

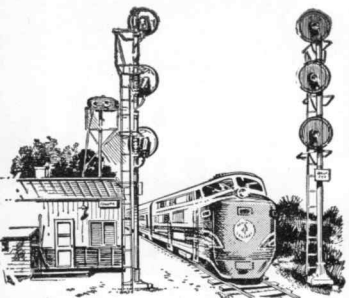
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THE COVER

Camp Hinds Boy Scout Neal Paulson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon W. Paulson of Scarboro, swings the sledge to try the tone of the Maine Central locomotive tire that will serve as a fire alarm at Camp Hinds. Sumner S. Clark, MeC Assistant to the President, made the presentation in a brief ceremony at the Raymond camp in late August. For another look at the goings-on, see page 17.



FROM THE EDITOR

This month, in the larger cities of the Maine Central System, many railroaders have taken on an additional task.

Their job is to raise hundreds of dollars from their fellow employees to fulfill the various Maine Central quotas in current United Fund or Community Chest campaigns.

It's not an easy task, but a mighty important one . . . a task that if done well, will provide for another year of valuable service to the less fortunate through public, charitable organizations that train, treat and help in a thousand other ways.

It's the solicitor's job to come to you for your pledge or contribution.

It's your job to decide what you shall do, and then examine your conscience to see if you've done enough.

And, if you have doubts, visit one of these member agencies. Visit a children's hospital ward, perhaps, or a center for the treatment and education of the handicapped.

That twisted youngster in a wheelchair, his eyes bright but his legs encased in steel, could be yours.

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UNITED FUND AT WORK—A group of Maine Central and Portland Terminal Company employees saw the Children's Division of the Maine Medical Center and how part of the United Fund is being spent during a "come-and-see" tour before the drive began.

Railroads Open Annual Drive

A task force of more than 50 solicitors is now deep into the task of raising \$7,818 as the quota for Maine Central and Portland Terminal Company employees in the 1958 Greater Portland United Fund campaign.

Similar fund-raising programs are under way this month in the larger communities throughout the Maine Central system. The money pledged by railroaders will help support more than 40 charitable, welfare or treatment agencies which exist and function only through direct support of the public.

James W. Wiggins, MeC Chief Engineer and company chairman of the drive, has pointed out that while we, as individuals, may not need

these services and agencies now, others do need them, and it is not entirely impossible that at some time these agencies may be of direct personal help.

Mr. Wiggins is being assisted in the Maine Central-Portland Terminal Company drive by vice chairmen Horace M. Budd and Clifford R. Ball.

The current campaign has the endorsement of President E. Spencer Miller and the General Chairmen of the Railroad Brotherhoods. In a

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letter to all employees, Mr. Miller said: "I urge you all to participate in helping those less fortunate. We are again offering payroll deduction, if you prefer, which, it is hoped, will enable many to give more generously than would be possible on a cash basis. Making your pledge at your place of employment will help us go over the top on our quota."

President Miller also announced that each Maine Central and Portland Terminal Company employee who pledges \$12 or more will be presented a cigarette lighter bearing the Maine Central insignia.

The following are assisting with the Maine Central-Portland Terminal company campaign:

Assistant Comptroller - Auditor Revenue, Chesley Robie, Office Chairman; James D. Phillip, Charles H. Duncan, Pauline Gelinas, Wendell D. MacDowell, Ruth E. Provencher, John L. Currier, Solicitors.

Car Accounting and Statistics, George R. Lowell, Office Chairman and Solicitor.

Auditor Disbursements, Sidney C. Foster, Office Chairman; Catherine V. Wallace, Robert E. Rounds, Solicitors.

Freight Claims, Harold W. Drinkwater, Office Chairman and Solicitor.

Deduction and Insurance, Clifford Hawkes, Office Chairman and Solicitor.

Mechanical, Earl D. Jones, Solicitor for Car Shops; William E. Malloy, Solicitor for Engrs. and Firemen; Albert Wetmore, Solicitor for enginehouse employees; C. F. Gary, Solicitor General Office.

Transportation, Joseph D. Meehan, Jr., Albert W. Pratt, Bernard

DeGruchey, Solicitors for Stationmen; L. W. Mathews, Solicitor for Freight office and house; Roger M. Chisholm, Solicitor for Watchmen; Martin Flaherty, Solicitor for yard laborers.

M. F. O'Brien, J. F. Johnson, P. J. Tracy, C. H. Talbot, F. W. Grimmer, C. J. Ward, F. B. Aldrich, A. C. Lennon, J. F. McNealus, J. J. O'Toole, J. F. Keniston, Jr., M. L. Charity, A. N. Tupper, John Hamilton, H. G. Hook, J. E. Buzzell, R. A. Chenevert, J. H. McNally, Solicitors, Royal Jct., Deering Jct., Cumberland Mills, So. Windham.

Engineering, L. B. Connary, Solicitor (monthly paid); T. J. Dunn, Solicitor (weekly paid); P. H. Coombs, Solicitor, P. T. Trk. Forces; E. E. Davis, Solicitor, P.T. B&B Forces; L. M. Lentz, Solicitor, P.T. Sig. Force & Electricians; R. A. Jackson and L. M. Lentz, Solicitors, MC Forces in outlying areas.

Freight Traffic, Mrs. Ann Seabury, Solicitor.

Purchasing and Stores, E. R. Russell, Solicitor, General Office Building; D. J. Burke, Solicitor, Rigby Stores; T. F. Roche, Solicitor, Deering Jct. Stores.

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50-Year Passes

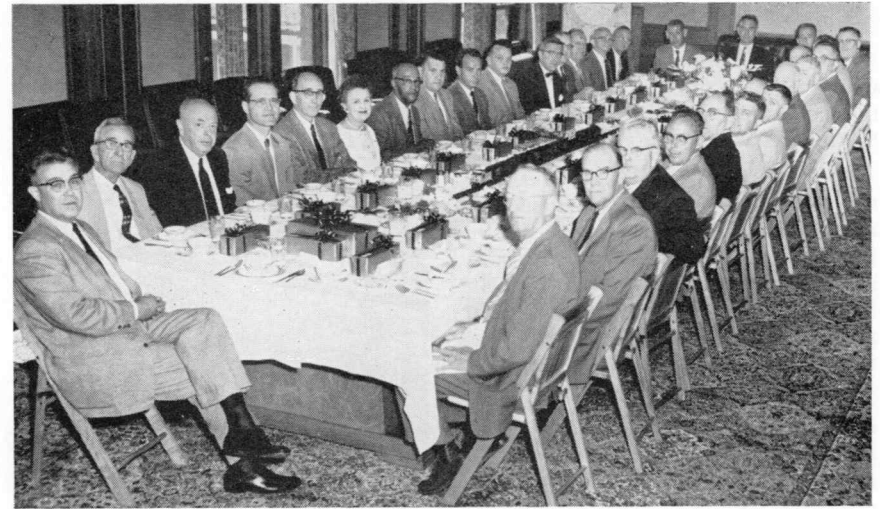
Wendell M. MacDowell, Claims Inspector, Portland, August 26.

Thomas E. Donlan, Chief Clerk, Portland, August 30.

