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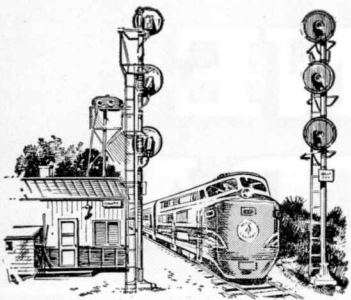


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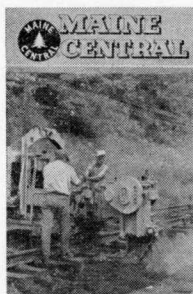


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THE COVER

Modern machinery, such as this Cribex machine at work on this year's ballast job between Hallowell and Augusta, assists Maine Central track crews in their work. For more pictures and details, please see pages 3 and 4.

An Announcement!

Following this issue the Maine Central Railroad Magazine will be published in December, February, April, June, August and October.

The format will be unchanged, but each issue will give wider coverage of the railroads activities, and of the men and women who make it run.

New and interesting features will be added in future issues.

—The Editor

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Men And Machines On A Ballast Job

CLOSE to 6,000 tons of new crushed rock ballast has been installed in main line track between Hallowell and Augusta as part of Maine Central's continuing program of improvements and maintenance to its properties.

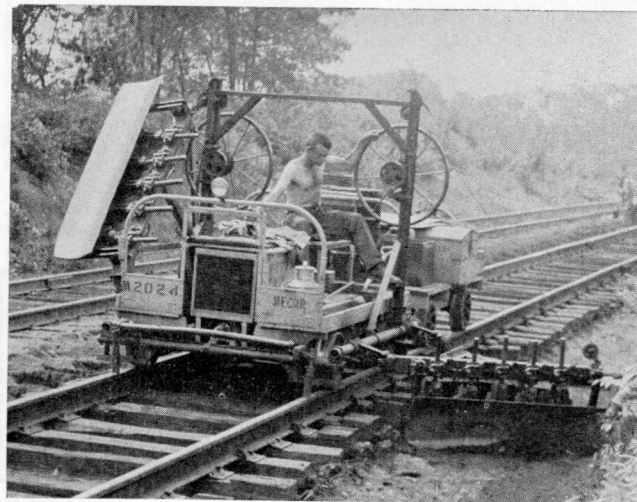
Completed during the past summer, the project covered nearly two miles of the westbound track, from the east end of Augusta yard to Winthrop Street in Hallowell. It required 118 cars of ballast.

Machinery—consisting of Cribex machines, a Scarifier Shaper and a Multiple Power Tamper—played an important role in the efficient handling of the work and in providing a durable, lasting and safe roadbed for the operation of Maine Central freight and passenger trains.

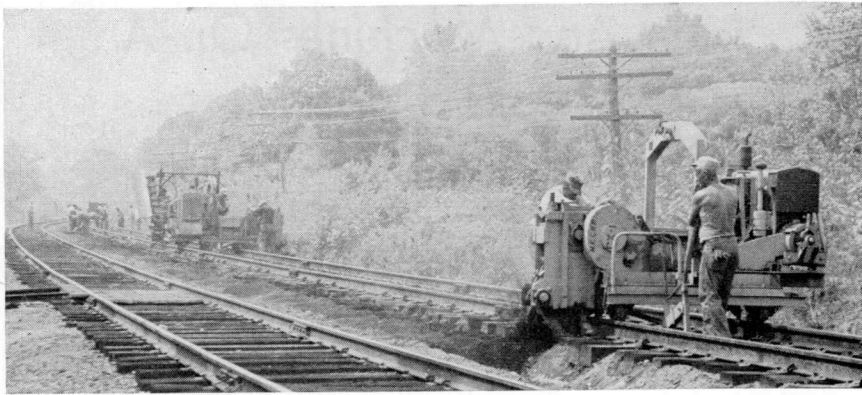
Outlining the work in pictures—we have first the Cribex machine—shown in operation on this month's front cover. In a matter of a few seconds the long arm of this machine reaches between the ties for half the width of the track and, with its endless chain belt, digs out the old ballast. A second Cribex crew follows and digs out the opposite side of the track.

Next in this ballast renewal job, a Scarifier Shaper pushes the old ballast material aside with its plow blade. This levels the ground down to a point just below the bottom of the ties and prepares it for the new ballast. A Jordan Spreader is used on many jobs of this type to do the same work.

Finally, with the track preparations finished, a work train moves



The Scarifier Shaper at work—old track ballast, removed from between the ties by the Cribex machine, is pushed aside and the ground prepared for new rock ballast.



General view of operations with a Cribex machine in the foreground and another a short distance beyond. The Scarifier Shaper follows. Next, a crew of Trackmen insure readiness of the track for installation of new ballast.



After a work train distributes crushed rock and track is raised to proper level, a Multiple Power Tamper seats the ballast beneath the ties. Standing at extreme right, is W. L. Harris, 3rd, Track Supervisor of Brunswick; second right is Earle Hamilton, Foreman, whose Extra Crew handled the work.

over the area and distributes the crushed rock. The ties and rail are jacked up, raising them an average of six inches in this instance, then the Multiple Power Tamper takes over to firmly seat the rock under the ties, thus holding them solidly in the desired position.

Proper Young Man from Boston (reproving his girl for putting on her gloves as they started down the street): "Where I come from people would just as soon see a woman put on her stockings in public as her gloves."

Pert Young Lady from Texas: "Where I come from they'd rather."



By KATHRYN McMULKIN

HI! Did you miss me? I surely did you. Somehow last month I got way behind schedule and when the deadline came around we were deep in business so I had to forego the pleasure of my visit with you, and may I add, my loss.

There is no question but what Autumn is here—officially and weatherwise. The frost has come and with it the beautiful colors exclusively Fall, there is that certain chill in the air mornings and evenings, the leaves are fast falling—everything says the year is closing in. What is there about Fall, I wonder, that seems so kind of exciting, or do you react that way? Each Season brings with it a special, shall I say "feeling", for want of a better word—in the Winter, perhaps because of the beautiful Feast of Christmas, we are kind, charitable and forbearing; then in the Spring when we watch Nature blossoming, we kind of blossom with it; in the Summer, with its long lazy carefree days we relax and play and eat, but in the Fall, Ah!, we take a real deep breath, a good look in a full length mirror, wish to heaven we had not gorged on corn-on-the-cob and those wonderful berry pies, and make up our minds, and no fooling—this is it—some of that has to come off, and you know something, we really get it off. Then? Why then we buy some new Fall clothes, of course, and just love ourselves because Life is wonderful—we feel good, we look good (or so we think) and the World is ours.

Want to do something for that favorite husband of yours? Of course you do and here's how. Right about now he will begin to worry about what you might like for your special Christmas gift. So? Well, you just mention casually the lovely bracelet and earrings you saw at such and such store, and you were so tempted to get them, but with Christmas just around the corner, you thought perhaps you could not afford them; or perhaps it was a lovely handbag you saw that would just match your new shoes, and in a nice conversational way mention the color and size of the bag—you know—and believe it or not, he will be listening intently, because he is going to spend so much money on you anyway and he will be delighted when he knows it is something you really want. Now don't discourage the guy by mentioning full length mink coats, but be a real pal, mention a few things within your means, and he'll love you for it.

Now you be good and take care of yourselves and we'll have another visit in December. 'By for now.

The Operating Department's—

TRAINMASTER

Trouble Shooter -- Man Of Myriad Duties

By Ansel N. Tupper, Trainmaster, Waterville



Train and engine crews of all trains—such as Train No. 11 bound from Portland to Bangor and shown here at Brunswick on a recent Sunday, came under the watchful supervision of the Trainmaster.

Trainmasters are charged with the supervision of all persons concerned with train operations over a given territory. The Maine Central Railroad is divided roughly into thirds with trainmasters stationed at Portland, Waterville and Bangor. The Portland trainmaster covers from Portland to Rockland, Portland to Rumford and the entire Mountain District, the Portland Terminal Company, the Lewiston Lower

and Farmington Branches. The trainmaster at Waterville is responsible for all the territory east of Brunswick and Leeds Junction to Northern Maine Junction, including the Bingham, Skowhegan, Harmony and Foxcroft Branches. The trainmaster assigned to the Assistant Superintendent at Bangor naturally covers the railroad east of Bangor in addition to Northern Maine Junction. Due to the nature of railroad operations

the trainmaster's work assignments often carry him over to adjacent territories so that lines of demarkation are fluid.

