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## Railroad Station To Gift Shop



Standing before their future gift shop are, l. to r., Chairman Clayton H. Small, Co-chairman Mrs. Christiana Champion, Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Margaret Small and Mrs. Martha Drisco, all of the Washington County Arts and Crafts Association.

**M**AINE Central's Calais Branch passenger station at Columbia Falls, which has served that community since 1898, has been sold and soon will be moved to the main street of the town where it will become the new headquarters of the Washington County Arts and Crafts Association.

Passenger facilities were transferred several weeks ago to new quarters in the adjoining freight house building and the station offered for sale with the result that

the Arts and Crafts Association acquired the property.

When moved the building will serve as the Association's Gift Shop covering the western section of Washington County. Current plans are to have the building ready to serve the public at the opening of the hunting season this year. According to Mr. Clayton H. Small, Chairman of the Association, redecorating of the former railroad station will include installation of facilities to serve

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### FROM THE EDITOR

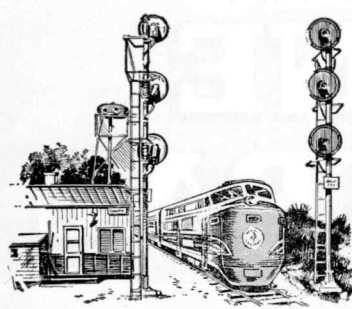
With this issue of our Magazine we bring forth our version of the "new look". From cover to cover we have a complete new set of illustrated headings for such features as Us Girls, Railroad Memories and the Family Grapevine. We like to think that these changes will contribute to your reading enjoyment of this and coming issues.

Modern train radio communication, such as we know it on Maine Central lines, is rapidly coming into its own throughout the railroad industry. A total of 2,835 walkie-talkie radio sets were placed in service on railroads of the United States and Canada in the 5-year period 1952-1956, according to a survey by Railway Age. During 1956, a total of 966 locomotives were equipped with two-way radio equipment—more than in any previous year.

Your Magazine staff was saddened to learn of the death on July 25 of Geneva Foss McCallum, wife of George P. McCallum who was editor of the Maine Central Magazine for several years. We extend to George and other members of his family our deepest sympathies together with those of his friends from all points along Maine Central lines.

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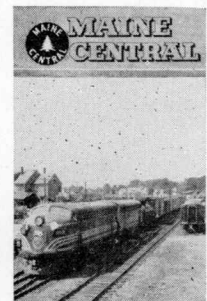
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### THE COVER

DR-2, our daily, except Sunday, Rumford to Rigby freight train, about to enter Portland Union Station as it nears the end of its run. Photo was taken on a recent afternoon from the crossing tenders' tower, Congress Street.

lunches, as well as for the sale of arts and crafts products, gifts and souvenirs.

Established in Perry some ten years ago, the Washington County Arts and Crafts Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the people of the County through sale of their homemade products. A Gift Shop is run in Perry during the summer vacation season with such items as rugs, quilts, handweaving, Indian baskets, antique glass, china and local mineral specimens on sale. Manager for the outlet is Virginia Pottle.

A wealth of talent has been uncovered in the area by the Association. There are experts in knitting, tatting, woodworking and—a newcomer to the arts and crafts field—pen ball painting. Such persons as:

Mrs. Tina Farnsworth, Cherryfield, a maker of fine braided rugs who has received as much as \$1,000 for a single rug!

Mrs. Betty Curtis, Grand Lake Stream, who won a national award for her display of miniature dolls

at an exhibition in Santa Anna, California.

Andrew Frankochovich, Eastport, a blind veteran of World War II, who turns out fine color weaving. His work is set up on a loom by his wife who then tells him where each color of yarn is located. By recording these instructions on a wire recorder, he has them available for handy reference during the day.

The Washington County Association holds an annual exhibition at some point in the area for its participating members. Winners of these exhibitions have their products accepted for sale by leading Boston and New York stores.

Now numbering approximately 150 members, the Association is headed by Chairman Clayton H. Small of Addison and Co-chairman Mrs. Christiana Champion of Columbia Falls. Other officers include: Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Wilder, Dennysville; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Small, Addison; Treasurer, Mrs. Doris Wilder, Dennysville.

Our Columbia Falls passenger

station was built in 1898 by the Washington County Railway. Incorporated in 1893, the branch line was built from Calais to a Maine Central Railroad connection in Hancock County with another branch to Eastport. It was completed in 1899. Maine Central

acquired control in 1904, and the properties were merged in 1911.

The new office for R. L. Wakefield, our agent there, provides ample facilities for railroad passengers using the two week-day trains still operating between Bangor and Calais.

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## Maine Central - Bancroft & Martin (Railroad - Customer Cooperation)

*See Centerspread For Pictures*

Quantities of concrete pipe and blocks are manufactured at the plant of Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Company at Libby's Pit, near Leeds Jct. And the large amounts of cement which go into these products are delivered by Maine Central to a bulk unloading facility there.

However, prior to early February, 1957, date the new unloading facility was put into service, delivery of cement to the plant was set up somewhat differently and under less than ideal operating conditions, with greater handling costs. Bagged cement was received by Bancroft & Martin at a public delivery track which was not as handy to their plant as is their new facility. And, for a short time, cement was trucked all the way from the mill at Thomaston.

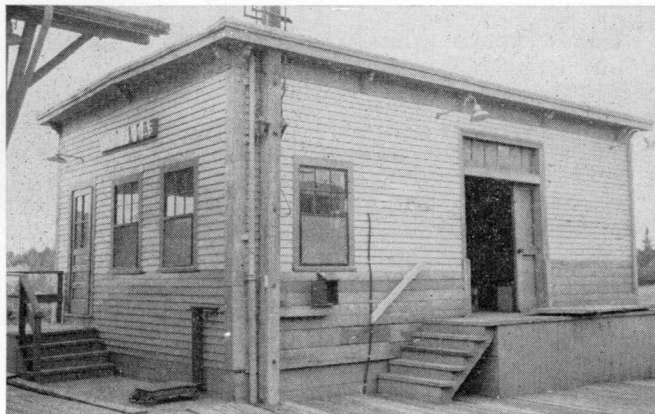
Then, some months ago and through the efforts of our President, E. S. Miller in cooperation with Bancroft & Martin Treasurer and General Manager, Kenneth Burr, plans were developed leading

to the present modern and satisfactory unloading method.

It was found physically impractical to construct a track directly to the plant due to the difference in elevation between that point and our tracks. Therefore, a siding, 400 feet in length and with an unloading position for one hopper car, was built from our main line tracks extending to near the embankment upon which rests the concrete pipe and block plant.

Now six and one-quarter tons of cement are unloaded from the cars at one time and trucked a short distance to bulk storage bins at the rear of the plant. Each bin holds 141,000 pounds of cement—one bin being used for cement destined for pipe construction and the other for cement going into concrete blocks.

Thus, with the new facility in operation and materially reducing costs of transportation between rail head and plant, another case of close cooperation by railroad and customer has resulted in con-



New passenger facilities and office space for our Columbia Falls agent have been installed in the left-hand section of the freight house as shown here.



tinuation of important business over Maine Central lines. Important it is too, with 199 cars of bagged cement arriving at the public delivery track during 1955 and 102 cars arriving during the period July 1, 1956 through June 30, 1957, including 50-ton capacity hopper cars since the new track was put into use this year.

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## Around The Clock Train Service - Almost!

How close does Maine Central come to having a regularly scheduled passenger train in operation somewhere on its lines every minute of the day and night? We got to pondering this question awhile ago and, as a result, laid out a time sheet showing all passenger trains and their scheduled runs.

And the answer is this: on a Monday through Friday basis, there is a gap of only 15 minutes each evening, between the scheduled arrival of Train 19 in Bangor at 10:15 and the departure from Bangor of Train 22 at 10:30, during which time no passenger train is scheduled to operate.

More often than not, more than one passenger train is underway at some point on our lines with as many as seven trains running at one time. This high point in operations comes during the afternoon—between 3:00 and 4:00 o'clock. Three trains on the main line between Portland and Bangor, two on the Rockland Branch, one on the Calais Branch and one on the

Mountain route make up this rush of traffic.

