Mountain Top Antenna Brings TV to Good Hope Camp

A new cable television system was installed at the Department's Good Hope Lake Camp during the summer to provide residents with the CBC northern network programming originating in Vancouver. The nearest usable signal available in the area comes from Watson Lake on Channel 8 and it in turn is derived from the receiving system in Watson Lake which obtains its signal from the Anik satellite. At a mountain top just north of the camp, the Department has installed a Channel 8 receiving system which amplifies the signal and feeds it down the mountain side to the camp, where the signal is further amplified and distributed by cable. Above left, antenna in place in the mountain-top site with helicopter lowering equipment to Good Hope crew members, left, Tommy Shook, Machine Operator; centre, Gerald Harvey, Fort St. John District Headquarters. The man on the right is believed to be Stewart Zeorb. Other picture above is a view of the lake and the camp from far up the mountainside. Left, Department vehicle passing through snow "cut" between Meziadin and Bob Quinn Camp and, bottom left, to illustrate that the Communications Branch deals with snow in places other than the north, Ian Miller, Special Projects and Construction Supervisor, poses under snow laden tree near Pemberton, just 100 miles northeast of Vancouver.

The following letter was received by the Department in February from Mrs. Marilyn Long, widow of Don Long, Regional Construction Engineer who, with Ken McRae, Regional Safety Officer, died in a commercial plane crash September 30, 1975:

"1179 Bednesti Cres.
Prince George, B.C.
Feb. 9/76,

To All Department of Highway Staff:—

We would like to sincerely thank all of you, who so kindly donated toward the Savings Certificates for the children, as a memorial to Don. The funds will be used for their future education.

Your kindness, help and understanding over the past months will be remembered always.

Sincerely,

Marilyn, Bill, Ken
David & Beth Long″
Minister's Message

It was with great pleasure that I accepted the dual portfolio of Minister of Highways and Public Works. As MLA for Cariboo, which has more miles of gazetted roads than any other riding in the Province, highway priorities and problems have long been a major concern to me.

Over the years I have been impressed and pleased with the way in which the Department gets on with the often thankless job of improving and maintaining the Province's highways. Whenever I have had a complaint from a citizen, I have been very happy with the quick response of the Department to correct the problem.

In the months to come, I am looking forward to getting a closer look at the Department's work and to meeting many more of the people who make up the Headquarters in Victoria and the various Regions around the Province.

ALEX V. FRASER
Minister of Highways and Public Works

The Cariboo Observer at Quesnel has given the Department an editorial pat on the back for its snow-clearing operations during the heavy snow falls in December. "Within 12 hours the main highway was in very good shape..." the Observer observed. Also commending the Town of Quesnel the paper went on to say that within 48 hours city streets were also clear and that all in all it was "a pretty good record when you start counting up the number of streets there are to be cleared in this town and the many miles of highway." Looking back to the old days, the Observer had this to say about people who complain even when given good service: "They tend to forget in this day of the snowplow and sanding truck that there once was a time when everyone just put the old jalopy up on the blocks for the winter." The paper concludes that "people come to expect it (snowplowing)—not only expect it, but expect it Right Now. Many of the grumbles are perhaps the natural result of the Law of Increased Expectations as services come to be taken for granted."

KEITH E. BESPFLUG, of the Geotechnical and Materials Testing Branch in Victoria, and a Toronto Engineering Consultant, are the Canadian winners of the American Society of Civil Engineers 1975 award for research papers on insulated foundation. The new foundation technique produces a three-fold saving by reducing the amount of material to be dug, the quantity of concrete to be poured, and the amount of backfill on completion.

Structural footings normally are placed below frost level, which in most parts of Canada means digging about 7-feet deep. Bespflug and Robinsky's technique is to dig only deep enough to reach stable material, then insulate the footings and foundation with styrofoam board before the concrete is poured. The result is to keep frost from affecting the structure during the time of soil instability, or heaving with freeze-up and thaw. Bespflug said structures built in this way in Timmins, Ontario for the mining industry produced a saving of $30,000.

