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Steam Monument To Be Waterville's

The Maine Central's old locomotive 470—enshrined in 1954 as a memorial to the steam age of railroading in Maine—will be given to the city of Waterville.

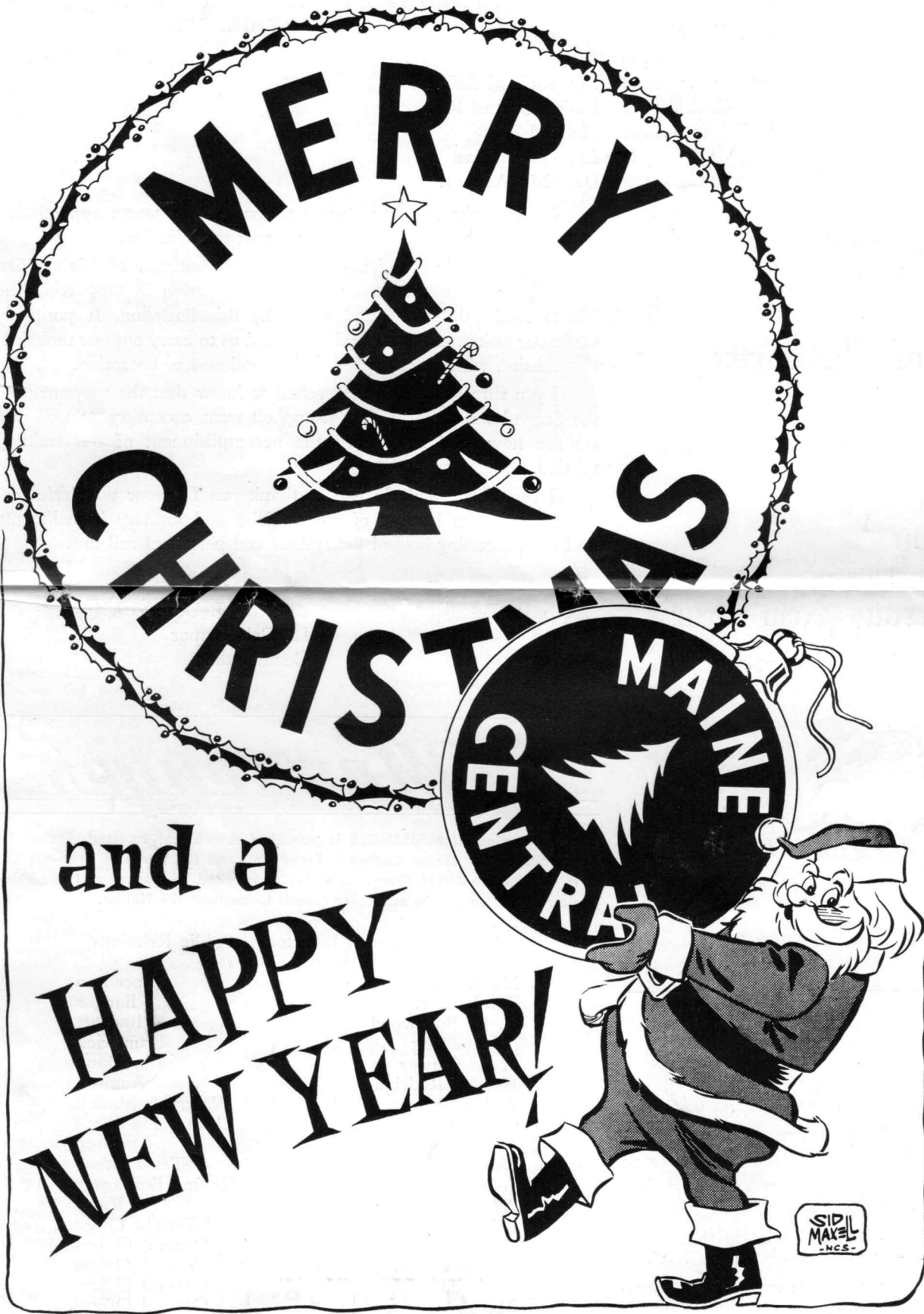
The historic engine will be re-located within a traffic loop formed by the pattern of a bridge and underpass, parts of the extensive grade crossing elimination plan to be undertaken by the Federal Government, the State and the railroad in 1962.

Maine Central President E. Spencer Miller noted that the history of the railroad and that of the city are closely tied, and that the "old 470"—probably the most-photographed tourist attraction in Central Maine—"will remain as a symbol of the co-operation and community of interests of the Maine Central and the City of Waterville."

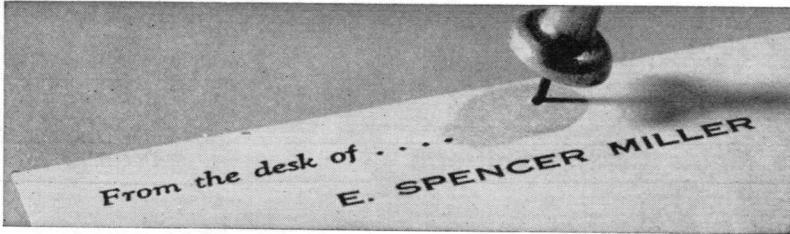
The old engine, last steam locomotive to operate on the Maine Central, has been enshrined on a short length of track in front of the Waterville railroad station since 1954. On June 13 of that year, the 470 pulled coaches loaded with hundreds of rail fans on the Maine Central's final run under steam. The last steam train chugged from Portland to Bangor and return with then-Governor Burton M. Cross and President Miller in the cab. It was returned to Waterville immediately and placed as a memorial.

The highway and railroad relocation plan, which will eliminate two College avenue grade crossings and one on Front street, calls for demolition of the old station and use of its site and surrounding area for the approach to a combination highway and railroad bridge. The 470, if left where it stands, would be too close to the new highway on one side, and to the new bridge approach on the other. Present plans call for moving the old engine to a new location about 100 feet closer to Chaplin street.

