Full Season Marked by Busy Schedule of Official Bridge and Highway Openings

Hon. Bill Bennett, Premier, officiates at ribbon cutting for $8.7 million Blanshard Street extension at Victoria, October 25, assisted by John Guay, representing Labourer’s Union local.

With flags snapping in a brisk wind Mr. Fraser opened the new Pitt River Bridge on Highway 7, October 24, the same day as the opening of Stormont.

Highways Minister Alex. Fraser and George Tranfield, father of Region 1 Design and Survey Superintendent A. G. Tranfield, and long-time resident of the area, cut ribbon to open the Craig’s Crossing to Highway 4 (Parksville Bypass) for public use.

Part of large crowd of nearly 1,000 which turned out for official opening October 2 of the new Castlegar-Salmo section of Highway 3. Premier Bennett did the honours and a motorcade then moved over the new 40 km highway to Salmo. (More photographs on page 21.)
MINISTER'S MESSAGE

It is not often that I have the opportunity to thank individual members of this Ministry for the extra effort given in the line of their duties. We have so many excellent and dedicated people and far too often all they hear about are maintenance problems and criticism from the general public.

We all realize that it is our duty to serve the public needs and I believe that over the past couple of years we have indeed completed this task in very fine fashion.

As you know, our Ministry is usually contacted by the general public when there is a request or complaint, but I would like to share with you the contents of a congratulatory letter that I recently received a copy of. The letter was from a citizen who, while waiting for the Needles ferry, noticed the activities of Dick Smith, Machine Operator and part-time foreman. While waiting to board the ferry, Dick occupied his time by picking up debris left behind by travellers and depositing it in the garbage cans.

The citizen asked Dick his reason for doing this and the immediate reply was "Well, this is where I live and work and I like things tidy and clean. I could be sitting in my truck and waiting but what I do is turn on the radio so I can hear any messages and then tidy up around the area."

Dick has been with the Ministry for over 20 years and he is to be commended for his extra effort as it indicates to the general public our sincere desire to do our jobs well. I know that there are many members of our staff who think like Dick Smith and I would like to personally thank and congratulate every single one of them.

ALEX. V. FRASER
Minister

R. G. HARVEY, Deputy Minister, made the international press recently when his name appeared in World Highways, official publication of the International Road Federation.

Mr. Harvey was mentioned as one of two vice-presidents of the Roads and Transportation Association of Canada which has an affiliation with I.R.F. The publication World Highways is published in Washington, D.C., and goes to a great many countries of the world.

SALMON ARM DISTRICT

Fred Stuart, associate field editor for the RR, would like to pass on his personal thanks to Garry Sherbeck, working for Bob Orr on the Headquarters paving crew.

On June 8, 1978, a lady on Blind Bay Road had the misfortune to have both her hands bitten by an injured dog. Garry stopped and administered first aid to her before she was taken to the Salmon Arm hospital for treatment. The lady in question, unknown to Garry at the time was Fred's wife.

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COVER PHOTO

Looking east on Highway 16 at the Chmdeimash bridge washout and the Bailey bridge which was open to traffic on Friday, November 10. This scene is representative of the Ministry's quick action in restoring highway traffic in the Terrace area. (More photos, story starting page 4.)
TERRACE FLOODING...

October 1978 was the wettest month for many years in the Prince Rupert/Terrace-Smithers area. On Monday, October 30, heavy rain and winds combined, bringing down many trees throughout the area. By the end of the week it was a genuine, full-scale disaster.

The rains continued throughout Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and by early Tuesday, some minor flooding started, but as this is not unusual for the area, there was no need for real concern. By Wednesday morning the first major road closure occurred on Highway 16 east of Terrace, when a large diameter culvert became plugged with gravel and boulders. On Highway 25 to Kitimat, water started to flow over the road at Williams Creek, over a section approximately 200 metres long. By early afternoon, flooding and minor washouts were occurring in many areas. Around 6 p.m., word was received that Chilkamesh Creek Bridge (187-foot-long concrete and steel structure) on Highway 16 east was washed out. Later the same evening, Little Oliver and Legate Bridges on Highway 16 east were also gone. These are both permanent concrete and steel structures. In a few short hours, 25 bridges were lost or damaged beyond repair and many major washouts occurred.

As soon as word of the first major bridge collapse was received, measures were put into motion to organize the shipment of Bailey bridge materials and crews from all parts of the Province. The Minister, Alex Fraser, the Deputy Minister, Bob Harvey, along with the Executive Director of Construction, Ray White and Director of Maintenance Services, Pat MacCarthy, were all in Terrace at the time and were able to give invaluable help in the initial planning. Tom Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, organized the sea-lift part of the operation from his office in Vancouver.

Materials were shipped by road from Creston, Kamloops, and Prince George and the Queen of Prince Rupert ferry was all but taken over by materials and bridge crew personnel and vehicles from Cloverdale, Langford, and Courtenay. The next Prince Rupert ferry out of Vancouver was scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday. Cloverdale and Burnaby crews worked overnight collecting Bailey bridging and equipment which were loaded on the ferry. Reservations of regular passengers and vehicles were cancelled with the exception of the people living in Prince Rupert or Terrace returning home. Also loaded were quantities of culvert and pipe. Bridge crews from Courtenay and Burnside districts were also recruited and they travelled to Kelsey Bay and joined the Queen of Prince Rupert with more Bailey bridging.

En route, Russ Hazel, radio technician from Cloverdale, spent the trip converting radio equipment on the Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland trucks to match the frequency of the Prince Rupert and Terrace areas.

The ship and its load of emergency equipment and bridge crews arrived on Saturday morning, the Bailey bridging and crews were off-loaded and rushed to the various disaster areas. Meanwhile, Mr. Johnson and the beleaguered Terrace crews realized that even more equipment would be needed as the full impact of the storm became known from damage reports.

Headquarters decided to charter a tug and barge in Vancouver to ship more Bailey bridging to the site. It left Vancouver on Friday night, November 3, and arrived in Kitimat on Saturday morning where it was unloaded and moved to various sites of damaged bridges and severed highways.

When the ferry arrived at Prince Rupert, it was like to a rerun of the D-Day landings! The Cloverdale crew, under Foreman Frank Sirling, the Courtenay crew, under Foreman Chuck Arnold, and the Langford crew, with Foreman Dave Wright, all arrived on the ferry on the Saturday morning and started building bridges at the west end of Highway 16 and Kitamaat Village. The Kamloops bridge crew, under Foreman Doug Jones, the Prince George crew, with Foreman Dean Barlow (who acted as over-all co-ordinator of the bridge crews), and the Burns Lake and Smithers crews all worked on the washouts accessible from the east. The Terrace bridge crew concentrated their efforts on the many problems on the side roads.

The rains abated on Friday and Saturday and the creeks started to recede although the Skeena River west of Terrace was very high because flood waters combined with a number of high tides and this resulted in Highway 16 flooding over 12 kilometres. By Saturday morning, this had dropped sufficiently to allow the bridge crews to get through to Terrace.

A good deal of repair and bridge approach work was completed during this time, but heavy rains again overnight on Saturday resulted in the loss of portions of this and set back prospects for reopening various highways. However, the weather finally started to co-operate, with clear skies and lower temperatures.

A major problem was the difficulty in assessing what damage had actually occurred, because most areas were inaccessible by road. Consequently, several helicopters were obtained to viewing the damage, help rescure stranded people and deliver supplies and equipment.

In addition to the heavy road and bridge destruction, a great deal of damage occurred to private homes, particularly in the Lakehouse Lake and Remo areas. Also, the natural gas pipeline through the Telkwa Pass was washed out resulting in closure of many schools and commercial businesses. A limited supply was maintained to most private residences, but the stores experienced a thriving business for portable heaters for several days.

Highway 16 between Terrace and Smithers was reopened on Friday, November 10, and all but a few minor side roads were open by Saturday, November 11.

Rainfall for the period October 30 to 10 p.m., November 1, was recorded at 8.4 inches (212.7 mm) with winds gusting to 87 km/h. From November 1 to 10 p.m., on November 6, a further 4.5 inches (102.8 mm) fell. The main storm is estimated an average occurrence time of once every hundred years.

Many people worked long and hard with little sleep to reopen the roads as quickly as possible and all those involved have been commended for their hard work and effort.
Terrace Survey Crew Rescue
Injured Motorists

Two men probably owe their lives to the action of Highways personnel during the recent floods when they were pulled from their damaged truck after it went down into Little Oliver Creek, when the bridge collapsed. On November 1, 1978, a Regional Construction survey crew, Doug Hume, Colin Lucas, Steve Cross, Tony Moors, and Drew Paris were stranded on Highway 16 east of Terrace. Since they could not drive back to Terrace they turned around to go to Cedarvale. At about 7:30 p.m. they were overtaken and passed by a pick-up which remained about 150 metres in front of them as they continued toward Cedarvale.

As the pick-up crossed Little Oliver Creek bridge it disappeared from sight. The crew stepped on the bridge approach but when they walked out onto the bridge it seemed to be on the verge of collapse so they returned to safer ground to assess the situation.

At some risk to themselves they decided to go back to the pick-up and search for survivors. They found two men in the truck, helped one of them out and removed the second who was unconscious. He was placed on the back seat of the Ministry crew cab and covered with coats and sweaters. As the crew was driving to safer ground they commandeered some blankets to keep the injured man as warm as possible. The damaged pick-up truck was subsequently submerged and covered with fill when the Bailey bridge was installed.

During the night the crew cared for the injured man and checked vital signs which they radioed to Margaret Kester, holder of an Industrial First Aid Certificate and Yardperson for Terrace District. Margaret evaluated the information and offered suggestions for the care of the injured men until they were removed by helicopter about 7 a.m. Jim Wallington and Joe Jarsma were taken to Mills Memorial Hospital where their injuries were diagnosed—one man had a broken neck, the other cuts and bruises. The crew was returned to Terrace by helicopter about noon.