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COVER PHOTO
Typical of what British Columbian road builders are often up against is this spectacular view of the Fraser River at Hunter Creek, where 160,000 cubic yards of rock is being excavated from this 250-foot high bluff to make room for widening the Trans-Canada Highway to four lanes. Glimpse of railway and highway is visible far below.

—Photo courtesy Vancouver Sun
10-7 CLUB

EARL MACLEOD, Road Foreman, Savona, bid adieu to the Department after 23 years service on January 13, 1976. His retirement party was well attended by his many friends and co-workers. A plaque memento gift was presented to Earl. A plaque memento gift was presented to Earl with a certificate.

C. EARL MARTINSON, Road Foreman, 4, Salmon Arm District, retired December 31, 1975. W. A. Huddlen, District Highways Manager, presented Earl with a certificate for 29 years of meritorious service. Earl and his wife, Janet, were honoured at a banquet and dance attended by a large crowd of friends and fellow employees.

GORDON DOUGLAS, recently retired as Mechanical Foreman at Vernon, was feted at a dinner, where he was presented with gifts and a scroll. He began with the Department at Courtenay in 1940, transferred to New Denver for three years, after which he returned to Courtenay. He left the Department in 1950 to go into private business. In 1960 he rejoined the Department as Mechanical Foreman at Boston Bar. Subsequently, he transferred to Williams Lake for three years before transferring to Vernon, where he finished out his time in November 1975. His hobbies are building boats and ham radio—his call letters are VE7BH1. He and his wife will continue to reside in Vernon.

NEIL MCNIVEN, of New Westminster, has hung up his "Gone Fishing" sign. Neil started working for the Department in 1954 and after more than 20 years retired in November due to ill-health. During his years of service he has worked as a Truck-driver, Graderman, and leaves the Department as a Foreman 1. He has worked the entire time in Coquitlam District. He enjoys getting up early in the morning and taking off in his truck and camper for remote areas of the Province, especially where the fish are running. Neil and his wife will continue to live at their present address, 2280 Kelly Avenue, Port Coquitlam.

CHESTER LLOYD, Machine Operator at Duncan in Nanaimo District, recently retired after 28 years with the Department. A widower, he recently remarried and plans to travel in his retirement. Chester farmed on the prairies and worked in a Yowbou sawmill before joining the Department in Duncan.

JOHNNY OLIVER began work with the Department in 1952. He retired last year after working all of his 23½ years in the Crawford Bay-Gray Creek, Nelson District, as Truck Driver and Foreman 1. He is married with three children. Hobbies are mainly hunting and fishing. He also has a farm to look after which will keep him well occupied in his retirement. A dinner was held at Mountain Shores Resort by fellow employees honouring John on his retirement.

OVE WILSON, Creston, Nelson District, was presented with a farewell gift from fellow employees on his recent retirement from the Department. Ove began work with the Department in 1963 with the Construction Branch survey crew. The next year he transferred to the Creston Maintenance Yard, where he worked mainly as Loader Operator. Ove and his wife plan to go into the restaurant business in the near future.

BILL PLEASANTS, Road Foreman, Duncan, in the Nanaimo District, has recently retired after 18 years with the Department. His future plans include hunting, fishing, and extensive travelling.

ROMEO LAND, Labourer, of Vanderhoof District, retired in October 1975. Matt was employed on a casual basis from 1966 to 1973, when he became a steady employee. He has a farm in the Mapes District, where he will probably spend his retirement years.

