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DEPARTMENT WORKERS GIVING SUPPORT TO FREEDOM BOND DRIVE

The U. S. Treasury's 1962 Freedom Bond campaign, June 12 through June 30, got under way in the Department under the direction of Arthur P. Logan, deputy secretary, named by Secretary Martin to head the camp-

Each bureau head, District engineer and county maintenance superintendent, has been appointed to head the drive with assignment of one canvasser for every 20 employes.

At a meeting May 9 in the Finance Building, the Freedom Bond Corporation was organized to sell U.S. Savings Bonds to Commonwealth employes through a payroll-deduction plan. State Treasurer Grace M. Sloan was named chairman of the corporation. At the session, Governor David L. Lawrence endorsed the program and urged all State workers to participate.

A rally for all State employes in the Forum of the State Education Building June 12 attracted a capacity attendance. The Department was substantially represented. Bob Cummings, noted actor, was the main attraction. He appealed for support of the Freedom Bond drive.

Solicitors for the respective units throughout the Department follow: Jim Boyle, Faye Saich, Clinton Jones, Wade Lawrence, Buel Mitchell, George O'Hora, Elsie Hensel, Thelma Borcherding, James Haas and Rose Rudeck.

Jim Sloan, Joseph Kohler, Lois Gerber, Dorothy Stahler, Kathy Duras, Joe Viani, Beulah Creakman, W. W. Seltzer, Frank C. Hollister and Carmen Zilch.

Frank Flickinger, William Penrose, Joseph Dunnigan, Tom Leeds, Geraldine Ridge, Larry Shalfner, Wendell McConkey, Por thy Stahler, Sherwood Ritz, Jim Wiley and Kenneth Hicks.

Recalling the inception of savings bond sales to the public in 1941 as a vital war measure. Mr. Logan observed this method of investment has proved popular through the intervening years. "It is a practical demonstration of loyalty to our Government," he asserted, "and the willing response by so many employes of the Department of Highways to the present drive is a source of much gratification. Freedom Bonds are the safest bonds on the market. Those who have not already authorized these purchases via the payroll-deduction plan, still have time to join their fellow

workers." 4 4 4 4 BUY U.S.BONDS DD 4 4 90 4 4

CELEBRITY GREETS SECRETARY MARTIN



Bob Cummings, entertainment world star, (left) shakes hands with Secretary of Highways Park H. Martin as State Treasurer Grace M. Sloan, looks on immediately prior to the Freedom Bond kickoff rally for Commonwealth employes June 12 in the Forum.

36 GOLFERS ENTER RANGE END JOUST

What started out as an impromptu match among twelve Department of Highways golfers mushroomed into a 41-man tournament held at Range End Golf Club, Dillsburg, on Flag Day.

Thirty-six Highway employes from the Central Offices and District 8, and five guests participated.

A putting contest, won by George Cash, bureau of public information, was held before the tournament started.

The "closest to the cup contest", measured on the par three sixth hole, was won by Ernest Lehmer, grade crossing Unit.

George Bolbach, bridge unit, District 8, copped two prizes. He won the longest drive crown on the 14th and low gross score with no handicap.

The low net score was won by H.C. Anderson, chief engineer, Highway and Bridge Authority.

ALTOONA GROUP TO ORGANIZE CHAPTER

An organization meeting for the establishment of an Altoona chapter of the American Society of Highway Engineers was held recently at the Elks Lodge in Al-

More than 60 prospective members from the area attended the meeting, as well as seven members of the national and Harrisburg chapters.

DEPARTMENT CITED FOR ROAD PROJECTS

A certificate of appreciation was presented the Department of Highways by the Allegheny Valley Chamber of Commerce for "outstanding community service" through such projects as the Freeport Bridge piers, Traffic Route 28 right-of-way, and Allegheny Expressway planning.

The award was in conjunction with the seventh annual Community Appreciation dinner of the Chamber, held May 16 at the Brackenbridge Heights Country Club.

R. H. Klucher, District 11 engineer, represented the Department at the dinner. A similar award was presented to the Department last year by the organization.

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R. C. BOBB DIES

Raymond C. Bobb Sr., who retired in May, 1961, after 14 years service with the Department as an architect, died June 7 in the Carlisle Hospital. He was 70 and resided in Carlisle. A registered architect and professional engineer, Bobb was a member of the American Institute of Architects.

MAINTENANCE WORK IS RESTRICTED TO **EIGHT HOURS DAILY**

A directive by Secretary of Highways Park H. Martin on working hours of the Department's various force activities became effective May 28.

Maintenance work is restricted to eight hours per day, five days a week, except in extreme emergency conditions.

A schedule of tenhours per day, five days a week, is authorized on all surface treatment and surfacing operations. Where conditions develop requiring such operations to exceed the ten-hour limit, maintenance superintendents are expected to exercise control in the number of hours worked.

Surface treatment and resurfacing operations may be done on secondary and rural routes on Saturdays when necessary, but the Department insists on every effort to eliminate this type of work Saturdays, on main and heavily traveled highways.

