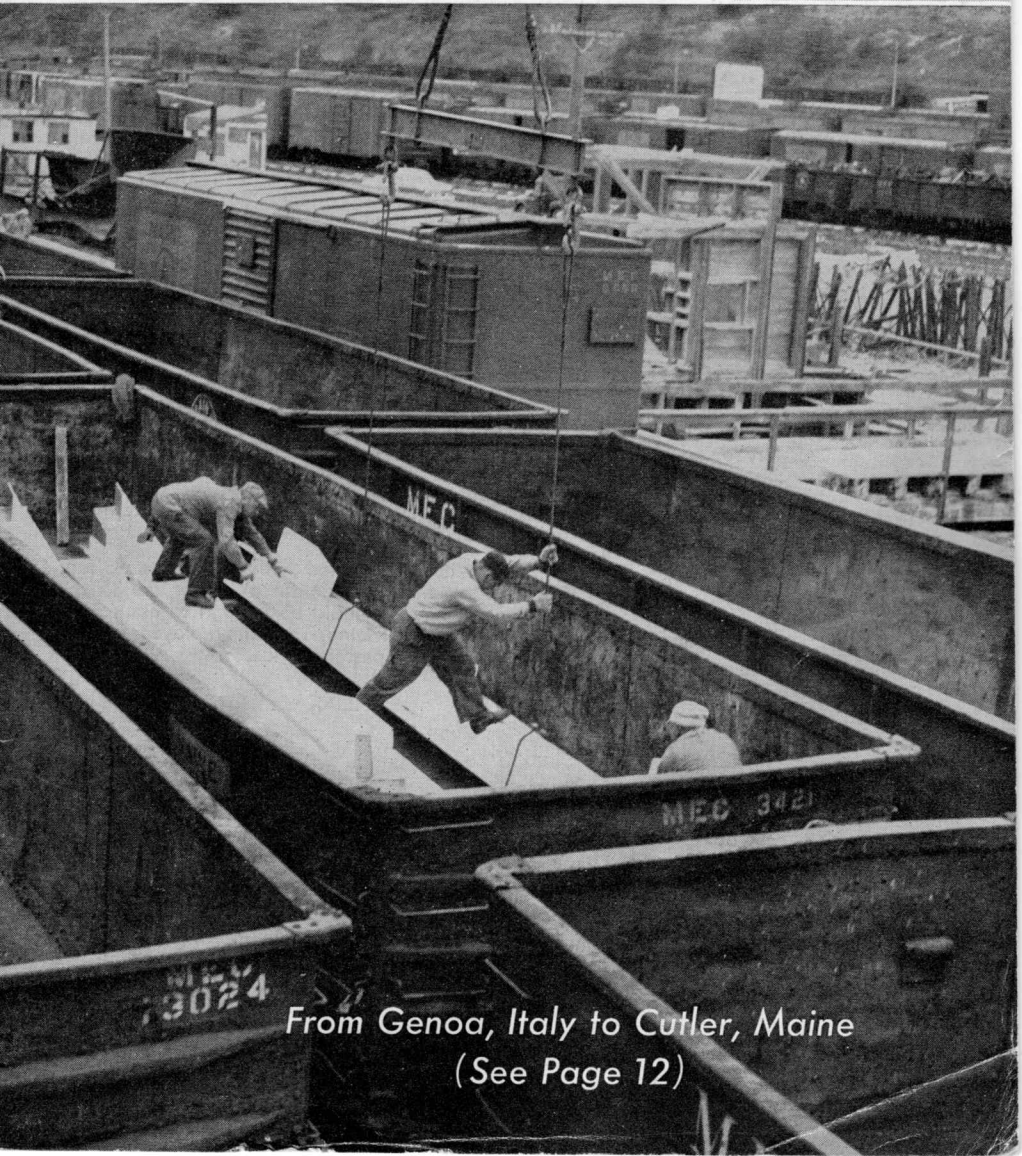


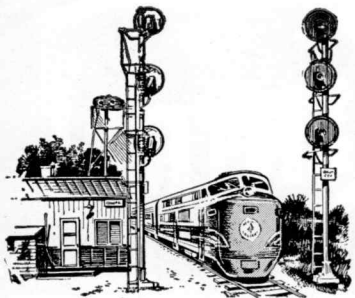
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THE COVER

Portland Terminal Wharf No. 3 has been busier than ever recently with the loading of cars with structural steel from Italy. This issue's cover shot was made as the first crane load was lowered over the rail of the Concordia Tarek in mid-September. The steel—painted and ready for tower construction use at the big Navy radio station at Cutler—is part of the total consignment of 5700 tons that the Maine Central will transport to Jacksonville or Machias for the construction job.



FROM THE EDITOR

Last month, a national trade magazine made a flat statement in connection with a report on efforts by many railroads to cut down passenger service, or as in the case of the Maine Central, to eliminate it.

"Trains," the magazine said, "are not run to employ people, they are run for compensation, or should be discontinued."

President Miller took issue with this in a recent address, saying "I and every other real railroad man are interested in both. I am interested in the welfare of railway labor and in its long-range prospects."

Then, giving reasons why the Maine Central hopes to supplant losing passenger operations with merchandise trains, Mr. Miller said this: "It will preserve the jobs of railway post office employees, and will preserve jobs for Maine Central trainmen and engine crews and create a future for railroading and for jobs in a new field."

That in itself—coupled with the obvious effect on employment that continuation of passenger service will have—should be enough to assure the support of every Maine Central employee for the plan to eliminate passenger losses.

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BEFORE BANGOR BUSINESS LEADERS—President E. Spencer Miller addressed more than 125 Bangor-area industrial and business leaders in September at a meeting sponsored by the Bangor Lions Club. Maine Central Director Edward M. Graham is seated directly opposite Mr. Miller.

Passenger Hearings Begin

A long list of civic and industrial officials—headed by President Miller—opened the testimony of the Maine Central at Portland City Hall on October 22 in a public hearing on passenger service elimination before the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Near the close of his testimony, Mr. Miller summarized the Maine Central's case as follows:

"I did not make the decision to abandon passenger service on the Maine Central. This decision has

been made by the public and its government, and has been in the making for 30 years.

"It has been made through a tremendous increase in ownership of pleasure cars and expenditure of

hundreds of millions of dollars on highway plant, and improvements of airports and terminals by municipal, state and federal governments.

"We have experimented with fares, with equipment and with advertising to attract passengers, and have simply been faced with competition we could not meet. Despite all our efforts, the passengers have dwindled away and the financial burden has become so great that I have had to act at this time to eliminate passenger deficits in order to protect the solvency of the railroad, savings banks' investments in railroad property, and the job security of the men and women of Maine Central.

"I have also had to act," he concluded, "to protect the economy of Maine which depends on rail freight service to keep competitive."

Earlier, the Maine Central president had reaffirmed that huge passenger losses, which he said were agreed to by all, and disputed only as to amount, are "jeopardizing efficient rail freight service upon which the industry and the economy of Maine depend."

Later in the hearing, this position was supported by the statements of more than a dozen civic and industrial leaders representing some of the state's largest employers.

Among them were representatives of the Maine State Chamber of

Commerce and the Associated Industries of Maine, the New England Shippers' Advisory Board, the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce, and the traffic managers of S. D. Warren, International, and St. Regis Paper Companies, the Quaker Oats Co., and the Bates Manufacturing Co.

R. L. Travis, traffic manager of the S. D. Warren Co., speaking both for his firm and for the Associated Industries of Maine, said:

"It is our position that Maine needs prosperous and progressive railroads to insure the prosperity of the industry it has now and the industry it hopes to attract, and because little-used passenger trains stand in the way of prosperous and progressive freight service, the Associated Industries of Maine supports the Maine Central's petition to eliminate them."

Travis pointed out that "inasmuch as Maine industry contributes more than 70 percent of the dollar value of all Maine products, we feel that anything that benefits industry benefits the great majority of people in our state."