Train, engine and yard crews in addition to yardmasters, yard clerks, operators, agents and towermen are only a few of the job classifications with which the trainmaster is directly concerned. Car inspectors, freight office personnel, ticket clerks, crossingtenders, station laborers and baggage-men are also of vital interest to him. In short, all persons, including consignees and shippers, who have an interest in the movement of trains come within the interest scope of the trainmaster.

Trainmasters report directly to the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, and receive instructions from them. They are their field representatives who supervise the compliance of operating personnel with their directives. In order to accomplish their supervision the trainmaster, by necessity, has to become intimately familiar with the physical characteristics of the property and must secure some knowledge as to the work and responsibilities of the varied personnel concerned with the operations. In order, for example, to supervise train or yard crews he must know the track layouts, and special regulations concerning them, of every station within his territory. He must know where the various patrons are located in any particular town and should know what particular problems those patrons have which are of concern to the railroad. He must be well informed on rules for train operation as one of the more

important aspects of his duties is to see that operations are conducted safely and correctly.

Supervision of all these activities is accomplished through varied means. Frequently the trainmaster rides the various trains, passenger and freight, from one terminal to the other. During the trip he records the work done, the time consumed and also the manner in which the work is accomplished. He constantly observes the activity of the crew and also the behavior of station employees along the way. Outstanding violations of operating rules and safety procedures are corrected on the spot or reported to the Superintendent for his action when necessary.

Another means of supervision is spot checking. The trainmaster drops in at a station, checks the payroll, business reports, station records and general condition of the station, freight house and grounds. If a local freight train is working the area he checks their methods of operation.

A vital part of supervision is accomplished through accident investigation. Thorough investigation of personal injury and property damage accidents gives valuable insights into accident prevention and also indicates, in many instances, the value of day to day supervision.

Aside from the duties of direct supervision and accident investigation the trainmaster is frequently called upon to assist personnel of other departments and various industries located along the line. Because he is intimately familiar with the physical plant of the road

he is often called upon by the Real Estate Department to assist in locating sites and facilities for new industry desiring to locate in his area. Industries often call the trainmaster for help in planning expansion of existing facilities when such changes involve railroad operations. At times the trainmaster can be used to great advantage by both the Operating and Engineering Departments when work on main lines must be accomplished under heavy railroad traffic. The trainmaster, on the spot, often can coordinate moves to minimize delays to both trains and work crews.

The demands for the services of the trainmaster are so varied it is nearly impossible to establish any methodical work pattern. Long hours are the rule. Satisfactions derived from practical solutions to real problems are the rewards. Generally speaking the trainmaster's life is characterized by trouble shooting and problem solving. A trainmaster cannot solve all the problems with which he is confronted but by his presence and interest many times can stimulate personnel to suggest solutions to their own problems. If these means fail the trainmaster crystalizes the situation and passes it along to higher authority.

Out-of-the-ordinary moves such as circus trains, high-wide shipments, relief trains and new freight runs usually receive the personal attention of the trainmaster who works to see that they are carried through without a hitch. In the event of serious accident the trainmaster is more often than not among the first to arrive

at the scene and the last to leave. His functions at a disaster are myriad, depending of course on the size and nature of the incident, but one of the more important details is to coordinate the relief forces, such as Engineering, Car, Claim, Operating Departments and so on so that all concerned understand the courses of action to be taken and the timing of those actions.

It takes more than engines and box cars to make a train. It takes more than trains to make a railroad. People are the prime factor which determine the success or failure of any railroad operation. It is from working closely with these people and attempting to second guess good old unpredictable human nature which makes the position of trainmaster as challenging and interesting as any job on the road.

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RAIL TAXES TOP \$3,000,000 A DAY

New York—Last year for the eighth year in a row, taxes of United States Class I railroads exceeded \$3,000,000 a day, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The bill came to \$1,300,000,000, not including transportation excise taxes collected for the Government by the railroads on passenger and Pullman tickets or on freight and express shipments.

—Article from the Portland Evening Express.

Janey: "What kind of husband would you advise me to get, grandmother?"

Grandma: "You just leave the husbands alone and get yourself a single man."

Letter Commends Camp Train Service

Dear Mr. Foster.

I wish to thank you for the extraordinary service and courtesy which ^{was} accorded me by Messers Wynn, Grant, & Curran of your Bangor depot on August 26 in providing a car, and handling the baggage for my boys camp. This they did on 1 hours notice under trying conditions, with great efficiency, when the air-line cancelled my flight. Their efforts have solidly convinced me that Maine Central will be the best way to move my group in the years to come.

Gratefully yours,

Ben Kimball

Camp Fry-Mye
Fullworth Falls
Me. R-30-1

August 27

Mr. Kimball's letter, just as it was received by Passenger Traffic Manager Foster, is reproduced above. It was strikingly hand-lettered in red and black ink.

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Receive Compliments

Self-explanatory, and another example of fine public relations work on the part of our train crews, is the following letter signed by R. W. Williams, Superintendent and addressed to A. J. Parent, Conductor and F. M. McNally, Flagman:

"A very complimentary letter has been received from a family in Exeter, New Hampshire, who made a round trip on Trains 162 and 163 on August 2, 1957, from North Conway to St. Johnsbury and return. In this letter it is stated that they not only had a very enjoyable trip so far as the scenery is concerned but another

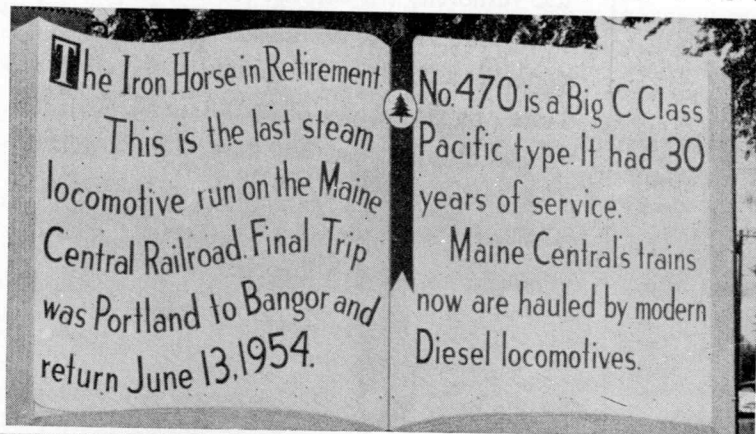
thing that added greatly to their pleasure was the kindness and courtesy which was shown them on the part of the Conductor and Trainman on these trains. There were five passengers in this party. "Examination of the records for that date discloses that you two gentlemen were the Conductor

and Trainman on these trains on that date and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to write you about the compliments which were received on your behalf.

"A copy of this letter is being placed in each of your personal folders in this office."

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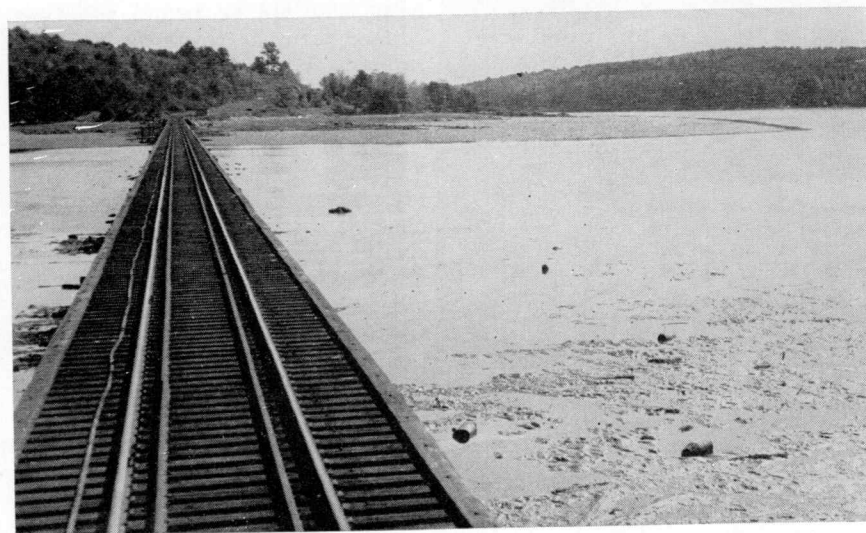
No Need To Ask Questions Now



In order to give travelers by train and visitors to Locomotive No. 470 at Waterville Station a brief outline of 470's historic role in Maine Central's era of steam power, a new sign has been erected next to the engine as shown in the above picture. Reproduced also, is the sign itself, colorfully painted in our railroad's green and gold color scheme.