Daniel O. Campbell, Laborer, Calais, October 6.

Robert J. Gillis, Conductor, Calais, August 24.

James E. Mills, General Storekeeper, Portland, July 9.



AT PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON—Attending the event were, from the left, clockwise, R. E. Baker, General Manager; H. J. Dodge, Gen. Chrm., Engineers; H. L. Baldwin, public relations consultant; J. O. Born, Engineer of Structures; D. R. Collins, Gen. Chrm., Electricians; K. C. McMullin, Director of Personnel; E. Cummings, Gen. Chrm., Red Caps; R. W. Williams, Superintendent; J. H. Cobb, Director of Public Relations; H. E. Hastings, Gen. Chrm., Maintenance of Way; S. S. Clark, Assistant to the President; J. A. Jayes, Gen. Chrm., Trainmen; H. M. Rainie, Vice President, Purchasing; T. J. Earls, Gen. Chrm., Train Dispatchers; H. N. Foster, Comptroller and Treasurer; W. B. Mochrie, Gen. Chrm., Boilermakers; E. Spencer Miller, President; M. L. Charity, Gen. Chrm., Firemen; J. W. Wiggins, Chief Engineer; H. D. Ulrich, Gen. Chrm., Clerks; W. E. Pierce, Asst. General Manager; S. O. Chandler, Gen. Chrm., Telegraphers; J. D. Rourke, Supt. Car Maintenance; F. A. Hagen, Gen. Chrm. Firemen and Oilers; C. D. Prentice, Engineer of Track; L. A. Oleson, Gen. Chrm., Shop Crafts; J. E. Hamilton, Personnel Dept.; G. D. Doyle, Gen. Chrm., Carmen; G. P. Silva, Shop Superintendent; P. A. Sullivan, Gen. Chrm., Machinists; H. G. Hook, Supt. Locomotive Maintenance; and A. H. Spinney, Gen. Chrm., Signalmen.

Keep MeC Modern, Says President

The necessity of keeping the Maine Central Railroad "up to date" was stressed by President E. Spencer Miller at the annual President's Luncheon September 3.

Speaking briefly to the more than 30 Brotherhood General Chairmen and department heads at the directors' room luncheon, Mr. Miller said the Maine Central now faces the greatest competitive threat of its history.

"I hope," he said, "we can develop new transportation services, new forms of our services, so that we may progress and meet this competition. I am sure we can do so."

"If some form of our present

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service is out-moded, we must of necessity eliminate that service. We must keep the Maine Central as up to date as we possibly can.

"I am confident," the President said, "that there will always be railroad service. It may be in a different form than we have today, but any change we make will, I am sure, be in the direction of strengthening our position in the field of transportation.

"Our future," he said, "depends on how we treat our present situation, both from the standpoints of management and labor. Both have an equal stake in that future. We must have even closer cooperation than we have enjoyed in years past . . . our aims must be combined to insure the future of both management and labor.

"Out of the problems we face must come mutual understanding that the future of management and the future of employees depends on mutual understanding of our common problems. There is no formula on which one can prosper without the other. We must understand that the future of management and the future of employees is dependent on how prosperous we can keep the railroad industry.

"If we can capture the major share of the business of transportation, we shall insure not only the prosperity of the railroad industry, but also the prosperity of those who make their living by working for the Maine Central."

General Manager Roy E. Baker, who had arranged the luncheon, served as toastmaster.

Retiring Track Chief To Open Antique Shop In Ogunquit



Lloyd F. Breen

A veteran Maine Central Track Supervisor will turn from gandy dancers to Governor Winthrops this month after 47 years of MeC service.

Lloyd F. Breen, track supervisor for district No. 3 with headquarters in Lewiston, will open an antique business in Ogunquit. He has directed track maintenance in the Lewiston area since 1935, and in his off-time, collected antiques as a hobby.

Breen, a native of Lee, joined the Maine Central in 1911.

He will be succeeded in the Lewiston track post by William L. Harris III, who has been serving in a similar capacity at Brunswick.

Horace Ames, who has been assistant Track Supervisor at Brunswick, will replace Harris as Track Supervisor.

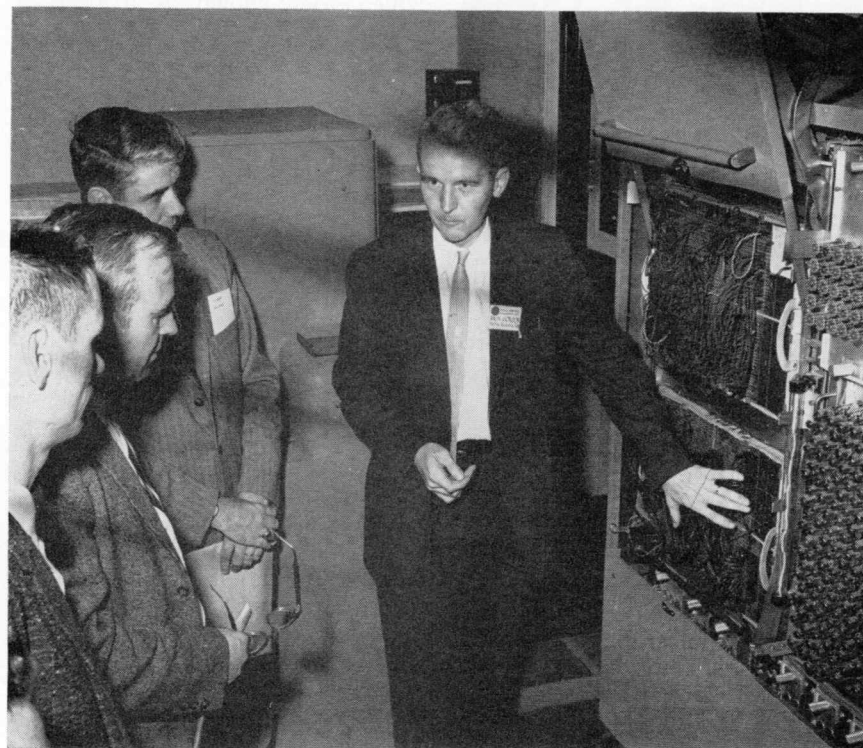
Ames will be replaced by Wilhelm G. Schloth, 32, a former Assistant Track Supervisor on the B&M. A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Schloth joined the B&M in 1953.

Fred Sautter, Assistant Track Supervisor at Waterville, has left MeC service to join Fairmount Railway Motors, Inc., New York City, as sales representative. Sautter will

be replaced in Waterville by David C. Eldridge, former Assistant Track Supervisor on the B&M. Eldridge, 32, has served with the B&M since 1952. He is a University of Massachusetts graduate.

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One of the first things kids learn in school is that the other kids get an allowance.



MACHINE ACCOUNTANTS VISIT MEC—Members of the Pine Tree Chapter, National Association of Machine Accountants, met in late September at the General Offices in Portland. They toured Rigby, and later witnessed a series of demonstrations in the Mec Machine Accounting Department. Here, Ralph Gordon, manager, explains the workings of the Univac.

