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FAMILY NAME of Indianfighter Hannah Duston lives on - in the form of a gigantic locomotive. Hannali's descendant,

17-year-old Carol Dustin, waves from the cab.

(Photos by John Harrigan)

Engine Dedication Prompts Questions

What Does B&M Have In Mind?

By J. B. RAMIREZ

CONCORD, Jan. 19 - The question most people were asking Boston & Maine Railroad officials about four brand new diesel locomolives dedicated at the freight yards here this week was how often they'd be used in New Hamp-

"Oh, they'll be up here quite often," said a smiling B & M President Paul Cherington as he helped organize champagnesmashing ceremonies for the benefit of railroad officials, legislators, railroad buffs and rails for shipping.

formation session and the a mess," ceremonies at the freight

neglected tracks be upgraded? Is the B & M going to survive at all or is it going to be the state's former governor incorporated into a conglom- and longtime Senator, who erate of both solvent and rose from a humble birth in bankrupt railroads?

hope to reorganize themselves serve five consecutive terms and maintain the Boston & in the Senate. Executive Maine as an independent, New Councilor John Bridges, the England-based railroad. Lacy senator's son, was on hand to said the 12 new engines, 700 new boxcars, and repair work on 354,276 ties and 470 miles of track represent a hugh investment in the railroad's memorates Mrs. Thomas Dusfuture in New Hampshire.

"Our maintenance-of-track budget for New Hampshire has risen from \$1,098,000 in 1969 - the last year of the old management - to \$1,844,000 TRAINS in 1973, a substantial increase even allowing for inflation," said Lacy. "The 1974 budget for major maintenance is \$1,550,000.

LOST LINES?

Concord-Lincoln linc. "We have no plans to abandon any other lines in the state, with the possible exception of the slub-end from Hampton to the Massachusetts line.

Cherington and Lacy were pulting their most optimistic feet forward during the day. And the four gleaming diesel engines did much to dispell the despair that has enveloped many a railroad supporter during the B & M's bankrupley and the years that have followed.

"It's about time," said one legislator as he and a dozen businessmen who rely on the or so of his peers clambered aboard one of the bright blue Cherington and B & M engines. 'If they'd been doing Trustee Benjamin Lacy were this right along and keeping answering a lot of questions the tracks in shape they during the luncheon and in- wouldn't gave gotten into such

Is the Boston & Maine going B & M scored a public to abandon any more lines in relations coup by naming the New Hampshire? Will long- four locomotives in honor of New Hampshire patriots.

The "Styles Bridges" honors West Pembroke, Maine, to Railroad officials said they become governor at 37 and break a bottle of champagne (domestic) across the front of the engine.

The "Hannah Duston" comton, a mother of 13 children who was captured by Indians in Haverhill, Mass., in 1697. Hannah and 12 other captives were being taken up the Page 22



OLD CABOOSE has ridden behind steam engines and diesels and got a fresh coat of paint and a thorough cleaning by the

B&M for the dedication ceremonies. Yardman Ray Fosie stands by to board,

— in the form of a gigantic locomotive. Hannah's descendant,

(Photos by John Harrigan)



"NICE SHOT" says B&M
President Paul Cherington (center) as Gov. Meldrim Thomson
christens the "Daniel Webster."

Looking on is railroad trustee Benjamin Lacy. The engine at rear is the "Styles Bridges."

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And as for abandonment of

"On certain lines, where our customers have almost entirely abandoned us and hence we would like to abandon the lines, we propose removing the rail and lics to put on other branches in New Hampshire which need upgrading.

"Thus we have proposed abandonment of the line from Winchendon to Keene, the stubend from Bennington to Hillsborough; the stubend from Tilton to Franklif Falls; the Greenville branch; the line from East Manchester to Raymond; and the line from Mount Whittier through Madison.

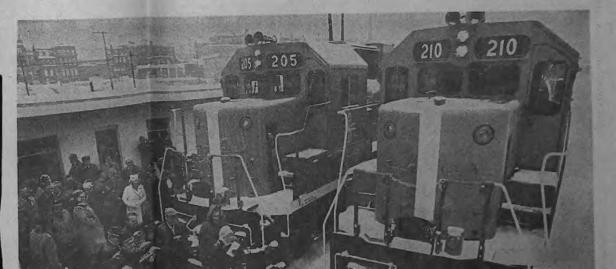
"The line from Madison to North Conway will be sold to Carroll Reed for a scenic passenger operation. On the line from Keene to Walpole, we have discontinued service, but will leave the rail in place temporarily. The same treatment is proposed for the line from Raymond to Epping. We have agreed to sell off any of these rights of way to the state."

Lacy said no settlement has been reached on the Meredith-Lincoln line, but he said the Profile Paper Company might buy that line or the entire



LEGISLATORS on the special committee to study state's railroads were on hand for inspection of new engines. State Sen. Thomas

Claveau (left) chatted with committee members John Hear (center) and Anthony Stevens.



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NEW LOCOMOTIVES attracted a good crowd as the Boston & Maine held formal dedication ceremonies at the

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Concord freight yard. At left is the "Hannah Duston" and at right is the "Franklin Pierce."