Can You Identify This Location?

Mystery Picture No. 30



Our team of Mystery Picture experts didn't strike out as a result of last month's stumper but we apparently have most of the members mighty puzzled!

P. C. Lentz, Portland Terminal Electrician, scored first on mystery photo No. 29 when he stated accurately that the scene shown "is at Hillside, between Freeport and Brunswick with Route No. 1 to the right". Coming in a close second was retired Conductor Fournier of Santa Barbara, California, who believes that the farm house, visible in the picture just over the switch stand, was the birthplace of retired Conductor Frank Harrington.

Surely many of our readers will recognize our new picture, as shown above. How about the operating crews who travel on our

trains over the trestle, the track and bridge crews who maintain it and others familiar with it from traveling the line? Your editor made his way over it on foot one day and reached the further end in time to turn and focus his camera on a freight train which had been following at slow speed!

We'd like to hear from you!

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Achorn Succeeds Kirkpatrick at Lewiston

Appointment of Richard L. Achorn to the post of General Agent at Lewiston, effective on October 1, was announced by R. E. Baker, General Manager. He succeeds B. C. Kirkpatrick who has been General Agent at that



R. L. Achorn

point since 1944, and who retired on September 30.

Achorn has been connected with the Maine Central since June



Hunting equipment and a purse of money were presented to Kirkpatrick by a group of 35 of his associates at a party held in his honor, attended by: seated, l. to r., Mrs. Charles A. Laflamme, Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Claire Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Aime Roy, Mrs. L. F. Breen; standing, P. H. Ryle, J. Eugene Soychak, Leo Bouffard, Mrs. Leo Bouffard, R. W. Williams, J. E. Robert, J. L. Palman, Aime Roy, R. L. Achorn, L. F. Breen.

16, 1947, when he worked as a ticket clerk at Rockland during summer vacations while he was a student at Bowdoin College. In May of 1949 he began full time Maine Central work as a telegrapher on the Portland Division. Since January, 1954 he has been Agent at Hallowell.

Kirkpatrick's retirement ended 45 years' service with the railroad. He started in February, 1912 as a clerk at Rockland. He was successively promoted to freight clerk at Rockland, cashier at Waterville, chief clerk at Rumford, assistant to the general agent at Lewiston and was named general agent at Bangor on April 1, 1938.

The retiring general agent is one of the best known railroad officials in New England. He has taken an active part in civic affairs in the Lewiston-Auburn community.

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Accounting Dept. Promotions

Three promotions in our Company's Accounting Department, all of which were effective September 1, have been announced by H. N. Foster, Comptroller and Treasurer.

John Michaels, appointed Auditor Disbursements, started his railroad career as a clerk in the Accounting Department, Boston and Maine Railroad, Boston, in 1950 and came to the Maine Central in December of 1955. At that time he was Assistant to Auditor Disbursements in charge of Miscellaneous Bureau. He was made As-



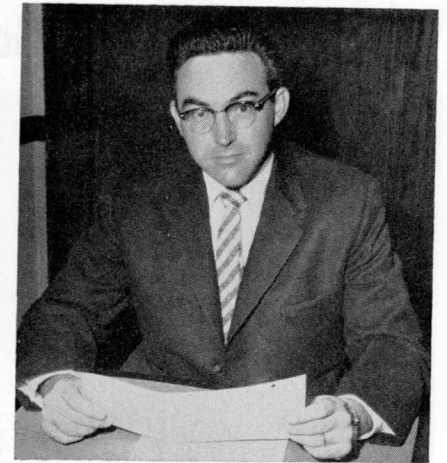
John Michaels

istant Auditor Disbursements in January, 1957.

Walter J. Provencher has been named Assistant Auditor Disbursements. His railroad service started with the Boston and Maine in 1940 as a clerk in the Timekeeping Bureau. He came to Maine Central in December, 1955, as



Walter J. Provencher



William T. Brownell

Traveling Accountant—Joint Facility.

William T. Brownell, promoted to the position of Traveling Accountant, started in 1942 as a clerk in the Payroll Bureau for the Boston and Maine at Portland. He transferred to the Maine Central in December of 1955 as a clerk in the Miscellaneous Bureau.

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Luther O. Grant, of Hancock, Crossing-tender at Ellsworth.

James J. Hasson, of 28 Jordan Ave., South Portland, Head Clerk -Billing Dept., Portland Freight Office.

James C. Jenkins, Box 105, Winslows Mills, Stone Mason.

William F. Ames, of 17 Bon-telle Ave., Waterville, Portland Division Conductor.

Tower MD: In The Good Old Summertime



Quite a different scene from a few months ago as Tower MD at Hermon basks in the summer sun.

Centralized Traffic Control on that portion of Maine Central's main line between Pittsfield and Hermon was officially inaugurated last January 9. This fact was duly noted in our February Magazine and appropriate pictures detailed the scene.

But, those earlier pictures were taken in the middle of winter—snow covered the ground and icicles hung from the eaves of Tower MD. It was cold!

The accompanying picture is in sharp contrast—taken one very warm morning this past summer. Shades are drawn in the windows of the Tower against the sun's rays.

One change has been made to the signal apparatus—as shown

above, a modern color-light train order signal on the roof of the building has replaced a temporary semaphore signal on a wooden stanchion which had been used originally at the site.

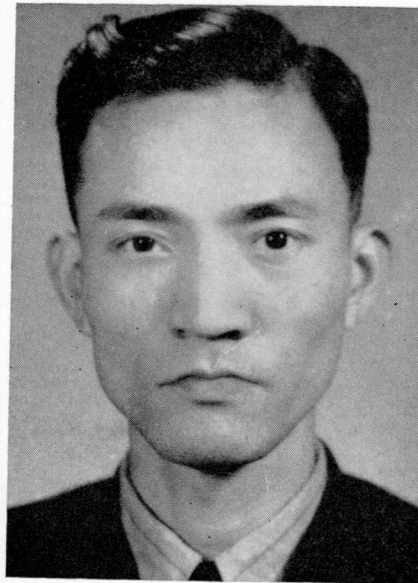
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LADIES' NIGHT AT TROWEL CLUB

The annual Ladies' Night program of the Trowel Club will be held October 19 in Woodfords Congregational Church hall at 6:30 p.m.

Members and their guests will enjoy a roast beef dinner and the following entertainment and dancing.

Gene Winslow is Chairman of the Entertainment Committee assisted by Al Christie and Ralph Hopkins. Gordon L. Wilson is president of the club.



Shou Chun-jen

Visitor From Formosa

A recent visitor at Waterville Shops was Shou Chun-jen, Asst. Superintendent of the Taipei Railway Workshop, Nationalist Chinese Railroads on Formosa. He is in this country to visit railroad equipment manufacturers in addition to our Shops.

Shou was referred to Maine Central since our Waterville facilities are typical examples of a smaller railroad's repair shops, and approximate those of the line for which he works.

Shou was born in Shanghai, graduated from Soochow Technical High School and Tokyo University with a mechanical engineer's degree. He is 39 years old, married and has two children. He moved to Formosa from the mainland 12 years ago.

The Taipei Shops employ 1,500 workers and overhaul 30 steam locomotives, 30 passenger cars and 10 diesel rail cars per month. The rail cars are similar to American Budd cars but the gauge is smaller—3' 6". Freight and passenger cars are constructed at the Shops.