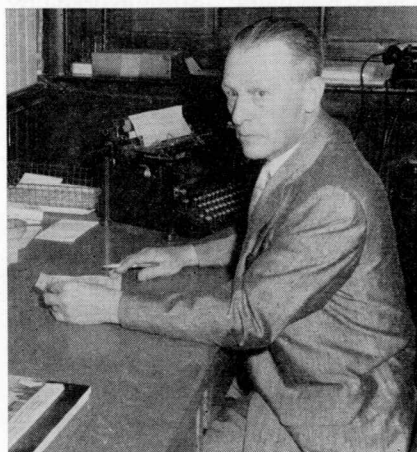
On Saturdays we found a somewhat larger gap between schedules and the same holds true for Sundays. Even so, there is surprisingly complete coverage of Sunday's twenty-four hours.

While we have been talking here strictly of passenger service—to measure actual total volume of traffic we would have to figure in many through freight trains, local freights and yard operations. That would be another story in itself.

Suffice it to say that our railroad's 944 miles of road are busy miles throughout the 1,440 minutes of a 24-hour day!

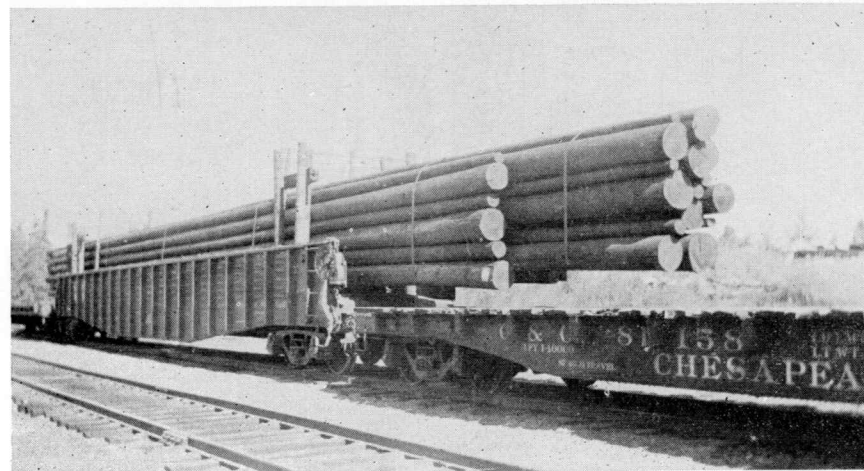
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## Bangor Trainmaster



J. Edmund Bouchard, whose appointment as Trainmaster with headquarters at Bangor was effective May 1 this year. He had been a train dispatcher at Bangor since 1924. An article in the May issue of the Magazine carried the story of his appointment.

## Tall Timbers At Columbia Falls



From the tall forests of the western section of our country have come these timbers to be used, with others, as piling in the construction of the new Beals Island bridge. They are shown here awaiting unloading at Columbia Falls. The piling was delivered to Maine Central from the Grand Trunk Railroad at Danville Jct. No clearance difficulties were encountered from there to Columbia Falls although, as is customary with any shipment of somewhat unusual size, measurements of the load were carefully checked before the move was made. An extra flat car on either end allowed for a 20-foot overhang of the timbers. Consigned to the State of Maine Highway Commission, the piling traveled from Columbia Falls to Jonesport, the mainland end of the bridge now under construction.

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## E. C. Paine Honored At Dinner

Edward C. Paine, who retired on July 31 as Assistant Comptroller of the Maine Central, was honored, just prior to that date, by a dinner at the Cumberland Club in Portland attended by some twenty of his railroad associates led by President E. S. Miller. He had served Maine Central for over 50 years.

At the dinner Paine was presented with complete 35mm camera and projector equipment, a char-

coal broiler and a chaise lounge, the gifts of his railroad associates. Presentations were made by President Miller.

Paine began his Maine Central service in February 1907, as a clerk in the auditor freight account's office. Later that year he transferred to the auditor disbursement's office, becoming chief clerk in 1914 and Auditor Disbursements in 1918. During the period of joint Boston and Maine



Solid comfort for E. C. Paine as he relaxes on his chaise lounge and receives the best wishes of President Miller. Other gifts received by Paine at the dinner in his honor are also in the picture.

—Maine Central management, he was Assistant Auditor Disbursements with headquarters in Portland. In 1944, he was made Special Assistant to the Comptroller and was promoted to Assistant Comptroller in 1955.

Although leaving active service of the railroad, Paine will continue to act for J. Thomas Miley & Co. in handling group insurance and claims matters. He will have office space in the General Office Building, Portland.

Those present at the dinner were: President E. Spencer Miller, Vice President W. P. Reeves, Asst. to President S. S. Clark, General Counsel A. M. Knowles, Comptroller and Treasurer H. N. Foster, Chief Statistician E. P. Smith, former Treasurer and Tax Consultant R. B. Lunt, Asst. Treas-

urer H. M. Budd, General Accountant V. C. Hawkes, Freight Claim Agent H. N. Tukey, Auditor Disbursements J. F. Gerity, Asst. to Auditor Disbursements S. C. Foster, Examiner-Comptroller's office S. A. Watson, Supervisor Employees Group Insurance B. E. Walls, Asst. to General Accountant P. Crawford, Auditor Revenue G. H. Ellis, Asst. Auditor Revenue C. W. Baldwin, Manager Car Accounting and Statistics E. K. Goddard, Statistician-Car Accounting G. P. Campbell, Manager Machine Accounting R. H. Gordon, Publicity and Advertising Manager R. M. Aylward, Secretary to Comptroller and Treasurer Miss L. M. Hodge and Secretary to Asst. Comptroller Miss R. E. Kelly.

## Among those RETIRING...

Eugene H. Winslow, of 164 Whitney Ave., Portland, Locomotive Engineer. "Gene", who had also stepped down as Rules Examiner, addressed the following note to his railroad associates:

"Words cannot express my thanks and appreciation for the generous gifts and purse which you have given to me—together with the fond memories and associations, which I will always remember and cherish.

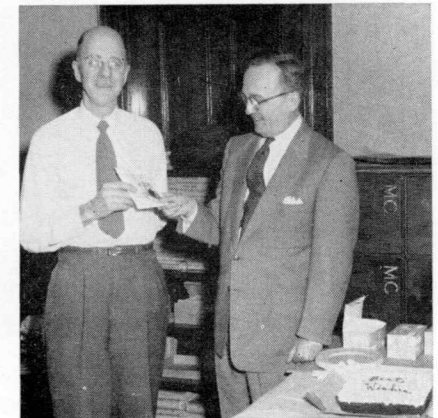
"I thank you—I thank you—I thank you."



Retiring Rules Examiner "Gene" Winslow receives gift from General Manager R. E. Baker on behalf of his many friends in the General Offices and about the railroad.

Leo H. Jackson, of 7 Fairlawn Ave., South Portland, Clerk, Car Accounting & Statistics, has applied for a disability annuity.

Jackson entered the employ of the company in 1920. For 15 years



Gifts and well-wishes were presented to Leo Jackson by Comptroller H. N. Foster. The cake and ice cream were features of the occasion also!

he worked summers as cashier at the Maine Central owned Samoset Hotel, Rockland, and winters as cashier at The Breakers in West Palm Beach, Florida. He worked in the Comptroller's office, Portland, from 1937 to 1939, when he was appointed Cashier in the Assistant Treasurer's Office. In 1955 he transferred to the Office of Car Accounting & Statistics.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have enjoyed a month long trip to Macon, Georgia, for a visit with friends. He wishes to express his appreciation to all of his friends and associates at Maine Central for their thoughtfulness at the time he left his position.

Carl A. Hodgdon, of Clinton, Maine, Trackman at Clinton.

Ernest C. Bickford, of 118 College Ave., Waterville, Mill Shop Foreman at Waterville Shops.

Clifford J. Bernier, of 168 College Ave., Waterville, Carman at Waterville.

George A. Kelly, of 99 Parker St., Bangor, Carman Helper at Bangor.

Hiram A. Walker, of 9 Page St., Brunswick, Crossingtender at Waterville.

Ai A. Terrill, R.F.D. No. 2, Waterville c/o M. A. Bartly, Crossingtender at Waterville.

Lucius D. Benson, of 1005 Broadway, South Portland, Locomotive Engineer.

Harold H. Smith, R. F. D. No. 2, Cumberland Center, Section Foreman at Yarmouth Jct.

Linus V. P. Nichols, 53 Court St., Auburn, c/o Thomas E. Day, Jr., Portland Division Conductor.

George R. Wilson, 59 Norway Road, Bangor, Carman at Northern Maine Jct.

Eugene W. Brooks, of Columbia Falls, Trackman at Columbia Falls.