Jerome A. Collins, executive vice-president of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce, said his organization is convinced that improved rail freight service would be of infinitely greater benefit to its area and its membership than retention of passenger service.



SUNSET PARK WINNERS—The Jordan's team—composed largely of sons of MeC and B&M employees—emerged as champions of the Sunset Park Farm League in South Portland this past season. From left to right, in father-son combinations, Manager Dan Kennedy and son Scott; B&M trainman Dick O'Brien and son Danny; MeC Passenger Traffic Chief Toby Rowe and son Stevie; MeC Conductor John Frank and son Bruce; MeC Conductor Bernard Cross and son Brian; MeC Yard conductor Tony Bergeron and son David; MeC Conductor Earl Kelley, coach, was unable to be present for the picture, but son Stevie was very much on hand.

Railroad Sons Big in Little League

Little League baseball at South Portland's Sunset Park this summer had a definite railroad flavor, with three out of five Farm League teams advised, managed or cheered on, at least, by railroading parents.

A team sponsored by Jordan's Meats and almost entirely composed of railroad sons emerged in top spot in the standings at the close of the Farm League season. And, just to make it definite, the Jordan's aggregation clobbered the Long Island Little Leaguers 6-3 in a game that highlighted an end-of-the-season outing.

The winning manager was Dan Kennedy, B&M conductor. Other railroading managers in the Sunset Park league were Ed Libby, of the MeC Auditor Revenue department and Tom Hayes of the MeC purchasing department.

The most-heard remark from both the Maine Central Little League managers is: "Wait 'til next year."

Shippers Endorse Passenger Move

Endorsement of the railroads' position in their efforts to eliminate passenger trains and thereby improve freight service was the highlight of a three-day meeting of the New England Shippers' Advisory Board in September at Poland Spring.

The resolution, adopted unanimously, called for the N.E.S.A.B. to present a witness "to testify as to the need for favorable action on pending petition in the interest of

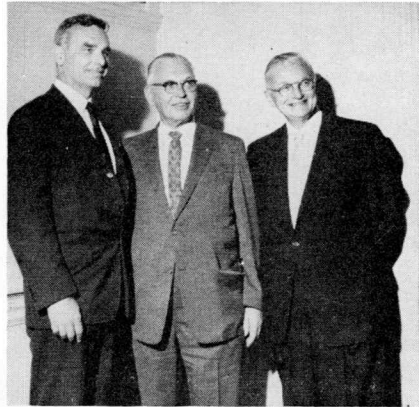


MeC DECORATIONS—This miniature Maine Central train, backed by the banner of the Maine Central, attracted much attention as a centerpiece at the Poland Spring meeting.

Prior to the Poland Spring meeting, N.E.S.A.B. General Chairman Robert L. Travis of Westbrook, traffic manager of the S. D. Warren Co., had issued a statement in which he said "the industries we represent are deeply concerned over the effects railroad passenger deficits have on railroad freight service.

"Prosperous, efficient railroads are vital—not only to us and our companies, but to every employee who works in our mills. Further than that, the economic benefits of efficient railroads extend to every person who earns a living for himself and his family here in Maine."

A full schedule of business meetings, golf and social events was included in the N.E.S.A.B. program. Among industrial shippers and railroad officials from all over the East were many Maine Central Freight Traffic Department employees who took an active part in the arrangements and in the meetings as well.



PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS—MeC President Miller, left, Governor Clinton A. Clauson and New Haven President George Alpert were principal speakers at the event.

enabling rail carriers to assess such rates and to render such service as will permit industry to profitably compete in consuming markets."

The endorsement of the resolution followed addresses by E. Spencer Miller of the Maine Central and George Alpert of the New Haven.



MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENTS MEET—President Miller joined the group of Maine Central magazine correspondents during their annual get-together in Portland recently. Seated, left to right, Marjorie J. Mulkern, Doris Thomas, Ernestine Miller, Albert B. Wetmore and G. K. Stevens. Standing, Julia Roper, Al Kennedy, Alice McLaughlin, Elaine Snow, Mr. Miller, R. S. Thing, F. L. Carsley and Norman Messengale.

Among those RETIRING ...

- Lawrence M. Blood, Station Agent, Lincoln, 42 years.
- Joseph Keough, Engine House Laborer, Rigby, 15 years.
- Walter R. Anderson, Machinist's Helper, Rigby, 39 years.
- William W. Cote, Machinist, Waterville, 47 years.
- Joseph P. Pellerin, Carman, Waterville, 41 years.
- George B. Storer, Section Foreman, Rumford, 48 years.
- James W. Gould, Locomotive Engineer, Rumford, 43 years.

- Philip R. Merriman, Storekeeper General Office, Portland, 30 years.
- Michael J. Ellis, Laborer Stores Dept., Waterville, 43 years.
- Samuel D. Austin, B & B Carpenter, Portland, 42 years.
- Arthur J. Nicoll, Carman, Brunswick, 12 years.
- James M. Lawrence, Carman, Waterville, 30 years.
- James H. Kearns, Yard Conductor, Portland, 50 years.
- Chauncey G. Hutchinson, Locomotive Engineer, Portland, 43 years.
- J. C. Estey, Agent, Ellsworth, 48 years.
- Ivan D. Murphy, Machinist, Calais, 45 years.

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PRESENT FOR POP — H. Wayne Miller of Cundy's Harbor and Wayne, Pa., follows daughter Nancy down the ladder of a Maine Central locomotive after a head-end ride from Brunswick to Portland. Nancy arranged the trip with President Miller as a birthday present for her dad.

MeC Golfers Claim President Miller Cup

Late summer's fast greens boosted scores as the Maine Central golfers edged the Boston and Maine in the season's second tournament at Riverside. The win insured the Maine Central team one leg on the E. Spencer Miller President's Cup, in contention for the first time.

The final results were: Maine Central, 24½; Boston and Maine, 22½. It was the season's second win for the Maine Central.

Bill Martin of the MeC Bangor engine house toured the Riverside layout in 79 to take medal honors, pushed hard by the B & M's Clayt Plummer who carded a gross 81. First net position was shared by Joe Garrity and Ashton Beaulieu of the B & M, only one stroke up on George Ellis of the Maine Central.

Joe DiMauro and Dick Goodie of the Maine Central served as co-chairmen of the tournament committee, assisted by Art Blackstone of the Boston and Maine. More than 70 golfers competed.

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Allaire Appointed Portland Storekeeper

Maurice J. Allaire, a Purchases and Stores Department employee for the past 16 years, has been named Storekeeper at Portland to succeed Philip R. Merriman who retired in August.

Allaire joined the Maine Central in 1943 after 11 years Regular Army service.

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Retain New Trophy



RETAIN PRESIDENT'S TROPHY—A new B&M-MeC golf trophy, the E. Spencer Miller President's Cup, was in contention for the first time last month at Riverside. Left to right, Clayt Plummer and Dick Harrington of the B&M, and George Ellis and Bill Martin of the MeC, whose scores clinched the MeC victory.



RAINIE'S REWARD—A bound volume of congratulatory letters from friends and associates of a half-century of railroad service was presented to Harrison M. Rainie, MeC Vice President, Purchasing, at a testimonial luncheon in Portland late in September. President E. Spencer Miller and Purchasing Agent Kenneth W. Phillips made the presentation at the surprise event.

Veteran Employees Get 50-year Passes

Three veteran Maine Central and Portland Terminal Co. employees have entered their 50th year of active service. They are B. A. Whittemore, 30 McLean street, South Portland, MeC engineman; A. P. Prescott, 16 Dillingham street, Bangor, MeC engineman; and J. F. McNealus, 177 State street, Portland, PTCO. yardmaster.

All three have received Maine Central 50-year passes.

Two brothers entered their 50th year of Maine Central service this month and received 50-year passes.

They are O. R. and G. M. Hibbard, both enginemen, of Waterville and Bangor respectively.