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Hector R. MacKenzie, Region 1 Regional Property Negotiator, retired on July 31, 1975, after 29 years service with the Provincial Government. During World War II, Hector served in England, France, Germany, and Belgium with the Canadian Army Overseas, as an Auxiliary Officer, YMCA. From 1946 to 1957 he worked in the Kamloops Land Registry Office and became Senior Title Examiner. While in Kamloops he took an active interest in community sports. After joining the Department in 1957, Hector served in all four Regions, and presently lives in Langley, where he and his wife Connie are ardent golfers. P. J. Carr, Regional Engineer, Burnaby, right, presents Hector with his Meritorious Service Certificate.
### PROMOTIONS

**JOE F. McNABB**, formerly a Project Supervisor with the Bridge Branch, won the position of Technician 3 at Dease Lake through competition. He is Acting Highway Manager in charge of Atlin, Good Hope Lake, Dease Lake, Telegraph Creek, Tatoga Lake, and Bob Quinn Lake maintenance establishments. Having been stationed at Port McNeill for a time, he and his family miss the ocean but are enjoying the slower pace which accompanies northern living.

**MIKE ZYLICZ**, Technician 1, has won through competition the position of Avalanche Co-ordinator in the Terrace District. He was formerly with the Geotechnical and Engineering Assistant-District Office, Cranbrook District. Mike started with the Department in May 1974. His hobbies are ski-ing, scuba diving, photography, and sailing. Mike's avalanche work will be on Yellowhead Highway 16, between Terrace and Prince Rupert.

**J. P. O'BRYAN** was the successful applicant for the position of Engineering Assistant-District Co-ordinator, Maintenance Management, Cranbrook District. Jack started with the Department April 29, 1963, with the Design and Surveys Branch, and transferred to Cranbrook in November 1973. He is married with four children and enjoys fishing and hunting.

**MRS. NORAH JU-BINVILLE**, Office Manager, Burns Lake District. Norah may be shy before a camera but she's outspoken otherwise. Norah was recently promoted from Timekeeper.

**CHUCK HUNTER**, Nanaimo shop, has recently been promoted to Mechanic 2.

**REGINALD JEFFERSON**, Machine Operator 5, won the position through competition and transferred from Terrace. Northern living seems to agree with the Jeffersons; he says perhaps it's because the farther north you go, the friendlier the people are.

**SANDY BEGGS** has won through competition the Clerk 3 position in the Terrace District office. She was formerly with the Provincial Emergency Program. Sandy enjoys reading, painting, and crocheting. Her husband, Gerry, is the local Driver Examiner with MVB.

**ROBERT G. STRAIN** recently won through competition the position of District Co-ordinator for the Golden District. Bob has been with the Department since 1967 working as an operator on the District road crew. He is married with two sons. His interests include hunting, fishing, bee-keeping, gardening, and baseball.

**SHARON BELKNAP** recently won through competition the Clerk 2 position in the Terrace District office. She was formerly with the Department of Finance. Sharon has two children, and a new addition to the family, a Siamese kitten called Yoko or Mac.

**ED HOOPER** won the position of Yardman at Good Hope Lake through competition in January 1975. A native of Merritt, he is enjoying his bachelor status, his motorcycle, hunting and fishing, in that order.

**JOE HARWOOD** recently won through competition the position of Machine Operator 3 with the Testing Branch Benkelman Beam truck. He will be stationed in Kamloops. He began with the Department in Vernon in 1960, and his main hobby is collecting military regalia.

**ALBERT (RED) EVANS** won through competition the position of Road Foreman 3 at Cassidy, Nanaimo District. Albert had formerly been Foreman in the Nanaimo and Duncan areas.

**ARNIE KRAUS** won the position of Maintenance Management Technician at Merritt. Arnie was previously with the Construction Branch throughout Regions 1 and 2.

**PAT DICKSON**, Clerk-Stenographer 2 in the Vanderhoof District, has won through competition the Clerk 3-Timekeeper position in the same location.

Other recent promotions include R. M. OAKLEY, Foreman 1, Fort St. John, to Foreman 2 (Road), Williams Lake. R. W. REIMCHE, Mechanic 3, Cloverdale, to Mechanic 4, Chetwynd; B. P. KELLY, Labourer, Langford, to Assistant Sign Painter; D. K. MCPHERSON, Mechanic 2, Williams Lake, to Mechanic 3, Bella Coola; E. B. TERRILON, Bridge Operator 2, North Vancouver, to Bridge Operator 3; W. D. BLOWER, Bridge Operator 1, Prince George, to Bridge Operator 2; C. MENSINK, Mechanic 3, Kamloops, to Mechanic Foreman 1 (Mechanic 5), Prince George; J. F. MERCHANT, Mechanic 2, Ladysmith, to Mechanic 3, North Vancouver.
ABOUT PEOPLE...