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THE FAMILY GRAPEVINE



Danville Junction

By PAUL N. FARRELL

Second Trick Opr. John Csoros has just returned from two weeks vacation. He was relieved the first week by Spare Opr. E. S. Anderson and the second week by Spare Opr. Walter E. Oakes.

At this time Signal Crew No. 2 is re-spacing signals between Danville Jct. and Auburn under the supervision of Kenneth C. Poore and Joseph J. Sanborn.

Oprs. Roger J. Jalbert and Donald K. Stack were hit by the "Swapping Bug" this last week. Roger traded in his '50 Chevy for a '53 Buick and Don swapped his '47 DeSoto for a '50 Chrysler.

Gardiner

By F. CLYDE COOPER

Agent Leslie Soule attended the Red Sox game at Boston on State of Maine day. His son and son-in-law accompanied him.

Signal Maintainer George Curtis and helper Fred Pickens have returned from a two weeks vacation. Both were kept busy building additions to their houses.

Freight handler Olin Gordon has returned from a three weeks vacation. He attended all fairs within reach and reported a good time was had.

Section foreman Albert Allarie and crew have been surfacing the main line these last few weeks.

Mrs. Athie Bryant of Augusta is relieving your correspondent who is on vacation at this writing.

Farmington Branch

By ANN NEWCOMB

Mr. and Mrs. Merton J. Stearns, traveling car agent for the Boston & Maine R.R. on the New Hampshire Division and their sons, were recently visiting relatives in Livermore Falls and called into the Local Freight office there. Stearns was a former resident of Livermore Falls and the son of the late Bill Stearns, who for many years was Yard Conductor at Chisholm.

M. A. Tuttle, sectionman of the Jay crew, is now enjoying his two weeks annual vacation. He has been seen several times at the annual Farmington County Fair and in the corn fields in Wayne.

Mother of M. A. Tuttle, sectionman Jay, celebrated her 85th birthday in September.

Spare Operator R. L. Erwin of Augusta relieved at Livermore Falls while Agent Richardson was off on a weeks vacation.

Yard Clerk W. S. Pike is now on a two weeks vacation, being relieved by H. A. Fletcher of Danville.

J. A. White section foreman of the Livermore Falls crew is enjoying his two weeks vacation.

E. U. Wardwell, engineer, of Livermore Falls, has been on vacation.

J. L. Palman, yard Conductor, Chisholm Yard, is now sporting a new 1957 Chevy.

Agent "Charlie" Richardson, Livermore Falls, visited in Connecticut on a one week vacation in September.

Lewiston

By LILLIAN G. WHITE

Pierre Demers, 18 years of age, son of Machinist and Mrs. Rosario J. Demers, has enrolled at Catholic University in Washington, D. C. and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Pierre graduated with honors from St. Francis High School, Biddeford, last June. He is pictured in the Demers family group picture.

Fred Jumper, Freight House Foreman, is on 3 weeks vacation. Checker Arthur Tardiff is substituting and H. A. White is working in Tardiff's place.

Track Supervisor and Mrs. L. F. Brean are vacationing in Derry, N.H.

Allen Bullock, Motor Patrolman between Lewiston and Waterville, has been out sick since Aug. 10. He was a surgical patient at C.M.G. Hospital and at the present time is well on the road to recovery.

Machine Operator and Mrs. Harry Russell are enroute to Portland, Ore. to visit Mrs. Russell's son.

Trackman V. R. Burnham, Leeds Jct., is on leave of absence.

Trackman Stephen E. Greer, Section 4, Cumberland Center, is off duty account sickness.

Monique Levesque, Clerk-Typist in Engineering Dept., together with her sister, Mrs. Lucille Crowley (who has been substituting in Freight Office) motored to Boston one evening recently to meet another sister, Mrs. Robert Lee Springle and 2 children enroute from Winston-Salem, N. C. to Lewiston. Needless to say the next day the girls were exhausted.

We are happy to announce the birth of a baby boy on Sept. 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Normand J. Cote (Lorraine-Clerk-Typist in Engineering Dept.); however we were sorry to hear that on Sept. 10, Mrs. Cote fell at her home and broke her left wrist and ankle.

Philip E. Verville, Yard Section Foreman, who has been receiving disability pension since May 1955, has been a patient at St. Mary's Hospital for some time. Our very best wishes Phil for a speedy recovery.

OUR RED SOX

By STANLEY LIBBY

The Season is almost over, the Season is almost through,

The Red Sox are in third place, does this seem strange to you?

Let it baffle you no longer, let it puzzle you no more,

Without good old Ted Williams, they wouldn't have much score.

Ted's done it all, there's no one who can ever take his place,

He did it with such classy style, such form, such poise, such grace.

He'll win the batting title too, on that you can rely,

For when he steps up to the plate, the pitchers want to fly.



Machinist, at Lewiston, Rosario Demers and family boarded the train at Danville Jct. on August 12 bound for a family reunion at Ville Marie, Quebec. With Mrs. Demers and her husband in the back row, the children are, l. to r.: Cecile, 8 years, Lawrence, 10, Marc, 11, Leon, 12, Nazaire, 13, Anne, 15, Jean, 17, and Pierre, 18 years of age. All aboard!

We need Old Ted for next year too, that seems to be the case,
Or else we have no hope at all of getting to first place.

Ray Jackson says, "Wait till next year, Yes, that's the year for us,
We'll win it all the way, hands down! there's no reason to fuss."

I say that we will do it too, with Ted to show the way,

Then the pennant will be ours, there will be a brighter day.

Waterville Shops

By STEVE

Conrad Galarneau, working in E. B. Sweet's carpenter crew around the shops, apparently is NOT attempting to start a new style for men even tho he is wearing new dungarees with the zipper on the side. Seems he bought them off a pile for size, and after removing the tags was stuck with them. Being a thrifty soul he decided to wear them and get his money's worth.

Mighty hunter is Blacksmith Helper George Gray who, while hunting destructive porcupines at dusk around his garden, shot two of the varmints. While returning to the house he spotted another indistinct form in the garden and whaled away for a third time. Investigating, he found that he had shot a prize squash full of holes.

It seems that the local gentleman who is on a skim milk and corn flakes diet has reduced to alarming proportions. We have been advised, (from high unimpeachable sources which cannot be divulged), that said gentleman sat on one of his wife's boudoir chairs and his hip bones were so pointed that they poked the cane out of the seat! (personal physician, take note)

Clerk and Mrs. Dick Fecteau have been recent visitors at Ste Anne de Beaupre, Quebec.

Laborer 'Red' Black is the most recent to be furloughed in the Yard Crew.

Norman Thyng, for several years swing clerk at the Engine house has bid to the Loco. Store.

Crane Operator Charlie Bean has recently acquired a second hand car, the first car that he ever had. Something unusual in this day and age.

Carman Arnold Giroux has a new Ford and Carman H. Dingdong McCaslin a new Chevrolet.

A new daughter, Darlene, was born to Carman and Mrs. Rudy Ware at the Sister's Hospital on Aug. 13. She weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz.

The stories of absent minded plumbers forgetting their tools has some definite basis. In fact one day recently Piper Junior Patterson arising a little late grabbed his basket and tore off to work. Come lunch time Junior was somewhat non-plussed to find that he had forgotten to put his lunch in the basket.

Laborer Clifford St. Peter and Miss Mary Doucette were married at the Notre Dame Church in Waterville on Labor Day, Sept. 2. They honeymooned in Boston.

Laborer Peanut Loubier finally consented to put that boat of his into the water and took Guy Wentworth fishing. At lunch time Peanut pulled out his good jack knife and started to peel a cucumber. Taking a generous peel Peanut started to throw the peeling into the water. Instead he retained the peeling in his hand and left go of his jack knife.

Draftsman Laurence Sparrow, Foreman Chick

Pooler and the writer 'Steve' are enjoying (?) a second annual vacation at the American Car and Foundry Car Plant in St. Louis, Mo. (vacation as classified by G.C.S. Joseph D. Rourke)

THE THIN MAN THEME.

Tho he's still on a diet of straight skim milk
And has reduced 'bout as far as he's able.
He's just eyeballs and elbows, a shadow, in fact.
But he can still talk a leg off a table.
He's a diplomat, statesman and orator too,
He can speechify, cajole and wheedle.
He must have been vaccinated when he was young

And twas done with a phonograph needle.