O. R. Hibbard entered Maine Central service Oct. 22, 1909, only 16 days after his brother George was employed. They are sons of George Benjamin and Alwilda Mary Hibbard of Etna.

George's son, O. D. Hibbard, South Portland and a nephew, L. A. Hibbard, Dexter, are Maine Central firemen.

Chief Dispatcher Clyde W. Watson Dies Suddenly

Chief Dispatcher Clyde W. Watson, 64, a Maine Central employee for 49 years and prominent in Maine masonic circles, died suddenly in late September at his Portland home.

He had suffered a heart attack the evening before as he installed his son, John Watson, as master of Atlantic Lodge, AF and AM, in Masonic Temple ceremonies.

Mr. Watson was secretary of the Scottish Rite in Maine and had been awarded the 33rd Masonic degree about four years ago. His other Masonic affiliations include leadership of bodies in Portland, Rumford and Norway.

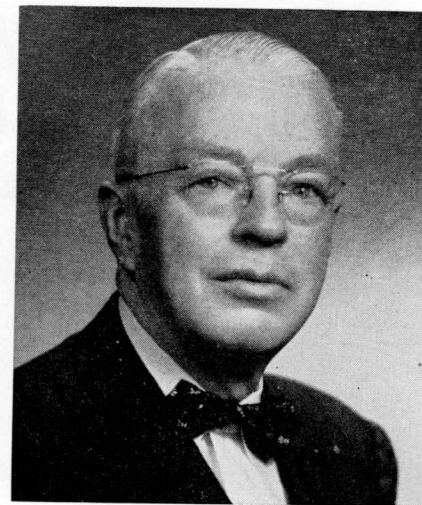
Born in Winthrop, Mr. Watson joined the Maine Central in 1910 as a telegrapher, working at Readfield, Waterville, and as a dispatcher at Rumford. He became a dispatcher at Portland in 1930 and chief dispatcher in 1940.

Survivors include his widow, Mary Elizabeth McIlroy Watson; two sons, John E. of Portland and Stanley W. of Falmouth, MeC chief clerk to the Comptroller; a daughter, Mrs. Ernestine R. Fair of Johnson City, Tenn.; a brother, Melvin E. Watson of Winthrop; five grandchildren and a nephew.

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To Resume Meetings

Members of Division 470, Railroad Enthusiasts, will start their fall series of meetings at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the CMP building, Canco Road, Portland.



CLYDE W. WATSON

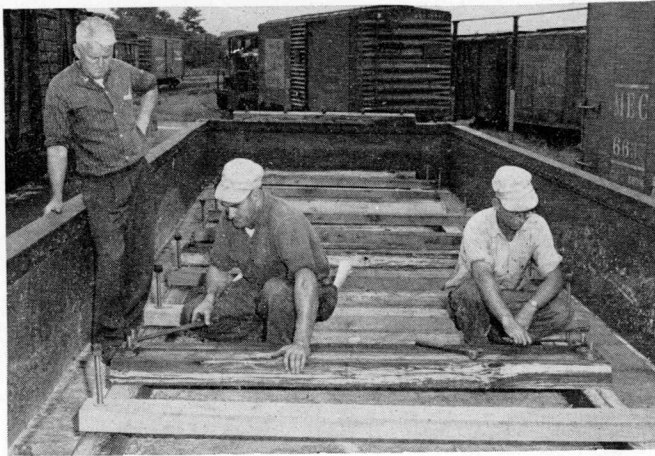
Lancaster's Last Engineman Retires

There was a day, the old-timers will tell you, when there were more Maine Central railroaders in Lancaster, N.H., than fenceposts. But late in September, the town's last active Maine Central engineman made his final run.

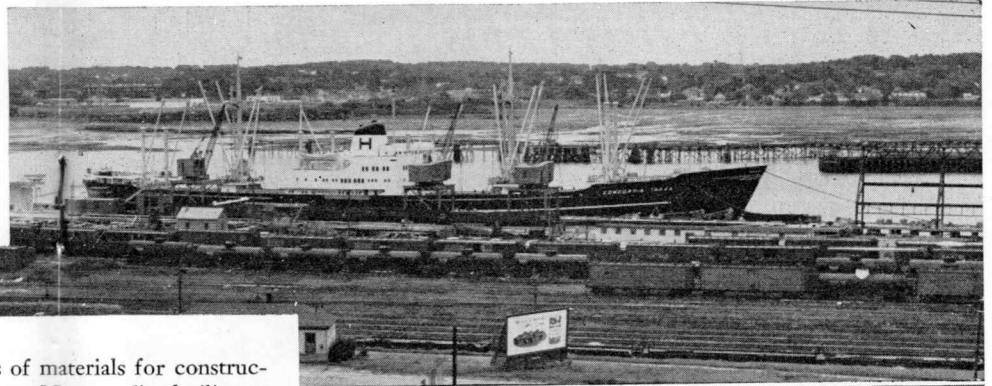
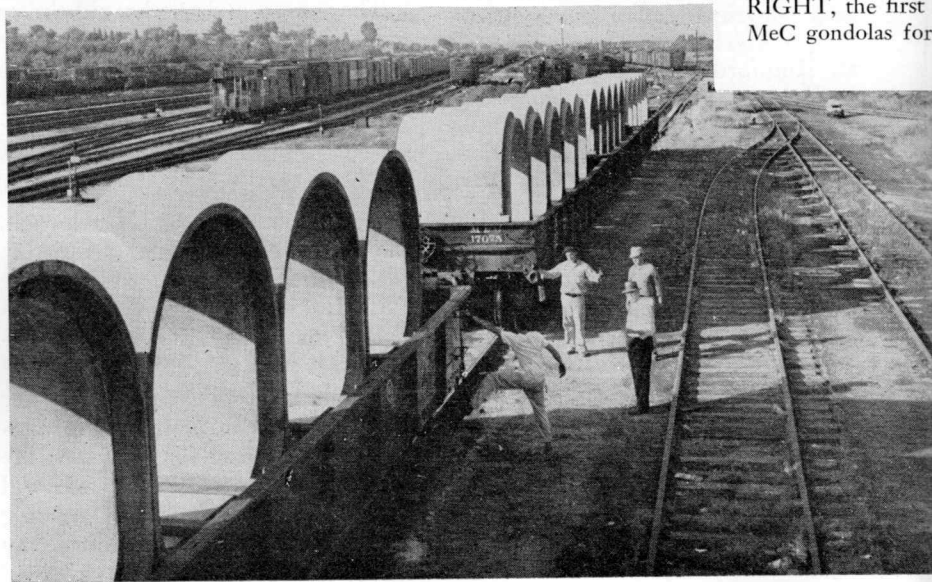
He's Chauncey G. Hutchinson, who joined the Maine Central in engine house service at Beecher Falls in 1916. On Sept. 20, he followed another railroading townsman, Ola Henson, into retirement.

Hutchinson has lived in Lancaster since 1923, when he became an engineer after firing for six years. He has lived there ever since, and will remain there, as he says, "nursing my sciatica and assembling my stamps."

-Italian Steel, Westbrook Conduit Bound for Cutler...



Rail shipments of materials for construction of the huge Navy radio facility at Cutler continue to move on the Maine Central. TOP LEFT, Freight Shop E. W. Pooler, left, supervises blocking of cars for the handling of cement conduit sections at Waterville. Arnold Giroux and Paul Hallee are setting up the timbers. LOWER LEFT, Four carloads of the big sections leave Rigby. TOP RIGHT, the Concordia Tarek, loaded with structural steel from Italy, at her Portland Terminal No. 3 berth. LOWER RIGHT, the first steel goes into waiting MeC gondolas for the trip down east.



League Elects Louis Rancourt

Louis J. Rancourt of Scarborough, Railway Express employee and chairman of the Maine State Legislative Committee of Railroad Brotherhoods, was elected president of the Maine League of Railroad Men and Women in September.