LIONEL H. MERCIER, A.A.C.I., F.R.I., R.I.(B.C.), N.P., joined the Department as Regional Property Negotiator, Region 1, in August 1975. After graduation in real estate appraisal from UBC, and the Appraisal Institute of Canada, Lionel gained considerable experience in all aspects of real estate, investments, and appraisals by operating his own companies. During World War II, he served with the RCAF and, being bilingual in English and French, conducted various language and technical studies overseas. He has held many elected or appointed offices, which include President or Vice-President of real estate companies and boards, Chairman of Chamber of Commerce committees, Governor of Toastmasters International, and Mayor of Vernon.

KAY VISRAM has been secretary to the Regional Property Negotiator in Region 1, shortly after joining the Department in August 1974. Born and raised in Kenya, Kay lived near Nairobi and worked there as secretary to a bank manager for 10 years. Before settling in Canada she had travelled extensively in Africa and Europe. Travelling still tops her recreational interests, but she is happy to devote most of her leisure time to reading and gardening.

MARIO PAVLACKOVIĆ has been a Property Negotiator in Region 1 since joining the Department in April 1975. Born in Yugoslavia and raised in British Columbia, Mario studied a variety of subjects at the University of British Columbia before determining that his true interest was in real estate and land registry. During his fourth year at UBC, Mario operated his own dry-cleaning business, but his interests now are tennis, skiing, and go-kart racing, with perhaps a desire to become a hobby-farmer.

T. S. (TIM) COOKE joined the Department in November 1974 as assistant to the Regional Paving Superintendent in Region 1. Following graduation from Carleton University, Tim was employed by Public Works Canada as a Project Engineer on the Mackenzie Highway south of Inuvik in 1973, and in 1974 in bridge design and construction in Kouchibougouac National Park in New Brunswick. Tim holds a pilot's licence for both land and sea aircraft, and also includes among his hobbies skiing, sailing, and ice hockey.

MURIEL PATTERSON joined the Department and Region office in January 1975 as a Draughtsman. Born in Iceland and raised in Manitoba, Muriel was trained in visual arts at the Calgary Institute of Technology and the Banff School of Fine Arts. She is an accomplished artist in oils, acrylics, and water-colours and specializes in murals. Muriel has taught painting and pottery-making in adult education classes and has worked as a DVA hospital supervisor in arts and crafts therapy. An outdoors person at heart, she is pleased that the scenes along Highway 16 which she has painted have been exhibited in British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

DEBBIE DUNN joined the Region 3 office staff at Nelson in December 1975 as a Clerk 2. She is working in the Maintenance Management section and enjoys skiing, reading, and cooking.

IAN SCOTT, affable Yardman, Vanderhoof District. Ian became a regular employee of the Department in May 1973. He is married and has six children, who help make life interesting on their farm at Engen.

NEW CO-ORDINATOR in Kamloops District is SHAUN SWEENEY, Technician 1. Shaun was previously in Courtenay and Burns Lake. He and his wife, Grace, both musicians, were part of a musical group called "Middle Earth." Grace is soon to make a solo performance in Kamloops. Shaun's hobby is trying to feed his pet, Puff, a 150-pound St. Bernard.

LEN TRUDEAU, Technician 2, started with the Bridge Construction Branch in 1969. Len is temporarily assigned to the Terrace District where he is working on subdivisions, permits, and reports. He is anticipating a lively summer of outside work on new bridges west of Terrace. His hobbies include fishing and hockey officiating. Len is married and has two children.