(The writer is happy to be out of town as this is read.)

A new potential railroader was born recently to Carman and Mrs. Maurice Thibodeau at the Sisters Hospital. His name is Steven.

A new electrical testing machine has been built in the Electric shop for the purpose of testing passenger and baggage cars after the batteries have been removed. This machine is a combination rectifier and transformer that transposes the 110 AC in the shop to 64 or 32 volt DC for testing cars. The machine was made from salvage parts from a burned out welding machine. The idea and the computations, also the work of building and assembling was all done by Apprentice Gordon Mason. (Nice job, buster)

Heating plant engineer and Mrs. Ango Oliver have recently returned from a visit with their son and family at Great Lakes, Ill. They flew one way.

Laborer Arthur Campbell recently rammed his car into one ahead of him damaging his grill, radiator and bumper somewhat.

470, our retired steam locomotive at the Waterville Station has recently had a new paint and varnish job by Painters Bill Mingo and Chester Craig.

Senator Don Russell is the proud possessor of a new Mercury sedan. It has been appropriately named the 'Green Hornet II'.

Rip Track Supervisor Percy Brown retired on Sept. 11 and was presented with several gifts and a sizeable sum of money from the employees. Brown was first employed as a car inspector in 1918 and came to the Shop as a carman in 1931. Brown was made Assistant Foreman in 1947 which position he held at his retirement.

Machinist Helper Robert Fletcher has recently applied for the pension. 'Bob' has been tool room attendant for several years and has worked for the Maine Central since 1942. Fletcher also had some 25 years previous service with the narrow gauge road from Wiscasset thru China.

Assistant Supt. Alden Finnimore has been in Chicago attending a convention for Locomotive Maintenance Supervisors. Mrs. Finnimore was also along holding the check-rein.

Rip Track Mobil-crane Operator Gerald Buck was involved in a 5 car crack-up in front of the Keyes Fibre Co. recently. Bucky's car was extensively damaged front and rear and he, with one of his children, was shaken up.

Electrician Helper Bob Bennett said 'Good Morning' to the judge and paid costs of court for a traffic violation.

Machinist Blaine Ladd is at the Engine House for a spell replacing Bill Knowlton who is out sick.

Re-shuffling due to the retirement of Percy Brown put Nubert Estabrook ramrodding the Rip Track, Floyd Case in the Freight Shop and Wallace Jewell on the Transfer.



A vacation in the Allagash region of northern Maine, complete with fishing, canoeing and hiking was enjoyed by magazine Corres. Elaine Kervin, at right in this photo, along with Genevieve Gagne and with the help of Willard Jalbert, a Guide from Fort Kent.

Waterville Station

By ELAINE KERVIN and M. W. FLYNT

Baggage man Duke and Mrs. Dutille visited their daughter and family in Bridgeport, Conn., and their son in Rochester, New York, on their three week's vacation.

Ray Coulombre and his family spent a week's vacation camping at Sebago Lake State Park. Ray went water skiing for the first time and loved it.

Ticket Clerk Ruthie Brochu spent two week's vacation at home with her little daughter. Priscilla Averill substituted.

Stenog. Bey Cook has returned to work and Pat Finnimore who substituted has been laid off.

Maurice Thorne attended the National Safety Council Convention in York, Maine, recently.

Clinton Section Foreman W. J. Cowan is recuperating from his recent operation in the Sisters Hospital.

Those off sick on District No. 4 are: Section Foreman A. M. Fletcher of Hermon Pond, Trackmen E. R. Bradford, Carmel, B. R. Bryant, Etna and E. K. Rich, Extra Crew.

Those who have returned from illness are: Section Foreman Frank Nason of Madison and Trackmen E. H. Burns of East Newport and A. F. Robinson of Bingham.

We wish to convey our condolences to Section Foreman Phil Harris of Pittsfield whose little granddaughter died recently in Wilmington, Delaware.

Bill Monroe was the guest speaker at the Little League baseball banquet held at Palmyra.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Thorne who celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary September 12th. We hope they'll have many more.

General Agent and Mrs. Basil Higgins visited their daughter and son-in-law and six grandchildren in Fort Fairfield on their vacation. They also took day trips to Rockland, Boothbay Harbor and other places of interest. Incidentally the Higgins are sporting a brand new Chevrolet two tone green sedan. Pretty nice to be able to vacation in a brand new car!

Basil is not the only new car owner. Fred Sautter has his name on the list but his is not exactly new. In fact it is 19 years old. As the

Sautters live in the country, Fred thought his wife should have some mode of transportation so he purchased a 1938 Buick for her. But as the car is old, Fred also got a horse. He has the horse as a means of transportation in case the car breaks down and he has the car in case the horse breaks down! There is only one small problem involved—the horse keeps running away!

Friends of Arthur H. Durgin, retired telegrapher, will regret to learn of his accidental death in an auto accident at St. Stephen, N.B.

Our Wide World Travelers Engr. and Mrs. T. W. Severy have returned by air from Europe. Their score now stands at thirteen countries visited with a possibility of more to follow. We hope to give our readers a first hand account of the highlights of their trip later.

Our local dealer, Furbush Chevrolet, has expressed satisfaction with rail service over other forms of transporting new autos. They arrive cleaner and in better condition.

Gen. Agent Basil Higgins has taken up miniature golf and is consistently shooting under par. One of his latest conquests is Traffic Manager Paul Roberts of Scott Paper. We assume this exercise is a subtle attempt to regain a smaller waist.

Congratulations to Trainmaster and Mrs. Tupper on the birth of a son, Nathaniel.



Bartlett, N. H.

Many vacations in effect at present: Motor patrolman Percy Chandler and Mrs. Chandler are on a trip to Moosehead Lake to do a little fishing. Mrs. Chandler always beats Percy around home when it comes to fishing and wonder how it will come out at Moosehead.

Agent Warren at Fryeburg has had two weeks,

his place being covered by Spare Operator Peters.

Rene Michaud, agent at Whitefield has returned from his vacation and we hope he got a good rest—he can use it. His job was covered by M. H. Bowie.

Homer Greenwood is winding up his two weeks about now. Have not heard that he made any big journeys on his days off.

We are having a number of carloads of salt come in for use this Winter on the State highways and a little bit on the auto mufflers as well.

The new oil-fired boiler at the engine house is expected to be in service within a few days.

Trainman H. W. Ackley is covering the Gilman extra right now while Snucker is off.

We are sending many employees to Beecher Falls for pulpwood loading. Understand the pulp people are taking advantage of the dry weather and roads to get the wood out.

Signalman helper Richard Raymond has bid off a job in the Terminal.

Tilson's paint crew has finished with the bridges in this section and has moved to Lancaster for work up that way.

We all extend our sympathy to Section Foreman Carl Crawford, of Beecher Falls, who had a son, of high school age, fatally injured in an auto accident Sunday.



Rigby Engine House

By ALBERT B. WETMORE

A going away or farewell party was given the Rev. Robert Haldane, Jr., a nephew of Stores Department Clerk Francis Haldane. He has been transferred to a pastorate in Jackson, Michigan. He was formerly located at Manchester, Massachusetts. Many relatives were present including his father and mother. His father is at present the pastor of the North Deering Community Church in Portland.

Mrs. Archie Pratt, wife of our former Sheetmetal Worker Archie Pratt, was confined to the hospital during the month for treatment. I understand she is on the road to recovery.

Electricians Helper Lawrence Gorrie is recuperating after a rather serious operation. He was the recipient of a check from our shop sick benefit fund.

Three new cars appeared on the scene this month. General Foreman Malcolm Billington has a new "Belaire" Chevy, Machinist Melvin Pratt, a Nash sedan and Peter Beckwith of the B. and B. Crew a Plymouth.

Laborer Hillaire Goselin, Car Department, formerly a Machinist Helper at the engine house dropped dead recently.

We report the birth of a girl baby to Laborer and Mrs. Russell Hill. She has been named Patricia Elaine. Mrs. Hill is the daughter of Machinist Lucien Carignan.