Rancourt, elected in mail balloting by League members throughout the state, succeeds Harold D. Ulrich of Melrose, Mass., general chairman, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks on the Boston and Maine, Maine Central and Bangor and Aroostook Railroads.

Ulrich was the first president of the League, organized in 1958 by both labor and management of Maine railroads, who are residents of Maine. The purposes of the League are "to join in supporting or opposing matters which are of mutual concern to railroad employees and management."

Three vice presidents were re-elected: Roy E. Baker, Cape Elizabeth, general manager of the Maine Central; M. L. Charity, South Portland, general chairman, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Maine Central; and H. C. Duffy, Bangor, manager of operations, Bangor and Aroostook.

Roy Plumley, Bangor, comptroller and auditor, Bangor and Aroostook, was re-elected League treasurer, and Hugh F. Flynn, South Portland, vice general chairman, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks on the Maine Central, was re-elected secretary.

Elected to represent labor on the League executive committee were



RANCOURT

James Daly, Houlton, general chairman, Maintenance of Way employees, Bangor and Aroostook; Fred T. DeWitt, Milo, local chairman, Shopcrafts, Bangor and Aroostook; and Earl D. Jones, South Portland, vice general chairman, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, Portland Terminal Company—Maine Central.

Management members re-elected to the League executive committee are Sumner S. Clark, Portland, assistant to the president, Maine Central; Howard L. Cousins, Jr., Bangor, assistant to the president, Bangor, and Aroostook; and Joseph H. Cobb, Portland, director of public relations, Maine Central.

870 MeC Veterans Drawing Annuities

About 870 men and women whose last railroad service was with the Maine Central Railroad Company were receiving employee annuities from the Railroad Retirement Board at the end of 1958, the Board recently reported. Their annuities averaged \$110 a month. About one-third of these employees had wives who were also receiving monthly benefits.

During 1958, 115 former Maine Central Railroad Company employees were added to the Board's retirement rolls, and 58 were taken off, mainly because of death. This

resulted in a net increase of 57 during the year. The average award to those retiring in 1958 was \$127 a month.

The Railroad Retirement Board points out that last year some 43,600 employees of the Nation's railroads retired on annuities averaging \$125 a month. Of this number, 77 percent retired because of old age and 23 percent because of disability.

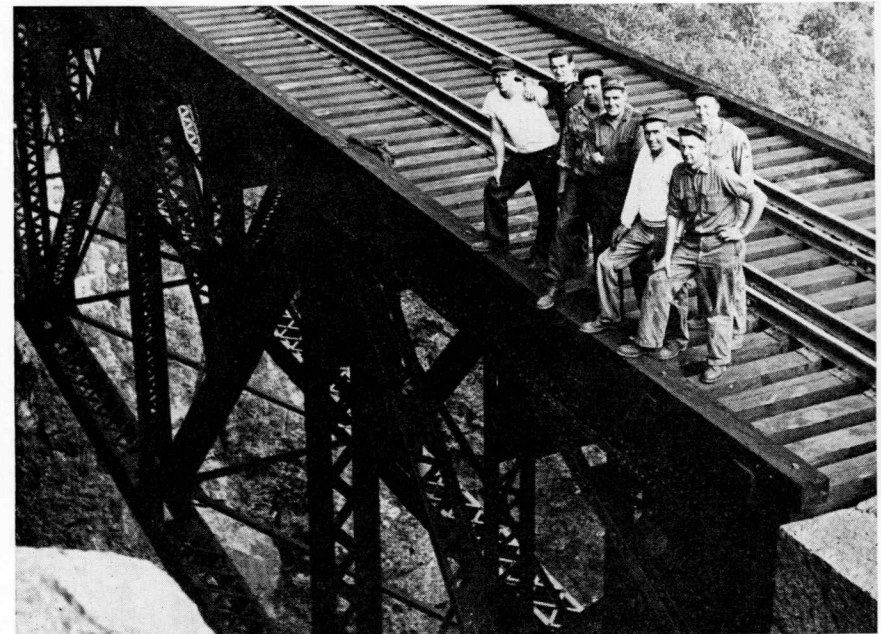
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Robert L. Foster, Yard Conductor, South Portland, 34 years.

Rinaldo J. LaPointe, Trackman, Lewiston, 32 years.

Joseph H. Pooler, Conductor, Portland, 45 years.



THE IRON HERE IS REAL HIGH—Members of the Bridge and Building paint crew look over their current assignment, the Willey Brook trestle in Crawford Notch, before starting the job in early October. From the left, Ralph R. Grant, G. F. Sibley, M. R. Poor, V. D. Crandlemire, A. F. Lessard, R. E. Kenison and Foreman A. D. Tillson.

Deaths

Fred M. Harmon, retired clerk, in South Portland, August 11.

Gertrude G. Shine, personal stenographer, in Portland, August 11.

Peter Griffin, retired carman, June 21.

Charles D. Wiggin, retired General Agent, in Ellsworth, August 29.

Ralph E. Kane, retired yard conductor, in Portland, September 2.

Adlor Harvey, retired trackman, in Berlin, N. H., July 29.

Harry Rouse, retired trackman, in Danforth, Me., June 22.

Patrick Nally, retired engine house laborer, July 2.

Samuel J. Marchant, retired locomotive engineer, June 18.

Clowes P. Guiou, retired track-

man, in Richmond, Maine, July 5.

Stacy Robbins, retired locomotive engineer, July 19.

Elmer A. Ranger, retired crossing tender, in Lewiston, July 21.

John L. Marcou, retired engine house laborer, in Bartlett, N. H., July 30.

Frank H. Elston, retired crossing tender, August 18.

Harry D. Bridges, retired carman, in Waterville, July 27.

James F. Atkins, retired assistant to General Agent, in Waterville, July 26.

Clarence R. Bowker, agent, in Cherryfield, Me., September 16.

William D. McCloskey, retired yard conductor, in Portland, August 21.

Clyde Watson, chief dispatcher, Portland, September 18.

William A. Stewart, retired carman, Rumford, September 23.



General Offices

By ERNESTINE MILLER, DORIS THOMAS and AL KENNEDY

Blair Walls, supervisor employees group insurance, and Mrs. Walls, spent an early September vacation at Cape Cod, Fall River, Mechanicsville, N.Y., and sundry places.

Ralph Jellerson of Personnel Records did some fishing in Nova Scotia—even sending back a picture postcard to show the size of the “ones that got away.”

Donna O'Bryan, stenographer in the Superintendent's office, has learned to drive and is the proud owner of a 1957 two-toned blue Chevrolet hardtop.

Mary Tabbut, stenographer in Car Accounting and Statistics, and hubby, “Milt” had a second honeymoon at Niagara Falls, (Canadian side), and visited her family in West Virginia, and other midwestern states. They returned via the State of Vermont, which Mary had never seen.

Best of luck to Floyd Rutherford, also of Car Accounting and Statistics, on his new position with an automotive company.

Herbert Whitmore has been elected financial secretary-treasurer for General Office Lodge of Railway Clerks, replacing Maurice Allaire, who resigned the post because of his promotion to Storekeeper at Portland.

Sincere sympathy is extended Stanley Watson, chief clerk to comptroller, on the sudden death of his father, Clyde, September 17. “Watso,” as he was nicknamed, was well known all over the system, as he had been chief train dispatcher for many years.

BOWLING BEGINS

The men's bowling league got off to a good start Tuesday, September 22, at the “Bowl-O-Rama,” South Portland, with 12 five-man teams. The first night there were 10 men with an average of 100 or better.

The girls' bowling league went into action Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the same alleys, with 4 five-women teams. No reports at deadline time on averages for the gals.

Cashier Gordon Williams and his wife attended the Kiwanis Convention in Swampscott, Mass., the weekend of Sept. 19. Incidentally, Gordon tells us that he has practically mastered the art of water-skiing with two skis, but with

only one, he says, the sport is still a bit tricky.

Madeline Bowdoin, (Disbursements Office) and husband, Stuart also attended the Kiwanis Convention.