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These instructions apply both to men and the foreman's pick-up trucks, and the Department directs strict adherence to the schedule.

LEOPOLD APPOINTED DISTRICT 9 ENGINEER

Appointment of Victor B. Leopold as District 9 Engineer at Hollidaysburg became effective June 4. He succeeds Fred J. Hogan, who died May 24.

A registered engineer, he entered the Department service in 1926 and had been assistant district engineer at Franklin before his assignment to head District 9.

JOHN GEISEL FINISHES **ENGINEERING TRAINING**

John W. Geisel has been assigned to the highway design unit, District 2, following completion of an 18-month internship program at the Clearfield office. A 1961 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, he recently became the eleventh engineer to graduate from the Department's program covering all phases of highway engineer-

Four years ago, the Department inaugurated its internship program to attract more professional engineering personnel and a recruitment campaign was started to bring young civil engineers into the Department.

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TYPICAL SCENES OF DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS



These visitors at the Franklin headquarters of District I display interest as Norman F. Troxell, location engineer, explains route of a section on Interstate 80, Keystone Shortway.



This group of visitors listens attentively to William Sacks, a Bureau of Traffic engineer, 21st and Herr Streets, Harrisburg, as he explains safe driving practices when encountering a "Yield Right-of-Way" sign on the highway.



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A relief model showing sections of highway in District 5 obviously prompts a question to a staff member at the Allentown headquarters.

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The intricacies of bridge design impel a visitor at District 12 headquarters, Uniontown, to make a close-up inspection of one of the drawings on display.



An old-time grader fascinates this young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Robert Gazza, Indiana, as his younger brother watches the cameraman. George A. Robeson, District 10 Engineer, (Standing between the parents), reported 3,150 visitors during Open House.



Included among the Open House displays at the Pittsburgh headquarters of District II was this mock-up of the Pittsburgh Frea Transportation Study. Pictured from the left are John S. Yard, Assistant District Engineer; Julia Foley, stenographer, and Robert H. Klucher, District Engineer.



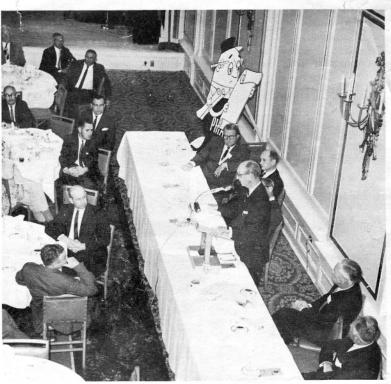
Staff instruction on monitoring radioactive material for Civil Defense was one of the attractions at District 2 headquarters, Clearfield. Visitors gazed with wonderment at the sensitive equipment used during the "performance."

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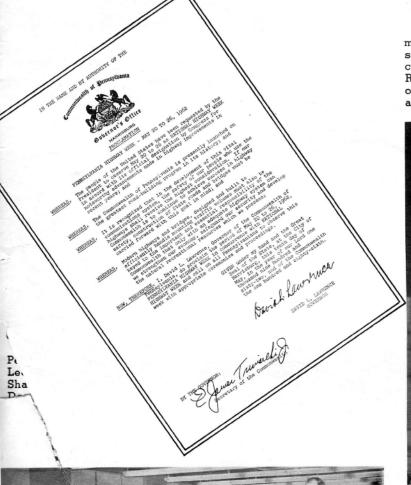
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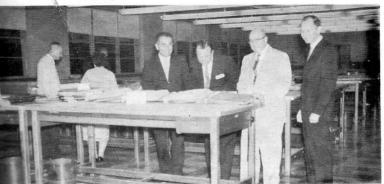


Governor David L. Lawrence poses with Beth Hetherington, New Cumberland, who was "Miss Highways, 1962." Selection of the cute six-year-old was determined by her birth year, coinciding with enactment of the amended Federal-aid Highway Bill of 1956.



Secretary of Highways Park H. Martin addresses a dinner meeting sponsored by the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association at the Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, May 25, which climaxed the 1962 observance. Chief Deputy Secretary William R.B. Froehlich is on the speaker's right. The big cardboard cutout is "Frank Phia," to be used by the Association for promotional purposes.



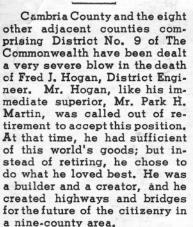


Maps, tracings, straight line diagrams and the like proved nteresting exhibits for visitors who toured headquarters of Disrict 4 at Dunmore.



It's time out for refreshments at District 8's headquarters, Harrisburg, as evidenced by these youngsters. The pop was supplied by the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association.

LATEST TYPE OF SNOW BLOWERS



Mr. Hogan will not only be missed by his close associates and the employees of The Department of Highways who worked with him, but he was loved by all. He was never too busy to see an individual citizen who had a complaint on a present highway or would appear to be injured by a projected one. He loved his county and the adjacent area so well and he lent herculean efforts to remedy conditions of neglect for the past thirty years to work with the officials of every political subdivision who called for his services; and an eight-hour day was very unimportant to this dedicated person. Mr. Hogan, like his boss, Mr. Martin, was sincerely dedicated to this great task of building in our Commonwealth in the field of engineering and highway construction which they both loved so well; and their efforts will be felt by the citizens of this Commonwealth long after they both become a memory; and their service and efforts will be useful and used by millions who are yet unborn.