#### DISABILITY ANNUITIES

Charles J. Gordon, of 15 Huntress St., Portland, Car Inspector at Rigby.

Granville E. Nickerson, of 43 Elsmere Ave., South Portland, Asst. to Purchasing Agent at Portland.

Albert J. Galloupe, of 10 Lincoln St., Hallowell, Section Foreman at Augusta.

Chester A. Welch, of 193½ Hancock St., Bangor, Carman Helper at Bangor.

John L. Stackpole, Box 81, Newport, Trackman at Newport.

Katherine E. Duff, of 25 Winter St., Portland, Accounting Dept. Stenographer at Portland.

Loraine M. Price, of 2 River Road, Woolwich, Clerk-Telegrapher at Bath.

Emile J. Carrier, of 917 Sabbath

tus St., Lewiston, Trackman, Section 56 at Lewiston Lower.

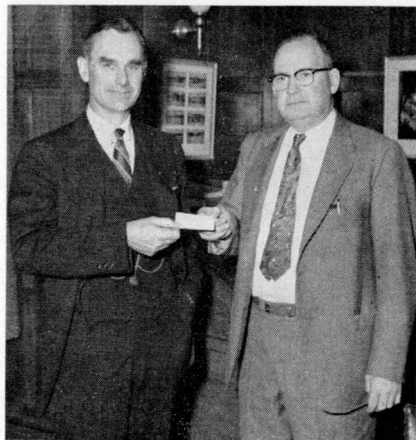
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## 50 Year Passes

Several veterans of Maine Central service have recently received their well earned 50 Year Passes and letters of congratulations from President E. S. Miller.

A. W. Crocker, Trainmaster at Bangor at the time of receiving his pass, was first employed on the railroad as a Fireman, April 4, 1910. He became an Engineer in December, 1916, and was promoted to Road Foreman of Engines and Trainmaster on January 1, 1944.

Mill Foreman Ernest C. Bickford began his railroad service at Waterville Shops as a Carpenter, October 14, 1907 (at 18 cents per hour!) and was promoted to Foreman in 1921, the position he has held since.



Receiving his 50 Year Pass from President E. S. Miller, at left, is Trainmaster A. W. Crocker, Bangor.

Mill Foreman Bickford, at right, receives 50 Year Pass from Shops Superintendent Silva.



Others in the group include: J. E. Crepeau, Agent at Fabyan, New Hampshire, who was first employed June 1, 1908.

B. B. Scott of Brewer, a Yard Conductor first employed May 27, 1908.

Scott E. Jones of Bangor, Locomotive Engineer employed by Maine Central May 31, 1907.

James W. McClure of Woodland, Section Foreman at Woodland, employed May 20, 1908.

Archie W. Black of Portland, a Locomotive Engineer who was first employed June 17, 1907.

E. F. Redmun, Agent at Danville Jct., who entered Maine Central service June 20, 1908.

J. L. Plummer of Waterville, a Conductor who started his railroad service June 17, 1908.

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## Plans Set For R. R. Veterans Convention

A well balanced program of business meetings and entertainment has been announced for this fall's three day convention of the United Association of Railroad

Veterans to be held on October 11, 12 and 13 in Portland. A group numbering close to 400 is expected to attend.

Events for the three days are:

October 11—Registration. Entertainment in the evening.

October 12—9:00 a.m. Registration. 10:00 a.m. Business meeting. 3:00 p.m. Executive meeting. 6:00 p.m. Banquet. 8:00 p.m. Entertainment. 9:00 p.m. Dancing.

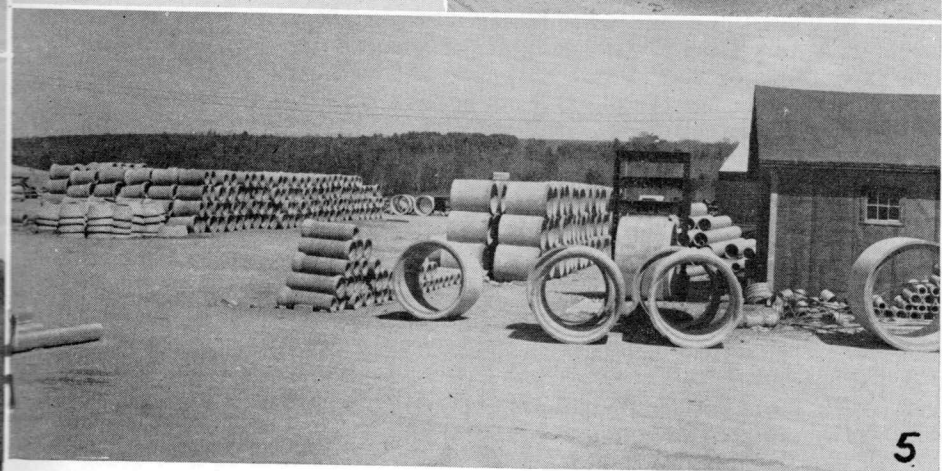
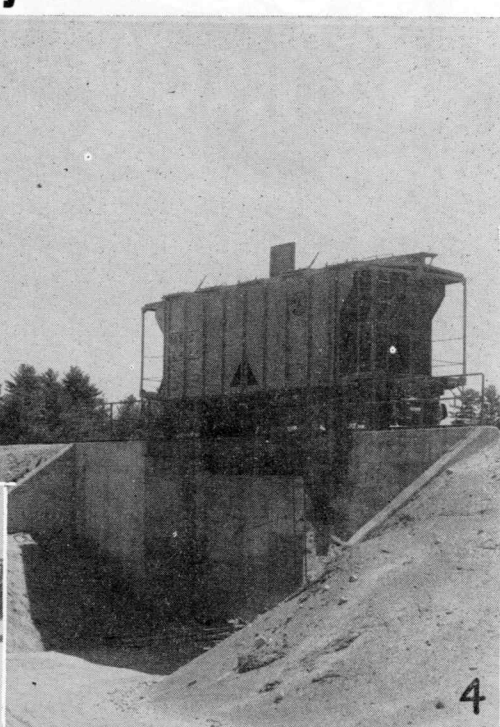
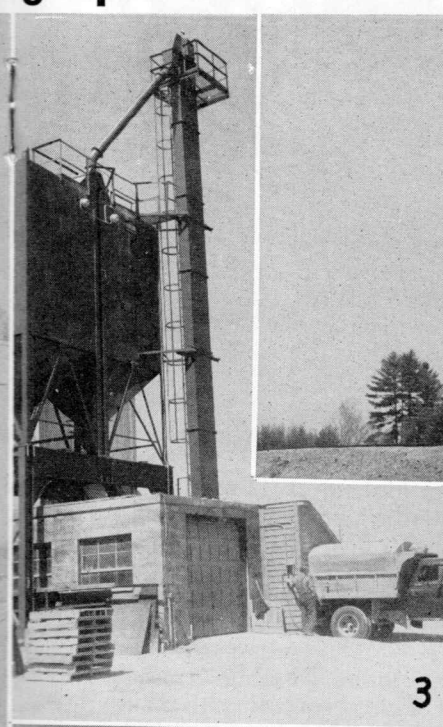
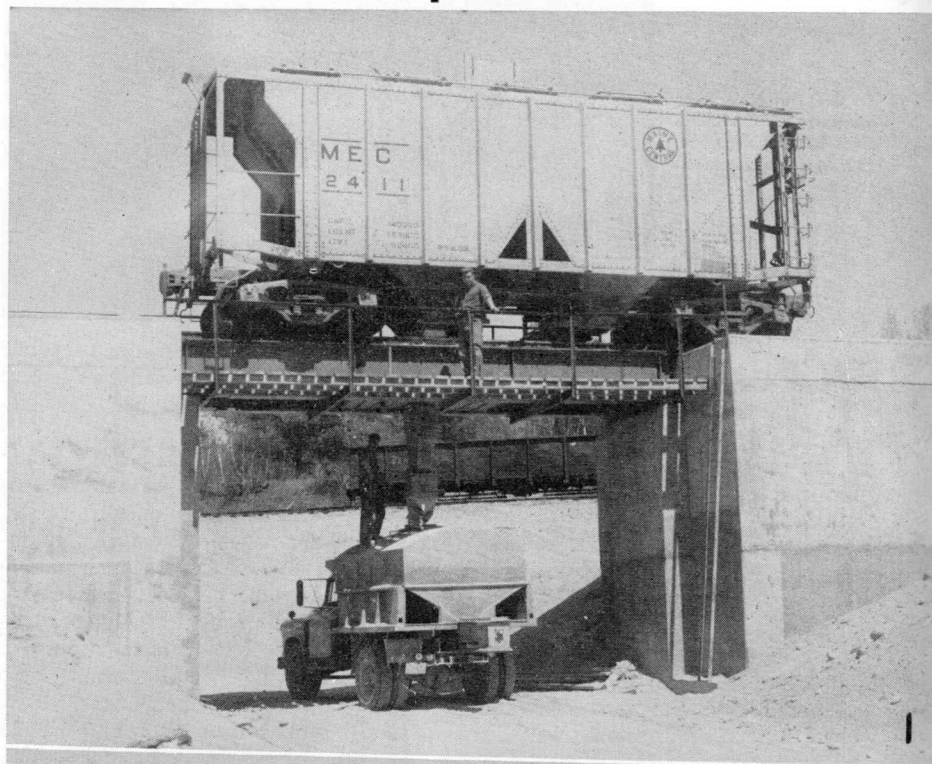
October 13—10:00 a.m. Two hour sail on inner Casco Bay. 12:30 p.m. Shore dinner at Peaks Island.