Theresa Slattery, of the assistant comptroller's office, is all smiles over her 1959 “classic cream” Impala Chevrolet.

General Bookkeeper Erroll Libby and Mrs. Libby spent some vacation time with friends in Newport, N. H. They also took a trip to Rochester, N.H., one Saturday for Rochester Fair, which they state was a very unusual attraction, with many new things to see.

Dorothy Conley of Machine Accounting spent a week at Creve, Virginia, visiting her sister and family, Captain and Mrs. Donald Miller.

Marie O'Connell was a bridesmaid Sept. 26 at the wedding of her brother, Guy Ciccarelli, Jr., to Anna Marie Maiorano, at St. Peter's Church, Portland. Marie's husband, Robert, was one of the ushers.

Virginia Lee spent two days visiting her mother and sister in Devon, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark have their first child, a son, Mark Odber, born September 5 at Maine Medical Center, weighing in at 6 lbs. and 2 oz.

NEW HOME

Sally and Dick Peasley have purchased a new five-room ranch home on Roosevelt Trail, South Windham.

“Gene” Trueworthy and his family camped out for a week at Weld, Maine, also had a day's outing at Treasure Island, Wakefield, Mass.

Harry Caldwell of the Voucher Bureau is on extended sick leave.

Edith Goodwin of the Stores Bureau is home from Mercy Hospital, where she was confined for check-up, and is doing well.

“Kay” and “Joe” Gallant motored to New York City and Long Island to visit friends.

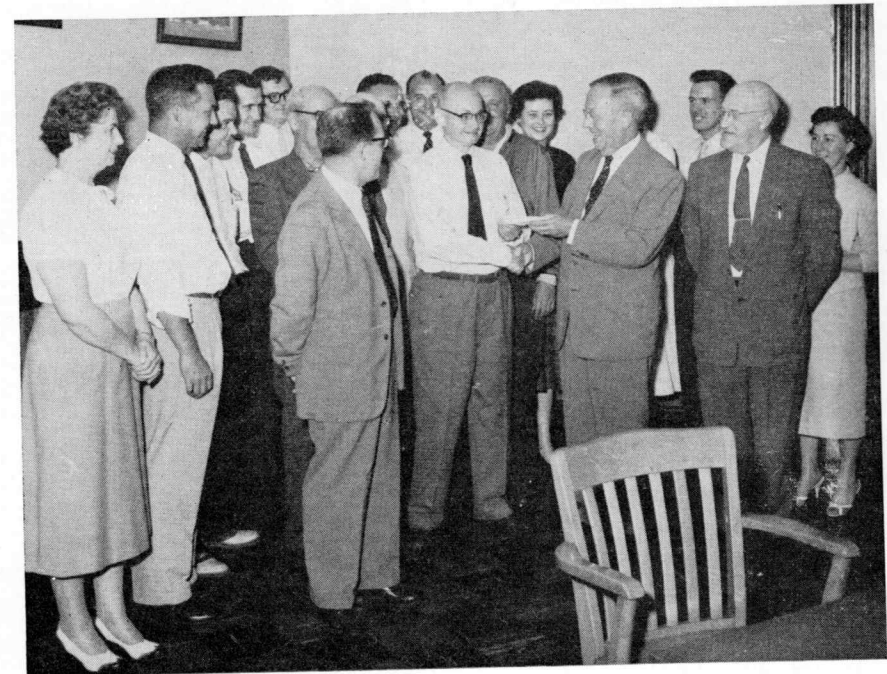
Milton Chaplin spent his vacation harvesting his apple crop.

“Al” and Helen Chapman drove Louise Scannell to Lenox, Mass., to visit Fred Chitty, who is convalescing in a nursing home.

Charlie Anderson's son accompanied his grandparents to California for a month's sightseeing.

Raymond Harrington of the Payroll Bureau has resigned to accept a position with Warren Brothers Roads Company.

A daughter, Cynthia Lynn, 6½ pounds, has joined the household of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards, Machine Accounting.



GOOD LUCK TO PHIL MERRIMAN—Purchases and Stores Department employees wished Philip R. Merriman well last month on his retirement. Above, H. M. Rainie, Vice President, Purchasing, presents a purse to Merriman as the Storekeeper ended 30 years Maine Central Service.

SEE NEW YORK SIGHTS

Joseph "Red" Murray and Mrs. Murray enjoyed the sights of New York City on a fall vacation.

"Mert" and John Neilson drove to Loring Air Force Base, Limestone, Maine, to visit their daughter who was with the CAP Summer Encampment.

Still more new cars—Walter Provencher sporting a brand-new green Chevrolet; Al Chapman with a new Plymouth Sedan; Alice Eliason with a nice black and white Chevrolet; and John Cochrane also has a black and white "Chevy."

Stephen and Ernestine Miller accompanied friends to North Shore Shopping Center, Peabody, Mass., then to Needham, Mass. to visit relatives. At press time they were looking forward to a trip to Rangeley Lakes for the autumn foliage.

L. Melville Davis and wife, Marcella, are making plans to attend the National Railroad Veterans' Convention at Roanoke, Va. late in October.

Bob Lewis of the Revenues Office flew by jet plane to California for two week's vacation.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

Sympathy is extended to Miss Minnie Shine, Auditor of Revenue Office, and Mr. Charles Shine of LaMesa, Cal., on the death of their sister, Miss Gertrude G. Shine, personal stenographer in the Purchases and Stores Department, in Portland, August 11.

For the past several years Miss Shine's duties also included that of receptionist, and in this capacity she had many friends and acquaintances in the railway supply field.

She will be greatly missed by her many associates on the railroad and by the sales representatives who were always greeted by her cheery welcome.

Edith MacGibbon, on vacation, is enjoying a motor trip through Maine.

Bill Knox, Clerk, Auditor Revenue office, and his wife have just returned from a trip to Williamsburg, Va., with a side trip to Atlantic City and a stroll on the Boardwalk.

Harrison Elliott, Clerk, Freight Claims, had a recent vacation and traveled along the Maine Coast and to Frederickton, N. B.

Ronny Gallant, Clerk, Auditor Revenue, was skin-diving out to Prout's Neck recently and won the spear fishing meet by catching the biggest dog-fish.



By NORM MASSENGALE

Engineer "Ace" Bradford was married in June to Mrs. Gertrude Richards of Vassalboro. They spent their honeymoon on an extended fishing trip thru northern Maine and will reside at 3 mile Pond, out China way.

Trainman "Al" Murphy is the proud father of a son born in August. Mother Murphy demanded, and "Al" had to get a better car for the "Mrs." to take the new baby out in.

Mrs. Mary Baker, wife of Engineer Arnold Baker, and mother of Philip Baker, baggageman at Union Station, passed away after a short illness in the middle of Sept. Deepest sympathy is offered from the Maine Central family.

Retired Engineer "Les" Moody passed away at his West Falmouth home, suddenly. We all offer our condolences.

NEW BEACH HOUSE

Trainman Emile Morin has had a new house built at Crescent Beach, Cape Elizabeth, and moved early in September. Much credit must be given Emile for the State buying up land at Crescent Beach and Two Lights for use as State Parks. If my memory is correct, he is the one who suggested it in the first place.

Most of the boys have had their vacations by now and here are a few who have returned recently:

Trainman and Conductors "Stan" Mattatall, A. Daigle, Jerry Carr, John Keniston, Henry Kelley, Sid Adams, Ted Farrell, "Ike" Stowell, Homer Greenwood, Smokey Wood, Roma Drouin, Dave Dudley, Don Giberson, Frankie Leathers, Earl Kelly, Eddie Gallagher, Arthur Roy, Johnny Feeney, Sam Libby, Edgar Googins, Harry Philbrick, John Keating, Leo Gilbert, Barney Cross, Glen Morrell, Del Needham, Howard Kennedy, Sam Fisher, Dick Choate, Gayland Wheeler, Bill Walsh.