The No. 470 will be presented to the City in October, 1962, as one of the highlights of a Maine Central Centennial observance.



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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

The writer of this page devoted each month to a discussion of Maine Central affairs, railroad problems or reports of progress, notes that once again it is Christmas time, and lays aside the toil and turmoil of the transportation struggle to express to every Maine Central man and woman, and to our thousands of loyal friends, cordial and warm wishes for



The Merriest of Christmases

and

A Bright, Happy

and Prosperous New Year



Spencer Miller
President

Old 470 To 'Live' On

It was gratifying to know that the City of Waterville has asked that the Maine Central monument to the age of steam, the old locomotive 470, be allowed to remain despite the fact that an extensive grade crossing elimination project will soon require it to be moved.

Inasmuch as the history of the Maine Central and the City of Waterville have enjoyed a mutually-profitable association that began with the founding of the Maine Central in Waterville 100 years ago next October, we were pleased that arrangements leading to a transfer of the old engine to the City have begun.

It is highly appropriate that the "old 470" will remain on display in Waterville, birthplace and geographic heart of the Maine Central.

A Letter to the Agent

General Agent Richard L. Achorn of Lewiston received a letter early in December with praise for the handling of an extensive military freight and personnel movement from Lewiston this fall. We think the satisfaction that must have been Achorn's when he read the letter should be passed along to all Maine Central employees:

HEADQUARTERS
2D MED TK BN (PATTON) 20th ARMOR
FORT STEWART, GEORGIA

3 December 1961

Mr. Richard Achorn
Maine Central R.R.
Holland St.
Lewiston, Maine
Dear Mr. Achorn:

Let me take this opportunity to express our warm appreciation for your excellent assistance in our recent mobilization.

It is certainly gratifying to realize the citizens of Maine, like yourself, have extended their utmost cooperation in supporting the Maine National Guard, and especially this Battalion. It positively made our task much easier and permitted us to carry out our mobilization mission with utmost speed and smoothness of operation.

I am sure you will be interested to know that the movement of the Second Battalion to Fort Campbell went exceptionally well and we are now working toward the accomplishment of our training mission.

I should particularly like to thank you for your wonderful cooperation in the loading of our vehicles and military impedimenta and the processing behind the freight and personnel rail moves.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK J. DAUNIS
Lt. Col., Armor
Commanding



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Wiggins Heads RR Club Panel

James W. Wiggins, Portland, chief engineer of the Maine Central, served as moderator for a panel on railroad engineering at the meeting of the New England Railroad Club, Tuesday, December 12, at the Hotel Vendome, Boston.

The panel's topic was "Keeping Maintenance Costs to a Minimum Today and Tomorrow."

Other panel members included P. J. Harnish, New York City, regional engineer, Pennsylvania Railroad; J. A. Pollard, Hoboken, N. J., assistant engineer, maintenance of way, Erie-Lackawanna Railroad; and Paul Martin, New York City, methods engineer, New York Central System.

Wiggins, a native of Houlton, Maine, has been associated with the Erie, the Bangor and Aroostook, the Boston and Maine and the Maine Central, in engineering capacities, since his graduation from the College of Engineering at the University of Maine in 1930. He served as president of the New England Railroad club in 1956-7.



TO REMAIN AS STEAM MEMORIAL—Locomotive 470, last steam engine to be used on the Maine Central, will remain in Waterville as a monument to the age of steam railroading despite a change in location made necessary by an extensive grade crossing elimination highway project scheduled next year. The old locomotive will be given to the City of Waterville.



ATTENDING BURDETT—George W. Proctor, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Proctor of Yarmouth, is attending Burdett College, Boston, majoring in marketing, advertising and business accounting. His mother is employed in the Car Service department, General Offices.

first elected to the South Portland Council in 1958. During his first term he has served as Chairman of the South Portland Board of Assessors, the Committee on streets, lights and public buildings, and the committee on public relations and industrial development.

Flynn also is treasurer of the Railroad Workers' Credit Union and a former president of the Holy Name Society of St. John's Church, South Portland.

Through the Maine Central Messenger I would like to express my thanks to the employees of the Maine Central Railroad Co. for the lovely flowers sent to Cecil's service. The gift and many cards were deeply appreciated, as well as the many acts of kindness and consideration shown Cecil and I during his illness by the Maine Central family.

(Mrs. C. P.) Alice Rickards

Repairs, Modifications Keep Shops Forces On The Jump At Waterville

The Waterville Shops are busy these days with a variety of repair and modification projects, all aimed at increased efficiency and improvement of service. Here's at least a partial list of what's in the works:

Working in advance of what the almanacs tell us will be a long, hard winter, the Shopsmen have completely rebuilt No. 805, the Jordan spreader, for service when the expected snow piles up in just a few weeks. Purchased in 1920, the unit has undergone modifications or repairs once every ten years since 1941. This year, the job started at the underframe.

Three of 10 flat cars purchased from the Marshall Railway Equipment Co., in Scranton, Pa., have arrived in Waterville, and work is in progress to convert them for transportation of slabwood. The job includes installation of 4 x 6 cross pieces and steel side stakes. This purchase brings the MeC slabwood car fleet to a total of 27 units, to be used for hauling slabs from sawmills in Winn, Whitneyville and Woodland to chip plants in Oakland and Steep Falls.

A total of 10 70-ton hoppers have been purchased from the Norfolk and Western Railroad to replace existing MeC 50-ton hoppers that have outworn their usefulness. After shops treatment, the N&W hoppers will be used in coal service.

Three box cars, Nos. 6507, 6551 and 6676, have been insulated with mica pellets, poured between side sheets and inside linings, for use by the Oxford

Paper Co., for transportation of lap wood pulp.

A sliding-sill underframe was installed in MeC 8482 in November as an experiment in the road's continuing efforts to reduce impact damage to paper shipments.

