



## Personnel

New faces came along with the new roads in new places and the State Highway Department's Personnel Division reported a net gain of 24 employees for the fiscal year 1958-59.

The Division's breakdown on personnel pointed up its drive to continually keep its personnel makeup geared to the changing scene constantly faced by the State Highway Department.

The Engineering Division added 12 engineers, among whom were a representative number of graduates from the current engineering classes.

Construction forces gained and Maintenance forces dropped by the end of the year.

Construction added 46 employees for a total of 420 while Maintenance lost 34 to finish the fiscal year with a force of 727.

## Legal

As the social scene in Delaware has become more complicated because of the increased population and changing modes of living, so has the Department's legal problems.

S. Samuel Arsht is the chief legal officer for the Department. There is also a right of way attorney in each county. The Freeway right of way is handled by former Superior Court Judge, Daniel L. Herrmann, assisted by 29 other attorneys working on contract.

In addition to the complicated and vital work of securing right of way for both State and Freeway systems, the legal section of the Department represented the State before the Court of Chancery and the Supreme Court of Delaware in cases growing out of FAI-2.

The policies and procedures of the Department were sustained in each case.

## Public Relations

The State Highway Department is a newsmaker. It has to be.

Its varied functions, activities, its size and the very direct effect it has on the life of every Delawarean make it newsworthy.

And the Public Relations section of the Department saw to it that Delawareans were kept informed.

An average of 30 general news releases were sent monthly—one a day throughout the entire year—to the State's 15 weekly newspapers, three dailies, 11 radio stations and to four trade publications.

In addition, engineering publications across the nation were kept informed throughout the year about Delaware's highway programs.

Newspapers in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York received and publicized some of the activities of the Department. These activities ranged from the Dirt Road Program to the Freeway System.