Maurice Johnson, Russ Willey, E. L. Bow, Jack McIntyre, Rodney MacLean, Hank Harradon, Les Petrie, "Hi" Morrill, Herbie Mottram, Harry Green, Bill Gallison, Forest Manter, Johnny Frank, Marshall Pratt, Al Laberec, Joe Meehan and your correspondent.

Johnny Keniston took his family to Rangeley Lake and hired a cottage for a couple of weeks. Roma Drouin played golf for two weeks, Bill Gallison took a trip to the west coast with a stop in Arizona for a while and plans to return via the Canadian Rockies. Engineer Harold Bryant took a motor trip up through Canada to look over the new St. Lawrence Seaway. Your correspondent, wife, sister and husband took a trip up through Aroostook, stopping to visit at Loring Air Force Base at Limestone, up to Riviere-Du-Loup, down the St. Lawrence to Quebec City and Saint Anne De Beaupre, down through Sherbrooke, White Mountains and back to Sebago Lake. A beautiful trip.

Pat Tracy, crew dispatcher at Rigby, had a week's vacation early in September and Chief Crew Dispatcher Arthur Palmer took a week off starting the 2nd week of September, so he could enjoy the beach at Old Orchard after the crowd left.

PAINTING VACATION

Trainmaster Ansel Tupper had his vacation and spent most of his time painting his house in Lovitt's Field, South Portland. Also noticed Nelson Soule, agent at Freeport, painting his house there.

Conductor A. L. Barter has taken and passed an examination to become an ICC inspector. He has moved to Dallas, Texas, for a six week training period, and upon completion, will be stationed at El Paso, as a safety and hours of service inspector. We all wish him success in his new venture.

Engineer and Mrs. Jack MacWilliams have built and moved into their new home at Thornton Heights.

Trainman Earl McInnis has bought a nice new black Ford sedan. One thing is sure and that is that the new car won't go where his old Chevy went, through fields, woods, etc. looking for Indian relics. Take my advice, Earle and keep her on high ground.

Chief Dispatcher Johnny Oberg was off for three weeks after cutting his hand on a power saw at home while helping his father fix up a cellar game room. John's father is a Conductor

on the B.&A. working out of Northern Maine Junction.

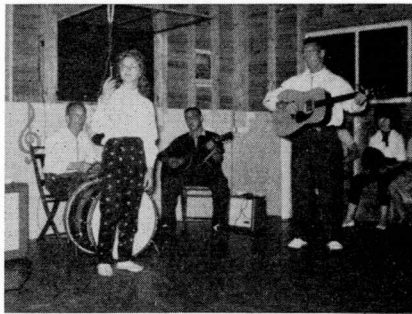
Conductor "Giant" Caswell broke his arm while icing up his caboose at Rigby and will be incapacitated for quite some time.

The correspondents of this magazine met recently in the Directors room of the general office for a meeting and address by President Miller. After the meeting we went to the Sun Room of the Eastland Hotel and had a fine dinner. It gave me an opportunity to meet other correspondents whom I did not know and I enjoyed it very much.

SECOND NET

Trainman Roma Drouin won a nice silver trophy, properly engraved, for second net for the Jimmy Fund open at Riverside golf course this summer.

Speaking of golf, we have many fine players in train service and they should challenge some of the office boys. Their best is claimed to be "Joe" DiMauro and I think older brother George with a little practice could take him. Yard Conductor Larry Gallant at Bangor was



HAPPY VALLEY GANG—To his family and friends, he's Richard Butts, PTCO. coach cleaner, but to an increasing number of dancers and country—western music fans, he's Cyrus Cesspool, leader of the Happy Valley Gang. The popular ensemble, more in demand for Saturday dances than art gallery musicales, includes, from the left, Richard Butts, Marlene Wentworth, Roland Deveau and Harold Butts. Boston Fancy, Anyone?

good enough to enter the Paul Bunyan Maine open at Penobscot Valley this summer and I think some of you fellows would get together sometime and give it a go.

Yardman Bill Boisvert of Waterville has been off duty about all summer due to sickness. Hope he is better and able to return to work soon.

Trainmen Gibbs and Bennett, both of Waterville, have been hospitalized. We all wish them speedy recovery.

Trainman Percy Brackett of Rockland has been a surgical patient again at Maine Medical, Portland. Hope this is the last one Percy.

Retired Conductor Ernest Biladeau went up to Farmington recently and met retired Conductor Archie Butler who wants to be remembered to all his old associates, Archie says he's feeling fine and is good for many more years to come.

The Maine Association of Railroad Veterans held its first meeting of the season at Edna's Restaurant at Thompson's Point, Sunday, Sept. 27. A nice crowd was on hand. About 25 plan to attend the National Convention at Roanoke, Va., the last week in October. Retired rules examiner Gene Winslow was elected delegate to represent the Maine Chapter. A very nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon and meet some of your old friends.

All that is necessary to join is to have 15 years of any branch of railroad service and a small membership fee. More who are working should belong instead of waiting until their retirement.

Met "Sis" Griffin of the famed Willey House on the mountain the other day, and she wants to be remembered to all the boys.

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Portland Freight Office and Freight House

By ALICE McLAUGHLIN and MARJORIE J. MULKERN

Best wishes are extended for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Cora L. Bisson, freight clerk, absent due to illness.

A number of local members of the organization of Railroad Veterans are planning to attend the National Convention, at Roanoke, Virginia, Oct. 23, 24, 25, among whom are: Leader-Loader-Caller Philip H. J. Robinson, Stenographer Marjorie J. Mulkern and husband, Leader-Loader-Caller Patrick A. Mulkern, retired Freight Clerk Patrick L. Halloran and wife, and Grand Trunk Clerk John Burke.

We extend our sympathy to Revision Clerk Andrew J. Blackwood and family in the recent death of his father.

Congratulations to Charles B. Bonetti and Thomas Foley, former employees, on the recent additions to their families.

Waybill Machine Operator Frances K. LaRose had resumed her duties after being absent due to illness, but is again on the sick list. We extend best wishes for a speedy recovery.

This office was saddened over the death of former Head Clerk James J. Hasson, of the Billing Dept., who met such a tragic death, Sept. 14, as well as his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Hasson, and two of her children. We extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to Robert Hasson, who is a patient at the Maine Medical Center, as well as our condolences in his great loss.

Congratulations to Freight Checker Forest C. Hoar and wife, who recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary.

Leader-Loader-Caller Horace E. Frost has returned from a most enjoyable vacation, which he almost duplicated that of last year, during which he visited the cities of New York, Washington, D.C., New Orleans, La., Atlanta, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., Miami, Fla., St. Petersburg, Fla., Richmond, Va. and Boston. Next month, we will have particulars on the extensive trip through the west, etc., by Revision Clerk James B. Keegan.

Assistant Freight Cashier Mrs. Ever H. Nelson attended the Northeastern Regional Convention of the Business and Professional Women's Club at Hotel Concord, Kiamasha Lake, New York, Sept. 17, 18 and 19, which was a splendid affair, and enjoyed to the utmost by one and all.

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Rigby Engine House

By ALBERT B. WETMORE

The Jackson family reunion was held as usual at Bear Pond on August 2nd. This was the 25th reunion, and there were 43 members in attendance. Our former Boiler Maker, and now Laborer Charles Jackson was elected president.

Carpenter, B. and B Crew Samuel Austin has retired, after taking a short sick leave on account of arthritis.

The turn table underwent extensive repairs during August.

A former employee, now retired, Laborer "Mike" Debrosky, and Mrs. Debrosky celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their sons and daughters with their families were present.

Machinist Edwin Temm was visited by his daughter and family from Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pushard, 2 sons, and a daughter. "Ed" is also having a new bathroom installed as well as other repairs made at his home.

Mrs. Anthony Wedge of Westbrook died suddenly. She was the sister of Mrs. Theodore Cote, wife of Machinist "Ted" Cote.