Colin Lucas, who was in charge of the crew and has taken the survival first aid course offered by the Ministry, feels that it was a great help in this emergency. He also states that the help received from Margaret Kester by radio was invaluable and contributed greatly to the success of the rescue.

Margaret and the crew were invited to Victoria where they were entertained at a banquet on December 8 when their action was officially commended.
“Status” meetings were held, as necessary, at the close of the working-day during the Terrace crisis to assess progress and discuss plans for the following day. Left to right, Frank Sterling, Bridge Foreman, Cloverdale; Chuck Arnold, Bridge Foreman, Courtenay; Mike O’Connor, Regional Highway Engineer; Stan Palapogski, Terrace District Highway Manager; Neville Hope, Regional Maintenance Operations Manager; Jim McDonnel, Property Negotiator serving as Flight Co-ordinator; W. J. Sunderwood, Regional Maintenance Systems Technician; Jim Wood, Construction Project Supervisor.

Francis Martin, District Highway Manager, left, and Ralph Dupas, Road Foreman, centre, both of the Smithers District meet Regional Highway Engineer Mike O’Connor on the job to discuss problems, progress, and prospects for reopening the highway to traffic.

The bridge crew members who worked on the Bailey bridge at the Indian village are, left to right, front row, Chuck Arnold, Bridge Foreman, Courtenay; Colin Lucas, Steve Cross, Paul Morgan, and Marcel Doulin. Second row, Ken Peters, Danny Wong, Mike Lee, David Wright, Frank Grant, Bill McCauchern, Fred Fuller, and in the rear, Rob Munro.

The envelope and note, which accompanied a cake given to the bridge crew at work installing a Bailey bridge at the Indian village south of Kitamaat, is self-explanatory.
Tight quarters are only part of the problems facing bridge-men, left to right, Marcel Daulin, Rob Munro, and Frank Grant, all of the Courtenay bridge crew, as they use an acetylene torch to cut off a section of Bailey bridging when they could not get at the pins to remove the section which was used in constructing the replacement Bailey across the Wawelt River at the Indian village south of Kitimat. This task was aggravated by 2 inches of rain which fell on Tuesday, November 7, and raised the level of the river 5 feet.

The contribution of the outside bridge crews was recognized by banquets given by the Ministry. One of the banquets involved the crew from New Westminster. They are, left to right, back row, Bruce Bose, Doug Hansen, Wilf Schulz, and Russ Hazel, Communications Technician, middle row, Al Hadwick, Frank Stirling, Bridge Foreman, and Fred Hammer; front row, Garry Fouchon, Tom Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Jim Graham, and Jack Graham, Assistant Bridge Foreman.

Two shots, typical of damage to highways in the flood stricken area, top, Highway 16, above, the road from Kitimat to the Indian village.

Left to right on top of the Bailey, David Wright, Rob Munro, and Marcel Daulin, identity of the other two bridge-men unknown. Work in progress at the Indian village bridge site.

Left, David Wright, Bridge Foreman, Langford, and Fred Fuller, Bridge Labourer, Courtenay, on the front end of the landing nose which had just reached the south side of the river. The bridge is about 160 feet long.
VERA M. HARRIS, Clerk-Stenographer for the Director of Financial Services and a 27-year Ministry employee, was honoured by friends at her retirement luncheon held at the Empress Hotel, Victoria, on August 31, 1978. Vera began her Public Service career in 1952 in the office of the Bridge Engineer, then moved to the Divisional Engineer's office, received further promotion and was transferred to the Minister's office as Clerk-Stenographer in May 1956. She finally transferred to the office of the Controller of Expenditures in July 1957 where she remained until her retirement. Pleasant, co-operative, conscientious, Vera was praised by Assistant Deputy Minister Al Rhodes, her supervisor for many years. She now plans to attend the University of Victoria to pursue more academic studies and, at the same time, travel, play golf, and hold what are now rather famous bridge parties at her home.

MAYNELL PATTERSON, Clerk 4, Nanaimo District, was honoured by Ministry employees and friends at a dinner-party in honour of her recent retirement. Maynell began with the Ministry on May 1, 1956. She was born in Edmonton, and spent part of her earlier years in San Diego, Calif. She moved back to Edmonton, married, and lived in the Fraser Valley before coming to Nanaimo with her husband. They have two children and two grandchildren. All her friends wish her the best of everything for her retirement.

LES ASHCRAFT, Machine Operator 4, retired in September after almost 24 years of service with the Parksville maintenance crew, Port Alberni District. His plans for the immediate future are not yet settled but he will either sell his 42-acre farm and move to the Okanagan or continue to farm his land and raise his registered Angus cattle. In any case, Les and his wife of 43 years will continue to enjoy camping, gardening, fishing, and raising Boston Bull Terriers. All the crew at Parksville wish Les and Ivy many years of health and happiness.

FLORENC A. MOSS, Secretary to the Regional Highway Engineer, Region 1, has retired after 39 years in the Government service. Florence was born in Nelson, B.C., and spent her early life in Silverton, B.C., attending schools in Silverton and Nelson, in March 1940. Florence began with the then Public Works Department in New Denver in a clerical position. In 1952 she moved to Nelson to become Secretary to H. T. Miard, Divisional Engineer (who later was Deputy Minister), and subsequently Regional Engineers until 1961. For health reasons she then moved to the Coast and became Secretary to Regional Engineer where she remained until taking her pre-retirement leave in August 1978. Although less active during the past few years, Florence was involved with a number of community projects and was a member of several voluntary organizations. She spent 14 years working with the Girl Guide Association as Leader, District Commissioner, and Division Commissioner. She was a Charter Member of the New Denver branch of the BCGEU and continued her interest until it gave way to the BCGEU, in which she served as shop steward.

FRANK PECK, Regional Construction Foreman, Kamloops District, retired in August 1978 after 26 years of service. He started with Highways as a Cat Operator in Cranbrook in 1951 and worked there until 1961. He was then transferred to Port St. John in 1964 and then to Prince George in 1965 as Construction Foreman. Frank then became Road Maintenance Foreman four years later and in 1972 he transferred to Kamloops as Regional Construction Foreman. His hobby is searching for abandoned mines but he enjoys fishing and hopes to do some travelling in the future.

VINCE FRANKLIN, Stockman in the Dock District, retired recently. He began with Highways in 1961 and transferred to Dock District in 1967. He was given a presentation by T. A. Tasaka, Dock Engineer, and I. J. Goundrey, Foreman of Works.

GORDON WATSON, Machine Operator, Fort St. John District, was presented with a complete fishing outfit by his fellow-workers, which they hope he will have time to enjoy. Gordon, who has been a Machine Operator for Highways for the past 16 years, took an early retirement. He plans to do a lot of travelling and fishing. His co-workers say that he will be missed, especially in the winter, when he was the maintainer of a portion of the Hudson Hope road.

LOUIS J. KUBOS received a farewell gift presented on behalf of his fellow employees by District Highways Manager G. K. Austin, to mark his retirement after 25 years of service. Louis started in May 1953 and served as Labourer for the full 25 years in the Fernie District.

CORNIE SCHOCK recently retired from the Vernon District bridge crew. He began with Highways at McBride in 1967. He and his wife will start their retirement years at their country home near Armstrong.

ROY HOOVER, Mechanic 5, Nelson District, has retired after 25 years of service with the Ministry. His fellow workers presented Roy with a tennis racket, salmon fishing outfit, and a cake shaped like a fish.

GORDON MOREHOUSE, Machine Operator 3, Dawson Creek District, has taken early retirement after six years of service. Gordon and his wife are now spending their time farming, hunting, and fishing.
L. L. "DUDE" LINDSAY, New Westminster District Road Foreman for over 25 years, recently retired and was honoured at a gathering at Cloverdale yard where he was presented with a beautiful French movement mantelpiece clock. Dude served in the Second World War. He and his wife, Lois, live in the White Rock area where Dude will pursue his hobbies, which include botany, ornithology, and some beachcombing.

On June 30, 1978, ARCHIE CAMPBELL, Mechanic Foreman, Merritt District, retired. Archie started with the Highways in January 1951 as a Truck Driver 1. In 1951 he won the position of Mechanic 1 in Kamloops, went to Allison Pass in 1965 as a Mechanic Foreman, and to Merritt in 1968, where he stayed and became Mechanic 6 in 1972. A dinner and dance was held with 125 people in attendance. Archie was presented with an engraved copper mug and a colour television set.

In July a party was held for BILL FOWLER, Lillooet District, who retired after 42 years of service. Bill first started with the then Public Works Department on September 1, 1936, as a part-time employee and since 1947 has been a full-time employee, all in the Lillooet District. His retirement years will be spent in Lillooet, with a considerable amount of time devoted to fishing. The Lillooet Highways employees wish Bill the best of everything in his retirement years.

J. H. TURNBULL, Mate MV 1, was presented with a retirement gift of a fine clock by Al Walisser, New Westminster District Highways Manager. Mr. Turnbull started with the Provincial Government in 1957 at Colony Farm. He then transferred to Highways and the Albion ferry in June 22, 1965, and has been with Highways until his retirement in April 1978. Jim has two daughters and one son. He and his wife, Gladys, will retire to their new home in Whonnock.

LYAL POLK, Machine Operator 3, New Westminster District, has retired after 15 years of service. Lyal was born in Rocky Mountain foothill country near Calgary, Alta. He served in the Canadian Army overseas during the war and finally settled in Surrey, B.C. Lyal is the only remaining charter member of the Loyal Order of Foresters with the Royal City Court. He and his wife will visit relatives and old friends in a short time but Lyal plans to continue working part-time.

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EDWIN "ED" BRAATEN, Machine Operator 7, Burns Lake District, had his last day at work on August 1, 1978, after 27 years of service. He started as a deckhand on the François Lake ferry, but he soon moved to the Southbank maintenance yard as a Driver where he remained until his retirement. He and his wife will remain at Southbank where he will enjoy construction work and fishing.