William A. Wheeler, MeC Editor, Author, Dies In 84th Year



William A. Wheeler

William A. Wheeler, former General Representative of the Maine Central and until last February, Editor Emeritus of the Maine Central Magazine, died September 21. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Wheeler joined the Maine Central as a telegraph operator in Brunswick, his native community, at the age of 15. He retired after more than 55 years of Maine Central service in 1945. He was then the oldest active employee in years of service.

Mr. Wheeler came to Portland as a telegrapher in 1896, and became

a train dispatcher in the following year. He became chief dispatcher in Bangor in 1908, and assistant superintendent of the Maine Central's Eastern Division in 1917. Eight years later, Mr. Wheeler became superintendent of the Mountain Division, and then assistant superintendent of the Portland Division.

In 1932, he became Special Representative, Public Relations, for both the Maine Central and Boston and Maine Railroads.

It was in this capacity, and later as General Representative, that he became widely-known as a railroad spokesman, traveling the length of New England and beyond in the interests of both roads.

Mr. Wheeler was the author of many newspaper articles and of two books, "Brunswick Yesterdays," and "The Old Timer." He also compiled the still-current "Brief History of the Maine Central Railroad."

A resident of Gorham, Mr. Wheeler was active in the Kiwanis club and in several Masonic orders.

Besides his widow, the former Evelyn Eliza Cressey, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Frank J. Harmon of San Mateo, Calif., and Mrs. Samuel J. Tiack of South Hamilton, Mass.; a brother, Maine Central Vice President Edward W. Wheeler of Brunswick; a half-brother, Harry A. Wheeler of Quincy, Mass.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Deaths

Frank J. Duplisse, Eastern Division, crossing tender, July 30.

Lucius D. Benson, Portland, locomotive engineer, August 13.

Joseph V. Hamel, Olamon, section foreman, June 18.

Walter D. Dunn, Portland, freight clerk, July 30.

Paul L. LeBlanc, Waterville, carman, July 8.

William J. Mulholland, Portland, carman helper, July 6.

Peter Keenan, Portland, trackman, June 4.

William H. Raymond, Bangor,

August 3.

William A. Wheeler, Portland, General Representative, September 21.

Harold L. Powlesland, retired machinists helper, in Portland, Oct. 5.

Alex Pelletier, retired crossing tender, in Waterville, Sept. 1.

Fred Marcia, retired carman, in Waterville, August 4.



"YOUR REPORTERS" MEET—Correspondents for the Maine Central Magazine met at the General Offices in August to discuss the problems involved in the preparation of the magazine. President E. Spencer Miller joined the group to express his appreciation for the work these people—and those who were unable to attend—are doing on the publication. From the left, seated, Mrs. M. J. Mulkern, Miss Doris Thomas, Mrs. Ernestine Miller, President E. Spencer Miller, Ellis Walker, G. K. Stevens and Albert B. Wetmore. Standing, Mrs. Julia Roper, Miss Margaret Lynch, Miss Elaine Kervin, Miss Alice McLaughlin, Al Kennedy, Harry Davis, C. A. Jeffers and O. R. Burdwood.

\$430 Awaits Claims In Credit Union



IS ONE OF THESE YOURS?—Mrs. Mary Ann Berry, Railroad Workers' Credit Union Manager, holds some of the records of unclaimed accounts.

Unclaimed cash—nearly 430 dollars worth—lies forgotten in the books of the Railroad Workers Credit Union.

The money is credited to the accounts of 43 former Maine Central and Portland Terminal Company employees who have died or moved away, leaving no heirs—in the former case—and no addresses in the latter.

Unless claimed, the money will revert to the State of Maine under terms of the charter.

The following accounts represent a small part of a long list of unknown credit union members which has been whittled down through a continuing checking process by Mrs. Mary Ann Berry, credit union office manager:

Ralph R. Small, Clerk 154 Rockland Ave., Portland	\$ 9.49
M. J. Dooley, Exam. 53 Deering St., Portland	9.49
Marlan C. Doughty 342 Madison Ave., C. P. Bldg., Rm. 1203, New York City	9.49
Austin E. Trask, Dispatcher Damariscotta Mills	9.49
R. M. Flanders, Union Sta. Westland Ave., Portland	1.50
Frank W. Ward 61 Nichols St., Lewiston	9.49
Gladys M. (Higgins) Robbins 165 Brackett St., Westbrook	22.31
Lawrence H. Greely 1367 Washington Ave., Portland	.50
Charles T. Vose 13 Grant St., Portland	9.49
John R. Knickle Henry A. Fountain 67½ Bell St., Portland	1.22
Lawrence T. Mosher 13 Kenosha Ave., So. Portland	.25
Fred R. Smith, Bkmm. Whitehall Ave., So. Portland	9.49
Mary M. Sweet 2 Waldo St., Portland	9.49
Irvin E. Perry 129 Evans St., So. Portland	1.00
Herbert E. Remick 410 Metropolitan Apts., Portland	9.49
Keith V. Miller 34 Myrtle St., Westbrook	.75
John E. Scott 114 Park St., Portland	1.75
James A. Summers 35 Alba St., Portland	9.49
Frank W. Emerson 133 Emery St., Portland	9.49
William O. Coolidge 363 Park Ave., Portland	1.00
C. Rolland Green, Trmn. 48 Mechanic St., Lancaster, N.H.	.75
Walter Williams, Loco. Engr. 411 St. John St., Portland	9.49
Mary Lyden 49 Bramhall St., Portland	9.49
Vernon F. Butler 439 Congress St., Portland	9.49
Patrick D. Kelley 66 Oak St., Waterville	2.00
Samuel J. Mishoe, Mach. Helpr. Herbert A. Morrison, MCT Co Bus Opr.	2.00
710 Congress St., Portland	17.22
Arthur R. Gagnon 66 Elm St., Portland	19.53
John McGeehan Frank A. Pozdzick Hunnewell St., So. Portland	14.33
Joseph T. Burns, Janitor, Union Sta. 88 Wilson St., Portland	2.00
D. J. Leahan 74 Revere St., Portland	8.74
Theodore Hill, Janitor, Rigby Yd. Office Alexander McDonald 219 Federal St., Portland	10.50
Victor P. Brown 62 Hanover St., Portland	49.98
Allen M. Vose 31 State St., Portland	8.64
Conrad F. Mason 51 Court St., Augusta	15.47
Alice C. Paul Box #52, Clinton	7.44
	7.24

Otis A. Donagan Dies In Nashua

Otis A. Donagan, former General Storekeeper of the Boston and Maine, the Maine Central and Portland Terminal Co., died Sept. 11 in Nashua, N.H., where he had been living since his retirement in December, 1950.

A native of Windham, N.H., Mr. Donagan entered railroad service in the Concord car department of the B&M in 1901, rose through several capacities to the post of General Storekeeper of both railroads and the P.T.Co. in 1925.

Funeral services were held in Nashua with burial in Laconia, Sept. 15.

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Trainman's Holiday

Trainman and Mrs. Forest W. Manter recently returned from a three-weeks' trip by train through the United States.

Traveling across country to Washington and Oregon, they were particularly impressed by the "Western Star" and the panoramic views of the Rockies as seen through its vista-dome. The "Shaft of Light" took the couple down through California to San Diego. A short motor trip led them into Mexico. They returned home via the Southern Route, after touching every border state except Florida.