Two more high-side hopper cars were completed for the Androscoggin Corp., and Oakland, and the Oxford Paper Co., at Rumford, in November. Like their predecessors, they'll be used for wood chips.

Three more gondolas of the 17000 series were converted for limerock service in November, with door openings cut in one side to permit unloading with wheeled equipment.

A busy time in Waterville? Sure is, but merely one phase of the Maine Central's year-round effort to provide the best possible service to Maine's industries.



"Gee, Mabel, you gift-wrapped the Christmas bills!"

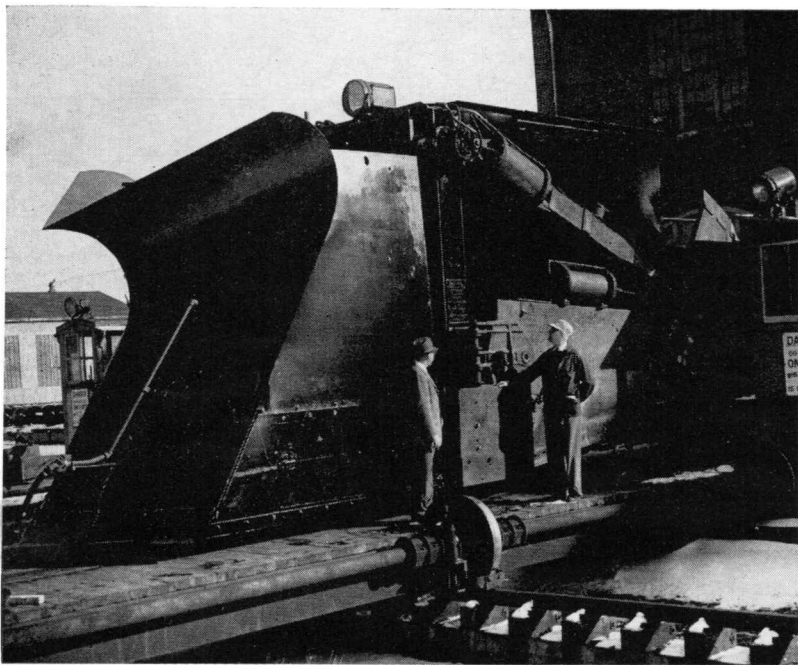
South Portland Re-elects Flynn

Hugh F. Flynn, storekeeper at Rigby, was elected to his second three-year term as a South Portland City Councilor early in December. Flynn, now chairman of the South Portland Council, rolled up a 925-vote margin to defeat his opponent, Dudley C. Dunphe, 1,204 to 279.

A Portland Terminal Co employee for 20 years, Flynn was



Flynn



READY FOR WINTER—No. 805—The Jordan spreader—has been rebuilt for service this winter by the craftsmen at the Waterville Shops. Shown looking over the completed job are George P. Silva, left, Shops superintendent, and Newbert Estabrook, freight shops foreman.

Building Supervisor Cressey Retires

Cleveland B. Cressey, building supervisor, general offices, Portland, retired Nov. 30 after 33 years of Maine Central Service.

A native and resident of Gorham, Cressey joined the Maine Central in 1912 as a clerk-stenographer in the General Manager's office, resigning in 1924. He returned to railroad service ten years later in the real estate and tax department until 1935, when he joined government service as a stenographer for the National Recovery Act Board.

Cressey returned to the Maine Central in 1942 as a stenographer in the General Manager's office. He became employment agent in 1943, building supervisor in 1945, and returned to his stenographer's

post in the General Manager's office in 1946. He became building supervisor in the same year, remaining in this post until his recent retirement.

John E. Murray, mail clerk at the general offices, has assumed the additional duty of building supervisor.

\$730 Pledged in Bangor

A total of \$730 was pledged by Maine Central employees in Bangor during the recent Bangor-Brewer Community Chest campaign, nearly twice last year's contribution.

Company chairman R. L. Spaulding said the Bangor Engine House employees, the enginemen and firemen led all departments with a total pledge of \$458, an increase of \$184 over the amount pledged in 1960. Laurence Severance was the high department's solicitor.

Farrens of Washington County Boast Nearly 200 Years With MeC

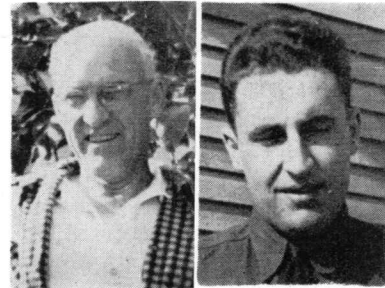
It's been said that railroading is a family business, and nowhere on the Maine Central is this so apparent as with the Farrens of Washington County. The railroading Farrens include five active or retired Maine Central employees with combined service of nearly 200 years.

The eldest is Walter M. Farren, 80, who entered service as a trackman at Cherryfield nearly 60 years ago. He was a section foreman at Unionville, then at Oakland, and in 1937 became a crossing tender at Oakland. He retired in 1954.

His brother, Roy E. Farren, Sr., became a trackman at Cherryfield in 1917, was promoted to

The fourth brother, Maynard V. Farren, has been a Portland Division operator since July, 1922, and lives at Colley Hill, Gray.

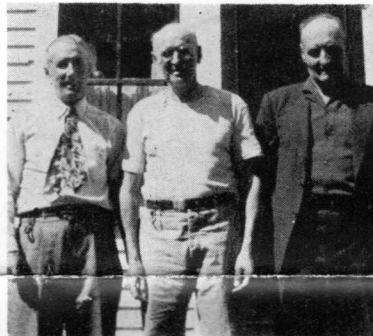
A fifth member of the railroading family is Roy E. Farren, Jr., who began his railroad service as



Maynard

Roy, Jr.

a porter at Ellsworth in July, 1942. He left for war service, and returned in 1946 to become an operator at Bangor. He has served as relief operator and agent in several Eastern Division points, and now is agent at Cherryfield.



