKE, Clerk-Timekeeper, Kelowna District, transferred from his hometown of Victoria. He likes tennis and both snow and water skiing, and he has plans for ranching in the future.

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New-Terrace Bridge is shown in the top picture just prior to official opening October 25. The Honourable Graham Lea, Minister, presided at the ceremony. The $6,400,000 crossing consists of a 1,240-foot bridge over the main channel of the Skeena River and a 780-foot bridge on the west channel joined by a 1,100-foot roadway embankment across Ferry Island. Bottom left, the old bridge one-quarter mile downstream, and bottom right, procession of local officials and citizens over the new bridge following the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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