Curtis W. Pudvah 17 Water St., Westbrook	42.45
Leo G. Chase 249 Thomaston St., Rockland	26.64
Cecil F. Etchie, Jr. Malcolm A. Smith 15 Edgemont Ave., Waterville	7.04
	6.64
Total	\$429.98



Lester A. York, Yard Clerk, P.T. Co., 13 years.

Wesley J. Whittier, Trackman, Portland, 15 years.

Karl P. Lamont, Engine House Foreman, Waterville, 47 years.

Sherman E. Edwards, Baggage-Mail Handler, P.T.Co., 34 years.

Leslie L. Ward, Machinist, Waterville, 24 years.

J. E. Crepeau, Agent, Fabyan, N.H., 15 years.

Herbert H. Kenney, Yard Clerk, Rigby, 14 years.

William E. Robbins, Yard Conductor, Portland, 41 years.

Raymond Burke, Sr., section foreman, So. Windham, 45 years.

Eben C. Howe, section foreman, Colebrook, N.H., 34 years.

William L. Conners, carman, Bangor, 31 years.

Walter E. Stimpson, passenger conductor, Portland, 42 years.

Cleveland Ladd, trackman, Livermore Falls, 36 years.

Ernest L. Palmer, yard conductor, Rumford, 46 years.

William J. Phillips, Crossing Tender, Portland, 34 years.

Andrew J. Olsen, locomotive engineer, Portland, 46 years.

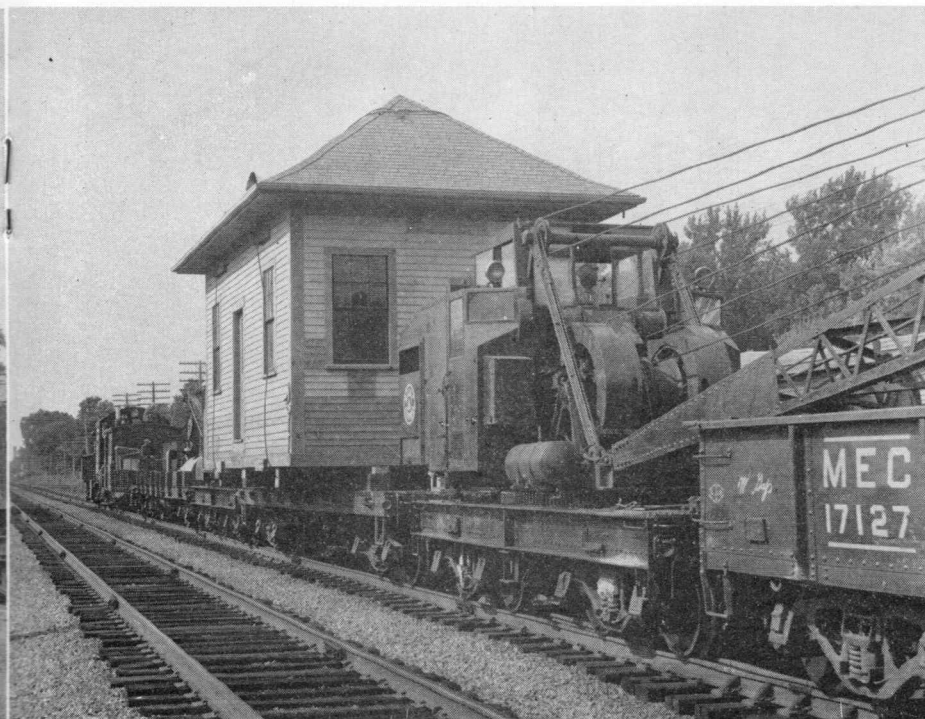
William J. Phillips, crossing tender, Auburn, 34 years.

Edward Sr. Cyr, crossing flagman, Westbrook.

Herbert A. Kirk, carpenter, Rockland, 11 years.

Joseph W. Ramsdell, baggage-master, Eastern sub-division, 43 years.

Tables Turned on Ticket Office---



Fairfield Station Boards Train - - - And Heads For Waterville Yards

There was poetic justice of some kind in a scene at Fairfield a few days ago.

The casual, non-railroad observer might have missed the significance but to many a Maine Central old-timer, and to track-side residents of Fairfield, it was a case of the tables being turned on a small building that had served as a freight house, a passenger ticket office and finally as a freight station.

The other day—after serving as an initial point of departure for passengers and freight for many years—the building itself went for a ride on the Maine Central.

There was nothing fanciful about it, actually . . . the building was not being used, and it was moved to a location in the Waterville yards where it will be used as a foreman's office.

But, the idea of the little old

building being hoisted aboard a flat car by two railroad cranes and riding off to Waterville provided an interesting switch to the normal course of things.

The small structure, a freight house in the days when Fairfield had a larger station, inherited ticket-office duties during World War Two after the station was torn down. Later, when Waterville-Fairfield passenger operations were consoli-

dated, the building served as a freight station.

A few days ago, after the cranes and cables had neatly deposited it on a flatcar, the former ticket office and freight station finally took a train ride itself.

Like any morning commuter, the building rode to Waterville and to work again.

(Photos by Cragin,
Waterville Sentinel)

Maine Central Veterans Honored



WIN 50 YEAR PASSES

Three Maine Central employees were presented 50-year service passes in September on entering their second half-century of railroad service. Above, president E. Spencer Miller congratulates Thomas E. Donlan, chief clerk in Freight Traffic Department, at left, and Wendell M. MacDowell, claims inspector, Portland Terminal Company freight house. At left, J. E. Mills, general storekeeper, receives his 50-year pass from H. M. Rainie, Vice President, purchasing.



TOURNAMENT LEADERS—Top scorers in September's B&M-MeC tournament at Riverside were, from the left, Mike Kusiack, B&M, low gross; Dick Harrington, B&M, tourney chairman; Steve Conley, MeC, 2nd low gross; and Dick Goodie, MeC, whose eagle on the 5th was a highlight.

B&M Wins Final Golf Tourney

A total of 60 golfing railroaders—the largest field in the history of Maine Central and Boston and Maine links competition—toured the Riverside course in September.

Laurels went to the B&M delegation, led by Mike Kusiack, whose sharp 75 won the low gross title by one stroke from Steve Conley of the Maine Central.

Net winners were Bill O'Rourke of the B&M with 92-25-67, and Joe DiMaurio of the Maine Central with 78-10-68.

High spot of the tournament was

Dick Goodie's eagle on the tricky, 324-yard 5th hole. Dick's drive was well placed, and an even better-placed 5-iron shot hoisted the ball to the green and into the cup. Golf, says Dick, is like that, but not very often.

Dick Harrington of the B&M served as tournament chairman, and the affair was organized with the help of Gene Ritchie of the B&M Y.M.C.A. in Boston. (For a note on miniature golfers—or on miniature golf, because there's nothing miniature about the golfers—see page 17).

There's not much point in giving youngsters aptitude tests. They're apt to do almost anything.



WINS LOCOMOTIVE BELL—Mrs. William Randall of East Livermore won the Maine Central steam locomotive bell offered as a special prize by WCSH-TV's "Bingo at Home" show. It will be used as a community alarm signal in her remote neighborhood.