NEIL O'NEIL, Engineering Aide 3, joined Headquarters Bridge Branch in 1973. Originally from Fort St. John and a graduate of BCIT, Neil now spends most of his time in Region 2. This winter he can be found in the Salmon Arm District. Neil plays hockey and his team has a perfect record – no wins! Some of Neil's other hobbies include hunting, fishing, and camping.

DON VARNER, Engineering Assistant 4 with the Terrace District, is the Maintenance Management Co-ordinator. Don started with the Department in April 1970. His hobbies include photography and electronics. Don was raised at Usk, a small community 10 miles from Terrace on the north side of Skeena River.

DENNIS REJMAN is a former Creston resident and started employment with the Department of Highways in March 1970 with the Design and Survey Branch at Kamloops. In 1974 he won through competition an Engineering Aide 3 position in Creston. His hobbies are hunting and fishing and he is also fond of canoeing.
NORMA KIRBY, the Kamloops District Stenographer, is a recent arrival in Kamloops. A traveller, Norma has lived in Calgary, Winnipeg, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Mo., Chicago, and Cincinnati. She was born in an Iceland community called Riverton where her first experience with the English language was when she attended grade school. Norma is still fluent in Icelandic and is presently with a group that is trying to form a multicultural society in the Kamloops area. Her hobbies include sewing, macrame, crocheting, and gardening.

D. M. (DOUG) BAIRD, Courtenay District Stockman, has been with the Department since 1951. Doug is a well-known local musician who taught himself to play the piano. His interest in the piano dates back to 1926 when he was impressed with the variety of piano accompaniment at silent movies. Doug and several friends formed a musical group known as "Doug Baird's Orchestra" and played all around Vancouver Island for 20 years.

BEVERLEY F. GREEN, District Technician for the Golden Highway District since 1958. Born in Nelson, Bev is married and has two children. Main outside interests include badminton, tennis, and hiking.

E. C. (ED) HOGG, Mechanic Foreman, Burns Lake. Ed is President of the local Rod and Gun Club, teaches hunter education, and drives ambulance for the Ambulance Society. In his spare time he is an avid snowmobiler and curler.

BOBY N. HOLOWENKO, Yardman with the Golden District, began with the Department in 1964 at Golden. Bob is married with two sons. His main interests include hockey, fishing, hunting, and gardening.

ANITA STASYN joined the Nelson Regional Highway Department in September 1975 as a Clerk-Stenographer. Her hobbies include stamp-collecting and raising plants.

HEATHER WHITEHEAD, Clerk-Typist in the Burns Lake District office. "Head" is known for her pleasant voice on the radio.
Four stages of development in a century are illustrated vividly in these pictures of Parson’s Bridge on Highway 1A about 6 miles from Victoria. Top left, timber trestle built in 1873 and, top right, new timber-truss bridge put in around 1900. In 1926 a new concrete-arch bridge was built, bottom left. It was widened and a sidewalk added on the outside in 1961. In 1974 a second two-lane structure was added, bottom right, to fit in with the newly four-laned highway. Note the building in the left background, part of which was in the original photo taken in 1900.
Photograph taken in the early 1920's of the Park Bridge over the Kicking Horse River on the Trans-Canada Highway east of Golden.

Early shot of Yoho Park Bridge on the Trans-Canada Highway over the Kicking Horse River between Golden and the Alberta border.
TRAINING AND SAFETY

A group of Department personnel who took part in a dramatic rescue operation on the Cranberry River north of Kitwanga, June 14, were recently presented with St. John Ambulance awards and Premier's Citation certificates in two separate ceremonies in Victoria. The men, mostly from Design and Survey Branch crews, rescued and revived four of eight people in a submerged car which went into the river at 7 p.m. A fifth person was rescued by the driver of a camper at the scene. Three young people, a brother and sister aged 17 and 18, and another boy aged 16 died. Shown after the presentation early in December are James Bertram, Herb Walker, Hans Penner, Ken Hawkins, Francis Bosley, Georgia Caon, and Denis Barrette. A full account of the rescue was carried in the fall 1975 edition of the RR. Others involved in the rescue were Jim Turner, Pete Hobson, Randy Kennedy, Harold De Vries, Terry Naylor, Terry Gale, Harry Wright, Andrew Norfolk, Dan Nordquist, and Kent Greigard.