The employees working at Wharf No. 3 seem to make the headlines most every month in our little periodical.

Machinist Fred Johnson at Wharf No. 3 while pulling one of his lobster traps lost his balance

and fell overboard from his boat. His wife called help and Fred, who does not swim a stroke, was rescued. Other than taking in a considerable amount of sea water, he was all right.

A former Machinist Helper, retired Joseph LaPierre died recently. A floral tribute was sent to the funeral.

Machinist Helper Milfred Goodwin announces the birth of a girl baby to his daughter, on September 5th.

Machinist Helper Anthony Gryzb took a week off from his duties to attend the sessions at the American Legion Convention at Atlantic City.

Our Safety Board at the engine house is still climbing. We have now attained the figure of 454 days without a lost time accident.

Car Department worker Adolph Bourque has retired after a long period of employment.

Third Class Petty Officer George Flaherty, son of Hostler Alfred Flaherty is home on furlough. He is just back from a trip to Labrador. His next venture will be a Radar Patrol on Cuba.

Hostler Joseph Tierney is in the hospital for treatment.

Foreman Anson Stewart, B. and B. Crew, was involved in an auto accident in which he had to get a new car to replace his old one.

Machinist Edwin Temm informs us his young son Denis was injured when his hand got caught in a corn combine.

We had a group of students from the Pond Cove section of Cape Elizabeth make a tour of the shop.

Carpenter's Helper Robert Malone announces the birth of a daughter on September 11th.

Portland Freight Office and Freight House

By ALICE A. McLAUGHLIN and MARJORIE J. MULKERN

Congratulations to General Agent and Mrs. L. W. Matthews on the recent birth of a grandson, in Boston, first born of their youngest daughter, Mrs. Edward Blackie, Sudbury, Mass.

A party was tendered to Freight Checker and Mrs. Dennis J. Shea, on their fortieth wedding anniversary, September 8, at Perry Terrace, South Portland. The party was made possible through the efforts of their daughter, Mrs. Patricia Fallona and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hylda P. Shea; the latter is swing-Clerk, at Rigby Per Diem Bureau; and her husband, William Gerard (otherwise Jerry), formerly Head of the Per Diem Bureau, now employed in the office of E. K. Goddard, Accounting Department.

Many nice gifts were received by the happy couple, and a very fine toast was offered, with the hope that we would all be able to witness a similar affair on their sixtieth anniversary, in 1977. We offer our congratulations to you both, Gertrude and Dennis, and very best of everything.

James J. Hasson, Head Clerk, Billing Dept., resigned Sept. 11, to accept a well-earned retirement annuity. Jimmie, who was first employed Nov. 28, 1905, received his Fifty-Year Pass, two years ago. Wish you many years of happiness Jim.

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to former Assistant Freight Cashier Mark B. Flaherty, who is a patient at the Maine Medical Center; also, to the wife of Head Clerk Thomas E. Dillon, Inward Department, who is a patient at the Mercy Hospital.

Loader and Caller Patrick A. Mulkern and

wife, Stenographer Marjorie J. Mulkern, left Sept. 13, on the "STATE OF MAINE" Express for Atlantic City, where they attended the annual National American Legion Convention. They also visited in New York and Spencer, Mass., before resuming their duties at the Freight House and Freight Office, respectively.

Rate and Waybill Clerk James B. Keegan recently had an enjoyable visit from his nephew, John J. Keegan, student at Boston University.

Freight Clerk Roland F. Chaisson took to the sky for this year's vacation, flying to San Francisco to which he looked forward very eagerly. He returned by plane as far as New York City, where he spent a few days on his way home, returning by train.

Car Clerk Edwin C. Noyes and family are enjoying themselves, riding around in their new car. Congratulations, folks.

We do not have a complete list of where everyone went while on their vacations, and it is not our intention to neglect mentioning anyone; however, those whom we have heard about were Freight Checker and Mrs. Reuben O. Smith, who visited relatives in Bangor and also Charleston, Maine, and also a few days in Boston; Loader and Caller Kingsley R. Welch, accompanied by his sister, visited in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Loader and Caller Frank S. Lawrence and wife spent their vacation at Bathurst, N.B., in the Miramachi District, as well as Bay Chaleur, which is a beautiful spot; we will try to have a complete list next month, and some photos as well.

Our genial messenger, Lester Pettengill, is back with us after his annual leave. We surely did miss you, Les. Hope you and your family enjoyed every minute of your vacation.

Your correspondent and her husband, Loader and Caller Patrick A. Mulkern, recently met up with former Freight Clerk Arthur Patterson (PAT), who formerly worked in the office of the Superintendent, the late Vernon H. Vaughan. He sent his best regards to everyone.

Two of our Carmen have sold and purchased new homes, namely: Frank J. Stubbs, who has sold his home on Fourteenth St., Bangor and purchased one at Lucerne in Maine. Also L. J. Conners who sold his place in Hermon and bought one on the Silver Road, Bangor.

Carman Helper E. W. Drew and Coach Cleaner D. J. Smith have returned to work after being off duty due to sickness.

Engineering Dept.

By JOHN MINCHER

Cleveland "Vic" White, formerly extra crew foreman on Calais Branch District, is now foreman of Calais Section.

Don Bowden, Section Foreman of Bucksport, has returned to work following a long illness.



Note the smooth appearance of abutments of Main Street Overhead Bridge in Brewer following complete restoration of surface concrete.

Vanceboro

By H. D. DAVIS

Marvin L. Trask employed as Stationary Fireman at engine house, here, died at Lincoln on Sept. 9th. Funeral was held at Methodist Church, here, on Sept. 13th. Burial was in Vanceboro cemetery.

We regret that Second Trick Operator A. M. Gray has found it necessary to again ask to be relieved from duty, account illness, commencing as of Sept. 5th, being relieved by Operator P. F. Wallace. We hope for his speedy return to work.

On Sept. 10th, we were pleased to have Editor-in-Chief Dick Aylward arrive on Train 23 to spend the day with us, returning on Train No. 8 that night. We trust he enjoyed the visit with us as much as we enjoyed having him. Please note, Dick, "the latch string is always out." Come again.

Violet, wife of Paul Susee of the Pacific Customs Brokerage Company, recently a surgical patient at Charlotte County Hospital, St. Stephen, N.B. is now at home convalescing.

Eleanor, wife of Percy McPhee of the A. N. Derringer, Inc. Custom House Brokers, is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Clerk and Stenographer Mavis Blanchard is asking to be relieved from duty account entering Charlotte County Hospital, St. Stephen, N.B. for surgery. We all wish for her quick return.

Clerk and Mrs. M. M. Beers are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Sept. 10th, at Charlotte County Hospital, St. Stephen, N.B., weight 10 lbs., name Gerald Lawrence.

Bangor Mechanical

By F. E. WARE

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Childs of Littleton, Mass. on the birth of a 6 lb. 4 oz. daughter, Debora Lee Childs, at Ayer, Mass. on August 31st. The former Miss Donna King she is the daughter of Machinist and Mrs. Beldon R. King.

Laborer Herbert Robshaw returned to work on August 30th. following a surgical operation at Eastern Maine General Hospital.

Engine House Foreman Harold Eames is at the Eastern Maine General Hospital receiving medical treatment.

On August 24th. Miss Carole Louise Beverage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Beverage of North Haven, Maine, became the bride of Russell L. Ware, son of Electrician and Mrs. Frank E. Ware at the Baptist Church, North Haven. The Rev. George R. Merriam performed the double ring service. A reception was held at Nebo Lodge following the ceremony. Seasonal flowers and bayberries were used for decoration.

The bride was graduated from North Haven High School and has been employed by Waterman and Company Inc. of North Haven. The bridegroom was graduated from Bangor High School and is employed as a brakeman in the Bangor Yard. The young couple are now at home to friends at 43 Charles Street in Bangor.

Plumber Roy McGregor is working with Machinist Chester Shepherd on the change in the plumbing and heating for the remodeling of Bangor Engine House.