ERNIE ROBINSON, Labourer, New Westminster District, Port Coquitlam Yard, worked his last day before retiring on November 15, 1978. Born at Agassiz, he started working for Highways March 1951. He traveled to work on his faithful bicycle which he has owned since 1936. He and his family will continue to reside in Port Coquitlam. His hobbies are horseshoe pitching and stamp collecting.

DAVE ROBERTS, District Technician in the Lillooet District, recently retired. Dave began with Highways in 1947. His fellow-workers made a presentation to him at a banquet and dance held to mark his retirement. Dave is a bachelor and plans on spending considerable time working on his home on Shuswap Lake near Salmon Arm.

ARNOLD CORNISH, Road Foreman 2 at Cherryville in the Vernon District, recently retired. He began with Highways at Bridge Lake in 1952 and became Foreman in 1964. He was presented with fishing equipment as a retirement gift by his fellow-workers. Arnold and his wife will continue to live in Cherryville.

RENE BETEMPS, Burns Lake District, retired on March 25, 1978, as an Oiler after 25 years on the François Lake ferry, first with the Jacob Henket and then the Omineca Princess. Rene and his wife will continue at Southbank with his hobbies of fishing and prospecting.
PATRICK J. CARR has been appointed Executive Director, Operational Services Division, the position previously held by T. R. Johnson. Pat was born in Clair, Sask. He graduated in 1955 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Manitoba. Following graduation he joined the Saskatchewan Department of Highways as Assistant District Engineer. He began work with the B.C. Department of Highways in July 1959 as District Engineer, Prince George. Since then he has held positions as District Engineer, Courtenay; Regional Maintenance Engineer, Prince George; Assistant Regional Highway Engineer, Burnaby, and most recently the position of Regional Highway Engineer, Burnaby. Pat and his wife, Joyce, have two children. An avid curler, Pat has now become a dedicated golfer.

NEVILLE HOPE, District Highway Manager in Merritt was recently promoted to Regional Maintenance Operations Manager in Terrace. He is not a stranger to the area as he had previously worked in Prince Rupert. Neville, who came from England originally, is married with two children. He and his family enjoy the recreational facilities which Terrace offers.

RON WINBOW recently won the position of District Highways Manager in North Vancouver. He has been with Highways for 25 years, for some time Resident Engineer at the New Westminster District. Ron has contributed a lot of his after-work hours to community service in Surrey and was responsible for setting up the first Parks and Recreation Commission in that municipality. He served for a time as the chairman of the commission and was responsible for, or involved in, upgrading, expanding, and improving all the parks in the municipality. He also helped 40 young boys in the soap-box derbys and served as chairman of the committee. Ron resides in Surrey and has three children. His hobby is repairing and collecting antique watches and clocks.

DARCY BYERS, new District Highways Manager at Merritt, joined B.C. Highways in 1970 after graduating from the California State University at Los Angeles. He went to Prince George and in 1972 entered the Engineering-in-Training Program, serving in Clearwater, Houston, Terrace, Rossland, and Sannich Districts. In 1974 he went to New Westminster and in 1975 was Acting District Highways Manager at New Denver. He later served as Regional Maintenance Systems Engineer and then went to North Vancouver District before being appointed to Merrit. Darcey is married with one child and he enjoys fishing, hunting, touring, and gardening.

JOHN RYAN, Regional Maintenance Management Technician, Regions 1 and 6, has won through competition the District Highway Manager position in Prince Rupert. John began with Highways in 1957 in Squamish with the Construction Branch and worked on the Patricia Bay Highway on Vancouver Island, the Upper Levels Highway in West Vancouver, and on day labour in the North Vancouver District before becoming Regional Maintenance Management Technician in 1974. John is married with one child, a daughter. His hobbies are golf and gardening, in that order.

HUGH P. HOLLINS recently won through competition the Regional Safety and Health Officer position for Region 6, Nanaimo. He began his duties there in early October. Hugh began his career with Highways at Parksville in 1956 as a Labourer. During his 11 years in Parksville he was a Grader Operator and Construction Foreman. In 1967 he transferred to Salmon Arm as Road Foreman. In 1969 he moved to Terrace, he was Construction Foreman there and in the Queen Charlotte Islands. He then moved to Keremeos as Road Foreman in 1970 and to Nelson as Regional Construction Foreman in 1974. Subsequently he was Senior Road Foreman in Revelstoke and Campbell River before his recent appointment. He is married with two grown children. His hobbies are fishing and rock-hounding.

DAVE FOSTER was recently promoted to Engineering Assistant Coordinator at Burns Lake. He has been with Highways since 1973 as an Engineering Aide. Golfing, fishing, soccer, and badminton are Dave's favourite sports and he also has an interest in community affairs, having completed a term on Village School Board and Regional District Council and is still chairman of the Library Board. He is married with two teenage children and lives in Burns Lake. Dave is also an associate field editor for the RR in Burns Lake.

ART R. CALDWELL recently won the Engineering Aide 3 position in the Fernie District. Art was working out of Abbotsford for Design and Survey, and the Fernie District has recruited Art in the subdivision and permit field. Art is married with one son and enjoys fishing, hunting, and camping.

ED BOOTHMAN was recently promoted to the Road Foreman position on Bowen Island. Ed was honoured at a going-away party held by the Grand Forks District employees. Ed started with the Highways in April 1972 as a Machine Operator 3 and up to the time of his promotion was Machine Operator 7.

ELLIS CHRISTIE, Burns Lake District, moved to the warmer climate of Vernon after his retirement on August 31, 1978. He joined the Francois Lake Ferry on March 1, 1931, as a Deckhand and left as a Mate.
CRESTON DONALD KETCHUM was recently appointed Senior Captain of the Ministry's Gabriola Ferry MV Quinatua, after 38 years of service. Born August 20, 1922, at Creston, he moved to the West Coast with his family in 1929 and went to sea in 1940. At one time the convoy he was in was attacked by the German pocket battleship Von Scheer. In 1941, while returning from Australia for the second time, Ketchum's ship narrowly missed destruction by the Japanese planes that destroyed Pearl Harbour. After the war, Ketchum entered a Bible seminary to train as a missionary, and later served with his wife, Florence, for many years in the islands of the western Pacific. They have two sons, Chris and Curt.

EARL NYGAARD, Engineering Aide 3 with the Geotechnical and Materials Branch in Nelson, has recently won through competition the position of Maintenance Management Coordinator in New Denver. Earl began with Highways as a summer student in 1973 winning through competition the positions of Machine Operator 3 in 1974, Machine Operator 4 in August 1975, and Engineering Aide 3 in 1977. He enjoys hunting on Slocan Lake with his wife and daughter, hiking, fishing, and gentlemanly hockey contests as a participant.

CHARLIE FOISY was recently promoted to Road Foreman 2 in Vernon. He began with Highways in 1953. Charlie's hobbies include hunting, fishing, wildlife photography, and leading a country and western orchestra. He is also a member of the Vernon Search and Rescue Club.

JAMES MACK GURR was recently promoted from Road Foreman 3 in Ashcroft to Road Foreman 4 for the Richmond area, New Westminster District. Jim has now moved to the coast and taken up residence in White Rock. He plans to do some ocean-fishing now that he is here on the coast. Other hobbies include an interest in music and cabinet-making.

CHARLIE C. HENDERSON recently won through competition the position of Road Foreman 4 in the Golden area. Charlie previously held the position of Road Foreman 2 at Kalispel, Dawson Creek District. Charlie also worked on Q21 crusher and drove a low-bed in the Pouce Coule District. He is active in minor hockey and likes the outdoors. Charlie, his wife, and their three children, will be making their new home in Golden.

CLARK ABE recently won through competition the position of Road Foreman 2 in Winlaw. A farewell party was given for Clark and his wife by the employees of the Grand Forks District and a presentation made by W. G. Helmsing, District Highways Manager. Clark started with the Bridge Construction Branch in 1963 and worked throughout the Province until 1973 when he transferred to Grand Forks.

SHAUN SWEENEY started with Highways in Burns Lake as an Engineering Aide 3 after working in the Yukon for two years in mining. Shaun was Kamloops District Co-ordinator and through competition won the position of Regional Maintenance Systems Technician in Kamloops. He is presently taking college courses in business administration and enjoys scuba diving. Shaun is married, has two children, and has been with Highways for seven years.

LES LINTICK, right, Mechanic 2, Penticton District, was recently presented with his Heavy-duty Mechanic Certificate by W. E. Sweeney, Mechanic Foreman, Princeton. Les started with Highways as an apprentice in Langford, April 1974, and then moved to Prince George, Pouce Coupe, and Princeton where he completed his apprenticeship contract in April 1978. Les enjoys hunting, fishing, and hockey and is married with two children.

JOHN GILLIES won through competition the regulatory position of Engineering Aide 3 in the Grand Forks District. John started with Highways in Slocan in 1973 and before transferring to Grand Forks worked in the Duncan and Grand Forks area. John and his family are currently engaged in building a house in Grand Forks. Some of John's hobbies when not working on the house are tennis, cars, and making stained glass windows.

CREIGHTON W. SMITH, joining Highways as a Clerk 4 (Trainee) in February 1978 in the Nelson District office, has won through competition the position of District Office Manager in New Denver. Before starting with Highways, Creighton worked for Craigmont Mines in Merritt for 13 years in several office positions. Along with his wife and son he enjoys camping, fishing, cross-country skiing, hockey, and country living.

Heavy-duty Mechanic JOHN GOLDIE was the successful applicant for the position of Assistant Mechanical Foreman at the Vernon District garage. John started with Highways in 1963 at Salmon Arm and worked at Grand Forks for a time before settling in Vernon. His main pastime is gardening.
PROMOTIONS . . .