Locomotive Bell To Sound Alarms

If there's a fire, an accident or disaster of any kind in East Livermore from now on, a familiar sound will be heard echoing across the ridges.

It will be the tones of a Maine Central steam locomotive bell mounted, not on a steam locomotive, but on a stand at the farm home of Mrs. William Randall.

Like most of her neighbors, Mrs. Randall recalls the day less than a decade ago when the sound of a steam locomotive bell could be heard every day as trains passed on the nearby Farmington branch of the Maine Central.

The sound disappeared with the coming of the diesels, and last month, after she had won the bell in a WCSH-TV contest, Mrs. Ran-

dall said, "it's like having an old friend come home."

A resident of the remote Jug Hill section of East Livermore, Mrs. Randall will use the bell as a community alarm signal.

Spry and 70-ish, Mrs. Randall's lifelong ambition has been to ride in the cab of a locomotive. She regards owning the rare, 250-pound brass bell as the next best thing.

Mrs. Randall was one of more than 10,000 viewers who competed for the historic prize, made available to WCSH-TV by President E. Spencer Miller.

Higgins, Reny Win Miniature Match

Waterville agent Basil Higgins clipped par by two strokes to win a 36-hole miniature golf match in the Elm City a few days back, then got the bird.

Aided by Raymond Reny, Chief Clerk at the Waterville Freight House, Higgins bested P. J. Roberts, Scott Paper Co. Traffic Manager, and Albert Althenn, Scott Supervising Shipper, by a 30-stroke total.

Higgins was presented with a parakeet, and at last report, was agitating for a return match.

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SERVICE PINS AND LIGHTERS

Any employee of the Maine Central who has passed the 25-year mark in service is entitled to wear one of the gold service pins which the Management supplies for 25-year and 50-year employees. If you are a 25-year or a 50-year employee and haven't received your pin, just write to The Editor and one will be sent you.

Similarly the Public Relations Department has, for free distribution, window decals of the Maine Central insignia. These are suitable for the rear windows of automobiles or other places where decals can be used.

In response to several inquiries of late—"Yes, we still have a supply of the Maine Central Zippo Lighters. No, they are NOT free. If you want one, send \$2.55 and a lighter will be sent you, pronto!"



RAILROAD FIRE ALARM FOR CAMP HINDS—A locomotive tire will serve as a signal to gather campers for fire duty at Camp Hinds, Raymond, in the summers to come. Scouts and their leaders gathered around Summer S. Clark, Assistant to the President, when the MeC official made the presentation as the 1958 camp season closed.

THE FAMILY Grapevine

GENERAL Offices

By ERNESTINE V. MILLER, DORIS THOMAS and AL KENNEDY

Thomas Hayes of the Purchasing Department has sold his house in Cape Elizabeth, and has bought another home on Berwick street, South Portland.

Ralph Jellerson of Payroll Deductions Department spent the second week of his vacation going through Aroostook County, later traveling to Quebec City for some fishing.

General Accountant Virgil Hawkes, who celebrated his umpteenth (?) birthday Sept. 13, was surprised on Friday, Sept. 12, (during the 3 o'clock break) with a frosted cake bearing a special cupcake topping.

How crazy, mixed up can you get?—General Bookkeeper Erroll Libby showed up at work wearing one navy blue sock and one dark brown one. Not only were the socks mismatched, but one belonged to his 11-year-old son, Peter.

Another sign of modernization—savings bonds payroll deductions have been transferred to the machine room.

Janet LaPlante of the Assistant Comptroller's Office flew to California to visit her mother. Big silence while she was gone—big question—was she coming back or had she gone into the movies! Oh no, we find she's back at her usual desk. She visited Catalina Island, Disneyland, and was a spectator at the "Queen for a Day" TV program.

Insurance Supervisor Blair Walls went 'tripping' to Fall River, Boston, Cape Cod, with his wife, Kay, and later spent some time making repairs at his camp.

Hazel Libby is substituting in the Stores Department for Florence Walker, on leave of absence.

Edith MacGibbon of the Engineering Department, Doris Thomas and Martha True of Freight Claims, and Ernestine Miller of Payroll Deductions drove to Kittery for a lobster and steak feed, also had great fun browsing around gift shops.

Stan Watson of the Comptroller's Office has been quite a camper this summer—going to Bar Harbor, Cape Cod, Bay of Fundy, and over Labor Day visited White Lake, New Hampshire. It's a good life, eh Stan?

Another enthusiastic camper, John Dresser of the Cashier's Office, vacationed at the camp site at Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia—quite a trip in that little Hillman of his!

Shirley Wilson, stenographer in the Treasurer's Office, also was bound for a motor trip to Nova Scotia. Myrtle Nielsen and Marion Faibisy of the Disbursements Office substituted for her.

The gals have organized a Bowling League to meet every Wednesday night at the new bowling

alleys at South Portland shopping center. Maybe we can maneuver a championship match with the men's team at the end of the season—some of the girls are pretty good!

Vacation tidbits from the Disbursements Office: Dottie Hollywood trying out different motels in Lake Winnepesaukee Region of New Hampshire; Marion Faibisy took a motor trip with her son to visit her home in Nova Scotia; Paul Crawford, with the Mrs., visited friends in northern New York; Madeline Bowdoin attended a Kiwanis gathering at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire; Kay Donahue to New York and Washington, D. C., seeing friends and Barbara Airey, formerly of Auditor Revenues; Mert Neilson cruised to Bermuda; Edith Goodwin, annual motor trip to North Carolina to see her son. Other vacationers—John Michaels, Reg Roy, Tug Wilson, Sid Foster, Bob Rounds.

Sporting a new 1958 blue and white Ford Fairlane is Marion 'Perkie' Perkins of Machine Accounting. She is using this new car for her vacation trip to Five Finger Islands, New York, Montreal and Quebec.

Virginia Lee of Machine Accounting has just returned from her vacation. She spent time in Bar Harbor, and a few days in Connecticut visiting her mother and sister.

Mrs. Margaret Clukey, wife of Machine Accounting Supervisor, Grover Clukey, has been a Mercy Hospital patient. Best wishes for her speedy recovery!



SHADES OF WORLD WAR II. Can you find a member of the Auditor Disbursements Office in this picture, taken in Rome, Italy, during World War II? (Hint: he has less hair now.) In case you can't guess, on the extreme right is Paul Landry.

Margie Briggs of the Auditor Revenues Office has been enjoying a trip to California with husband, John.

Glad to welcome Claire Webster, new face in the Executive Department.

We are happy to report that Olive Anderson, formerly of the Public Relations Department, is making splendid progress on her way back to health.

Familiar faces—Gladys Lyden and Peggy Leighton, of the Auditor Revenues Office, returned to work in that department for a few weeks.

Roy Cote of the Car Service Office has transferred to the Auditor of Revenues Office.

October vacationists in the Auditor of Revenues Department: Jean Gilpatrick, Marion Stevens and Anna Biggins.

Harrison Elliott, Clerk, Freight Claims is among the late vacationers—October.

Among others finishing up vacations will be Earle Bennett, Investigator, Freight Claims, anticipating his usual hunting trip in early November.