Laborer and Mrs. James E. Blake have announced the engagement of their daughter Nancy H. to Seaman IC Eugene F. Cefalo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cefalo of Bangor. Miss Blake graduated from John Bapst High School in the class of 1957, and is employed as secretary to Attorney Edward Cohen. Seaman Cefalo attended Bangor High School and is stationed with the U. S. Navy at New London, Conn. No date has been set for the wedding.

Machinist Charles J. Wilson has joined the "Car-Traders" this month by trading his Ford for a 1957 Plymouth, four door sedan.

Hostler and Mrs. Bernard H. Duddy have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Jean to Ensign Robert Legere, son of Mrs. Marie Legere and the late Ernest H. Legere. Miss Duddy is a graduate from John Bapst High School and attended Valley College in San Bernardino, California. She is employed by Freeze's Department Store. Ensign Legere is a recent graduate from Bangor High School and the Maine Maritime Academy, and is serving with the U. S. Navy off the California Coast. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Carol Evelyn Friedman, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Therault and the late William Friedman, became the bride of Theodore H. Ware, son of Electrician and Mrs. Frank E. Ware, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 14th at the Grace Methodist Church at Bangor. The Rev. Lewis H. Beckford officiated at the double ring service. A reception was held at the home of

the bride's sister, Mrs. Sheldon Tracy, following the ceremony. White streamers and wedding bells being used for decorations. The bride was graduated from High School and from Husson's College in 1956. She is employed by Coffin and Wimple Inc. The bridegroom was graduated from Bangor High School, served two years in the U. S. Navy and is now employed as a brakeman in the Bangor Yard. The young couple have taken an apartment at 57 Ohio Street.



By ERNESTINE V. MILLER, DORIS

THOMAS, JULIA ROPER and

MARY E. MORSE

Congratulations to Linwood Lamson, Clerk, Engineering Dept. for his Grand Prize winning photo of a frosty window on a wintry night, Class C—Scenes and Still Life—conducted by the Portland Sunday Telegram Amateur Contest. It now is automatically an entry in the Nineteenth Annual (1957) Newspaper National Snapshot Contest which is judged in October, and prizes totaling \$15,000. will be awarded for the best entries. Lin has already won \$28. before the picture leaves Portland for the finals, and we wish him the best of luck!

He was also Grand Prize winner in 1947 with a picture of a mother cat and kitten titled "On Guard" which was hung in Explorer's Hall, Washington. Not only does he take fine pictures in black and white, his color transparencies are in the same class.

The Maine Central Golf League wound up their active season with a banquet at the Red Wagon Restaurant in Yarmouth, Sept. 12th. First place trophies were won by Bud Bowlin, Bob Brewster, and Lenny Forrest. Sam Napolitano received trophies for low average and low round. Those attending were Bill Hayward, Bob Brewster, Phil Farley, Bud Bowlin, Russell Radcliffe, Blair Walls, Gene Cole, Sam Napolitano, Elbert Kennedy, Lenny Forrest, Dick Goodie, Bob Clarke, and Ralph Auger.

Tom Dunn, Clerk and Mrs. Dunn, along with brother-in-law and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Chamard of Westbrook, motored to Canada on their vacation, visiting Laurentide Park, Quebec, and Chicoutimi, where they embarked—car and all—on the S. S. St. Lawrence and sailed down the Saguenay River. The scenery was wonderful, and Tom recommends the trip highly.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinkham and daughter Maryann, took a trip in New York state for a week.

Millard Bailey, Cora Hoy, Mary Morse, and Roscoe Woodrow were also on vacation, this month.

Joan, daughter of Pete and Mrs. Connary, resumed teaching at Manchester, Conn. for the fourth year, after attending Summer School at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. and a home visit in Portland.

Traffic or no, "Mac" and Edith MacGibbon took a trip to Malone, New York, to visit relatives and friends over the long Labor Day week end.

During September Railroad Conventions in Chicago also entertained the wives as well as



Bangor Car Department

By C. A. JEFFERDS

Carman Helper W. A. Kingsbury is proudly displaying a blue ribbon won by his Pal-o-mino horse recently at the Hampden Fair. He has also won ribbons in two or three other fairs in this vicinity.

Frederick H. Badger, son of Coach Cleaner Henry L. Badger, S. P. 3, 832 Signal Corps Army Reserves has been promoted to Sergeant.

The many friends of Mrs. Adolph Friedman, nee Lena Goldon formerly in Car Dept's office, will be sorry to learn of the death of her brother.

Those on vacation since the last publication: Carmen W. E. Batchelder, Donald E. Lambert, H. T. McLain, L. S. Stubbs, Coach Cleaners C. L. Plummer, J. A. Plummer and A. R. King.

Those on vacation at Northern Maine Jct.: Carmen F. H. Adams, D. A. Perry.

our Supervisors. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. James O. Born, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stanford, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W. Laird Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. Burt W. Pease.

Friends of Molly Flaherty, genial telephone operator, will be sorry to learn that she is a patient at Mercy Hospital.

Alice Warren took day trips on her vacation. Molly Flaherty recently returned from Montreal and Quebec.

Julia Roper spent her vacation at Camden visiting her son and family.

Alice Gallant leaves Oct. 20th for Miami by plane.

H. W. Drinkwater, Chief Clerk, Freight Claims and Harrison Elliott, Clerk, are among those finishing up their vacations in October.

We understand Peter Grant, son of R. H. Grant, Traveling Freight Claim Representative has entered Boston University Aeronautical Engineering School.

Margaret Ann Grover, daughter of General Freight Agent and Mrs. T. E. Grover of Portland, and David L. Thurrell, son of Re-Audit Examiner and Mrs. R. J. Thurrell of Portland, were married June 29 at Woodfords Congregational Church. Their wedding trip took them through northern New England and Canada. They are residing in Millinocket where Thurrell has a position with the Great Northern Paper Company.

Bookkeeper Theresa Slattery spent the second week of her vacation traveling around New Hampshire and the White Mountains, also visiting Rockingham for a day—but she said she had no luck with the "ponies." She also took several short trips in Maine.

Vacationing from her duties as stenographer in the Assistant Treasurer's Office is Mrs. Shirley Wilson. Shirley and her husband, Bill, motored to Williamsburg, Philadelphia, Norfolk, and various other points of interest in that section.



Ramona Garland, age 10, of Freeport, was a recent winner on WGAN-TV Youth Cavalcade Talent Show. Ramona has played the piano for two years. Her father, Frank Garland, is an engine dispatcher at Rigby. Also working for the Maine Central is an aunt, Sally Peasley of the Machine Accounting Department, and an uncle, Paul Garland, a fireman.

On their return they stopped at Boston and Braintree, Mass., to visit with her sister.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leighton (she was formerly Peggy Bolduc of the Auditor Revenues Department) on the birth of Robert Dennis, their second child, September 13, at the Mercy Hospital. People who have seen the new baby report he is a fine looking boy, weighing in at about nine pounds.

Marie O'Connell of Machine Accounting is busy again planning menus and decorations for a wedding shower this month for a friend, Miss Cindy Ferrante. It seems as if Marie is a popular bridesmaid, having acted as such several times during the past year.

It's vacation time in Machine Accounting for Germaine Deschenes and Ruth Watson. Ruth and her husband headed south toward Atlantic City, New Jersey, while Germaine's plans were to stay close to home.

Barbara Gain and Leo visited Boston for several days—saw the Red Sox play, had dinner at a Japanese restaurant (complete with chopsticks), and saw several shows.

September is a busy month for birthdays in Machine Accounting—Ralph Gordon, Germaine Deschenes, and Howie Jolliffe all celebrated the "happy day" this month. (September is the best month of the year, ask anyone born during that time!)

We are sorry to report that Paula Harrison of Machine Accounting is in Medical Center, the result of a fall onto some rough concrete.

The age of chivalry is not dead, contrary to what you may have heard. On a recent morning, Janet LaPlante was hurrying to the office, when BOOM—down she went in front of the office building, hurting her dignity and receiving various bumps and bruises. However, it was most heartening to see all the "gentlemen" from the office rushing to her aid and helping to pick her up. Luckily Janet was not seriously hurt.