Joel, Walter and Roy, Sr.

track foreman in 1921, and remained on the job until his retirement in 1959.

Another brother, Joel P. Farren, became a trackman at Unionville in 1920, fence foreman in Calais nine years later, and a trackman at Calais in 1931. He served as a motor patrolman in Calais from 1934 to 1953, and has been working as a trackman since then.



By Jerry Shea

For the first time, we are able to report the results of Waterville Bowling League. We knew that they must have been organized every year but never could get a word out of them until the championship roll-off. Thanks to Ted Jewett, Carman, Waterville Shop, we will be able to keep an eye on them and know what to expect next April 28th at the tourney.

They made up the teams from last year's averages, and utilize team handicap system, using $\frac{3}{4}$ difference of the total between the two teams bowling. They have six 4-man teams that bowl on Monday nights at 6 p.m. at the Metro Alleys, Main street, Waterville.

High average at the end of November was held by Ted Jewett with 101.4, with Don Priest, Machinist, the only other fellow to average over a hundred with a 100.1. High three string records for the year are held by Bernard Ladd, Laborer, 327; Alfred Dunton, Laborer, 325; Ted Jewett, 324; High single strings so far are by Ted Jewett with 149; George Moreau, Laborer, 128; and Kenneth Snow, Clerk, 124.

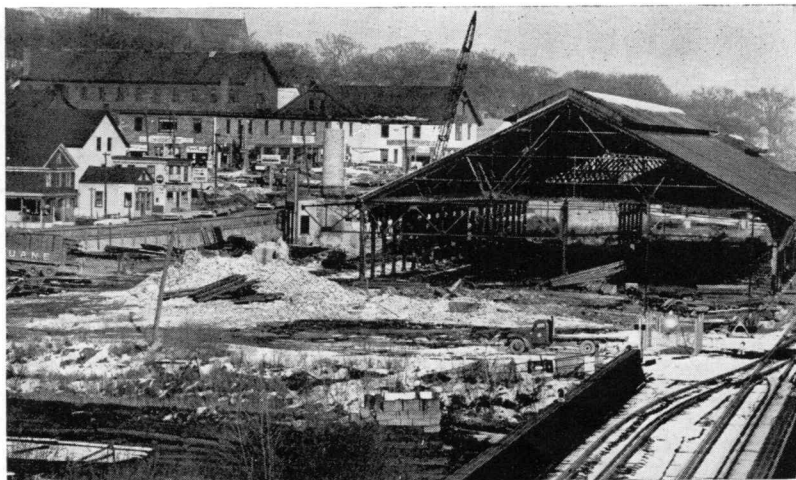
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CLEVE CRESSEY HONORED—Fellow employees gathered in late November to honor Cleveland B. Cressey, general offices building supervisor, on his final day of work. He was presented a purse of money by Roy E. Baker, general manager. Left to right are E. D. Westcott, J. E. Hamilton, C. R. Ball, W. E. Pierce, Mrs. Ruth Christianson, J. D. Rourke, Mrs. Kathryn McMulkin, H. N. Tukey, R. E. Baker, Mrs. Amy Westcott, C. B. Cressey, A. N. Tupper, Mrs. Judy Connors, Miss Donna O'Bryan, Carl Bruns, R. F. Dole, B. B. Braasch and Clyde Gary.



CONFER DEGREE IN LEWISTON—Members of the Trowel Club Degree Team, all employees of the Maine Central and the Portland Terminal Co., in Portland, conferred the 3rd Masonic Degree Dec. 4 at Ashlar Lodge, A.F. & A.M. in Lewiston. Left to right, Charles Chamberlain, signal department; George E. Ellis, assistant comptroller, auditor revenue; Al Kennedy, engineering department; Archibald M. Knowles, general counsel; Peter Beckwith, bridge and building department; Robert Woodill, real estate representative; George Stanley, auditor revenue office; Carl Baldwin, assistant auditor revenue; Thurlow Woodbury, traveling auditor; Roydon Cote, chief rate clerk, freight traffic department; and Willard Derrah, crane operator.



BANGOR UNION STATION WAS HERE—Wreckers have completed the job of demolishing Bangor Union Station to make space for a shopping center. All that remains is the big train shed, which tentative plans indicate will be used as a warehouse.

Clerks Plan Joint Installation At Valle's Saturday Jan. 13

The eleventh annual Joint Installation of Officers of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees will be held Saturday evening, January 13, at Valle's Charterhouse Motel, Brighton avenue, Portland. Officers from Lodges 152, 374, and 2243 will be installed by the General Chairmen of the Railway Clerks and Railway Express Agency.

The festivities will start with a social hour at 5:15 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the "Executive Room South and Executive Room North."

Governor John Reed and Mrs. Reed have been invited as special guests. Invitations have also been extended to Railroad President E. Spencer Miller and Mrs. Miller; Joseph Connor, General Chairman of the Clerks, and Mrs. Connor, of Boston; Oscar Dederian, General Secretary-Treasurer of the Clerks, and Mrs. Dederian; George W. Hurley, General Chairman, Railway Express Agency, and Mrs. Hurley; R. Francis Jenkins, Local Superintendent, Railway Express Agency, and Mrs. Jenkins; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. McMulkin of the Maine Central General Manager's Office. Rabbi Sky of Portland is expected to give the invocation.

Following installation ceremonies, there will be dancing until midnight.

Railroad to Assist Santa Claus Again

The Maine Central Railroad will assist Santa Claus by helping to deliver an average of more than 30 pieces of Christmas mail for every man, woman and child in Maine before the holiday.

The figure, based on a Post Office Department estimate, represents a 10 percent increase over the Maine Central's 1960 Christmas mail avalanche of 411,423 packages, pouches and sacks.

Thomas E. McMulkin, Maine Central supervisor of U.S. Mail traffic, said the Christmas mail buildup already has begun and will reach its peak about December 19, six days before Christmas.