In the construction of the modern highway program, Mr. Hogan was continuously confronted by situations that appeared impossible to conquer; and with his wide knowledge and experience and engineering know-how, he appeared to conquer and do the impossible and come up with a highway design that amazed us, the ordinary laymen, with its beauty and practicability.

Mr. Hogan will long be remembered and missed by all of us; and I hope and pray that, whoever is elected the new Governor of the Commonwealth, he will elect and persuade Mr. Martin, Fred's boss, to remain on the job, as I feel that he, like Mr. Hogan, would like to go out of this life in the harness of the profession he lived and loved.

Edward W. McNally

Mr. McNally is a State representative from Johnstown. The tribute to Mr. Hogan was published in the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat in its June 1, is-





Modern equipment is an essential for efficient highway construction and maintenance operations. Pictured above is one of four truck-mounted snow blowers purchased by the Department this year at a cost of \$34,997 each. The machines have been assigned to Districts 5, 6, 10 and 12. Five of these models were purchased in 1960.

1961 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS GAIN

The U. S. Bureau of Public Roads reports 1961 motor vehicle registrations totalled 75, 846, 532, a gain of 2.1 million over the previous year.

A breakdown showed 63, 274,481 passenger cars; 12, 291,365 trucks and 280,686 buses.

California heads list with 8.1 million vehicles, crossing eight million mark for first time. New York places second with 5.2. Pennsylvania is bracketed with Texas and Ohio, with over four million vehicles registered.

In 1961, in the period from 3 p.m. to 12 midnight, 51.9% of all highway fatalities took place.

The three worst days were Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

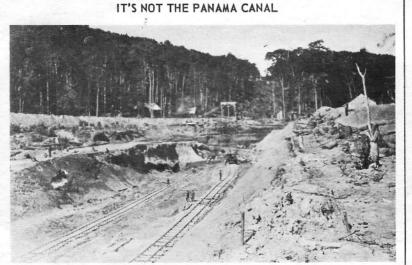
TWO CREWMEN DIE IN CAR ACCIDENTS

Traffic fatalities in which two Maintenance Department laborers in Districts 10 and 11 were victims showed no intentional disregard of safety rules in one instance, while the other was attributed to an automobile out of control, investigations disclosed.

Nicholas Rech, 67, Library, employed in District 11-1 for six years, was killed May 17 by a careening car in a Pittsburgh suburb. Harry L. Glass, 55, Blairs ville, R.D.1, employed for the same period in District 10-4, was struck by a car May 18 near Blairs ville and died three days later.

"Good, uniform motor vehicle laws are the keystone to highway safety." U. S. Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark.

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A scene taken during the construction of a section of the Lincoln Highway, Route 30, way back in 1880.

Exact location of the project is lost in the archives but it is believed to be located at either "Laurel Hill" or "Laurel Ridge" between Somerset and Westmoreland counties.

Note the steam locomotive and small cars which were used to haul cut and fill.

GUARD OR RESERVE TRAINING CLARIFIED

Department of Highways employes regardless of status of period for which they were hired are entitled to leave with paynot exceeding three weeks for military reserve training, and for all days participating in Pennsylvania National Guard duties.

A directive to this effect has been issued throughout the Department by Brydon H. Lidle, personnel director.

This was the result of a question arising in one of the Districts as to whether seasonal engineering assistants were entitled to two-weeks military leave with pay to participate in National Guard or Reserve tours of duty.

RECOGNITION GIVEN BRIDGE DESIGN MAN

Heinz P. Koretzky, bridge design engineer, Central Office, was one of four State employes to receive certificates of achievement from the Central Pennsylvania Chapter, American Society of Public Administration, for contributions to "agency improvement."

The Chapter began its "men of the month" program last year to recognize outstanding work performance of area state employes.

CULP SUCCEEDS HUNT AS PEN-DE-HI HEAD

Robert Culp, bridge design assistant, succeeded Charles L. Hunt, training and recruitment, as president of Pen-De-Hi Club during the recent election of officers. Others elected were Earl Kerstetter, drafting room, vice president; Linda Reichard, personnel office, secretary, and Charles Paul, office services, was re-elected treasurer, The new officers were elected by the Pen-De-Hi Executive Council.

HANDBOOK ASSISTS TEMPORARY WORKERS

The Department's new Have book for Temporary Employ prepared by the Divisic the Training and Recruitment, recurrently being distributed to workers in this classification. Informative and concise, it orients temporary employes to their duties and emphasizes esponsibility to the Department as well as to the taxpaying public.

Prefaced by an explanatory message by Secretary Park H. Martin concerning the Department's program, the booklet details basic information to assist temporary employes in satisfactory job performance.

NAMED CHAPTER 'VEEP'

Donald R. Conrad, District 2 engineer, was elected vice president of the Central Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, at a recent meeting at the Clearfield-Curwensville Country Club.