GERHARD (GARRY) HEMMERLING, newly promoted to Road Foreman 2 at Southbank, Burns Lake District. Garry has 10 years of previous service at Port Alberni. He is married with two children and is beginning to enjoy the hunting and fishing, which is all part of the beautiful lakes district.

B. D. McA VITY won a transfer through competition to Technician 1 in Vanderhoof District. Before coming to Vanderhoof he was Project Supervisor with Dock District, New Westminster. Bruce spends his leisure hours ski-ing, hunting, and fishing. He is married and has one daughter.

S. J. TARR recently received his apprenticeship certificate from District Highways Manager G. K. Austin. Stewart is now a Mechanic 2 and works at the Fernie Shop.

TERRY GOULET won through competition the position of Clerk 4 (Office Manager Trainee), Kamloops District. He was a Clerk 4 with Services Branch in Victoria and has been with Highways for six years. Terry is single and enjoys ski-ing, hiking, tennis, and camping.

HENRY J. BESTER recently won the Bridge Foreman 1 position in the Fernie District. Henry worked for an overload maintenance contractor, subcontracting for Kaiser Resources in Sparwood. Baseball, hockey, basketball, hunting, and fishing are the activities Henry enjoys most.

ALLAN R. EDGAR recently acquired the position of Engineering Assistant (Maintenance Management Co-ordinator) for the Fernie District. Al is married with one son. His hobbies include hockey, fastball, gymnastics, and he is an active hang-gliding pilot. Al has currently accepted the RR field editor responsibilities for the Fernie area.

EARL LINDSAY started working full-time with the Highways Design and Surveys Branch, Computer Section, Headquarters in March 1973. He recently won through competition the position of Systems Analyst with Maintenance Systems, Victoria. Earl is married with one child and he enjoys travelling, photography, model "tall" ship building, and most sports.

"GERRY" A. V. IRVING has transferred to Fernie District from Design and Surveys at Cranbrook. Gerry has been with the Ministry 11 years and won the Engineering Assistant (Engineering) in Fernie. Gerry is married and recently became the proud father of a boy. Gerry is a CB radio enthusiast and avid fisherman and hunter.

AL YOUNG is now the Mechanic Foreman in Burns Lake, after being in Smithers for a number of years. He got into the swing of things in the area. Al and his wife both won major prizes in a recent Lake Babine fishing derby. Beginners luck? We'll see next year.

B. A. CLEARY has recently been promoted to District Office Manager, Vanderhoof District. Bernie was previously in Cranbrook District as Office Manager Trainee. His favourite pastime is enjoying the outdoors and spending time with his wife, daughter, and new son.

Patrolman JIM JOHNSTON of the Highways Patrol, recently won through competition the position of Patrol Corporal. Jim has been with the Patrol since 1962 and has served in all areas. Jim and his wife reside in North Delta and have two grand-children. Jim's hobbies are photography, which he pursues actively.

PAT McLEAN won through competition the position of Clerk-Stenographer 2 in the Kamloops District office. Pat has had 11 years of secretarial experience with major companies and for the last four years was in partnership with her husband in their own company. She is married with five children and this is her first year with the Ministry. She enjoys curling, golf, tennis, writing, and painting in oils.

RON McNEIL of the Highways Patrol recently won through competition the position of Patrolman 1. Ron has been employed at Horseshoe Bay as a patrolman attached to the B.C. Ferry Corporation. At the present time he is being trained in all areas covered by the Patrol. Ron resides in Surrey with his wife and two children. His hobbies are his garden and he enjoys soccer, baseball, and swimming.

JEAN BONNEY has won through competition the position of Secretary to the Regional Highway Engineer, Burnaby. Born in the Fraser Valley she was brought up there and in Vancouver. She worked for B.C. Telephone until her marriage to her husband, Harry, when for many years she devoted her time to homemaking. She and Harry have two children. Jean joined the Department of Highways in 1968 as a radio and telex operator in the Burnaby Regional office, where she remained until October of this year. Jean's hobbies are sewing and travelling.
F. FAIRBROTHER, who commenced work with Highways in Vanderhoof as a Truck Driver in 1964, has returned to Vanderhoof District after an absence of four years, transferring from Salmon Arm to Vanderhoof as a Bridgeman 3. Floyd is married with two children.

D. STUTTERS has recently won through competition the position of Labourer, Fort St. James foreman area, Vanderhoof District. Don is married with two daughters and one son.

B. PHILPOTT, who has been with Highways since July 1973 won through competition the position of Labourer, Vanderhoof foreman area. Bernie is an active member of the Vanderhoof Flyers Hockey Club.

KIM THOMAS from Logan Lake won the competition in Merritt and started working August 1, 1978, as Labourer. Kim's hobby, is his aquarium which was a challenge when it came to moving.

KEN HRECHKA, who was a Mechanic 2 in Langford, won the Mechanic 3 competition and has been transferred to Lytton. One of Ken's hobbies is flying radio-controlled aircraft models.

DAVE J. MARTENS was the successful applicant for the Road Foreman 2 position in the Fernie District. Dave has spent 15 years with the Ministry and he now heads the Jaffray road crew. Dave likes socializing and playing electronic organ.

ART L. PRODEAHL has won the Technician 1 position for the Fernie District. Art has been employed with the Highways for 13 years and comes from the Prince George District office. Art is married with a daughter and son. He enjoys fishing, fly-tying, and renovating old houses.

Other recent promotions include HARVEY EMERSON, Bridgeman 2 to Bridge 3, Bridge Branch; R. S. DUDLEY, Engineering Aide 2 to Engineering Aide 3; DAVE WITZEL, Engineering Aide 2 to Engineering Aide 3; K. W. LUKOWESKY, Engineering Aide 3 to Engineering Assistant, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering; WILLY FREDERIKSEN, Machine Operator 3 to Foreman 1, Prince George.

ARThUR JONES, Bridgeman 3 in the Lillooet District, recently retired. A presentation was made to him by his fellow-workers at a banquet and dance. Art is a bachelor and his retirement plans include travel in northern British Columbia and Alberta.

ROBERT H. PROUDLOCK began with Highways in 1953 as a Grader Operator and when he recently retired he was Road Foreman, with all his service on Bowen Island. Bob's home was always on Bowen Island where he raised his family who have now all grown and left home. He now plans to maintain his long-standing interest in fishing and to develop a growing interest in photography.

Kelowna District employees recently honoured O. A. "HEP" HEPNER and his wife at a luncheon on the occasion of his retirement from the Ministry after 25 years of service. Hep spent most of his time with the Kelowna District and at his retirement was Engineer Assistant (Regulator) and responsible for handling most of the subdivisions in the Central Okanagan. A fishing tackle box was presented to Hep by fellow long-time employee R. J. Martin on behalf of the Kelowna District staff. Hep will continue to reside in Kelowna, but now will have more time for his fishing, hunting, and travelling.

B. J. SCHIPHORST, Design and Surveys Branch, Victoria, retired at the end of June 1978, after 22 years of service with the Branch. Born in Rotterdam, Holland, which, incidentally, is the largest port in the world, Ben spent some time in Ontario before coming to British Columbia. After a heart attack in 1974, he was assigned the less arduous position of Supply Clerk with the Branch, where his off-beat humour and quaint terminology were a source of wonderment to his fellows. Headquarters staff held a retirement party, and presented Ben with a gift, and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

FRANK Ovington received his 25-year service award in 1977. Frank has been with the Merritt Highways District since April 12, 1951. He started as Labourer and has worked up to his present classification of Machine Operator 4, Loader Operator.

25-year Service Awards

Ross Bennett, Machine Operator 3, left, and Alceo Sartor, Machine Operator 3, Cranbrook District, displaying their 25-year awards. Both employees started with the Ministry on April 21, 1952.

Al Stanyer, right, Mechanic 3, being presented with a 25-year certificate by Ted Robinson, Regional Mechanical Superintendent, Terrace.

GEORGE EWINGS, Rossland District Grader Operator, recently received his 25-year service award. He was first employed by the Department of Highways in 1952 with the Surfacing Branch and worked on crushers for several years throughout the southern part of the Province. In 1962 he became Leader Operator in the Fruitvale area and for several years has been the Senior Grader Operator there. George and his wife live in Fruitvale with their two daughters and two sons. Fishing, hunting, and a little golf keep George busy in his off hours.
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Neville Hope, District Highways Manager, Merritt District, has recently won the position of Regional Maintenance Operations Manager in Terrace, Region 5. Approximately 70 people attended the farewell supper held in Merritt in August 1978, including guests from Hope and Boston Bar. Neville and his wife, Jean, were presented with a number of gifts and good wishes for himself, his wife, and family.

Patrolman Vic Taylor of the B.C. Highways Patrol is shown with his prize winning scale model of a police motor-cycle, Harley Davidson FLH 1200. The model took first prize in the 1977 PNE Creative Crafts hobby show and won a blue ribbon. Vic then entered the model in the Hudson's Bay hobby crafts show and won first prize, a gold cup and a 10-speed bicycle. He spends a great deal of his time building models and also prospecting with a metal detector. Vic is a qualified motor-cycle patrolman at First Narrows, and has been employed with the patrol since 1971. He lives in Surrey with his wife and just recently became a proud grandfather.

Patrolman Terry Sammon of the B.C. Highways Patrol is in the pilot's seat of a Cherokee Warrior. Terry in his spare time has been taking flying lessons with Sky Way Air in Langley since 1977 and now holds a commercial pilot's licence with endorsements, and is soon scheduled to qualify on the 737 jet aircraft. Terry has been employed with the B.C. Highways Patrol since 1971 and lives with his wife and two children in Ladner. His hobbies are restoring cars and boat building.

LORRAINE KRIESE has left the Fort St. John District to take up a new post as Secretary with the Ministry of Forests in Queen Charlotte City. Lorraine had been with Highways in Fort St. John for almost 15 years. She was very involved in her church and had been teaching Sunday school for most of this time, and she enjoys reading and needlework. About 20 people gathered at a dinner for Lorraine to wish her well in her new post.