Buckle-Up for Safety

Not long ago a Department employee was involved in a collision, and was badly injured. The force of the impact and the spinning vehicle threw him violently around in the front seat.

In another instance, while a Department vehicle was making a left turn, the door on the passenger's side flew open, the passenger fell out and was seriously hurt.

In the first case, wearing a seat belt would certainly have lessened the injuries. In the second, the employee would have avoided injury altogether if he had buckled-up.

Another case points out the value of using seat belts. A sanding truck came over the crest of a hill, went out of control, spun around, and then turned over. The driver credits his seat belts with saving him from any injury whatever.

These are not isolated cases. It has been proven that using seat belts lessens injury, and allows the driver more positive control, especially in "off road" or "upset" situations.

Department vehicles are equipped with seat belts for employee protection.

Regulations state: "SEAT BELTS installed in mobile equipment SHALL be used when the equipment is in motion."

For SAFETY sake use your SEAT BELT and make sure passengers also BUCKLE-UP.

Ron E. Mack joined Region 3 as Regional Safety Officer in December 1975. Ron was born in Nelson, lived in the Slocan and Trail area, spent 12 years in Canadian Army Medical Corps, was employed by Mannix Company Limited as Safety Officer, Safety Director for Marine Pipeline Limited, and Safety Officer for the Alberta Trunk Gas Line Company Ltd. He is Past Director and Secretary of the Alberta Association of Safety Personnel, Past President of the Instructor's Association, President of the St. John Ambulance in Calgary, and a Director of the Provincial Council of St. John.

Bill Marks, Region 3 First Aid Instructor. Beginning in August 1975, Bill has travelled the Region and to date 350 employees have successfully completed the safety-oriented first-aid course.

Bill comes to Nelson from Kitimat, where he was active in hockey and swimming. He is past President of the Pacific Northwest Hockey League and his hobbies include canoeing and guitar playing. He is married with three children.

Jim Parker, left Mechanic 6, and Jack Rourke, Road Maintenance Foreman 4, at Good Hope Lake shown with what they claim is the "Good Housekeeping Award for 1974." Those who know them are inclined to believe it is a trophy for the "Best Teller of Tall Tales."

G. A. Warrington, Regional Mechanical Superintendent, Prince George, right, presents the Silver Safety Award to Don Clark, Safety Committee representative of Fort St. James road crew, Vanderhoof District. Since this crew averages only six men, a number of years is required to attain the necessary accident-free hours.
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Successful Region 1 Mixed Bonspiel was held last November at Hope with 16 rinks entered, many from Vancouver Island, and some from as far away as Prince George. Three winning rinks are shown above. First in A event was a rink from Hope, top left, left to right, Don Kirkland, skip; Mary Kirkland; Eve Dash; and Ron Dash. First in B event, centre left, were, left to right, Al Nesting; Kathleen Nesting; Pat Walsh; and Neil Carrington, skip from Sayward. First in C event, above, were left to right, Jeanetta Ramsey, skip; Hugh Williams, Doug Wright; and Eleanor Carson from Hope. Rinks from Victoria, Nanaimo, and Victoria were second in the three events, respectively.

The Annual Two-Ender Bonspiel held on January 10, 1976, in Kamloops, was the best yet with 24 rinks competing. The first place went to Ric Meidinger's team with a 5–0 record. Left to right, Ken McMillan, lead; Brian Griffiths, second; Bart Leinart, third; Rich Meidinger, skip. Second place was cinched by John Rumple's rink with John Thomas, lead; Fred Lewis, second; and Barb Davidson, third.