Next to the Portland Post Office, the Commercial street mail terminal of the Maine Central Railroad and Portland Terminal Company will be the busiest spot in Maine until the Christmas rush is over. Preparations have been in progress since early summer to assure quick handling of all mail, with extra rail and highway equipment available to expedite it during the expected pre-Christmas peak.

The Association of American Railroads says that more than 6,250,000,000 greeting cards and

Honored at Retirement

Parker G. Black, Sr., of Milford, a Maine Central employee for 43 years, was honored by

gift packages will be delivered by the nation's railroads this season. This task will require use of more than 62,000 standard-size mail cars, each 60 feet long. The railroads also will transport thousands of cars of express and holiday merchandise freight.

friends and associates at a retirement party in November. Black has been a section foreman in Milford since 1942. He was first employed by the MeC in Lincoln, and has served in Lambert Lake, and in Brewer.

Track Supervisor Carl Davis of Bangor presented a purse of money to Black as a retirement gift. The event was arranged by co-workers Alden Davis of Milford and Wallace Pooler of Bangor.



SANTA'S ASSISTANT—Mrs. Fred Snowman, wife of the Maine Central's chief clerk and cashier at Rockland, is extremely popular with her neighborhood's younger set at this time of year. She keeps her cookie jar filled with such items as these flavorsome St. Nick confections, and word spreads rapidly when a new batch comes from the oven. She says she makes about 12 dozen of these iced cookies every Christmas season.



The Grapevine



SHOPPING EARLY—Arthur Edwards, Royden Cote and Bob Engelhardt look over gifts at a Portland store when there were still plenty of shopping days left before Christmas. Arthur and Bob are employed in Data Processing, Roy Cote in the freight traffic department, General Offices, Portland.

GENERAL OFFICES

Larry Smyth of Purchasing Department is awaiting delivery on a new black Chevy II.

Bob Engelhardt of Data Processing won one of six ducks raffled off by Clyde Bailey.

Arthur Edwards, Clyde Luce, and Bob Rounds are real golf enthusiasts—they played at Arundel Country Club on November 18 in freezing temperatures.

John Murray of the Mail Room spent a pre-holiday weekend in New York City.

Two gals in Data Processing can attest to the fact that the age of chivalry is not dead: Carmel Robichaud received assistance in parking her new Chevrolet near the General Office from one of the gentlemen employed by the Maine Central, and Marion Adler, who discovered a flat tire on her car on the same rainy day, was helped by another Maine Central gentleman who changed the tire for her. Too bad the fellows are so modest about being thanked—they preferred to remain anonymous.

Clifford Hawkes, general accountant, is back at work after several hospitalizations.

Paul Mahany took a recent trip to Boston, and says he became lost trying to get out of the big city, but soon found his way back to Maine.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Cecil Rickards, telegrapher, who died in November. Sympathy is also given to Lena Hodges, secretary to the Comptroller, on the death of her sister during the same month.

Ernestine and Stephen Miller spent the Thanksgiving Holiday at North Whitefield, at the home of Stephen's sister and husband. They also spent a weekend at Hartland and Pittsfield.

Mrs. Rosemary McDonough and husband, Martin, will have as Christmas guests a family party consisting

of Roberta McDonough; Mr. and Mrs. John J. McDonough of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dimick of Augusta, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Connolly and daughter, Dorothy; Mr. John O'Connor; Thomas McDonough and fiancée, Jean Vanier; and Mrs. McDonough's father, William E. Maloney.

Forest Ryder of Freight Traffic and his wife are very proud of a new daughter named Kimberly.

Charles Anderson, Clerk-Messenger in Auditor Disbursements Office, just returned from a hunting trip in Northern Maine. No luck, reports Charlie.

Edith Goodwin, Clerk, A.D. Office—has enjoyed her annual visit with her son and family in So. Carolina.

Ralph W. Libby was honored by his office associates with gifts on his recent promotion to the Freight Traffic Department.

John Snell took care of his gladioli garden on his recent vacation. In the spring he plants, and in the fall he digs up his multiple bulbs.

Fred Jordan is off on a late-season vacation to New York.

Bill Welch is now a home owner—moved into a brand new house on Massachusetts avenue this past month.

Willie Brownell is taking a late vacation painting his house and doing interior decorating.

Sympathy is being extended to the wife of Bob Clarke on the recent death of her mother.



Retired Conductor and Mrs. John Jordan are building a new home on Keswick road, South Portland.

John Keating Jr., and the Mrs. with Glen and Mrs. Morrell, made a

trip to New York for a few days recently.

Sympathy is extended to Retired Portland Terminal Conductor James A. Riley, on the recent death of his wife.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late retired conductor, Frank Harrington.

Sympathy also is extended to the family of Retired Portland Terminal blacksmith, Eli Roma, who died Nov. 6, and to retired Maine Central Traveling Auditor, Willis Elliott on the death of his wife, Nov. 7.

Mrs. Emile Morin, wife of Trainman Morin, has been a patient at the Maine Medical Center. Emile's mother also was hospitalized recently.

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Adam Dumas who died, Nov. 9. He was employed at Union Station for many years.

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Mrs. Walter Straw, who died, Nov. 14. She was the widow of Walter Straw, a Maine Central Engineman.

Mrs. Joseph Malia, wife of the Retired Engineman, was a recent patient at the Mercy Hospital, for medical observation.

RIGBY

Thanks to those who inquired about the absence of Rigby News in our November issue, showing their interest in the monthly periodical. The answer is vacation, but here's the Rigby News for December.

Bridget Nally, wife of retired worker Patrick Nally, and mother of Machinist Helper John Nally, died early in the month. A floral tribute was sent to the funeral services.

General Foreman Malcolm Billington has a new "Chevy."

Former Carpenter Samuel Austin, of the B. and B. crew, died recently after a long illness.

Machinist Edwin Temm was involved in a three-car accident which occurred on the Veterans' Bridge, while on his way to work. No personal injuries.