Officers of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans—J. J. Burke, President; B. P. Lyden, Secretary-Treasurer; J. E. Fay, Chairman Convention Committee; J. D. Meehan, Banquet Chairman; and J. J. Keating, Publicity Chairman, in cooperation with E. H. Winslow, President of the United Association, are working hard to make this year's convention the best ever for the national organization.

**ROUGH HANDLING  
HURTS OUR REPUTATION:  
Make Careful Switching A Habit!**



# Important Cement Unloading Operation At Libby's Pit



*For Story Of This Operation - See Page 5*

1.—Each truck load takes 6¼ tons of cement from hopper car to storage bins at Bancroft & Martin plant. 2.—Reason side track to plant was found impractical: looking from the plant over approximately ¼ mile of ravine to the unloading site. 3.—The truck unloads into bulk storage bins. 4.—Another view of the new spur track and car set for unloading. 5.—Some of the finished concrete pipe stored in the yard at the plant.



By KATHRYN McMULKIN

HELLO! Are you just returning from a most enjoyable vacation, feeling happy, refreshed and at peace with the world, or, even better, are you just getting ready for that vacation, full of anticipation and joy that the time has finally arrived for the fulfillment of those long awaited plans? If the latter, I hope sincerely you will have a wonderful time, the best ever.

These are the last lazy days of Summer, just meant for relaxation and happiness, and before we know it, Autumn will be here and I will be glad as that is my favorite of all Seasons.

I feel kind of lazy this evening and after looking at "Twenty One" I wondered if perhaps I had "tired blood"—don't you get a tremendous kick out of those TV ads? Well, as of now, our boy—Theodore Samuel Williams is batting a cool .379 which gives him 27 points on runner-up Mickey Mantle, and our Red Sox are only 9½ games behind the Yanks—they have won six out of their last seven games at Fenway, and that's good.

Over the week end I took stock of what clothes I had on hand that would be wearable come Fall and Winter. This preparatory to making my list of what I own and what I need. Do you plan that way? While taking inventory I am always delighted if some of my favorite dresses (perhaps three or four years old) are still serviceable, and others (much newer, but not favorites) I am always hoping I will find something like a cigarette burn or some other defect that will permit me, in conscience, to discard. I find in making such a list, and seeing it down in black and white, I am less tempted to buy what I do not need and center on what I feel is needed.

A few weeks ago I came across some cute riddles which I was going to save for a party, but I think, instead, I'll try them out on you. Here goes—

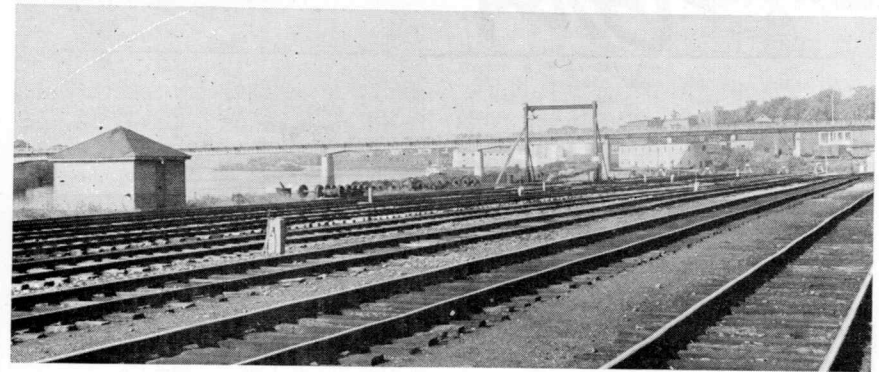
1. What has four legs, a back but no body?
2. What is served but never eaten?
3. What did the floor say to the wall?
4. Who earns his living without ever doing a day's work?
5. Why did the little man go to the zoo on Christmas Eve?

Will you let me know if you guess them? I would love to hear from you. (Here's a secret—I could guess only one).

Now you be good to yourself and to each other and next month we'll have another visit. 'By for now!

## Can You Identify This Location?

Mystery Picture No. 28



THERE can be no doubt about it—Mystery Picture No. 27 which appeared in our Magazine for June was our station at Livermore Falls. A quick response from our readers proved that point.

Correct identifications have been received to date from: Ray F. Higgins, pensioned B.A.R. fireman of Millinocket; William M. Cleaves, Brookline, Mass.; Eugene A. Ellis, Chief of Police in Mill-edgeville, Ga.; Harold L. Phillips of Millis, Mass., who enjoys seeing pictures of old time steam locomotives in the Magazine; Merton J. Stearns, traveling car agent for the Boston and Maine, Concord, N. H., who had spent the greater part of the first 25 years of his life at Livermore Falls, his father being a yard conductor in Chisholm Yard for over 30 years, retiring in 1937.

Further answers are from Edgar H. Russell, operator at Royal Jct.; J. E. Soyachak, 2nd trick operator at Lewiston; "Cy" Whittier of

Readfield; Engineer J. F. MacWilliams; Preston S. Johnson, Boston and Maine Train Dispatcher, Concord, N. H.; Sandy Pomeroy of Livermore Falls; Harry Lowell of Strong; and Fred R. Pettengill, retired engineman, Livermore Falls.

Correct replies for mystery photo No. 26, which was Deering Jct., have also come in from Allen Hazen of Minneapolis, Preston S. Johnson and Ray F. Higgins.

And now, we are currently featuring a new mystery picture, as shown above. We hope that a good many of our readers will be able to tell us just where these tracks are located!

A man telephoned the police to report that thieves had stolen the steering wheel, brake pedal, accelerator, clutch pedal and dashboard from his car. The police sergeant promised to investigate.

Soon the phone rang again. "Don't bother," said the same voice, with a hiccup. "I got into the back seat by mistake."



# THE FAMILY Grapevine

## PORTLAND TERMINAL CO.

### Rigby Engine House

By ALBERT B. WETMORE

An interesting item in connection with the Maine Central Magazine was given to me by Stores Department Clerk Mathew "Frank" Kane. It seems whenever he had occasion to make shipments to any of the concerns with which this railroad does business, he would include a copy of one of our publications. Recently he received a nice letter commenting on the magazine as to how well it was put together and very interesting to read even though the writer was a stranger to this locality. Thanks to the shipper for his thoughtfulness were also included.

Laborer Asa Worcester, Car Department, has been laid up with a foot ailment.

Machinist and Mrs. Eugene Annett attended the automobile races at the Indianapolis Speedway while visiting their daughter, Helen. They passed through Van Buren, Missouri, shortly after a tornado had struck there and caused damage shown in the accompanying photo.



Tornado scene at Van Buren, Missouri.

Laborer and Stationary Engineer John Sullivan's grandmother died during the month.

Laborer John Flaherty has retired and will spend the summer at his brother's cottage at Peak's Island.

A former employee, Carpenter Henry Skilings, died on June 29th. A floral tribute was sent to the funeral.

Laborer Roland Magnant is engaged to the former Mrs. Phillip Whitney. The marriage date will be set for sometime in September.

Clinton Curry, Hostler's Helper, announces

the birth of his 10th grandchild, a six pound, six ounce lusty youngster. The 11th grandchild is on the way. "Clint" is only 46 years old. The chances are very good that an all time record will be set.