Machinist Helper Walter Anderson retires having fulfilled the usual requirements to obtain his pension.

Machinist James Brice, Jr., returns to work after a bout with a virus.

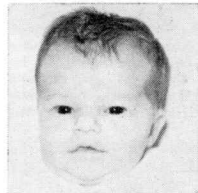
Laborer Albert Stiviletti has a new car, a "Chevy" Impala hard top.



TAKING IT EASY—Matthew F. Kane and Charles Ready of the Engine House, Rigby, rest up after a memorable session with clams and lobsters at a Bristol outing this late-summer.

Another family reunion, that of the Lanciault family, took place recently featuring a five generation celebration. Among those attending was Mrs. Lanciault, mother of Machinist Lawrence Lanciault. She is 89, and her father was a Civil War veteran.

This evidently is the month for reunions. The Class of 1919, Freeport high school, was held recently at the cottage of Mahlon Walsh at Wolf's Neck, Freeport. All but six of the original enrollment were present, and over a period of 40 years only one death marred the record. The wife of your reporter, Mrs. Albert B. Wetmore, was in attendance having been a member of that class as well as on the reunion committee. Another gathering will be held in 1961.



SMALL PACKAGE — Brenda Lee is the newest addition to the family of Laborer and Mrs. Robert Casey of Rigby.

Laborer Edward Flynn, Stores Department, retired and a gift of \$101.00 was presented to him by fellow workers.

Laborer Edward Thorne was stricken with a heart ailment while motoring home from a visit to his daughter's home in the state of Connecticut. His progress toward recovery is satisfactory at this date.

The Safety Board record fell with a thud when two accidents occurred within a short period of time. That of Laborer Tom Foley, and Machinist George Miller. The reading is now 16 days.

Chief Clerk Lee Belfontaine underwent a spinal operation and is now back to work.

Laborer and Mrs. Raymond Bailey motored to Providence, Rhode Island, taking their daughter back to the Barrington College of Nursing, for her second year.

A recent visit to the shop was made by a representative of the Israeli government. He was sent to this country to get an insight into the performance and management of American railroads.

Mrs. Agnes Belfontaine, Halifax, Nova Scotia, sister of Laborer Harold Belfontaine was the recent victim of a hit and run driver. Harold attended the funeral. Too late to send a floral tribute, but will be remembered at Easter.

Laborer Clinton Curry was presented with the 14th grandchild on his 49th birthday recently.

Lewiston

By LILLIAN G. WHITE

Yardman and Mrs. Danny Myrand have a new addition to their family—a baby girl named Joan.

Retired Freight Checker Patrick Ryle died September 3rd. Pat had worked in Lewiston Freight House many years.

It is rumored that Yardman Charles Laflamme has bought stock in a local automobile garage—what's the story on this, Charlie?

Richard Smith's carpenter crew is in town building new facilities at the Freight House for Freight Offices and Engineering Dept.

General Agent Richard Achorn and wife attended the New England Shippers Advisory Board sessions at the Poland Spring House, Monday, Sept. 21.

Johnny MacKinney's wife has returned home after surgery at Central Maine General Hospital.

Clerk-Typist Monique Levesque, Engineering Dept., vacationed in The Laurentian's, Canada, during the latter part of August.

While on vacation, Asst. Foreman and Mrs. Jean St. Pierre toured Canada, traveling about 2,500 miles. Incidentally they recently became grandparents for the first time.

Truck Driver Aime Roy, together with Mrs. Roy, recently visited Mr. Roy's aged father who resides at Lac Megantic.

Willard Weeks, after being Extra Crew Foreman for 16 years, is presently Foreman in Rumford Yard.

Sectionman W. D. Burnham has been on leave of absence since Sept. 4 because of illness.

Sectionman V. A. Caron also is on leave of absence due to illness.

Clerk-Typist Monique Levesque called on former Track Supervisor and Mrs. Breaun at their home at Ogunquit. She states they seem to be very happy in their retirement.

Telegrapher Joe Robert, together with Mrs. Robert, are presently on vacation. I understand they are on a tour of Canada and upper New York State. Operator Lougee is substituting.

Cashier Peter Myrand vacationed in Montreal. It seems as though the vacation trend this year is visiting in Canada.

Former Rate Clerk John Rollins has called on us a few times. He and Mrs. Rollins have now returned to their home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Waterville Shops

By "STEVE"

Painter Helper Harley Hopkins has been a recent surgical patient at a local hospital and is now at home convalescing.

Retired Carman Harry Bridges died recently at the age of 85. He had been retired for some 15 years.

Yard Lead Man Bill Leeman is on extended sick leave.

Laborer Tiny Gibbs has bid the lead job in the Yard Crew. New faces on the crew are Bob Knights and Charlie Parkhurst who have been furloughed, also Frank Johnson and Eddie Kent, furloughed from other departments.

Robert D. Woods, former Paint Shop Assistant Foreman for several years died in Oakland recently. Woods retired from railroad service in 1947.

Painter Leroy Jackson, who has been on the sick list for a long time, has returned and is now substituting for Painter Charlie Stubbart, on locomotives, who is on the sick list.

Abraham Zwick of Haifa, Israel, has been a visitor at the Shops recently on an inspection trip. Mr. Zwick is vice president of the Israeli National Railroad.



Robert F. Silva, son of Waterville Shop Superintendent and Mrs. George P. Silva, received his Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering at Purdue on July 31. He received his Bachelor Degree from Tufts in 1955 and was commissioned an officer in the Air Force. He has recently accepted a position as design engineer with the General Electric Co. at Schenectady, N.Y.

A crow, incapacitated with a broken wing, is well again and has returned to the Paint Shop nest.

Machinist Bill Cote has recently applied for the pension. Cote first entered service with the Maine Central in 1912.

Among those on the sick list are Machinist Perry Morse, Carman Francis White, Machinist Alton Cook for surgery, Carman Jack Brown and Machinist Charlie Sweet.

Retired Watchman Henry Soule died in a local hospital recently. He had some 15 years service.

Driving new or different cars are Tractor Driver Tiny Gibbs with a Pontiac station wagon; Apprentice Wade Richardson, a Ford 6 fordor and Carman Wallace Jewell with a Plymouth sedan.

A long time stranger recalled to the Paint Shop temporarily is Helper Merle Otis, filling in for Helper Larry Folsom who is hospitalized for x-rays.

Carman Joe Pellerin has retired from the Passenger Room after 43 years of service.

Richard, 12 year old son of Welder and Mrs. Aurele Michaud, is hospitalized with severe burns about the head and eyes as a result of a gasoline explosion.

Carman Sid Brown and Assistant Superintendent Alden Finnimore attended a State Conference on Safety at the Samoset in Rockland recently.

Painter Chester Craig has gone from one extreme to the other. He has recently traded a Packard for a Volkswagen.

Retired Car Inspector Warren Miller died recently at his home in China. The bearers at the funeral were all retired railroaders and included Ray Clark and Win Potter from the Shops.

Blacksmith Helper Repete Gagnon flipped his car over at Fairfield Center recently.

Carman Jimmy Lawrence retired early in September after some 30 years service.

With brake shoes and axles, he's worked many years.

With a wheel gauge he has a rare feel. He's a master debater on passenger trucks and has a rare gift when it comes to a spell.

He's talked volumes and argued and shot many a bull.

Worn out many a sole and a heel. He's an expert at talking in circles and now THATS why he's called the

BIG WHEEL.

Furloughed Electrician Helper Bob Bennett is working in the car clean-out crew.

Furloughed Electrician Helper Tim Pooler and Furloughed Carman Helper Mike Doherty are working on a local Section.

Carman Glenn McCarrison has recently purchased a home on College avenue.

Furloughed Carman Bill Otis has accepted a position as car inspector at Brunswick.

Machinist Don Rines has purchased a home on North street in Waterville.

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Waterville Station

By ELAINE SNOW

Baggageman Adolph and Mrs. Dutille are vacationing for a month in San Antonio, Texas, guests of his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ryan.