G. K. AUSTIN, District Highways Manager, Fernie District, has been given a charter presentation for the Fernie K-40 Club. George is serving his second term as charter president of the K-40 Club. He has been past president of two Kinsmen Clubs, past deputy governor of two Kinsmen zones, and is a lifetime Kinsmen member.

JOHN MONTADOR, the new Regional Geotechnical and Materials Engineer for Region 6, was honoured at a dinner hosted by the staff of Region 1, Geotechnical and Materials Branch in June. The dinner was attended by some 45 people, including past and present staff of Geotechnical and Materials Branch. John started with the Department as a Levelman in 1947 with the Design and Surveys Branch. After having worked his way up to the position of Divisional Engineer in Christina Lake, he took two years off to complete his degree in engineering at UBC. John returned to the Department of Regional Geotechnical and Materials Engineer, Region 1, in 1959 and has held that position up to this year.

AL EIMER, Office Manager in the Nanaimo District office, recently won a bronze medal at the B.C. Summer Games, Penticton, for parachuting in the Master Accuracy Competition. Al is married and has a two-year-old daughter.

Nelson Highways District recently said good-bye to George Kent. Here, left to right, Bob Baker, Bridge Foreman; Morley Hyatt, Senior Road Foreman; and Bill Knuteson, Mechanic Foreman, present him with a clock from the respective crews. George recently transferred to Courtenay as District Highways Manager.

Long-time employee, Sam Chew, now enjoying his retirement years, likes to keep up to date on the activities of former workmates through the pages of the RR. Sam first started with the Highways in the early 40's and spent all his time working in the Vernon District. He is an ardent fisherman and is looking forward to moving to Powell River and fishing for the big ones there.
The newly elected safety committee met at the safety rally at Burns Lake District. At left, Randy Hackett was elected chairman for the current year. In the foreground is Jack Turjord with Ted Lord, Region 4 Safety Officer.

Highways Personnel
Rescue Three People

Three people were rescued by Highways personnel on the Lower Arrow Lake last June 18, after a tragic boating accident which left one man dead.

The accident occurred when a pleasure craft overturned and put four people into the water, all members of one family.

The Highways ferry, MV Needles, was out of service for refit but the B.C. Hydro tug, Yellow Jacket, and cable barge was replacing it to serve the motoring public on the Needles-Fauquier route.

As the tug and barge reached the Needles shore it received a report of an overturned boat with people in the water. Under Captain Dennis Sicotte from B.C. Hydro, with K. G. Marshall, mate from MV Needles, the tug and barge returned to Fauquier and notified local boaters. The barge was released and the tug proceeded to the scene.

Three survivors were picked up: Christine Schmidt, 41; Curtis Schmidt, 16; and Kent Schmidt, 12. Valentine Schmidt, husband and father, was missing and presumed drowned. The survivors were then transferred to a power boat whose operator took them ashore and notified the RCMP.

Meanwhile Yellow Jacket continued the search for the missing man with the assistance of Roy Pederson, off-duty mate from MV Needles, who joined Captain Sicotte and K. G. Marshall.

The search lasted two hours without success and the tug took the overturned boat in tow back to shore and turned the search over to the RCMP and a search and rescue team from Nakusp. The ferry service was then resumed.
PEEK INTO THE PAST . . .

Now museum pieces, shovel and grader from the 30's are located at the entrance to the Squamish yard, North Vancouver District. The McCormick-Deering Grader L29 was in use in the Whistler area when it was administered by Lillooet prior to 1961.

A similar machine (L27) was purchased by Merritt in 1930 for $4,953. The shovel had the name “Wilford” stamped on the counter-weight and “Fordson” on the engine but little else is known about it.

Sign over the door of log cache built by reconnaissance crew in 1958 along the Stewart-Cassiar route shows names of people on the job. George Musselwhite, Resident Engineer at the time, now Design Technician in Victoria, is one of those still working for Highways. Photos were recently taken by Herb Walker, now Design and Surveys Projects Supervisor in Prince George, who worked at the same site in 1959 while following the reconnaissance to establish the highway centre lines. Sam Haizimsque, a local Native Indian from a nearby village, was the boatman and power-saw operated. J. E. Jackson and W. W. Kimball are deceased.

The cabin is now occupied by squatters who have installed a stove and chinked the walls. The cabin is one kilometre or more from the highway and is accessible only by walking or flying. Construction of the road was carried out in the 1960's past the site and the whole route completed and opened in 1972.
THREE VALLEY FERRY

Before the Trans-Canada Highway was rebuilt around Three Valley Lake, 15 miles west of Revelstoke, it was a very narrow road situated at the base of a high rock cliff. During 1954 a contract was let for improvement of this section and eventually over 250,000 cubic yards of material were removed, 179,000 cubic yards of it rock.

One of the provisions in the 1.94-mile project was for the contractor to have the road open for traffic between noon and 1 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. until 8 a.m. each working-day. Anticipating a problem meeting this requirement the contractor suggested Highways install a ferry.

Through the District office at Revelstoke the Department chartered Arrow Lake Transportation Company's tug Pentagon. This tug along with two steel reaction ferry pontoons with a deck bridging them comprised the ferry. The ferry's usual load was four cars. Service began early in July 1955. The ferry operated during working-hours when the road was closed, and if the road was blocked after 4.30 p.m. it continued until dark.

For a time things went along as planned, but, toward the end of July a blast brought down much more material than expected and completely blocked the highway. It was nine days before the road was opened for traffic. Ferry waits lasting up to 24 hours were not uncommon for some motorists and patience wore thin. Feelings also ran high at times when some drivers tried to get ahead of others in the long line-ups. Today a one-hour wait on a construction job has some motorists writing letters to the editors.

The Three Valley Lake ferry was used for just over three months transporting around 10,000 vehicles in that time. The operator of Pentagon was Ken Millar, now a Captain in the Omineca Princess on François Lake.

Past memories were brought to light by Salmon Arm Mechanical Foreman Harry Genschorek. He produced this picture taken in 1948 in the Merritt garage. From left to right are Percy Currie, Stockman, now deceased; John Richardson, shop foreman, now deceased; Harry Genschorek, Mechanic, now Shop Foreman in Salmon Arm, and Ernie Sérilong, Truck Driver, still with Merritt Highways District. The total shop crew at the time was two employees and the building was heated with a 45-gallon drum for wood burning. Behind Percy Currie on the left is a Huber grader and beyond that is a Model 35 gas-driven Caterpillar tractor.

Public Works employees at Murphy Creek, in the Rossland District, 1934-35. Left to right, Norman Wells, now District Highway Manager in Chilliwack; Pete Lalonde and Bob Dunlop, who retired in 1963. There were no air compressors on the job at this bridge site, so rock to be blasted had to be drilled by star drill and hammer for which the workers were paid the princely sum of 50 cents per hour, top wages in those days, reports Norm.
ABOUT PEOPLE . . .

W. S. (BILL) ALLEN joined the Ministry staff as Administrative Officer for the Assistant Deputy Minister (Finance and Administration) in April 1977. Bill has had an interesting and varied career prior to joining the Public Service on September 1, 1968, as Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Public Works. He was a sales manager for a radio station, a department manager for HBC, and an ad manager for Woodward's Stores before joining the Public Service. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II. Bill has been deeply involved in sports, including minor hockey and Junior B hockey for 17 years. He is a life member of the Anglican Young People's Association and a lifetime member of the Kinsmen Club of Gibsons. His hobbies include skating, swimming, reading, and sewing.

SANDRA HANSON came to the office of the Senior Information Officer in August 1977 from a similar position with the B.C. Ferry Authority, where she began her Public Service career in November 1976. She is the senior Clerk-Stenographer in the office and types, as well as distributes, all of the hundreds of letters which pass through the Senior Information Officer's hands. Known as "Sandy" to her friends, she is an efficient worker and a valued member of the staff. Her hobbies include skating, swimming, reading, and sewing.

MAY FLEMING is the latest addition to the Public Information office of the Ministry at Victoria. May began her career with the Public Service as a Clerk-Stenographer and is a valued worker in the office. She types the news releases, among other jobs, and works with the Public Information Officer and the Administrative Officer to the Assistant Deputy Minister (Finance and Administration). Her hobbies are sailing, camping, hiking, reading, and gardening and she is active in all of them.

T. M. FORSYTH has been the District Highways Manager in Gibsons since 1975. Prior to that, Gibsons was a subdistrict of North Vancouver. He began with Highways in the Burns Lake District in 1956 as an Instrument Man. In 1966, a transfer to the position of District Technician put him in charge of the Gibsons-Powell River area. Tucker is married with three children. He enjoys all sports and travelling. Tucker was recently made a lifetime member of the Kinsmen Club of Gibsons.

CARMEN DIXON began with Gibsons Highway District in March 1974 as a Clerk-Typist 1. In 1977 she was reclassified to a Clerk 3. Carmen has lived in Gibsons for 19 years and her opinion is it is a wonderful place to live. She has two teenage children and her hobbies are exercises of all kinds, growing plants, macramé, and collecting antique platters and china.

MARCIA STAHELI, Labourer, New Westminster District, was on the Knight Street Bridge weeding crew during 1976 and 1977 and substituted as Driver on the Massey Tunnel bicycle shuttle. Marcia won permanent Labourer's position in August last year, out of Richmond's maintenance yard. Coming in out of the rain and snow, she has been assisting the District Co-ordinator for a few months but looks forward to getting back out onto the roads. Marcia married last December. She is on the District softball team and enjoys skiing, skating, and swimming.

C. MERV FRANK transferred to the Golden District as Co-ordinator from McBride in May 1978. Born and raised in Winnipeg, Merv lived in Vancouver prior to joining the Ministry in McBride. Merv, his wife and two sons, spend week-ends on their 32-foot houseboat on Mara Lake. Besides water sports Merv is an avid snowmobiler.