The turn-table cab again took another beating, the second within a year. This time Operator Laurence Gantner was involved. "Lady Luck" was with him however as he apparently had received no injuries when they pulled the wreckage away from him and found him intact, but shaky. The accident occurred when an engine side swiped the cab.

Machinist Maurice Weeks and Joseph Ashley are on vacation. They enjoyed the best of weather both for curing hay for their prize Herefords and also to do plenty of roadwork in "Joe's" new Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Theriault are visiting his brother in Tacoma, Washington. "Pat" has just retired.

Stores Department Clerk Edward Flynn has decided to take his pension. "Ed" is also the recipient of a new grandchild, a girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Flynn.

Our Safety Board now reads 395 days, which is considerably over a year, without a lost-time accident.

An Out-door Neighborhood Party was held in Stroudwater. Among those attending were General Foreman and Mrs. Malcolm Billington.

Machinist Helper at Wharf No. 3, Ernest MacVane, captured a young seal while pulling in his fishing nets. After showing it to the boys he liberated it back to the sea. It was as clever as a puppy and was very affectionate.

A family reunion was held at the home of your reporter Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Wetmore, at Scarborough on July 14. Attending were daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Caiazzo, Cynthia J. and Luke E., Junior; their son and family Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Wetmore, Junior, Roberta A., Marjorie M., and Dennis B. Family group pictures were taken and a general good time was enjoyed by every body.

Carpenter, B and B Crew, Robert Malone, tells me his father is confined to the hospital. He is 89 years old.

Machinist Robert McKinney has joined the "Buzz-Saw Club." He was initiated into the select group when he nearly cut his finger off in his new power saw. However he lost no time on account of the injury, but decided to have a long standing ear ailment remedied so is off duty for a time.

Machinist, Wharf No. 3, Kenneth Gillis has an infection in one of his fingers. At the time of making this report it looks very much like blood poisoning and he has been taken to the hospital.

The Metal-lock Engineering Corp., who were here about one year ago and performed quite a job in the repairs on a diesel engine crankcase on switcher 1053, are now performing a similar job on switcher 1002.

## Portland Freight Office And Freight House

By MARJORIE J. MULKERN and ALICE A. McLAUGHLIN



Retired Yard Clerk Clifton (Zip) B. Rice, who was the "brains" in Yard Seven for so many years. We all wish he and Mrs. Rice many happy years of a well-deserved rest. If looks have anything to do with it, we can truthfully say he looks much too young to accept the pension, which proves that hard work never killed anyone yet.



By JOHN J. KEATING

Trainman Horace Coombs is passing the summer months at Southwest Harbor. He resides at Rockland.

Engineman George Bradford was a patient at the Maine Medical Center for surgery.

If you are looking for shoes, see Retired Rules Examiner E. H. Winslow. He will take care of you very nicely.

Orchids for Conductor Dick Green and George Sullivan of Mountain Sub-Division Train 163. The Canadian Pacific connection at St. Johnsbury transferred more passengers than the one coach on their train would hold so they borrowed the benches from the station and placed them in combination and baggage car and when they left town, every one was seated. At Bartlett they all enjoyed ice cream and soft drinks, thanks to our Diplomats.

Conductor James Plummer and Mrs. Plummer have purchased a new home, ranch type, in Waterville.

A very pleasant trip by auto to Farmington by your truly and the Mrs. The Rev. Father Martineau and Retired Conductor Archie Butler entertained us royally.

Sympathy is extended to Retired Conductor James S. Sullivan on the death of Mrs. Sullivan, July 9th.

Retired Conductor and Mrs. S. C. Skillings spent the week end in Boston June 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson, of Sarasota, Florida, were visitors in Portland their former home.

Retired P. T. Conductor William O'Neil and Mrs. O'Neil of Sarasota, Florida, are visiting their old friends in Portland.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Conductor D. H. Farnham who died July 13.

Sympathy is extended to the family of P. T. Carman Edward Bourque who died in New-castle, N.B. Mr. Bourque was employed for many years at Portland Union Station.

Conductor and Mrs. Biladeau have purchased a new home on Elm Street, So. Portland.

Retired Conductor Thomas Locke and Mrs. Locke are visiting in Portland. They have chosen Florida for their winter home.

Station Baggage Master and Mrs. Ashley Wood of Bangor attended the June meeting of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, June 23, held at Ednas Cafe, Thompson's Point.

Retired P. T. Carman Isaac and Mrs. Jackson made a visit to Cleveland, Ohio.

Past President of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, James E. Fay and Mrs. Fay attended the quarterly meeting in New York of the United Veterans. Mr. Fay was a delegate from Maine.

Retired Portland Terminal Machinist William Quinn and Mrs. Quinn have purchased a new home at Falmouth Foreside.

Conductor John McLeod was a patient at a Lewiston Hospital for surgery.

What well known salt water fisherman, while beaching his boat, fell in the water and closed the door after him? (Emile Morin).

Retired Conductor Leon Poupart and Mrs. Poupart had a narrow escape when a hot rod driver plowed into their car on a curve at Standish.



### Waterville Station

By ELAINE KERVIN and M. W. FLYNT

Leading Plumber Harold Milton is enjoying two weeks' vacation at his cottage on Snow Pond.

Chief Clerk John Abbott of the Accounting Department was honored at a banquet at the Jefferson Hotel prior to his retirement July 16th. Many Maine Central employees from the Waterville area and several from Portland attended. John has been around a good many years and we are certainly going to miss him. We wish that he and Mrs. Abbott will have many happy years of retirement.

Mrs. Doris Higgins, wife of General Agent Higgins, visited relatives in Boothbay Harbor recently.

Mrs. "Ginny" Tupper was the guest of honor at a surprise pink and blue shower given by the Fred Sautters at their home in Clinton. Ginny received many lovely gifts.

Trackman Kenneth Goodwin, Sec. 42 Waterville, broke his arm recently while painting at his home and will be unable to work for some time.

Motor Patrol Helper Arnold Boivin is off sick. Ray and Mrs. Coulombre and daughters Ann and Judy spent a week's vacation at Lake George, New York. They visited Storytown, Frontiertown, the North Pole, Whiteface Mountain and many other places of interest. Ray says they had a wonderful vacation but that he got tired out long before the children did!

Beverly Cook, Freight Office Stenographer, is spending the summer at their camp on Unity Pond. Pat Finnimore is substituting.

Madison Section Foreman Frank Nason is ill in the hospital.

Among those on vacation were Gid Veilleux, Track Repairman, who toured Canada and spent the remainder of his time at his camp at Webber Pond; Joe Haskell, Section Foreman, Waterville; Bill Boivin, Machine Operator Helper; and Roger Tenan, Trackman in the Carmel section.

Several section crews have been on vacation including Sec. 21 Winslow, Sec. 42 Waterville, Sec. 46 Burnham Jct.; Sec. 47 Pittsfield, Sec. 76 Corinna, Sec. 241 Oakland and Sec. 243 Norridgewock.

Baggage-master Raymond Barriault has been vacationing for three weeks while Jimmy Cote substituted.

Trackman Chick Cowan was in the office recently, and we are pleased to report that his condition is improving.

New 115 lb. rail has been laid between Pittsfield and East Newport and old 100 lb. rail removed under Rail Job No. 1 AFE 12405.

Engineer Warren Noyes has returned home after several weeks in a Portland hospital and is making a good recovery.

Retired Engineer Ralph Hooper is able to be around after several weeks illness.

## Waterville Shops

By "STEVE"

Due to annual vacation shut-down of the Shops this promises to be a short column.

Painter Charles 'The Parson' Lawry and Mrs. Lawry have been recent visitors in Boston, the trip marking their 41st wedding anniversary. At long last, after many years, the 'Parson' has finally broken down and bought a car.

Laborer Red Black has returned to the Yard crew after surgery in a local hospital.

Machine Apprentice Wade Richardson has a new Ford sedan and Carman Norman Thompson a new Pontiac.

Sympathy is extended to Laborer Ralph Hasen whose wife died recently and also to Piper Helper Tom, their son.

Laborers Charles Parkhurst and Frank Lawie have recently been furloughed by reduction of forces.

Car inspector Sam Merrow recently purchased a new Chevrolet Station Wagon, kept it 2 days and traded for a Chevvie sedan.

Lt. William Niles, of the U. S. Air Force has recently completed training at Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas and has been assigned to Dow, in Bangor. He is the son of Millman and Mrs. Cecil Niles.