Boilermaker John Geary was out sick with a lame back for at least a week.

Laborer Joseph Cribby returned to work after undergoing a double operation.

Work on the new heating plant at Rigby is progressing on schedule, by The Fels Company, under the supervision of Herman Rhoda.

The deer hunters were the last to take their vacations. Lucky hunters included Stores Department worker Charles Whitten, Electrician Walter Emery, 3rd trick Foreman, Charles Tetreault, Henry Beckwith, B. and B. Crew, and Carman Lyle Doer.

William Pettepaw, former boiler-maker and Crane Operator at the old Wheel Shop, Michael Wallace, visited the shop recently. "Bill", who has been retired for 17 years and over 80 years of age, had just passed his drivers test the day before his visit here. He never has had to wear glasses, and passes a near-perfect eye-test.

Eli Roma, former worker in various crafts, died recently. A floral tribute

was sent to the funeral services.

Clerk John Welch has had a bout with the "flu", but is back on the job.

Clerk Elmer Rounds is still out sick, and at this date was convalescing at his home in Scarborough.

Laborer Raymond Bailey died suddenly during the month, due to a heart condition. A floral tribute was sent to the funeral services.

Mrs. George Weeks, wife of Machinist George Weeks, died recently after a short illness. A floral tribute was sent to the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Briggs, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parker of Glenn, N. H., visited Guy's son recently at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Former General Foreman Roscoe Woodrow was a recent Shop visitor. He was connected with the B. and B. Crew.

Carmen Carl Carter, Donald Perkins, Earle Jones, and "Mike" Campbell went on a hunting trip to Washington County. No deer were shot.

Carmen George Colton and Howard Harriman have traded cars.

Carman Foreman Jerome Berry has taken his pension, Edward Montgomery has been appointed in his place, with William Bean as Relief Foreman.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY — Barbara Goodwin, daughter of Machinist's Helper Milfred Goodwin, Rigby, observed her 17th birthday November 16.

Carman Wayne Twombly has remodeled his old heating plant, as well as other work performed on his home.

Word has been received that Carman LaBerge's son has been chosen as a member of the color guard, a distinct honor in his Army unit.

Carman Merle Cook took his annual hunting trip, but had no luck this year.

Electrician Albert B. Wetmore, Jr., is sporting a new Comet station wagon.

TRAIN CREWS

Conductors Roy Garland and Marshall Pratt had retired conductors Walter Stimpson and Harold Card as their guests at their camp in Aurora during the recent hunting season.

Trainman Adrian Daigle has bought a new "Olds 88" and kept his old car for back and forth to work.

Yard Conductor Harry Card is in serious condition at this writing. We all wish for a speedy recovery.

Sympathy is extended to the family of retired engineer Irvin Durand who passed away at the Veterans Hospital at Togus.

A little belated, but Trainmen John O'Connor and Rodney MacLearn both have traded for new Chevys.

Conductor "Bill" Gallison had a new modern bathroom installed in his home for his wife's birthday. Mrs. Gallison was very pleased with his very fine gift.

Trainman Stanley Mattatall and his family took their annual hunting trip to Machias. No reports on the luck.

Enjoyed meeting "Al" Atkins, "Andy" Anderson and "Ike" Hooper, all of the Rockland area, while running into that town recently. All wish to be remembered to the boys.

Trainman and Mrs. Stanton Cloutier have moved to St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Their home at Standish is being offered for sale.

Trainman Hilding Gleason had a damaging fire in his new home recently.

Trainman Allen Edwards is convalescing from a broken ankle suffered while on a work train at Brunswick.

Also off because of a wrist injury is Conductor "Bob" Seymour when his feet got caught in a wire loop recently at Burnham Junction.

Trainman Donald Peterson is off duty because of a leg ailment.

Trainman Ralph Poore has bought a new gun. He missed many shots last year and this year also, so maybe its more than the gun.

Mrs. Millard Grant, wife of Engineer Grant, got herself a nice big buck deer the first of the season. Seems this happened before a few seasons back when she beat out the rest of the family.

It has been reported to me that retired Engineer Harry McAllister is in need of blood for weekly transfusions and anyone in the Waterville area who would like to contribute would be greatly appreciated by his family.

Conductor Robert Seymour visited with retired Conductor Albert Bouchard at his hunting camp at Houghton. He wishes to be remembered to his many friends and is feeling fine.

We wish to offer condolences to the family of Yard Conductor "Pat" Ridge who passed away at a Maryland Hospital after a long illness.

Sympathy is extended to the family of former dispatcher Rickards who passed away the last part of November.

LEWISTON

Retired Engineer Elmer Grant was a recent visitor at the Lewiston Freight Office and looked to be in real good health.

Operator Charlie Richardson of Livermore Falls has taken the job at Lewiston. Welcome aboard, Charlie, nice having you with us. At the same time, best wishes and a speedy recovery to Operator Gene Soychak, still on the sick list.

Much has been said about hunting, boasts have been made concerning guns, hunting camps, etc., but thus far only Truck Driver Aime Roy has brought back a victim: a lovely buck! It seems to us that Aime was the first successful hunter last year, too.

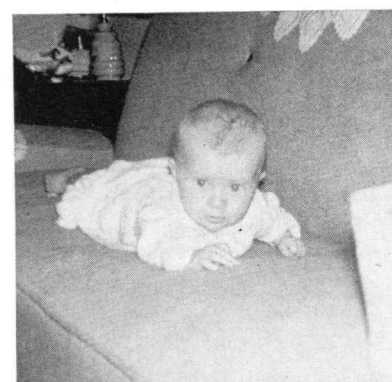
Yard Conductor Leo Bouffard spent a weekend at Coburn Gore recently,

but with little success. Leo assures us he will bring one back before the season ends.

Yard brakeman Charlie LaFlamme has been quite active of late assisting the Oblate Fathers at their Augusta Retreat House. Any employees seeking information concerning retreats may reach Charlie at the Lewiston Yard Office.