Stephen Conley Jr. had a fine time playing golf in the Maine Open Golf Tournament. While he did not win top honors, he did show up well with some pretty good scores. We understand that Steve and several of the Maine Central golfers are going to Boston the weekend of September 21 to play the Boston & Maine league—this sounds like a real battle, as many of the B&M fellows formerly worked in Portland at the General Office Building.

Salvatore Romagno of the Purchasing Department is teaching arithmetic this year in the Biddeford Schools. Don Stover of the same office is on his merry way to Florida, where he plans to bask in the sun for at least a month—lucky Don!

"Dotty" Proctor of the Car Service Office tells us she had a lovely vacation at Rangeley Lakes, catching some beautiful rainbow trout, also visiting her daughter at a summer camp in New Hampshire.

Another daughter, Beryl Diane, was born August 10, 1957 to Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow Lester Woodbury at the Maine Medical Center. "Les" is employed in the Auditor Revenues Office in the Claims Division. This is their third child.

Paul Landry of the Disbursements Office is the proud owner of a new home located in Yarmouth.

"Lou" Davis is highly elated with his new Plymouth Sedan—it's a gold one, too.

The Maine Central was well represented in Washington this month by Myrtle Neilson, who with her family took in all the sights, staying at the Hotel Annapolis; and "RED" Murray, who with Mrs. Murray, also toured the Capitol,

staying at the Hotel Willard. A good thing the hotels furnish free postcards so we can hear from these vacationing people.

"Kippy" Hawkes took a quick trip to New York to attend the Records Management Conference at the Hotel Roosevelt.

Bob Rounds attended the American Legion Convention in Atlantic City—nuff sed!

Kay Donahue will invade New York City on her vacation—that's one invasion the New Yorkers won't object to having!

"Sid" Foster is contemplating writing memoirs on "Guilty or not Guilty." He was a member of the jury recently in his home town of Saco.

Employees in the Disbursements Office honored their outgoing and incoming "boss" recently, presenting John Gerity with a golf cart and John Michaels with an engraved desk set.

Sorry to see the fall season come in—the disbursements crew all enjoyed those radishes and cucumbers furnished out of Milt Chaplin's garden.

Marion Adler of Machine Accounting on vacation, took day trips to such places as Boston and Orono, Maine.

Virginia Lee of Machine Accounting gave a birthday party for her husband, Walter, on the occasion of his ? birthday. A good time was had by all.

Anne Despins, Machine Accounting, and husband, Dennis gave a party Saturday, September 14, attended mostly by Remington Rand and Maine Central personnel. Ray Newton, of Remington Rand, brought his tape recorder and furnished some marvelous music.

Mona Despins, four-year old daughter of Anne Despins, started kindergarten at "Stepping Stones," Falmouth Foreside, and is having a marvelous time, but can't understand why there is no school Saturdays. On the first day she learned a song, a game, and drew a picture. A smart girl!

Ralph Gordon, manager Machine Accounting, traveled to Boston for a business trip last week, almost missing his bowling date with the boys.

Gene Trueworthy and Virginia Lee both enjoyed their vacations in the lovely month of September.

The new face in Car Accounting and Statistics belongs to Bill Manning—welcome to the force, Bill.

Romance is booming—Virginia Hayden of the Auditor Revenues Department has recently announced her engagement; Irene Daigneault of the same Department plans an early fall wedding, as does Hope Reed of the Executive Department; Judy Marston of the Superintendent's Office has been recently married and her name now is Judy Connors. Best of everything to all these gals!



By JOHN J. KEATING

Former Trainman Leo Vigue, now in the lumber business at Concord, N.H. visited Conductor Y. C. Neilson at Brunswick.

P. T. Car Inspector Walter Dahms at yard eight discovered a body floating in the bay op-



The above group, children of Engineman and Mrs. Henry P. Burke are, left to right, Mrs. T. J. Volger, Sister M. Christopher, Doctor John N. Burke and Sister M. Damian.

posite yard eight. He notified Harold Morrison, watchman wharf No. 1.

William Cunningham, crossing attendant at Waterville, spent his vacation at Old Orchard Beach, visiting at Scarborough Downs.

Retired Engineman Frank Washburn, was a patient at the Maine Medical Center for observation.

Retired Maine Central Electrician, Arthur Martin, celebrated his 75th birthday, September 7th. Many, many more to you, "Pal".

Engineman Prichard, on vacation, visited his sister and brother-in-law in Los Angeles.

Your Correspondent with the Mrs., Mr. and Mrs. John Gurney, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Guilmont, made a trip to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, by train.

Portland Union Station Baggage Master John "Bud" McDonough with his wife and her sister, Miss Mary Geary, made a trip by auto to Canada.

Retired P. T. Car Inspector, B. P. Lyden with thirty four others chartered a bus for a trip to the Shrine, Cape de Madeline at Three Rivers, Quebec, Canada. They spent three days there, returning via Montreal.

Mrs. Fred Larkin, wife of retired P. T. Conductor Larkin now residing at Sarasota, Florida, made a visit to Portland, her former home.

Mrs. George Bourne, wife of retired Boston and Maine Engineman, was a patient at Mercy Hospital for surgery.

Boston and Maine Engineman and Mrs. Howard Burnham made a trip to Cuba via Miami.

Retired P. T. Conductor and Mrs. Ambrose McMillan have purchased a new home on Thelmer Avenue, So. Portland.

Engineman Lou Proctor has returned to duty after having three weeks vacation.

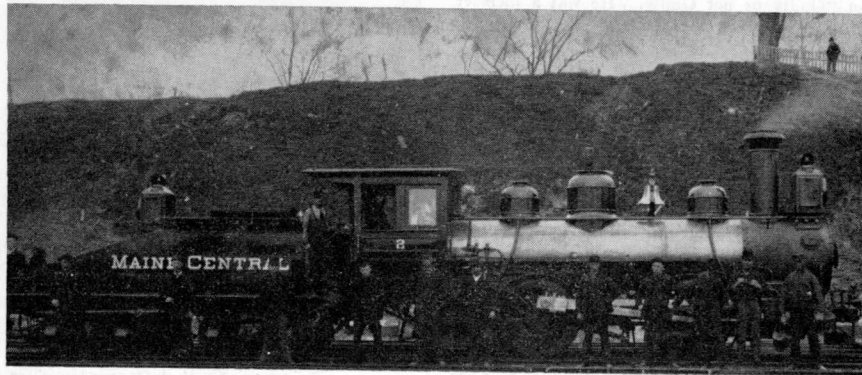
Retired Conductor Carl Pierce was chosen for jury duty, September term in Portland.

Trainman Burkman has resigned and plans to make his home in California. With regret, we hear of his leaving, and wish him all the luck in his new venture.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin on the birth of a daughter, Susan Jean. Mrs. McLaughlin is the daughter of Conductor and Mrs. "Glen" Morrell.



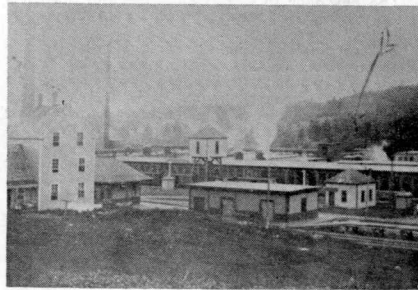
RAILROAD *Memories...*



Old switching locomotive No. 2, looking well cared for and shining as if proud to have her picture taken for posterity, posed in Bangor Freight Yard before the turn of the century. George R. Wilson, who loaned the print to the Magazine, states that the banking in back of the engine was later removed to enlarge the yard. None of the men shown are identified. The building, a part of which may be seen in the upper right hand corner of the photo was the Main Street school, attended by Wilson the last year it was used—"I think it was 1896."



This view of Main Street crossing, Livermore Falls, was taken during the period 1890 to 1895 and was loaned to us by Trackman Merle A. Tuttle of Livermore Falls, Section 63. That highway is a far cry from today's standards of construction!



Retired Conductor Gilbert J. Fournier, of Santa Barbara, Calif., sent us this photo of the Chisholm Mills station, Farmington Branch, taken about 1900. The small square building (arrow) was the Portland and Rumford Falls Railroad Station. Former agents there included Charles Sawyer, Charles Lord, Walter Williams, Fred Sawtelle and a Mr. Hardy.