For some many months we have been receiving caustic comments from our severest critic as to the literary quality of this column. Our feelings are understandably hurt, in fact it spoils our whole day when he calls it the 'Slander Column.' Believing that wholesome criticism is a spur to better efforts in this direction, we are seriously considering a 6 weeks 'wash-out' course at the U. of M., thereby hoping to become as fluent and windy as others who didn't finish the same course.

ODE TO DON

He's big and strong and handsome,  
In fact a weighty feller.  
From happenings around his lawn  
He should enroll in Slenderella.

He hunted thru the local stores  
And bought a lawn chaise lounge.  
And the first time that he tried it  
He fell thru to the ground.  
Such things weren't made for elephants,  
Just for average humans, maybe.  
They sure won't hold a yearling steer  
Or a large rhinoceros baby.

Michael Allen was born to Carman Helper and Mrs. Bill Fletcher at the Thayer Hospital June 20. 'Mike' is their 9th child.

Laborer Armand Rossignol has added a second car, equipped with dual controls for the purpose of driver training instruction.

Carman Helpers Florian Jacques and Joe Bouchard have returned to the Freight Shop after prolonged illnesses.

Painter and Mrs. Bill Mingo have recently returned from a tour of the Gaspé peninsula.

Due to reduction of forces in the Paint Shop, helpers Pop Danforth, Aerial Lord, Joe Banks and Scotty Hawes have been furloughed. Joe has been bunted to the Wash Room and Scotty, to the Engine House.



Libby Jewell

Libby, age 14, son of Checker and Mrs. Wallace Jewell has recently returned from 2 weeks at the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Penn. 'Lib' has earned many merit badges and is a Star Scout. He will be a sophomore at Lawrence High this fall.

## Gardiner

By F. CLYDE COOPER

Agent Leslie Soule made a flying trip to Washington, D.C. recently and brought back his Grandson to spend the summer vacation with him.

Section Foreman Albert Allarie and his crew have returned to work after a two weeks vacation. They report good fishing and a good rest was enjoyed.

Anybody finding a set of dental plates in the Kennebec River between here and the Ocean, please return to Trackman Edward Newton at Gardiner. He reports that the last time he saw his they were disappearing down the drain.

Well, the three would-be carpenters, Signal Foreman Geo. Curtis, Signalmen Fred Pickens and Freight Handler Olin Gordon, who are all building additions to their houses are still hard at work at it. Curtis appears to be in the lead at this writing; he has his lean-to nearly all finished on the outside and now is putting on the wallboard inside.

Several traveling freight agents visited us last week; among them were Bob Booth of the St. J. & L. C., Geo. Moulison of the N. Y. C., John Hall of the Bangor and Aroostook, Charles Reagan of the Rutland and Wallace Barrows of the Delaware & Hudson.

## Danville Junction

By PAUL N. FARRELL

Third Trick Donald K. Stack has just returned from a restful two weeks vacation. Opr. Malia relieved.

Harold A. Fletcher, Baggage Master, is back on duty for the summer.

Due to a shift in the Relief Positions, Edgar H. Russell, Relief No. 1, is now covering 1st. Trick Saturday, Roland S. Bonney, Relief No. 15, covering 1st. Trick Sunday and Second Trick Tuesday and Wednesday. Roger J. Jalbert, Relief No. 16, covering Third Trick Tuesday and Wednesday.

At this writing George A. Beaudin, Section Foreman and crew, Laureat Michaud, Ronaldo Lapointe and Ralph Ames are enjoying 2 weeks vacation. Understand Mich is making hay while the sun shines.

Also on vacation is Wallace J. Brennan, patrolman, who is relieved by Alvar R. Jarvi and assistant Donald G. Hall.

Laforest A. Dyer paid us a visit recently. As some of our readers will remember, Mr. Dyer was Passenger and Freight Conductor on MEC from 1913 to 1926. He is now Salesman for The Davis Cadillac Co. of Lewiston, Me. Any-one for a Cady?



By MARY E. MORSE, MARGARET LYNCH,  
ERNESTINE V. MILLER and  
DORIS THOMAS

A stork shower that was a real pleasure to attend was the one given by Mrs. Shirley Wilson (Stenographer) complimenting her sister, Mrs. C. Richard MacWilliams of Braintree, Mass.

Shirley's "Bill" took colored movies during the opening of the gifts, and cutting of the special stork cake which was decorated in colors, after which Carl's Caterers furnished everything from sandwiches to ice cream. It's a good thing Bill discontinued taking pictures about that time!

Guests included Mrs. Elmer MacWilliams, Mrs. Neil Smith, Mrs. Harold Drinkwater, Sr., Mrs. Warren Mosley, Mrs. Frank Brackett, Mrs. William H. Wilson, Mrs. Carl Patten, Mrs. William Anderson, Mrs. Frederick Dunne-mann, Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mrs. Ethel Cornish, Mrs. Vincent Morse, Mrs. William Brownell, Mrs. Carroll Brow, Misses Carol MacWilliams, Hope Patten, Phyllis Billett, and Natalie Spence.

The Engineering Dept. was surprised with a visit from Joe Desjardins of Brunswick last month. Joe is Clerk in Track Supervisor Harris' office, and many of the General Office force knew his voice, but had never met him.

It seems that every time Edna Crimmins goes on vacation, it rains the whole week! So during the dry spell, she took a week, and it certainly did, rain that is. Edna took a trip with some friends to Niagara Falls and the boat trip through the Thousand Islands, and the sunshine followed her the whole way.

Sympathy is extended Eleanor Conboy on the death of her mother during June.

Bill Henry, retired Chief Clerk, dropped in for a visit, and it seemed so natural having him around, had he suggested that we take a letter, we would have automatically reached for our note book. C. A. Plumly and Harry Stetson also called.

Ken Brann took off for the wilds of Maine on his vacation with a group of friends and his wife, for a fishing expedition.

Philip Eliason, son of Alice Eliason, finished Boot Training at Parris Island Marine Station and came home for a visit.

Bertena Bodge, Mary Plummer, Charles McCarthy, Frank Scott, Fred Pinkham, R. F. Woodrow and Lin Lamson were also on vacation last month.

A new and pleasant Mail Clerk is Norman Jackson, who comes on duty at 4 p.m. The Jacksons are proud parents of a baby girl, Mary Ellen, born at Mercy Hospital on July 24.

Bud Bowlin and family moved during July to 247 Pleasant Avenue in the Deering Section. Pete Connary took a trip back home to celebrate the 41st reunion of his class from Lancaster High School in the Waumbek Hotel in Jefferson, N.H.

Miss Margaret K. Coyne is enjoying a vacation at Falmouth Foreside with her sister and brother-in-law from Miami, Florida.

Robert A. Woodill is spending his vacation at camp.

Miss Edna Crimmins had a very enjoyable vacation as did Mrs. Edith MacGibbon, both taking auto trips through the State, also New Hampshire and Vermont.

The Misses Minnie and Gertrude Shine, Mrs. Jack Cady and Mrs. Gerald Sedgley toured to Niagara Falls via New York State, returning via Toronto, Ontario, the Thousand Islands and the Streamline Ferry into Vermont. They travelled 1,400 miles.

Among those enjoying "Brigadoon" at Ogunquit recently were Edith MacGibbon and Margaret Lynch.

"Lennie" MacDowell, Car Accounting & Statistics, spent his vacation taking short trips to various places.

Clifford C. Clifford, Car Accounting & Statistics, has gone to Little Sebago for his vacation.

Vacation time is here—and that means fun. Everyone is either going on or coming from that long awaited week or two—

With many plans for things to do. Here's some lucky ones—to mention a few, Ginnie Wallace, Harold Cummings—Miscellaneous Bureau.

Lennie Sanborn—Roadway Bureau. Margaret Coyne, Louise Scannell, Al Chapman—Stores Bureau.

Lou Davis, Margery Sterling—Payroll Bureau. Bill Welch, Paul Landry—Voucher Bureau. Madeline Bowdoin—Joint Facility Bureau.

(Anyone left working in the Auditor Disbursements Office?)

Elta Benner of the Disbursements Office is now a Portland resident—having moved from South Portland to an apartment on State Street in July.

Paul Landry is building a new home in Yarmouth.

Edith Goodwin is sporting a brand-new Victoria hardtop Ford—please note that there is a Continental Kit on the rear—(special request of Edith).

Some words of wisdom—  
About the only thing the modern girl can

cook, as well as her mother, is some man's goose.