Martha True, Stenographer, Harold Drinkwater, Chief Clerk and Percival Maxfield, Investigator, Freight Claims, have had recent vacations.

Robert Grant, Traveling Freight Claim Representative attended the N. E. Shippers Advisory Board meeting at the Balsams, Dixfield Notch, recently.

Engineering Department

Ken Brann has been an appendectomy patient at the Maine Medical Center.

Phil Farley built a patio at his new home during his vacation.

The Ray Jackson family is well represented in the So. Portland high school Band, with Judy, Natalie and Larry playing in the band and Mrs. Jackson is Vice President of the Band Mothers.

Edna Crimmins spent Labor Day week end at Craigville Beach, Cape Cod.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Kennedy spent a week at Cushman Pond in Lovell, doing a little fishing and just taking it easy.

Eddie Stewart attended the State Meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Bangor Sept. 14.

Edith MacGibbon spent part of her vacation at Costigan visiting Mrs. Leonora Bender.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Katherine Corcoran, wife of John Corcoran.

Mrs. Mary A. Stetson, wife of retired Harry Stetson, died recently after a long illness.

Bill Lampson recently paid us a visit and looks fine.

Mr. Linwood R. Starbird, son of former employee Leonard Starbird, was married Aug. 24 to Anne Ladd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Frederick. The wedding took place at The Milton Academy Chapel, Milton, Mass.

Ken Murphy spent his vacation at home just taking life easy.

Mary Plummer recently took a boat trip on Lake Winnepesaukee and also visited at the new shopping center at Peabody, Mass.

Leonard Starbird, former MeC employee, is now working in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Susan Farley, daughter of Phil Farley, recently entered The Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, Boston, Mass.

Nancy Davis, daughter of Eddie Davis, has entered The New England Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Brookline, Mass.

Charlie Jackson is on Jury Duty in Portland.

Margaret Wiggins Weds In Houlton



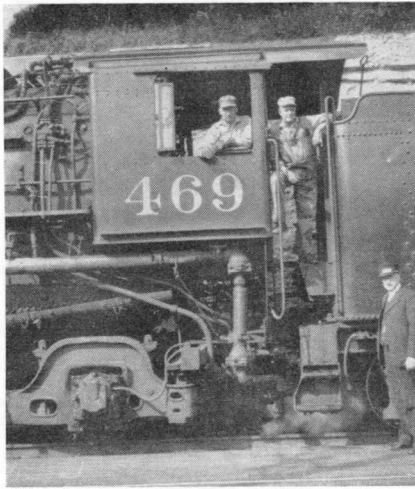
Mrs. George A. Bailey

Miss Margaret Ann Wiggins, daughter of Chief Engineer and Mrs. James W. Wiggins of Portland, became the bride of 1st Lt. George Arthur Bailey, U. S. Army, of Hamilton, Ohio, in a September ceremony at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Houlton.

The bride is a graduate of Deering high school, Portland. She attended Simmons College and was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University. She has been teaching in Worthington, Ohio.

Lt. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey of Hamilton, Ohio, was graduated from the University of Connecticut and received his Master's degree from Ohio State.

He is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., where the couple will reside.



MEC MEMORIES—This picture, snapped 28 years ago last month in Augusta, was furnished by George P. Becker of Longmeadow, Mass. The Conductor is A. N. Johnson, the engineer, Frank D. Hamlin, and the fireman, C. F. Heath, now firing on the B&M.

Rigby Engine House

By ALBERT B. WETMORE

Machinist and Mrs. Albert McCann were visited by Mrs. McCann's parents from Detroit. Carpenter Benjamin Sinclair recently entered the Mercy Hospital. The results showed nothing serious.

Machinist Eugene Annett has a 1955 Ford. He still retains his old car for transportation to and from his work.

Recent visitors at the shop were Former Machinist Donald Tracy, and Mrs. Tracy, the former Faith Lord, daughter of one of our old-time machinists, Wallace Lord. The Tracys are living at Island Pond, Vt., where he is working on the Canadian National Railroad.

Former Laborer Willis Hayes and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently at the home of their daughter in Gorham.

The 38th wedding anniversary was observed by your reporter, Welder and Mrs. Albert B. Wetmore, Sr., September 1.

Retired Machinist and Mrs. James Brice recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Brice was a foreman of the Machine shop at the engine house.

Electrician Walter Browne reports his son and family were involved in a New Jersey automobile accident.

Laborer Joseph Cribby and Mrs. Cribby celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in rather an unusual way. They were presented with their 14th grand-child.

Foreman Roy Hanes has purchased a new Custom 1958 Rambler.

Carman Walter Peebles, Cumberland Mills, recently acquired a new Oldsmobile.

Hostler Helper Roy Saint Peter is a father for the second time, a 9 pound, 2-ounce boy.

Steam-Fitter's Helper Norman Brown is on a strict diet, and has taken off in the neighborhood of 30 pounds. Says he feels much better.

Machinist Helper William Brume returned to work after a lay-off of several weeks.

A washing machine has been purchased by the men at the engine house. The fund was raised by soliciting the group.

The Safety Board reading at this date is 212 days without a lost time accident.

Foreman Charles Tetreault has a new Chrysler Windsor.

Laborer Raymond Bailey's daughter, Gloria, of Gorham, entered Providence Barrington College, Sept. 8. She will study nursing.



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lombard, Jr., of Philadelphia, spent their vacation at the family cottage, owned by his father, Foreman Frederick Lombard.

Twenty-five school children and their teachers from one of the local schools visited the shop, and were shown the various diesel locomotives in the different stages of work.

Laborer Thomas Conley was married to Eilene Riley at St. John The Evangelist Catholic church, So. Portland, Aug. 28. A reception followed at Pinedale.



Left to right: Thomas Conley, Mrs. Conley, best man Martin Conley and bridesmaid Ann Riley.



By JOHN J. KEATING

The Maine Association of Railroad Veterans resumed their monthly meetings on the fourth Sunday in September at Edna's Cafe, Thompsons Point.

Retired P. T. Clerk John Gurney and Mrs. Gurney, with Retired C. N. Conductor Perc Sears and Mrs. Sears, made a trip to Canada, visiting St. Anne's, Quebec, Campbello, N.S., and returning via Aroostook County.

Night Watchman Morrison P.T. wharf #1 who was a patient at Maine Medical Center for medical observation and surgery, is now home and doing O.K.

Conductor Gallison was a patient at Maine Medical Center.

Congratulations to Fireman and Mrs. C. G. Nielsen on the birth of a son, June 18, named Eric J.

Conductor Glen Morrell built a new garage. When finished, he drove his car in to check on length and width, forgot to close car door and backed out. He's now looking for used doors.

Sympathy to the family of Retired Engineman Lucius Benson, lovingly called "Benny" Benson, who died August 13.

Sympathy to the family of Mrs. Alfred Guimont, of Retired Station Agent Guimont.