The ten-inch snowfall just before Thanksgiving Day certainly gave our travelling employees their share of headaches. Those of us marching about the yard in it went home at night with a few aches and pains. Nothing like it to keep the weight down and the appetite up.

Retired Car Clerk Fred Benson is a frequent visitor at the Lewiston Lower Engine House. Probably checking up on the crews of No. 327 and No. 328.



OFF THE OLD BLOCK—Wendy Sue Humphrey, three months, is the granddaughter of Engineer and Mrs. Earl Humphrey of Woodland.

AUGUSTA

Mrs. Athie Bryant, clerk, Augusta Freight Office, recently purchased a plot of land in Winthrop, where she plans to move her trailer next spring. Athie's trailer is now located in the Hay Ridge section of East Winthrop.

Ralph Tracy, G. A., enjoyed his vacation deer hunting. No report of any luck at this writing.

Hunters who recently were on vacation are H. L. Rodrigue, cashier; Wilbrod Audet, freight handler, and Millard Tracy section foreman.

Mike Spencer, section foreman, Brunswick, is flagman at Augusta for a sewer construction job which necessitates passing of line under tracks in lower yard.

Burleigh Foster, checker, recently became a member of the Augusta Auxiliary Police Dept. Burleigh was a member of the Augusta Police Dept. before employed by the MeC.

WATERVILLE SHOPS

Retired Foreman Percy Brown recently had his two-week old car clobbered in the side causing some \$250 damage.

Carman Newman Taber has recently traded and has a new Chevrolet 4-door.

Retired Laborer Charles Nichols died October 24 after a long illness at his home in Benton. During his working career here at the Shops he had been an active Unionist. He was 71. Among bearers were Foremen A. L. Johnson and Newbert Estabrook, also Clerk Ralph Barton.

Machinist Sid Hamlin has recently been hospitalized.

Machinist Lauris Varney has been a patient at the Maine Medical Cen-

ter for treatment of meningitis. He has made good recovery and should be back to work as this is read.

Furloughed Carman Helper Ken Richardson recently shot a nice buck that dressed some 220 lbs.

Stenog Fabiola Tardiffe has been a recent patient in a local hospital and her position has been covered by Marjorie Armstrong.

Yard Lead Man Bill Leeman has applied for the pension after some 25 years service.

Carman Welder Curt Orchard has been in the sick bay for some time with pneumonia.

A recent visitor at the Shops has been retired Carman Clarence Garfield. He has recently built a new house in Florida and will make it his permanent home.

Carman Helper Ike Walker has been a surgical patient at the Sisters.

Miss Betty Boucher, daughter of Millman and Mrs. Dick Boucher, has enlisted in the Womens Army Corps and is receiving Basic Training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

Checker Roland Dorval has been at the Veterans Facility, Togus, for a check-up.

Another lucky deer hunter is Tractor Driver Paul Fletcher, with a doe.

Yard Laborers Ormand Stevens and Cliff St. Peter have been patients in local hospitals recently.

Retired Machinist Helper Bob Fletcher, 76, is a surgical patient at a local hospital.

Piper Jim McGregor of the Maintenance Pipers is on sick leave, and Hugh Gleason, who has been furloughed, has been recalled to the crew. Piper Joe McKenney has returned from Bangor and Gleason will work the Bangor job.

A new son was born at the Thayer November 9 to Tractor Driver and Mrs. Reginald Ellis. He weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz., and is named Reggie the third.

Carmen George Colford and Earl Burgess are patients in a local hospital.

The Major is seriously considering giving driver training lessons since the Ex No. 1 truck driver has become known as the Swamp Angel.

Piper Verne Barr died recently at the age of 44. He had been in ill health for a long time. Bearers were co-workers from the Machine Shop.

Assistant Superintendent Alden Finnimore has returned from Norfolk and Western Shops in Virginia where he, along with Car Superintendent J. D. Rourke, have been inspecting



WITH STEAM AT WINTHROP—John J. Keating, Sr., now conductor of the "Veterans'" column, sent along this snap of a crew at Winthrop in the days of steam. Left to right, Harold Bryant, fireman; Herbert Campbell, engineman; Jim Hayes, Jim Kelley, Walter Driscoll and Harris Strout, conductor.

70 ton hopper cars for possible Maine Central use as grain and chip cars.

General Foreman N. B. Estabrook has recently been bestowed with a new title, that of Master Spreader Builder, as a result of an excellent job done in repairing a Jordan Spreader from the trucks up. If the writer may vouchsafe an opinion, we would say that a third of the title was superfluous.

WATERVILLE YARDS

Ray Coulombre has traded his 1958 Chevy station wagon for a 1961 Chevy station wagon.

Maurice Thorne attended a funeral in Portland recently.

Quite a few sectionmen have been vacationing in November in order to go hunting. Ed Veilleux bagged a big black bear in Jackman and may possibly win a prize up there for the bear.

Leo St. Pierre was a successful deer hunter bagging a 125-lb. spikehorn.

Dick Fecteau and his wife attended a christening in Massachusetts recently. Dick notes that at Massachusetts christenings they have real big parties.

VANCEBORO

Vacation time is just about over and now we must settle down to the long winter ahead, but we can all look back with pleasant memories of vacations. Vanceboro Section Crew, J. H. Little, Foreman; O. Carey and W. Varney recently were on vacation, also the Lambert Lake Section Crew, M. L. Raye, Foreman and R. E. Beers.

Freight and Yard Clerk L. G. Gatcomb, with his wife, visited their son and family at Pontiac, Mich., during his vacation.

Freight and Yard Clerk C. W. Beers and wife were on vacation in Canada recently.

Yard Brakeman P. J. McIver can do some boasting—he's the only one around the station who has shot a deer, so far as I have heard.

It's good to see the Heater Plant Crew back on the job: Jake Trafton, Merrill Hilchey, Clarence Monk and Phil McIver.