Money isn't everything (so they tell us)—there are other important things such as stocks, bonds, letters of credit, drafts, travelers checks.

Definition of Anatomy—something everybody has, but it looks better on girls—such as Barbara Airey, Margaret Gagnon, Judy Marston, Anne Despins, Donna O'Bryan, Mary Tabbut, Kay Donahue, Jean Gilpatrick.

By this time we feel sure practically every employee on the system has been contacted by one of the insurance men representing the new life insurance plan. However, one of the men nearly ended his career in a hurry, in the "jail house." It seems he wanted to see one of the employees working at Portland Terminal Wharf, on the third trick, so on a dark, rainy night well beyond midnight, he trudged down to the wharf to "get his man," as the saying goes. One of our railroad police challenged his right to be there at that hour, and was very skeptical when our hero stated he was an insurance agent looking for an employee—he just couldn't believe such a story as that!—not in the wee morning hours, it didn't make sense. However, after doing some fast talking and showing all his credentials, everything ended fine, for all concerned. We believe the five fellows who have worked so many, long, tedious hours to put the insurance plan across have earned a lot of credit—they interviewed employees any place and every place they could find them, at all hours of day and night, and probably know the Maine Central line better than many of the workers themselves.

Theresa Slattery looks very healthy with the sunburn and cute freckles she accumulated on her vacation, spent taking in the beaches in the Portland area.

Paul Crawford had an enjoyable week, taking trips to Watchic Lake, playing golf, and even going to Old Orchard Beach, which he said was more fun than a barrel of monkeys.

Eleanor Frates of the Bond Deduction office planned on sitting in her back yard and getting lots of sun during her second week off.

We understand the general office golf league topped off their season with—guess what?—another golf game! There's just no holding those boys!

Janet LaPlante, stenographer, had the third week in July off and enjoyed seeing her mother who has been living in California and returned to Maine for a visit.

Lillian Grenier, Machine Accounting, had her vacation the first week of July and came back sporting a beautiful tan acquired on the beach and golf course. We understand that she did a good job singing at her sister's wedding on July 1, and at which her daughter, Carol, was maid of honor.

Anne Despins, her husband, Dennis, and daughter, Mona, journeyed to Montreal, Quebec, Canada, for a weekend and Dennis' brother's wedding on July 12. This, by the way, was also Anne and Dennis' wedding anniversary. They had a marvelous time, celebrating their anniversary at the Belmont Casino, Montreal's most fabulous night club. They stayed at the Laurentian Hotel, visiting such spots as Belmont Park, St. Joseph's Shrine, beautiful Lake Magag, and other points of interest. The next week of their vacation will be spent with Joan and Ray Lessard in Gorham, New Hampshire. Joan was formerly employed for the Machine Accounting Department.

Virginia Lee has been entertaining her sister

and brother-in-law from Connecticut. She had several parties and lobster dinners for them, and they also spent an evening at the "House on the Hill" in Kennebunkport.

John Flaherty has had his vacation and spent it to good advantage moving into his new residence in South Portland.

Eugene Trueworthy had a day at the circus. Arising early to take his five children to see them unload, then attending the big show in the evening was a big thrill for all of them.

"Luncheon was served" for Marie O'Connell, Ruth Watson and Germaine Deschenes by Barbara Gain at her apartment on July 19—no special occasion for the party—Barbara just wanted to show off her new home.

Machine Accounting welcomed back Marie O'Connell on July 1. Marie has lots of stories to tell about her new son. He is growing very fast and we understand he keeps both Bob and Marie pretty busy all the time.

Germaine Deschenes of Machine Accounting brought her infant son in to visit the other day. Bobbie will be four months old the 1st of August, and is he sweet!

Another addition to the railroad family—Thomas William Doherty, born July 11. His mother is Eleanor (Murphy) Doherty, employed in Car Accounting and Statistics. Good wishes to both parents and baby.

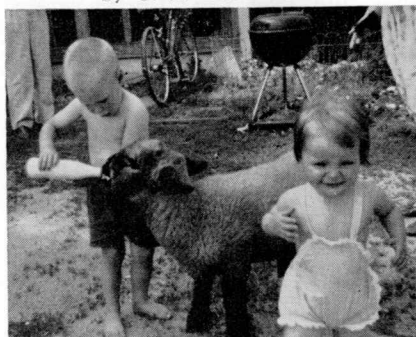
"Molly" Theriault of the Mail Traffic Supervisor's office is justly proud of her new duplex house, on Bradley Street, Portland.

Mrs. Lou Halliwell a former matron in the General Office Building is visiting friends in the Portland area. Lou and her husband now reside in Seattle, Wash.



## Bartlett, N. H.

By O. R. BURDWOOD



These cute youngsters, Kevin feeding the lamb, and Patricia, are the children of W. O. Burdwood, Agent at Cornish.

Very nice weather this month; lotta sun and 'nuff rain. Makes the Summer seem what it is meant to be.

Engineer F. H. Washburn is now on the Gilman extra, in place of C. F. Mead who is taking some time off.

Operator Albert Garon is having two weeks off and understand he and the Mrs. have enjoyed several nice auto trips. His place here being covered by Spare Operator M. A. Russell.

Agent Joe Boucher of Gilman had a few days off, his job being covered by A. D. Oulton from Bartlett.

Our little 'furrin' car, the V.W. is still doing a good job and we should dislike parting with it now.

Sectionman Donald Ainsworth and Mrs. Ainsworth have a very new son in the family, named Timothy Wayne.

Operator M. H. Bowie has bid off agency at Steep Falls; he finishes his two weeks vacation soon and will take over down there.

All those who prefer to use the old fashioned biscuit-powered lawn mowers in preference to the nice new power mowers; please raise their hands.



Mr. Nealley



Mrs. Nealley

Mr. and Mrs. Buzzel Nealley observed their 50th. wedding anniversary at Bartlett earlier this summer. Many friends called and the couple received many gifts. Mr. Nealley worked for Maine Central for 46 years, practically all of it on the Bartlett section.

## Beecher Falls, Vermont

By ROGER DROLET

Carl Crawford, Section Foreman Beecher Falls, on vacation. This writer also had a week and was relieved by Georges Peters of Bartlett, N.H.

Peters' work outfit was located at Colebrook for about a week.

Conductor Hub Hall traded his Buick for a 1955 Pontiac. Georges Connors, Fireman, also traded his old 1940 Chevrolet for a new 1941 Plymouth. Understand he took his wife for a ride and she admitted George now has a very good car.

Walter Lang went chasing Canadian Geese the other day. While trying to catch one he fell, hurt his elbow, scratched his face, lost his pocketbook and got back home empty handed without so much as a feather.

Slim Rowell back from a tour of Nova Scotia that lasted a week. He took the boat called "The Bluenose" out of Bar Harbor to Halifax. Says he had a wonderful trip and plans to take the Bluenose again next year.

Sidney Adams, who has had some hard luck lately, off a few days to visit his daughter, Shirley, in Portland.



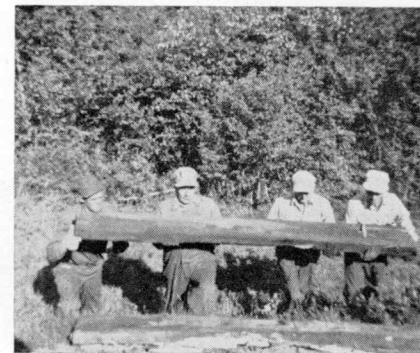
## Eastport

By K. O. CLINE

The following two pictures were taken by C. R. Bowker, Agent at Dennysville:



Section Foreman Nelson Craig, Ayers Jct. section.



Recovering ties from the bottom of a gully the hard way are, l. to r., Trackmen Guy Carter, Albert Tyler, Gilbert Leighton and Russell Sadler.

## Bangor Mechanical Department

By F. E. WARE

The changes in the facilities of the Bangor Engine House were started this month. The carpentry, masonry and cement work are being



done by the Bridge and Building Department under the supervision of E. E. Manter and Burton Pease. The electrical work is being handled by Inspector D. W. Wing and the heating and plumbing by Frank Graves and Chester Shepherd.

Mr. J. O. Born, Engineer of Structures of the B. & B. Dept. and Mr. Ralph Snow, General Foreman of the Heating and Plumbing Department have been in Bangor supervising the layout of the changes here at the house.



Miss Blake

Miss Nancy Blake daughter of Laborer and Mrs. J. E. Blake, graduated this year from John Baptist High School. Miss Blake took the Secretarial Course and is now employed in the office of Edward Cohen, Attorney at Law.