JIM RAVEN, District Technician, Williams Lake District, has worked for the Ministry for 26 years, the last 17 in Williams Lake. Jim is married with two children, Tucker was recently made a lifetime member of the Kinsmen Club of Gibsons.

GORDON LOvell, District Stockman, Williams Lake District, has been with the Government for 13 years. Prior to coming to Williams Lake in 1974 he was a Stockman for B.C. Ferries. Gordon is married with two children and spends most of his spare time building his own house on his farm. Gordon's main interests are his two Arabian Pinto horses. He also enjoys camping and travelling.
JAMES LEE has recently joined the Maintenance Systems Division in Victoria as an Engineer 2. He was previously an Engineer with Bridge Branch for three years and four years with Public Works. James is married with two young children and he enjoys travelling and fishing.

GEORGE BOYCE, Mechanical Foreman, Penticton District, has been with Highways since May 1957. George moved to Penticton from Port Alberni in 1971. An avid fisherman, George is a member of the Toastmasters’ Club in Penticton.

RAY CAPNERHURST is presently a Machine Operator 4 in the Greenwood foreman area. Before coming to the Grand Forks District, Ray started in Mission in 1966 and transferred to Greenwood in 1970. Ray is kept busy by his two sons and enjoys tinkering with cars. He also likes to play golf when he can find the time.

BART DUTEAU, District Technician, joined the Ministry with the Location Branch in Prince George in 1959 and worked for the Branch until transferring to Gibsons in 1971. He is married with three children and spends his spare time pursuing the various anadromous fish native to the Gibsons area.

MICKEY WATTS, Relief Foreman in the Penticton District, started with the Ministry in April 1951 as a Truck Driver. Mickey has since worked continuously in the Penticton area and presently acts as District Driver Trainer. Mickey’s hobbies include fishing and camping.

PHYLLIS FRANCIS has been with the Gibsons District since May 1976 assisting with general office duties, subdivisions, and maintenance management. She was recently appointed to the Clerk 2 position. She is married with three children and her hobbies are sewing, knitting, fishing, and camping.

KAREN PARTINGTON is an Office Assistant 2 in the Burns Lake District office and is usually the voice at the other end of Burns Lake 1. Karen has been with Highways for two and one-half years. She is married with three children, and her hobbies include camping, snowmobiling, and curling.

PETER A. SAVISKOFF recently won the Engineering Aide 3 position in the Fernie District. Pete is on the District survey crew and came from B.C. Hydro Civic Inspection Section (North Vancouver). Married with one son, Pete likes music, fishing, and hiking. He serves as the BC-GEU steward for the ETI component, Fernie area.

Members of the Penticton District garage crew include, left to right, R. McColl, A. Sears, W. Richardson, K. Alexander, D. Cautee (road crew), M. Ferley, road crew; T. Turner, Assistant Mechanical Foreman; B. Bathgate, J. Christianson, and O. Boyce, Mechanical Foreman.
ABOUT PEOPLE . . .

JOHN HENDERSON, Engineering Aide 2, left Kamloops District in August to embark on a four-year training program in Toronto to qualify as a doctor of chiropractic. He previously worked on the survey crew at the Cypress Bowl access project and has been with Kamloops District for about one and one-half years. John has a B.Sc. in psychology from the University of Victoria and enjoys, skiing, flying, rugby, and badminton.

LAWREN WAGER started with the Ministry in June 1972 on the Engineer-in-Training program and subsequently spent time with all the branches. He transferred to Burns Lake in December 1973 as the District Highways Manager and remained there until August 1976 when he was transferred to Nelson as the Regional Maintenance Management Engineer. He has been with Kamloops District for about one and one-half years. John has a B.Sc. in psychology from the University of Victoria and enjoys, skiing, flying, rugby, and badminton.

FRANK JANAS, Machine Operator, Smithers District, began with Highways in 1975. He is married with two children and his hobbies are snowmobiling, photography, raising Cocker Spaniels, and is the kennel breeder and manager of Frajan Cocker in Kitwanga.

TERRY CHRISTIE, Engineering Assistant with the Ministry since October 1974. His main hobbies are re-finishing old furniture, four-wheel driving, and sailing. Presently, Terry is planning to buy a sailboat.

KATHI AQUINO, Clerk-Stenographer in the Nanaimo District office, has been with the Ministry since October 1974. Her main hobbies include cooking, water-skiing, travelling, four-wheel scramble racing, and disco dancing. Her main ambition is planning a trip to Europe and Great Britain next year.

R. L. (LAING) SHIMMIN, started with Highways in Prince George in October 1974, and moved to Lillooet in June 1976 where he was a Clerk 5. Laing is now Administrative Officer 1 for Kamloops District. He has a B.Sc. in mathematics and economics from University of Victoria and has been with Highways for three and one-half years. Laing is single, enjoys softball, tennis, and has his own ski boat.

CLIFF DODGE, Mechanical Foreman, Williams Lake District, has been with the Ministry for 23 years, the last eight in Williams Lake. Cliff's main interest is cars and he spends considerable spare time fixing, buying, and selling automobiles. Other interests are hunting and fishing. Cliff and his family spend their vacations on Canim Lake where he has built his own log cabin.

RAY DегRAFFE, Engineering Assistant in the Gibsons District, worked for the Alberta Department of Highways for five years before coming to British Columbia. He worked in Nanaimo and Chilliwack Districts before going to Gibsons in February of this year. Ray is married, has a three-year-old son, and spends most of his spare time with his family.

CLAYTON B. CARBY is an Engineering Aide in the Gibsons District office. Clay comes from the Sunshine Coast Regional District and has been with Highways since March 1978. He is married and lives in Gibsons. Clay is actively involved in both the Kinsmen Club and the Gibsons' Volunteer Fire Department.

LANCE ROSSITER, Yardman in the Terrace District, will be retired at the end of August. Lance started with Highways in July 1958 and before that he was with the Department of Transport Marine Services as a Storeman. He served what may be a record number of years as a Safety Committee secretary, 19 years from 1959 to 1978. Lance and his wife, May, are going to spend two months in Hawaii where it is believed he is going to use his ham radio expertise to send strange messages back over the B.C. Highways radio network.

MORRIS GIRARD recently transferred to Highways after working in Public Works as a Painter since 1968. In the recent allocation of Public Works employees, Morris was sent to the court staff as a Security Officer and then to Highways. He is now at the Second Narrows patrol office and does the office work and looks after stores. Morris lives in Port Coquitlam with his wife and three children. His hobbies are camping and wood-working.
Highways and Bridge Openings (continued)

Premier Bennett formally opened the 5.5-km, $9 million section of the Trans-Canada Highway between Douglas Street and Thetis Overpass on December 11. He was assisted at the ceremony by Stan Wells, a worker on the project from the Labourer’s Union Local 1093. Shown as the ribbon was cut are, left to right, Deregulation Minister Sam Bawlf, Mr. Wells, and the Premier.

On November 7, the new four-lane, $3 million, 4-km section of Highway 19, between Norwell Drive and Hammond Bay Road was officially opened by the Minister at Nanaimo. Frank Ney, Mayor of Nanaimo was in attendance. Bill Loudon, pioneer miner and Nanaimo District resident, was presented with the official scissors from the occasion by the Minister and John Morris, Nanaimo Highway District Manager.

The first vehicle across the new Kiskatinaw Bridge was this 1927 Buick driven by Walter Wright (past Mayor of Dawson Creek), with George Brookbank as his passenger. The new bridge was officially opened October 31, 1978.

The new Kiskatinaw Bridge and approaches which was officially opened October 30 of this year.

Highways Minister Alex. V. Fraser cuts ribbon of four-lane, 4-km section of Highway 6 within the boundaries of Vernon and the Municipality of Coldstream. With Mr. Fraser are, left to right, Pat Dunn, Vernon District Highway Manager; Pat Jordan, MLA, North Okanagan; and Fred Galowski, Leduc Paving Ltd.

Highways Minister Alex. V. Fraser, centre, with, left to right, Al Walisser, New Westminster District Highways Manager; Tourism Minister Elwood Veitch; Alderman Doreen Lawson representing the Municipality of Burnaby; and Ray Loewen, MLA, Burnaby-Edmonds, opens the Stormont Connector, October 24 in Burnaby.

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Installation of a huge multiplate culvert is near completion on the Bridge Lake Road (Highway 24) near Little Fort. Jules Dramstad and Fred Haggard, members of the district bridge crew, stand in culvert to show its relative size. The multiplate is approximately 13 feet high, by 20 feet wide and 122 feet long. There are about 140 plates to the culvert and some 5,000 bolts hold it together. Eakin Creek will flow through the culvert.

Construction for the replacement of Campbell River Bridge on Pacific Highway, New Westminster District, involves the installation of twin 5.28-metre by 3.52-metre multiplate pipe-arch structures to allow a wider road and gentle side slopes. This will produce safer road conditions for this major truck route into Washington State.

The Boulder Creek Bridge on the Nanaimo River Road is replaced with a 4.57-metre multiplate pipe. The installation and road realignment was carried out by the Nanaimo District on a day-labour basis. The old bridge was built in 1956 and is 22.9 metres above the creek bed. The new culvert and fill will carry traffic to large logging operations, the Great Mountain ski resort, and recreational traffic to the Nanaimo Lakes area. Bert Melsness, Construction Foreman, Nanaimo District, with crew which assembled this multiplate pipe at Boulder Creek in 10 days. They are, left to right, back row, Ron Goffery, Dave McKay, Sig Sigurdson, and Vern Hunter; and, front row, Bert Melsness, Joe McGraw, Crystal Belanger, Jim Bertram, and Brian Mealmore.