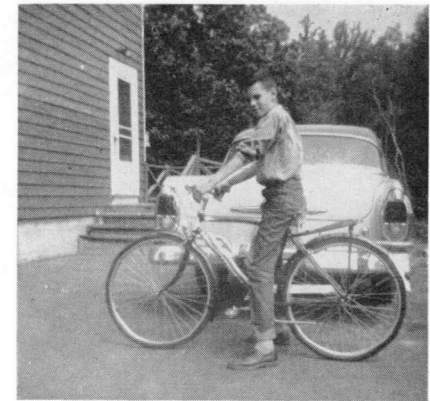


This group gathered at Union Station to honor a fellow worker, Baggage and Mail Handler Sherman Edwards, who retired after 35 years. L. to r., Elliott Strom, Clifford Batcheler, Sherman Edwards, Deacon Hamilton, Sam Napolitano, Bill Scott, Fred Keits, Superman Dupelsa, Stonewall Jackson. Front row, Rob Carroll, Charles Queen, John McLearn. Edward's retirement is to give him more time to take care of his bee hives.

P. T. Inspector Roger Cabana was at Camp Drum with the 102nd Service Company, Maine National Guard, as a Lieutenant. From Portland Union Station, baggage and mail handler, "Red" Roch, was with the Medical Unit as a Corporal.

Retired Conductor Blaine ("Barney") Hall, was a patient at the Osteopathic Hospital.

Mrs. Hurley Pooler, wife of Conductor Pooler, was a patient at the Mercy Hospital.



Master Peter Cannell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cannell of Keswick Rd., South Portland, won an english bicycle in a contest sponsored by the "I.G.A." "Easy Way" Market. Peter's Grandparents are Retired P. T. Clerk and Mrs. John Gurney.

Engineman Durant and Conductor Leo Gilbert were at Mercy Hospital for surgery.

P. T. Conductor Harold Clark and Mrs. Clark made a trip to St. John N.B., visiting his home town.

Sympathy is extended to Conductor S. W. Wood on the death of his mother.

Your Correspondent and Mrs. Keating, with B. & M. Engineman and Mrs. Howard Burnham, made a trip to Quebec, Montreal, and St. Anne's.



By "STEVE"

Phil Gooch hired out to paint a roof. But now he is wiser and sadder.

We hear he never did finish the job Because a crow flew off with the ladder.

Former Carman "Gus" Campbell, now of Long Beach, Cal., with Mrs. Campbell have been visiting his parents, Foreman and Mrs. Laurence Campbell.

Retired Painter Fred Marcia died in August. Marcia was probably one of the oldest pensioners on the MeC under the Railroad Retirement Act, as he left the shops in 1937.

Karl P. Lamont retired in September. Lamont started as an apprentice in the Machine Shop at Thompsons Point. During his service there he served a hitch in the Navy in the first World War. He came to Waterville Shops in 1928 as a piece work inspector. Eventually he became Engine House Foreman, then Foreman on the Erecting side. At retirement he was Engine House foreman. He had more than 45 years service.

Retired Laborer Hugh Cowan died in August. Machinist Eldon Fish tangled with a power mower recently and suffered a severe cut on the hand.



John Bucknam, son of Blacksmith and Mrs. John Bucknam shown with a desk that he made and entered in the Future Apprentice competition held at Augusta. Young John won first prize in the cabinetmaking division.

Professor Kenneth Wentworth and family of New York have been visiting his parents, Clerk and Mrs. Guy Wentworth. Wentworth is Professor of Music at Sarah Lawrence College and other institutions in New York City.

Real gone, and real cool might be applied to the new office built for the Thermal Air Current expert. In fact it is so cool that the occupant was fussing to one of the 'Bigger Boys' that it could be cold in the winter. He was advised to remain inside the office; close the ventilator, windows and door and the self generated hot air would automatically take care of all problems.

Carman Harvey McCaslin has a new Chevrolet. Local Chairman of the B.R.C. of A., Carman Arnold Giroux was in Kansas City attending the National convention of the Carmen.

Clerk Deseri Begin is a patient at a local hospital for surgery.

Tool Room Man Ike Walker has been on extended sick leave, creating a vacancy filled by Helper John DaPrato for a short time. At this writing DaPrato has gone to the Steel Room, recalling Selden Bimpon.

Mrs. Harry McCaslin, wife of Head Broom Harry McCaslin is a surgical patient at a Boston hospital.

Some of our retired 'Old Timers' visiting at the Shop include Stan Antworth, Dan Murray, Win Potter, Percy and Eddie Johnston. Bill Mingo, who underwent foot surgery in May, has also been a visitor. Bill has a short time to go to retirement.

Sheetmetal worker Bob Harding is on leave of absence. Lawman G. Patterson has been recalled to fill the vacancy.

Carman Ray Taylor has a new Ford wagon. Leadman and Mrs. Christoffer Carstensen have been visiting relatives in Cincinnati.

The ultimate aim of all golfers and duffers has been reached by Supt. George P. Silva. While playing at the Augusta Country Club recently with Painter Earl McCaslin, Silva scored a hole in one! While playing the third hole, G. P. very carefully teed up, assumed a nonchalant

stance, wound up and taking a tremendous swing, sliced the ball a hundred yards into a woodpecker's hole in a large elm.

Sympathy to Foreman A. L. Johnston Jr., whose father died recently. The Senior Johnston was approaching his 93d birthday and had worked for the Hudson Paper Co. in Augusta until a few years ago.

Returning after long illnesses are Checker Red Davis and Laborer Tom Underwood. Machinist Bill Chase has a new Studebaker Hawk.

The Waterville Fire Department responded when a passer-by saw a tremendous cloud of smoke pouring from a window and promptly pulled an alarm. The firemen dashed up to "save" the occupants. They proved to be Clerk and Mrs. Charlie Wolman frying hamburgers for an outdoor picnic.

Laborer Walter Marson is on sick leave. While painting on a piazza, furloughed Paint Helper Pop Danforth fell from a stepladder and broke an arm.

A salesman who has recently been demonstrating a high pressure paint spray outfit at the Paint Shop, wore half lens glasses for inspection and adjustment purposes. An inquisitive observer asked him "How come you wear the half lens type glasses?" The demonstrator snappily replied, "The better to see half witted people who ask half baked questions."

A notable addition to the Machine Shop is a new double office, dubbed Russell's Rest Home and Ifill's Infirmary. Charlie Wolman is the interne.



Pvt. Earl Merrow, USA, has recently been on furlough from basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga., and has been visiting his parents, Carman and Mrs. Sam Merrow. He has returned to Ft. Jackson So. Carolina where he will attend mechanics school.



This smiling youngster is Winston Reynolds, son of Carman and Mrs. Win Reynolds. He is a student in Winslow junior high.

After diligently cleaning a fuel tank, to be used for water in a new generator car for Vanceboro, Boilermaker Laurence Cote put the tank in the car. Next morning Piper Werne Barr told Cote, "You better finish your cleaning job before you weld the cover on." Cote looked in the tank and discovered that one of the Shop mousers had left a litter of kittens therein during the night, and was proudly mothering them.

Carman Ralph Roberts has a new Pontiac Star Chief.

Former Welder Carl Hamlin has been a recent visitor at the Shops. He is at present living in California and flew here in his own plane.