Ray Coulombre and his family spent a week's vacation in their trailer at Sebago Lake State Park.

Maurice Thorne had two weeks vacation and spent part of it visiting his son and wife in Boston.

Ralph H. Snow also had two weeks vacation and took a trip to Storytown in Glen, New Hampshire. He also visited the races at Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Cook are the proud parents of a son. Bev was a Stenographer at the Freight House Office before transferring to the Stores Office.

Mrs. Helen Thing has been substituting for vacations this summer at the Freight Office. Mrs. Thing worked in the Motive Power Office years ago. Another substitute was Mrs. Helen Franck who formerly worked in the Engineering Dept. Office.

Gloria LaLiberty and her family vacationed in Boston recently.

Another Freight Office Stenographer, Ruthie Brochu, vacationed with her family in Canada.

Dick Fecteau has been on vacation again, but this time it wasn't much a vacation as he shingled his father's roof for him!

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fecteau and family toured Quebec one weekend and then spent the following weekend in Boston. Sure do get around!

General Agent and Mrs. Basil Higgins spent their two weeks' vacation taking day trips over the state and in New Hampshire.

Another proud set of parents is Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Bouchard about their baby daughter, Marian Alice. Connie formerly worked in the Engineering Dept. Office.

Your Waterville correspondents enjoyed the meeting and lovely luncheon held at the Eastland Sun Room September 1st. It was nice to see everyone again.

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Bartlett, N..H.

By O. R. BURDWOOD

Former spare crew foreman James F. Chadbourne visited the old town from Florida this summer. Jim has now left for the warmer climes and maybe hurricanes as well.

Tillson's paint outfit is now stationed at Crawford Notch, painting the Frankenstein trestle. The boys had better not let go all holds with both hands. We wouldn't care for that job.

Pleased to report that trackman Henry Nealley's wife has returned from the hospital and is getting along nicely.

Peter's spare crew is making sidetrack changes at Lunenburg, but George is taking off on his vacation. He plans to go to Cleveland to visit his daughter.

Track supervisor Al Dodge has returned from his vacation. Al went out to Pittsburg to visit his son, and while there took in a ball game or two.



MURPHY HIMSELF—

Ron, by name, is this particular Murphy, grandson of O. R. Burdwood, Agent at Bartlett and Maine Central Magazine scribe.

We learn of the death of former trackman Adlor Harvey. He worked a number of years on the Willey House for Joe Monahan and later for foreman Joe Burke.

An extensive highway job in Crawford Notch this summer made it possible to remove the smaller, and westerly, rock pinnacle that stood between the track and the highway. The highway forces did the job the other day. It was certainly an old landmark up that way.

Welder Bob Jones starts his vacation next week and intends to view the world series, along with a major plumbing job he has planned.

Terry and Robert Congdon, sons of trackman and Mrs. Clarence Congdon of Canaan, Vt., have entered the Air Force. They are stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, for their basic training.

Brunswick

By R. S. THING

Chief Clerk Vally of Bath is on vacation and we understand he is after some big fish up in Canada.

Baggage Master A. L. (Sam) Lachance has been off sick for several weeks. We all hope he recovers soon and is back with us.

A number of MCRR employees were on hand to watch the launching of the first Guided Missile destroyer to be built at Bath Iron Works. It was launched Sept. 8.

Lew Stark, cashier at Brunswick, spent his vacation as a painter and did a fine job of painting his home on School st. There has been a crew painting the Bath Bridge (Carlton Bridge) this summer. One member of this crew has a soft position. He just sits under the bridge in a row boat in case someone should fall off.

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Augusta

By E. E. WALKER

General Agent "Herbie" Thing has returned from the first leg of his vacation. He took several trips to local points of interest.

Former Baggage and Mailman Wilbur Bryant is now operating busses in Portland for the Maine Transit Co.

The hunting season is just around the corner, and cashier Horace Rodrigue is polishing up his shooting-iron and sprinkling salt around some of his favorite locations.

Checker Burleigh Foster has recently purchased a house on Churchill Road, Augusta, and he is receiving plenty of advice from his co-workers as to what he should do and how to do it.

Furloughed Clerk "Athie" Bryant accompanied by her "shadow" and her son Wayne, were on a recent camping trip in the Mt. Vernon area.

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Rockland

By F. L. CARSLLEY

Yard Conductor M. E. Lake has sold his home on Berkeley street and purchased one on Holmes street. He is spending his vacation moving into his new home.

Chief Clerk Lillian McCurdy, who spent her vacation as patient at the Knox County Hospital, is now back on the job feeling much better. Spare clerk E. J. Sullivan covered her job.

Clerk-operator Earl Walker and Mrs. Walker spent few days on the Cape. Operator Soychak covered his job.

Signalman A. J. Staples has sold his home in Rockland and purchased one in Thomaston.

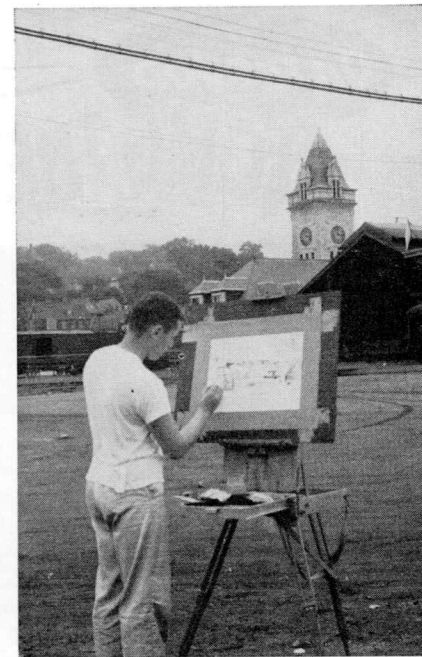
Retired Conductor Frank Prescott is busy about his new home he purchased at Glen Cove. His son, Billing Clerk Stanley Prescott, has taken over his Pleasant street home.

Retired Conductor Al Atkins has had a busy summer at his cottage at Jefferson Lake, but Al lost a battle with his table saw and has one finger wrapped up because of a bad cut.

Retired Engineer Lovell Chapman keeps busy as ever putting in new walks and steps at his home and keeping his fox hounds in training for the hunting season.

Retired Trainman Howard Hall keeps busy about his home on Park street. He and his rabbitdog will be out soon after the bunnies.

Machinist Joe Clough and Mrs. Clough were at their hunting camp in Cherryfield over the week end, getting things ready for the hunting season.



FOR ART'S SAKE—Roger Erickson of Walcott Street, Portland, a former teacher now a full-time painter, commits the geometry of Portland's Union Station to canvas as part of a summer-long art project for which Portland's industrial buildings have provided the theme.

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Vanceboro

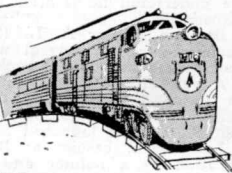
By HARRY D. DAVIS

Retired Yard Brakeman Arlington R. Tracy has developed further trouble with his knee due to a fall and as a result has been confined to Togus Hospital for past several weeks.

Spare Yard Brakeman B. H. King has gone to Bangor for work in yard service and is finding things pretty busy.

Those on vacation during the past few weeks include Chief Clerk H. D. Davis; Clerk and Stenographer M. O. Blanchard; Clerk M. M. Beers; Second Trick Operator D. J. Shay, being relieved by Operator H. R. McNulty; Third Trick Operator R. J. McKinnon, relief being furnished by Operator W. I. Leighton; Foreman A. M. Scott relieved by I. D. Murphy; Section Foreman J. H. Little and Sectionmen O. M. Carey, B. Devoe and William Varney.

On the Job ALONG THE LINE



Left, Raymond Bishop, operator, Augusta.
Above, Jean T. Murphy, Stenographer,
Bangor.



Above, W. F. Driscoll, Conductor, Port-
land. Right, Leo Grant, Trackman, Ban-
gor.