WEDDINGS

ARTHUR THOMAS PITCHER, Machine Operator in the Williams Lake District, was recently married to CORINNE HAWKINS in the Sealing Room of the Latter-day Saints Temple in Mesa, Arizona. Art and his bride received congratulations from his fellow workers.

MISS PENNY BURNOCK, McBride Voucher Clerk, and ALLAN STEFANIK, were married in November 1975 in the Kamloops Courthouse. They will be making their home in Kamloops.

PAT LAWRENCE, Clerk in the Courtenay District office, recently received a gift of lamps from the Courtenay District office staff prior to becoming Mrs. Pat Dooman.
ON THE JOB...

Some of the crew in the new maintenance shop at Salvus Camp in the Terrace District. Left to right, Chuck Sallenback, Machine Operator; John Plummer, Mechanic; Dennis Griffiths, Sign Maintenance Man, and Bill Pelech, Salvus Camp Road Foreman.

Pictures, left and above, show slide damage at François Lake north ferry-landing and subsequent drill investigations. The dock had to be rebuilt for the ferry. A new and larger ferry is planned for 1976 and should accommodate up to 40 cars. Dock contracts started this winter and the new vessel should be sailing in the summer.

Bruno Pahl, Backhoe Operator, Dawson Creek Highways District, installing culverts on the Boundary Road reconstruction project. Bruno is a long-time resident of the area and a skilled machine operator.

Ivan Benoit, Machine Operator in the Terrace District, is shown helping out on the reconstruction of the Kalum Lake Road.
Richard L. Lewis, Project Supervisor with Bridge Construction, is carrying out the instrument work for locating the bridge substructure at Horsey Creek bridge site on the Yellowhead Highway. Rick joined the Department following graduation from BCIT in May 1973. He is a certified member of the Society of Engineering Technologists of B.C., and his outside interests are hunting, fishing, and hiking.

John Bjornay and Dave Ruschesinski of the Dawson Creek Highways District congratulating each other after a successful culvert installation at Mile 13, Alaska Highway, Route 97. A steel pipe was pulled through a 39-year-old wood box-culvert which was falling, and gravel was washed in between the two structures. The traffic was not interrupted for a minute on the highway over the 20-foot fill.

Capt. Ian Scott, Courtenay District, has been with the Department since 1969 as a Ferry Captain. Presently he is the Senior Captain on the Department ferry MV Quadra Queen II which operates between Campbell River and Quadra Island in the Courtenay District.

J. W. (Jack) Cuford, Labourer with the Courtenay District road crew, pauses while loading salt as temporary Machine Operator in the Courtenay yard.

George Halman, Machine Operator at Lake Cowichan in the Nanaimo District, is smiling. The reason—the exceptional January weather they were experiencing at the lake.

The Penticton District bridge crew pouring north abutment for the Allison Creek bridge which is to replace a culvert 15 miles north of Princeton on Highway 5.
Busy season, busy men. Saïoa road crew, Kamloops District, take a moment for Road Runner. Left to right, Dave Rawson, Labourer; Earl McLeod, Senior Road Foreman; George Merry, Machine Operator 4; Vern Kingsley, Machine Operator 6; Bob Ker, Machine Operator 3; Stan Gold, Machine Operator 6; Bill Murphy, Labourer; John Boyko, Labourer; Dick Haller, Machine Operator 3; Norm Veillette, Labourer.

Chetwynd Crew, Dawson Creek Highways District, pause from their culvert steaming operation. Left to right are Dale Disher, Labourer; Jim McClarity, Machine Operator 3, and Stan Parr, Machine Operator 3.

Using concrete perforated pipe and dry well for a drainage problem on Park Road in the Kelowna area.

Frank Mounsey, Foreman Mount Le-Moray Camp, Dawson Creek Highways District. Frank pauses in front of the sign informing motorists of the avalanche area on Highway 97, Pine Pass area.