Terrace District bridge crew assembling a multiplate pipe-arch culvert at Gitzyon Creek on the New Atlin Road in the Nass Valley. Pipe installation was part of a day-labour project. Pipe dimensions are 4.72 metres by 3.07 metres by 45.7 metres long.
Part of major reconstruction of Highway 6 east of Vernon; old wooden cattle underpass was replaced with the new steel culvert.

Construction Foreman O. V. Arndt and Labourer George Waddle installing culverts on the North East Coal access, Flatbed Road. This additional culvert will help reduce winter ice problems caused by springs.

Replacing obsolete bridges is part of a bridge crew's responsibility. Here Dick Vessey is swung over the Bulkley River while replacing the Clark Bridge. Watching are Garry French and Stan Thiessen, all of the Burns Lake District bridge crew. The cradle in which Dick is riding is a welcome new addition to the equipment and the design was approved by the Workers' Compensation Board after months of safety checks and improvements.

The Salmon Arm bridge crew constructed a new bridge, 28 feet by 120 feet, over the Salmon River on the Silver Creek Road in September 1978. The old bridge was constructed in 1965 and the replacement had concrete stringers and a top. Four exterior stringers weighing 34,650 pounds each and 10 interior stringers weighing 34,090 pounds were lifted into place by a 65-ton crane. Concrete (32.2 m³) was poured on the deck and trowelled with a deck machine on a 3½-inch camber.

Corbin Road in the Fernie District received a major facelifting with the opening of Byron Creek Collieries at Corbin townsite. Here is one of many pile-driving operations undertaken. Woodland Bridge is constructed to support seven 45-foot-length precast bridge girders.
ON THE JOB . . .

Nanaimo River Road Underpass, Nanaimo District, has recently been completed at the Trans-Canada Highway junction. The underpass will speed up heavy traffic flow at that point and will greatly improve traffic movements and safety.

Flood? Not really. Looking west from Highway 3, part of the townsite of Wardner and the old Wardner Bridge are submerged in Lake Koocanusa. The Libby Dam agreement closed the section of highway and bridge leading to Wardner. The revised route saw the construction of a new bridge and the relocation of the highway district boundary between Cranbrook and Fernie.

Traffic flow was greatly improved west of Kaleden Junction with the completion this summer of three- and four-lane construction. The construction is part of the Penticton Highway District day-labour program from Kaleden Junction west of Princeton.

Bridgemen, Jim Lalorge and Tony Bieganski, Dawson Creek District, putting the final touches on the Old Aneas Bridge. This bridge just received new stringers, deck, and a new fence. The Aneas Bridge over the Kiskatinaw River at one time was one of the major links on the John Hart Highway. It now carries only local traffic.

Pictured above is the old wooden bridge spanning the Kiskatinaw River along the Alaska Highway. This bridge was built in October 1942 by the U.S. Army.

Naramata Road in Penticton District is being realigned and constructed. The winding section of road has a large traffic volume and the heavily built-up area makes construction work difficult at times.
In Fernie

This unique tunnel is located 19.5 km south of Fernie on Highway 3. Only 60 m in length and on a curve, it is noted as a geographic weather control as the areas at each end of the tunnel seem unaccountably to have widely different climates. A more arid type of weather exists south of the tunnel while the north has more humid conditions.

Glen Bossio, Machine Operator 4, Fernie District, operates the newly acquired Warner-Swazey ditching machine. Work is being performed on the Mount Fernie Provincial Park Road, 3.2 km west of Fernie.

The Fairy Creek Bridge just north of Fernie was replaced by a new spacious structure in October 1978. Preparing the approaches involved some blasting of a shale bank and shown here, left to right, Marian Motloch, Bill Tymchuk, Tony Puppin, John "Nick" Ewanick, and Richard Hutchinson, all from the Fernie District road crew, standing uncomfortably close to planted and wired charge just before they shot it.

Looking west, this "coal tipple" is an old conveyor still in use as part of Kaiser Resources mining production on Highway 3, 4.8 km east of Fernie. The westbound lane is 24 feet in height. The eastbound lane was revised to increase the vertical height from 10 feet to 16 feet 3 inches. Previous truck-trailer units had to detour via a dirt road on the right of the north support.

Alan Peterson, Fernie District, clearing debris from Highway 3, 22 km west of Fernie. Bill Tymchuk is supervising the operation while Richard Hutchinson flags traffic. Looks as if they need more than a loader for that nugget in the foreground.

Bill McKay from the Jaffray road crew is the operator of this newly acquired distributor in the Fernie District. Long, hot summers prove that such a unit can be useful in dust control and laying an inverted prime to improve various district roads.
TRANSFERS

STEVE J. SVIATKO has recently joined Kamloops District as District Highways Manager. Before coming to Kamloops he was District Highways Manager in Cranbrook, Salmon Arm, and Smithers and a Resident Engineer in New Westminster, Chilliwack, and Burnside. Steve has been with Highways for 27 years. He is married, has three children, and enjoys photography, golf, and curling.

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The Fort St. John District Highways crew welcomes R. G. (BOB) STRAIN to its office as the new District Coordinator. Bob comes from Golden, and is busy with his new duties. Bob's pastimes include camping, fishing, hunting, and coaching minor baseball. Bob is married with two sons.

JOHN McLEAN, Road Foreman 2 in the Vernon District, was recently transferred to Langford, Saanich District. John was originally from the coast and has spent the last five years in Vernon.

GORDON GRAMS is now working as Apprentice Mechanic at the Merritt garage. Gordon previously was an Apprentice Mechanic in Vernon.

WAYNE E. LACEY, Engineering Aide 2, has transferred from the Highway Design and Surveys Branch to Cranbrook District, May 1, 1978. Wayne started with the Ministry April 20, 1972. He is married with one child and enjoys bowling.

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“Grizzly” installed in dump box to prevent lumps of sand from jamming tail-gate sander chain, Vanderhoof District. Standing on the installed “Grizzly,” which proved successful last winter in Vanderhoof, is its inventor, Ray Fullerton, who left the Ministry this year. Blueprints will be issued from the Director of Equipment Services, Victoria, for other districts.

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T. J. P. (Pat) Sturr, left, Relief Mate, and J. M. (Joe) Comeau, Shift Captain, in the wheelhouse of Omineca Princess. Pat began his service with Highways in 1969 after spending a number of years with the Canadian Coast Guard. Joe also began his service in 1969 starting as a deckhand in Jacob Henkel and since rising to master's position.

Charles Colville, Ferryman at Isle Pierre, on the ferry which he has operated for the past three years. He owns a farm on the north side of Nechako River at the ferry site and worked as a casual employee before beginning on the ferry.

About People
Some who have travelled the Crow's Nest Highway 3 route through Sparwood may have seen this enormous vehicle but they are not likely to see it on a public highway. This is the Terex Titan, the biggest rear dump truck in the world, 66 feet long, 25 feet wide, and 22 feet high from the ground to the top of the canopy over the cab. Each of its tires is 11 feet in diameter. To reach the cab requires a 13-foot climb from ground level. This truck weighs 520,400 pounds empty. With a maximum load of 350 tons, the Titan weighs almost 610 tons. Each tire alone weighs almost 8,000 pounds. A 3,300 hp. diesel engine is teamed with a generator to deliver electric power to traction motors located in the Titan's wheels. With a full load, the Titan can travel at speeds of 30 mph. This truck was shipped in several pieces and assembled on the mine-site. It will be put to use at the Open Coal Mine at Kaiser Resources.

Crew from Vernon District No. 3 Yard just completing their metric course. They are, left to right, George Martinson, Bob Gertsmeyer, Bob Cowley, Jim Simpson, and Tally O'Keefe. This division produces concrete guardrail, picnic tables, and other items for the roadside development program.

Use of a heated plastic tent enables the concrete guardrail division of Vernon District to operate throughout the winter. Concrete readymix trucks can drive right inside the tent to fill the forms.

Monumental task involved in transporting two 220-ton runners, wheel mechanisms for turbines at the Site 1 Dam on the Peace River is shown in these pictures taken on Highway 16 near Vanderhoof. Apex Industrial Movers have the contract to move the Russian-made runners from Vancouver to the Hudson Hope dam-site. Transportation from Russia to Vancouver was by freighter. The trip from Vancouver was over a long and tortuous route. The truck and trailer transporting each runner was barged to Kemano, then over the European logging-road to Tahltan Lake, and barged via several lakes to Kenney Dam on Kwisitub Lake. From there by logging-roads to Engen (19.2 km west of Vanderhoof), Vanderhoof to Fort St. James on Highways 16 and 27, and then north to Williston Lake via the Omnico Mine Road, from this point once again put on barge down Williston Lake to Peace River Dam, then trucked to Site 1 Dam. Two runners are in transport at this time with the remaining two scheduled for 1979. Each runner weighs 441,000 pounds, total weight of runner and tractor trailer was 684,000 pounds. When crossing highway structures each tractor trailer was equipped with 160 wheels. The Highways Ministry, Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, and the RCMP worked closely together during the moves.

The Highways Ministry would like to see British Columbia's roads free of litter which, despite the law, seems to find its way along many routes. Latest encouragement to eliminate roadside litter is attractive disposal unit similar to the earlier garbage-gobbler, some of which are still in place at view points. This newer version is made from an old oil drum with a fibreglass, locked-on toad head, and it asks the public to "Feed Me." Fifty of the units have been placed at strategic locations along British Columbia highways, with more to come in 1979. Can you think of a name for these units? If so, drop a line to the Senior Landscape Supervisor, Ministry of Transportation, Communications and Highways, Waddington Building, Broughton Street, Victoria.
ON THE JOB . . .

Bob Chapman and bridge crew from North Vancouver District are busy cleaning up after finishing the expansion joints at the south end of the Second Narrows Bridge. The crew's efforts resulted in a very smooth joint and an end to the noise for the neighbours of the bridge.