Congratulations are in order for Freight Clerk M. M. Beers and wife, Georgia, on the birth of a daughter.

Scoreboard—from page 5)

Continuing with last month's issue here's another tip for better enjoyment of this game called bowling. Don't attempt to deliver the ball at the same time as the bowler on the adjoining alley. If you are both ready to bowl at the same time, the bowler on the right should be accorded the privilege of bowling first. After delivering the ball, use only the width of your alley for any "contortions" or "body english" in which you may wish to indulge. Don't talk to a bowler while he is delivering his ball. You can have loads of fun bowling, but do your talking or riding at the proper time.

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I haven't heard of too many fellows having any luck chasing the elusive white-tail deer. Every year come first of November these animals apparently disappear from the face of the earth. Two of the successful hunters reported to me are Dick Seavey, Chief Clerk, NH RR, who got a six-point Buck, the first of his hunting experience at North Sebago. Charlie Whitten, Car Shop, Rigby, got a small doe at Upton.

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Bill Manning, Car Accounting, is the first one of the General Office Men's League to purchase his own bowling balls. He has raised his average from 81 to 89 in the four weeks he used them. With Christmas coming up you wives could always buy the one and only a pair of bowling shoes and carrying bag that cost around eight to ten dollars. Bowling balls go a little higher, a set of three with bag goes between \$25 and \$30.

In the General Office Men's League, Sammy Cavallaro is still leading the fellows with his 105 average. Other top bowlers are Jerry Shea, 104; John Tracy, 103; Dick Coggins, 101; and Joe Coombs, 100. Team No. 5 captained by George Ellis, George Stanley, Wake McGorrill, John Foley, Chet Robie and Ray Williams still hold high team single with 539 and high three with 1536. Bill Brownell lost his high individual single to Joe Coombs who hit 138 November 21st. Bill also lost his high three to Jerry Shea who had strings of 119, 119 and 121 on November 14th. Jerry had 10 spares for 67 extra pins and two strikes for 19 extra on his way to 359.

After one-third of the season is over, Team No. 2 lead the league with a 33 won and 17 lost record. Followed closely by Team No. 6 two wins behind and Team No. 10 four behind leaders. The rest of the teams are still

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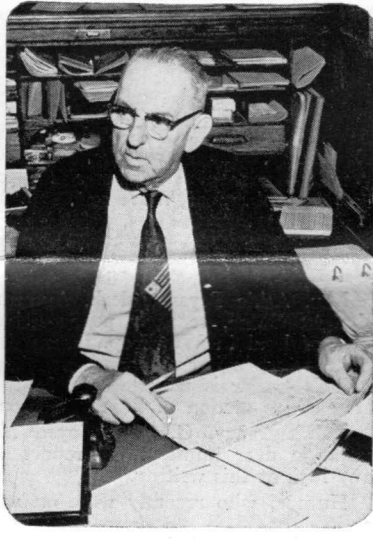
Mrs. Marjory Armstrong, typist, Waterville.



Ralston Armstrong, stores clerk, Waterville



Charles O. Huntington, crossing tender, Portland



William D. Fardy, agent, Deering Jct.

bunched within eight wins of third place. John Tracy captains the leaders with help from Tony Notis, Herbert Sullivan, Lennie MacDowell, Dick Esty and Bill Manning.

Richard F. Dole, Jr., Weds In Ithaca N.Y.

Richard F. Dole, Jr., son of MeC Mechanical Engineer and Mrs. Richard F. Dole, South Portland, was married to Linda Ann Ingalls of Flossmoor, Ill., in November at Ithaca, N.Y. The ceremony was performed in the First Congregational Church.

Dole is a graduate of Bates College and Cornell Law School, and is now working toward his Master's degree at Cornell. His bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Ingalls of Flossmoor, is a graduate of Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. They are residing in Ithaca.

BRT Auxiliary Installs Dec. 19

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Evangeline Lodge No. 146, will hold annual installation of officers at the regular meeting, Tuesday, December 19, at their new headquarters, the Dorothy Mason Studios, 415 Cumberland Avenue, Portland. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Officers to be installed for 1962 are:

Past President, Dorothy Massengale; President, Norma Kennedy; Vice-President, Blanche Coffey; Secretary, Ernestine Miller; Treasurer, Euphrasia Kilmartin; Chaplain, Gladys Roles; Inner Guard, Minnie Clark; Outer Guard, Florence Biladeau; Warden, Esther Larsen; Conduress, Marion Libby; Delegate, Minnie Clark; Alternate Delegate, Euphrasia Kilmartin; Pianist, Gladys King.

A social time will also be held, with exchange of dollar Christmas gifts, and refreshments will be served.

Retirements

Lloyd E. Libby, trackman, Waterville, October 30. William M. Lee-man, stores laborer, Waterville, October 31. Jerome G. Berry, foreman, Rigby, November 4. George C. Springer, yard conductor, Rigby, November 4. Parker G. Black, section foreman, Milford, November 10. Edmond A. Ouellette, crossing tender, Auburn, November 15. Harvey R. Fillmore, section foreman, Hartland, November 14. Harry B. Maxcy, locomotive engineer, Portland, November 22. Healy J. Dall, crossing tender, Orono, November 25. Louis W. Dougherty, carpenter, Brewer, November 24. Cleveland B. Cressey, building superintendent, Portland, November 30. Sherwin R. Forbus, locomotive engineer, Portland, December 1. Charles E. Johnston, crossing tender, Milford, December 2.

Deaths

Raymond Bailey, laborer, Rigby, November 10. Leroy L. Stoddard, jr., trackman, Eaton, November 9. Vernon C. Barr, sheet metal worker, Waterville, November 16. Cecil P. Rickards, car distributor, Portland, November 22. Melvin E. Tracy, yardman, Bangor, November 24. Patrick F. Ridge, retired yard brakeman, Portland, November 19. James E. Bennett, retired trackman, New Gloucester, November 23.

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