OBITUARIES

Employees of the Department, and particularly those of the Design and Survey Branch, were saddened by the death of PETER HUNT on November 26, 1975. Born in Manchester, England, in 1925, Peter served in the RAF during the Second World War and graduated from the University of Manchester in 1947 with a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering. He came to Canada in 1954, and after working for a time with the Ontario Department of Highways, he came west and started with the B.C. Department in January 1956, three months before his oldest son was born. The son, Richard, now works for the Department in the Saanich District office on Burnside. Peter was appointed Computer Engineer in 1963 and was responsible for many programs in use today. He graduated from the Executive Development Training Plan in 1964. His quick wit, intelligence, and sense of humour will be missed by all.

W. A. McEACHERN (Sr.), former Courtenay District Bridge Foreman, who retired in 1967, died January 24, 1976. His son, William (Jr.), is a member of the present bridge crew in the Courtenay District.

New Westminster Highways District was saddened to learn that MAURICE J. DUMONT died suddenly after just retiring last May as the Bridge Tender on the Pitt River Bridge. The funeral was held January 15, 1976. He is survived by his wife at Port Coquitlam.
Kathi Aquino, Clerk-Stenographer, recently transferred from Headquarters to the Nanaimo District office. Her interests include sports, cooking, and sewing.

J. G. (Gordon) Brock, Engineering Aide 3 with the Golden District, began with the Department in 1962. Gord worked with the Construction Branch before transferring to Golden in 1971. He is married with two children and his interests include hockey and gardening.

Ed Peterson started work with the Department of Highways in Clinton in 1962. He won through competition a Foreman 2 position in Creston in 1974. On leaving Clinton, Ed was presented with a gift by fellow employees. He is married with four children. He likes to hunt and fish, with curling as a pastime in the winter.

John Smith, long-time employee of the Department at Vanderhoof and Mechanic Foreman 2 since 1956. Born in Scotland, John is a World War II veteran married with four children. He started with the Department as a Truck-driver in 1947, progressing to Power Grader Operator before switching to the mechanical staff.

Susanne Pesth joined the Region 3 stenographic staff at Nelson in October 1975. She came to the Department from Cranbrook, where she previously worked for an equipment company as a secretary. Her hobbies are oil-painting, sewing, and skiing.

Dave Young, Engineering Aide 3, has been in Regional draughting office since November 1974, coming from North Vancouver District office. Dave's activities and interests are wide and varied. He likes to travel and meet people. His hobbies are painting and sketching, reading, and he is interested in sailboats and automobiles.

Richard Dixon joined the Headquarters Planning Branch last August as a Transportation Research Engineer. Having obtained his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering at Waterloo University in 1971, Richard was employed by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism as a researcher in the compilation of camping survey questionnaires as well as expenditure analysis and report publishing for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. In 1973, Richard returned to Waterloo University to obtain a masters degree specializing in Transportation and Urban Planning. Single, he enjoys sports, fastball, and squash particularly, and cards or chess for quieter periods.

William Deak, Machine Operator 7, Dawson Creek Highway District. Bill has operated cats on various projects in this District since 1968. He is married with one son, enjoys hunting, and is a hockey fan.

Norman McBeth, sometime Loader, Backhoe, or Grader Operator. Families of both Norman and his wife moved to the area in the early 1930's. They have three daughters. Apart from his job, Norman operates a farm and raises cattle. He hopes that some day it will become a paying proposition so that he can devote full time to the enterprise.

Joan Carleton of the Vernon District office was recently promoted to Clerk 4 and transferred to the Liquor Administration Branch in Burnaby. She began with the Department in Victoria from where she transferred to Vernon. The Vernon office staff made a presentation to her at a noon luncheon. Her hobbies are reading and canoeing.

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A unique parting gift from co-workers of Leslie Visentin, Clerk-Stenographer 2 at Kelowna, was this farewell cake in the shape of the Highways symbol suitably decorated in blue and green. Leslie left to join the Department of Housing.
One of seven changeable message signs put up by the Department throughout the Province; this one is located at Hunter Creek west of Hope. Signs have 64 one-line messages which can be changed from central locations at Kamloops, Terrace, or Prince Rupert.

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