Sgt. Harry Cunningham, N.C.O. in charge of the B.C. Highways Patrol, is seen chatting with Frank Rideout, Foreman of the regional bridge crew based at North Vancouver District yards. Harry likes to keep a good relationship with all branches of highways and is interested in providing adequate protection for the work crews when required. He takes every opportunity to talk to the men who keep the bridges and highways in good repair.

Pat Doodson, Machine Operator 4, North Vancouver District Yard, is operating the newly acquired International sweeper. The truck has the capability of cleaning out drains with suction. Pat's operations on the highway are vital to the safety of the motorist. Many times he has assisted with stalls and accidents in the areas where he was working. Pat has been employed with the Highways Ministry since 1972.

Paul Jelic, Highways Patrol wrecker operator, on the Second Narrows Bridge, is seen spreading sand on an oil spill which could have resulted in an accident. Paul's activities include attending stalled vehicles, removal of debris, and assisting maintenance operations on the bridge. He emigrated from Yugoslavia and worked in various parts of Canada before joining the Ministry in 1967.
The beavers have come back with characteristic persistence in the Burns Lake District. Here George Barton and Dennis Menhinick of the Houston road crew have cleared away another of the pesky critter's dams. They'll be back though!

Bob Grose, Harvey Funk, Art Grasser, Ralph Gardner, and Foreman Garry Hemmerling loading a small packer onto a pick-up on completion of Dog Creek culvert installation.

Rossland District personnel, left to right, J. Williams, Machine Operator; R. Broughton, Shop Foreman; and T. Williams, Machine Operator, standing beside the new tandem diesel truck. All facilities, including the Hiab winch and deck, were installed by Rossland shop crew.

The Burns Lake District crack-sealing crew in action along Yellowhead Highway 16. The Houston crew were observing. Wielding the tar holders are John Bahlor and Randy Hackett, with smiling Ian Carne completing the crew.

Sandy Murray, Machine Operator 7, Smithers District, with the new tractor complete with Hiab crane for self-loading that arrived recently. This tractor like the old one should do many kilometres throughout the Province in Sandy's capable hands.

Left to right, Tom Gabara, Machine Operator; Al Murdock, Fencing Foreman; and Richard Harry, Labourer, Merritt District, taking a break from fencing on the Munit Lake Road.

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ON THE JOB...

Whoops! Vernon District truck with a decided list gets dragged back to the road with a shovel bucket and winch after it had been swept off by a mud slide during reconstruction of the Lumby-Mabel Lake Road.

Larry English and Jim Murphy, mechanics in the Salmon Arm District garage, had the task of repairing and cleaning the Nikro Pulv Dust Collector (a vacuum cleaner is what it is) used by the mixing plant crew. This portable machine is the only one of its kind in British Columbia, and removes the sand and dust from the mix plant. Jim and Larry looked like two coal miners when they emerged from the inside.

Road Foreman Norm McRae, New Denver Highways District, surveys a tank drill buried by a slide during the reconstruction of the Nakusp-Hot Springs Road. Fortunately no one was hurt and no serious damage was done to the machine.

Ken Screen started with the Salmon Arm District as an auxiliary employee in 1976 and became a regular employee in November 1977. Ken does all the yard maintenance, equipment servicing, and gardening in the Salmon Arm yard. Here Ken is servicing one of the Salmon Arm units.

Highways testing crew, B. Lintott, D. Norstrom, and P. Morrison drilling test holes in the Shuswap River bed from a barge. This is preliminary work being done before the building of a new bridge at Enderby. The old bridge was built in 1942.
Situated on Underpass Road at the south approach to Pattullo Bridge, this rock retaining wall, nearing completion, was constructed by New Westminster District personnel, left to right, A. Trottier, G. Kristoff, and B. Bose. When completed the wall will give a neat but rustic look to this formerly untidy south abutment area.

Ken Rolin, Machine Operator 4, started with the Salmon Arm District in 1954 as a Labourer and worked his way up to Lowbed Operator and Driver Trainer. Here Ken is trying out a new Ford loader in Salmon Arm yard.

John Bjarneby, Foreman on construction of the Boundary Road, access to the North East Coal and Grizzly Valley gas field. John has put a great amount of effort into this project. The job site is 80 km from his home which means that he must rise at 4:30 a.m. each day to be on the job at 7 a.m. starting time. The project is 40 km long and will take two construction seasons to complete.

Frank Mounsey, Foreman 2 in the Mount Lemoraay area in the Pine Pass section of Highway 97, shows off his new office and assembly room. This is a great improvement over his previous shack office.

John Gray, Machine Operator 3, operating roller on one of Merritt Highways District projects.

Lew Donovan, Senior Foreman, left, and Bob Shearer, Foreman at Chetwynd, Dawson Creek District, view a section of farm access road reconstruction in the Lone Prairie area south of Chetwynd.
TRUCK ROADEOS

Eight district truck "roadeos" and the first-ever regional event were successfully completed in various parts of the Province over the past eight months.

The Region 6 roadeo at Nanaimo produced the following winners: Lorne Cooke, Saanich District, first, 4-ton; Chris McCall, Nanaimo District, second, 4-ton; Graham Graves, Centreline crew, first, crew-cab; Keith Banfield, Saanich District, second, crew-cab. Over-all award winner was the Saanich District Regional Highway Engineer B. A. J'Hirondelle, at the conclusion of the event, issued a challenge to other regions to hold similar competitions and compete with his winners for a British Columbia grand championship.

Because of the large number of district roadeos it was impossible to cover them all with full stories and pictures. Some representative pictures and the various winners are shown for the roadeos held at Vanderhoof, Golden, Dease Lake, Cranbrook, Saanich, Courtenay, Port Alberni, and Dawson Creek.

At Vanderhoof the roadeo was on May 12, 1978, and the winners were John Gusbrecht, first, 4-ton; Henry Krause, second, 4-ton; Doug Elliott, first, crew-cab; Oddie Nordstokke, second, crew-cab; Survey crew, over-all winners.

Golden District held its roadeo on June 14, 1978, and the winners were Doug Mitchell, first, 4-ton; Gerry Kaski, second, 4-ton; Al Kinsey, first, crew-cab; Mike Maglo, second, crew-cab. Over-all winners were the Invermere road crew.

Dease Lake District roadeo was June 29, 1978, and the winners were Glen Laepky, first, 4-ton; John McPhee, second, 4-ton; Joe McNabb, District Highways Manager, first, crew-cab; Dale Nordstrom, second, crew-cab.

The Cranbrook District roadeo was held August 25, 1978. The winners were Hank Friesen, first, 4-ton; Ed Wonnacott, second, 4-ton; Karin Tkackuk, first, crew-cab; Orben Steinwandt, second, crew-cab. The over-all best score was achieved by the Cranbrook shop.

Saanich District had its event September 6. Winners were Dave Stacey, first, 4-ton; Lorne Cook, second, 4-ton; Graham Graves, first, crew-cab; Chris Blaney, second, crew-cab.

The Courtenay roadeo was September 14, 1978, and winners were Graham McMinnies, first, crew-cab; K. Niemi, second, crew-cab; S. Hudak, first, 4-ton; D. Price, second, 4-ton.

Port Alberni had its roadeo on September 20 and the following winners were registered: Dennis Rasmussen, first, 4-ton; Don Brittain, second, 4-ton; Ray Stewart, third, 4-ton; Marcel Cyr, first, crew-cab; Ron Kirk, second, crew-cab; Al Nesting, third, crew-cab. Over-all winners were the Mechanical Branch.

Dawson Creek's roadeo was on September 21, 1978, with the following winners: Ross Robertson, first, 4-ton; Al Berg, second, 4-ton; William Hall, first, crew-cab; Wayne Fontaine, second, crew-cab.

The Ministry has a new headquarters in Victoria—a $26 million office building shared with the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and later, with the Greater Victoria Public Library.

It took a month to move all the divisions of the Ministry into the building with their equipment, files, machines, and drawing boards. The moving began on August 28, and by September 27 the last of about 540 Highways personnel were into new offices. The building is fondly called PGOB 2 (Provincial Government Office Building No. 2). The move went comparatively smooth, with only a few complaints of a major nature being funnelled to the British Columbia Buildings Corporation building management people who oversaw the transition.

Many of the Highways people in the new building moved from substandard accommodations to a new air-conditioned, plush, and ultra modern facility with new furniture. Taking the positive approach, the settling-down period should be over by Christmas. Things such as air-conditioning problems, small coffee break and rest facilities, the new White sound system, and the lighting, have been difficult for some staff to adjust to, but generally, the complaints pass with time.

The Ministry occupies space on the third, fourth, and fifth floors of the building.

Winners of the first regional truck roadeo at Cassidy in Region 6, left to right, Chris McCall, second in 4-ton; Graham Graves, first in crew-cab; Bruce Robertson, accepted award on behalf of best team score; Saanich District; Lorne Cook, first in 4-ton, and Keith Banfield, second in crew-cab.

Some of the participants in the first truck roadeo in Port Alberni, left to right, back row, Ron Kirk, Marcel Cyr, Ray Stewart, Al Nesting; middle row, Allen Beck, Don Brittain, Dennis Rasmussen; front row, Elaine Wells, Phil Bayne, Frank Stearns, and Lori Groots.

OBITUARIES

ED MAUROCE, 41, Technician 3 with the Design and Surveys Branch in North Vancouver, died suddenly October 24, 1978. He is survived by his wife and four children. Ed, who had 22 years of service with Highways, began with Highways on the North Thompson projects on the Yellowhead route and subsequently moved into the Design office in North Vancouver.

REGINALD BAILEY, 50, Engineering Aide with the Design and Surveys Branch in North Vancouver, died on October 11, 1978. Reg had been with the Branch for 24 years.

Associates and friends of HENRY BULLER at Burns Lake were saddened by his sudden death on October 3. Henry, 51, had worked with the Ministry since 1968 in various locations in the Lakes District.