P. F. C. Cyr

On July 3rd., Richard received the Good Conduct Medal for the period from August 31, 1954 to June 30, 1957.

I have been informed by the grapevine and other sources, that Crew Dispatcher Milt. Hartery has traded cars several times and that no mention was ever made of these transactions in the magazine. So I will try to bring this news up to date. Several years ago at the beginning of my acquaintance with Milt he had a little "Chevy", which stood up very well under the hard use and abuse for a number of seasons but like the "Old Gray Mare", laid down and died. The body was traded in for a brown OLDS, of some vintage that stood it very well for a number of years but finally contracted "Hoof and Mouth" disease. (Gas and Tire, that is), so Milt. decided it was cheaper to trade than to repair so he swapped for the late model, black and white Pontiac that he now has. With some Curry-combing and Brushing, "sponge and Chammy," this car should last him for several years.

Congratulations to Electrician and Mrs. Harold S. Hughes, on the birth of an 8 lb. 10 oz.

daughter, Susan Elizabeth, born July 17th, at the Bangor Osteopathic Hospital.

It would be a fine thing if some one would put on a course in the proper operation of Outboard Motors, especially covering that little valve directly under the gas tank. I think some of our Engineers would be very interested as they might have more time for fishing and spend less time "CRANKING."

## Vanceboro

By H. D. DAVIS

After about six months lay off account of illness Operator A. M. Gray worked as Relief Operator for Operator K. A. Gray on first trick, Vanceboro, while latter was attending National Guard Summer Camp at Wellfleet, Mass., and has now returned to his former position on second trick here commencing July 12th.

Vacations since our last report have been taken by the following: Clerks B. C. Nason, Villa T. Wescott, C. W. Beers, M. M. Beers and General Agent W. L. Blanchard. The latter, with Mrs. Blanchard and their daughter, Jane, are making a rail trip to Port Huron, Michigan, to meet his brother, Carl H. All are returning with him by motor trip to their camp on Grand Lake. Also, P. G. Susee of the Pacific Customs Brokerage Company has been on vacation.

Susie, wife of Stationary Fireman Merrill R. Hilchey, has been a surgical patient in Charlotte County Hospital, St. Stephen, N.B. since June 25th and we are happy to report is expected to be able to return home soon.

Another patient in same hospital is Nita, wife of Clerk Ralph E. Grant, with case of phlebitis and complications. All are wishing for her rapid recovery.

We are pleased to report improvement in the condition of Yardman A. W. McIver, a patient at Togus.

Foreman Smith and crew, under E. E. Manter, have been here the past month doing some of the routine work. In the main, laying of part of platform on north side of station building.

Yardman A. R. Tracy, who has been a surgical patient at Togus, has recently returned home much improved.

Instruction car 2001 with A. S. Crosby, General Mechanical Instructor, has been with us for a few days having arrived on No. 23 morning of July 16th, returning on No. 8 July 18th.

Engineman H. D. Lounder and Mrs. Lounder have been vacationing again, paying a visit to their son, Laurel, and family in Espanola, Ontario. They brought back three of their grandchildren to spend the summer. While en-route home Mr. Lounder tells a story of their stopping at a certain place to rest, and while the children were playing around, a stranger approached them, looked the children over—more like a set of steps—then looked at Mr. and Mrs. Lounder very carefully, was seen to scratch his head and walk away, without saying a word, evidently indicating, "I cannot understand it."

The Custom house staff vacations, so far as known, include Inspector D. C. Clark, who with Mrs. Clark have been at their camp on Second Mattagamon Lake in Patten region; Inspector B. C. Frost, who has been trying the fishing in the Tomahs, and with Mrs. Frost, visiting their daughter, Mrs. Philip

Johnston, in Fort Fairfield; Deputy Collector of Customs in Charge P. A. Groves, who with his wife and daughter have been spending most of their time at their camp at Bottle Lake, Springfield.

Retired Deputy Collector of Customs A. J. Dickinson, with Mrs. Dickinson, recently visited their son, Hugh, and family in Rocky Hill, Conn., including a trip into New York city to a ball game won by Yankees over White Sox. They brought two grandchildren on their return to spend the school vacation with them.

A tarring crew are in this vicinity just now, July 19th, giving our town roads a treatment of asphalt tar.

## Bangor Car Department

By C. A. JEFFERDS

P. W. Carson, Ticket Clerk Bangor Union Station, has severed his connection with the company, he taking advantage of the Railroad Retirement Act. He resigned from the service July 19, 1957. "Pete" came to work Nov. 30, 1916, at Vanceboro as Clerk; transferred to Bangor Sept. 19, 1919, in the Freight Office; in Supt's office until 1922; went in Ticket Office Feb. 2, 1922 and worked there until the present time.

He, with his good wife, plan to spend the rest of the summer at their cottage, recently purchased at Bayside, then to Florida after a visit with their daughter in Albany and son



Patricia Bridgman, daughter of Carman and Mrs. D. K. Bridgman, holds 8½ lb. salmon caught at Roach Pond, Kokadjo, Maine.



Mrs. Hilda Hartery, wife of Electrician L. J. Hartery, Jr. holding two of the best catch which was made at Phillips Lake, June 22nd, weight about 4½ and 5½ lbs. respectively.

in New Jersey. We all wish them both a long and happy retirement together. On his last day an informal party was held and he was presented with lawn umbrella and chairs.

Electrician and Mrs. L. J. Hartery Jr. got their full quota of lake trout at Phillips Lake, June 22nd.

We were all very pleased to see that Ralph Graham, our genial Commercial Agent, is now out and around after his recent illness.

Those on vacation since the last publication: Carmen L. S. Stubbs, R. A. Golding, F. J. Stubbs, Leading Carman M. Sheppard, Carmen R. E. Quimby, W. E. Batchelder, J. A. King, R. J. LaForge. Also—Coach Cleaners L. E. Mathews Jr., R. F. Berry, J. F. Milliken and G. E. Hughes.

The regular monthly meeting of the Bangor Chapter, Trowel Club was held July 22, 1957, at Pilot's Grill, G. G. Nowell, President, presiding.

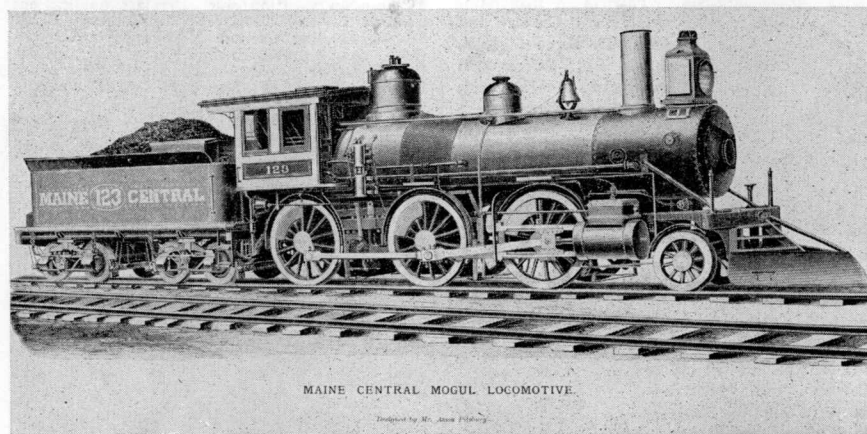
One of the regulars being missed, now on his annual vacation, is Wm. Curran, baggage man at Bangor Union Station.



Ticket Clerk P. W. Carson, now retired, selects a one-way ticket for Ticket Agent Wynne.



W. D. Stewart of Bangor forwarded this old metal baggage check to the Magazine noting that it might be of interest to the younger members among our Maine Central personnel. Actual age of the check is unknown and there are no records now available by which to trace it. However, the Portland and Kennebec Railroad operated under that name from 1864, the year in which it was reorganized, until its lease to Maine Central in 1870.



Maine Central locomotive No. 123, a 2-6-0 Class-M mogul, built by the Portland Company in 1890 and renumbered 236 in 1900. Her drivers were 5' 3" and cylinders were 19" x 26". She was designed by Amos Pilsbury, Superintendent of Motive Power for many years, for a specific use — hauling the heavy night Pullman trains, numbers 71 and 2, between Portland and Bangor. After a trial period on these runs it was found she lacked ability to make steam fast enough for heavy passenger service and so was transferred to freight work.