Carman Tom Niles has a '58 Dodge sedan. Pvt. Roger Ware, son of Carman Helper and Mrs. Otten Ware has been visiting his parents. Ware has returned to Fort Jackson, S. C. for schooling in auto mechanics.

Pvt. Raymond Folsom has recently been visiting his parents, Painter and Mrs. Larry Folsom. He's been on furlough from basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Foreman Ray Snow was forced off the road in his car recently damaging his car some what and spoiling a couple of tires.

Bangor Mechanical Dept.

By F. E. WARE

Sympathy is extended to Electrician John H. Tower on the death of his mother, Mrs. Annette A. Tower, at Milford, Mass., Aug. 11. Mrs. Tower is survived by her husband, ten children and thirty-two grandchildren.

Electrician Guy M. Hathaway and Carman Arthur Johnston attended the Northeast Shrine Convention at Boston Aug. 22. They also watched the Red Sox take over the Cleveland Indians at Fenway Park.

Among car traders here this summer were Electrician Shep Allen and Machinists James MacDonald, Donald Booker, Paul, "Mike", O'Donnell, Vern Cunningham and Reg Clements.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Bessette of Newton, Mass., have been guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Electrician and Mrs. John H. Tower and family of Newburg.

General Foreman Ralph O. McGarry has announced that the following have agreed to serve on the Safety Committee for the balance of 1958 and 1959:

7 am. to 3 pm., Machinist Earle Rideout; 3 pm. to 11 pm., Electrician Frank Ware; 11 pm. to 7 am., Hostler Helper Nelson Dexter.



Miss Dorothy Edna Downes, above, daughter of Engineer and Mrs. Rodney Lowell of Bangor and A. Orian Westley Jr. of Arlington, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Orian Westley of Salt Lake City, Utah, were married Aug. 30 in the Arlington Barracks Chapel, Arlington, Va.

The bride was graduated from Bangor high school and is employed in the Navy Department in the Pentagon Building at Arlington.

The bridegroom was graduated from Boxelder high school at Brigham City, Utah. He is serving with the U. S. Navy at Arlington, Va.



Electrician Guy M. Hathaway shown cleaning part of his catch of 55 harbor pollock caught off Sequin Light at Popham, Maine, this summer while fishing with his stepson, Daniel Lord of Bath.

Vanceboro

By HARRY D. DAVIS

Enjoying vacations since last issue went to press: Cashier V. T. Wescott; Clerks C. W. Beers, B. C. Nason; Operators K. A. Gray, D. J. Shay, R. J. McKinnon; Baggage Master Ralph E. Howland; Yardmen P. J. McIver, P. G. McIver; Car Inspector A. T. Raye and your correspondent, H. D. Davis.

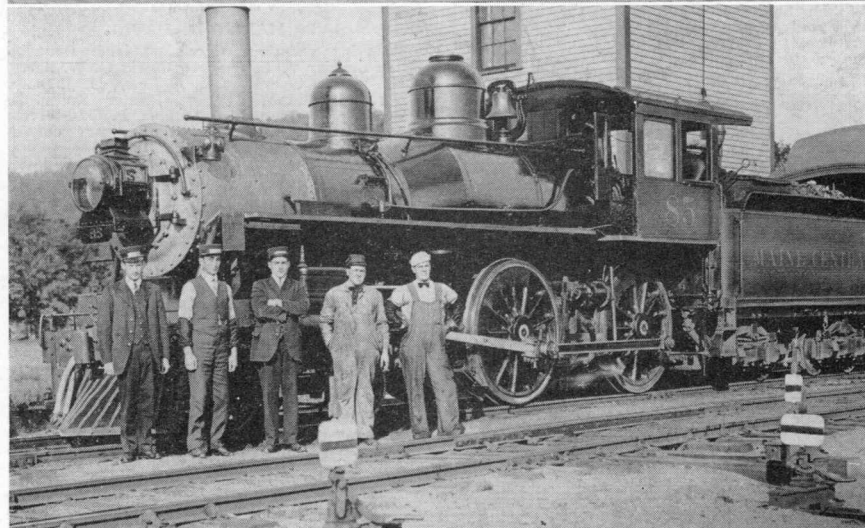
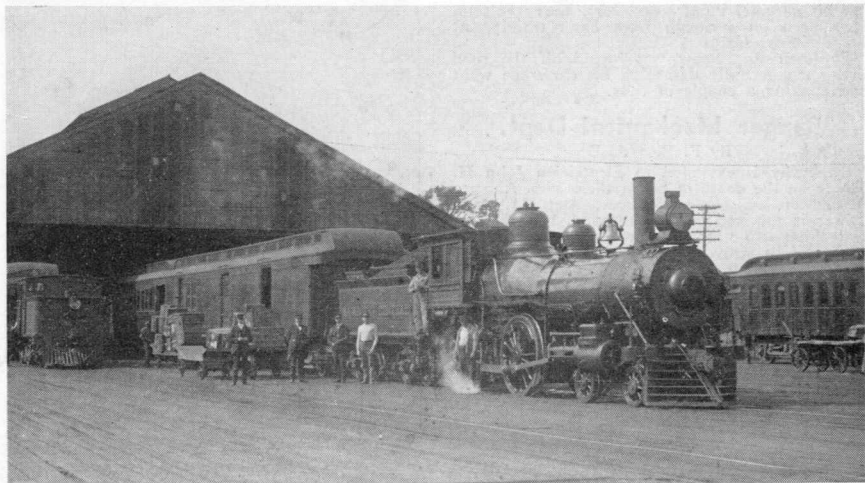
Paint crew of four in charge of M. R. Niles is giving Maine Central property here a fine coat of paint.

The Town of Vanceboro has completed a building for storage of their fire equipment adjacent to Maine Central engine house.

Clerk M. O. Pine is installing a new sun porch on the east side of his dwelling, at Holbrook and Railroad streets.

The following graduates of Vanceboro high school known to be making further endeavors along various lines: Lewis B. O'Brien, son of Trainman and Mrs. Michael P. Barrett and John H. Powell, son of Immigrant Inspector and Mrs. James F. Powell have enrolled at University of Maine, Orono: Wayne Clendenning, son of Car Inspector and Mrs. Owen Clendenning, has joined the U. S. Navy in line for a further course of study; as well as William F. Gardner, son of Retired Operator and Mrs. William R. Gardner, who has enlisted in U. S. Air Force in hopes of further studies; Janet Hanson, daughter of Pacific Customs Brokerage Company employee and Mrs. Louis M. Hanson, has joined up with Husson College, Bangor, for a secretarial course; Richard Crandlemire, son of American Railway Express Agent and Mrs. Reginald Crandlemire, is employed by St. Croix Paper Company at Woodland.

THE *GOOD OLD DAYS...*



REMEMBER THESE SCENES?—Maine Central locomotive No. 133 is shown in TOP PHOTO, on a day in 1891 that was warm, but apparently well within the long-john season. Ed Lowe, conductor, is second from left, while Billy Knight is shirtless. Know the others?
LOWER PHOTO shows locomotive No. 85 at the Bingham water tower in the spring of 1913. From the left, Phil Hall, conductor; Orrin Woodbury, baggageman; Ernest Kelley, brakeman, Harry McAllister, engineer; and Guy Varney, fireman.