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GOP Leaders Rap Truck Size Bills

Maine Republican spokesmen have added their voices to the opposition recorded by the state's largest newspapers and the Maine Automobile Association over the manner by which larger and heavier trucks were legalized by the 102nd Maine Legislature.

In mid-June, only a few days after adjournment, Rep. David J. Kennedy of Milbridge, minority leader, voiced strong criticism of the 102nd's record, charging that it "will force the people of Maine to assume an additional tax burden of 30 to 35 million dollars to finance the built-in costs of the next biennium."

He listed increased truck sizes as one factor.

"Only time will tell," he said, "how much damage to our secondary highways is going to result from the wholesale passage of bills to allow bigger and heavier trucks on these roads."

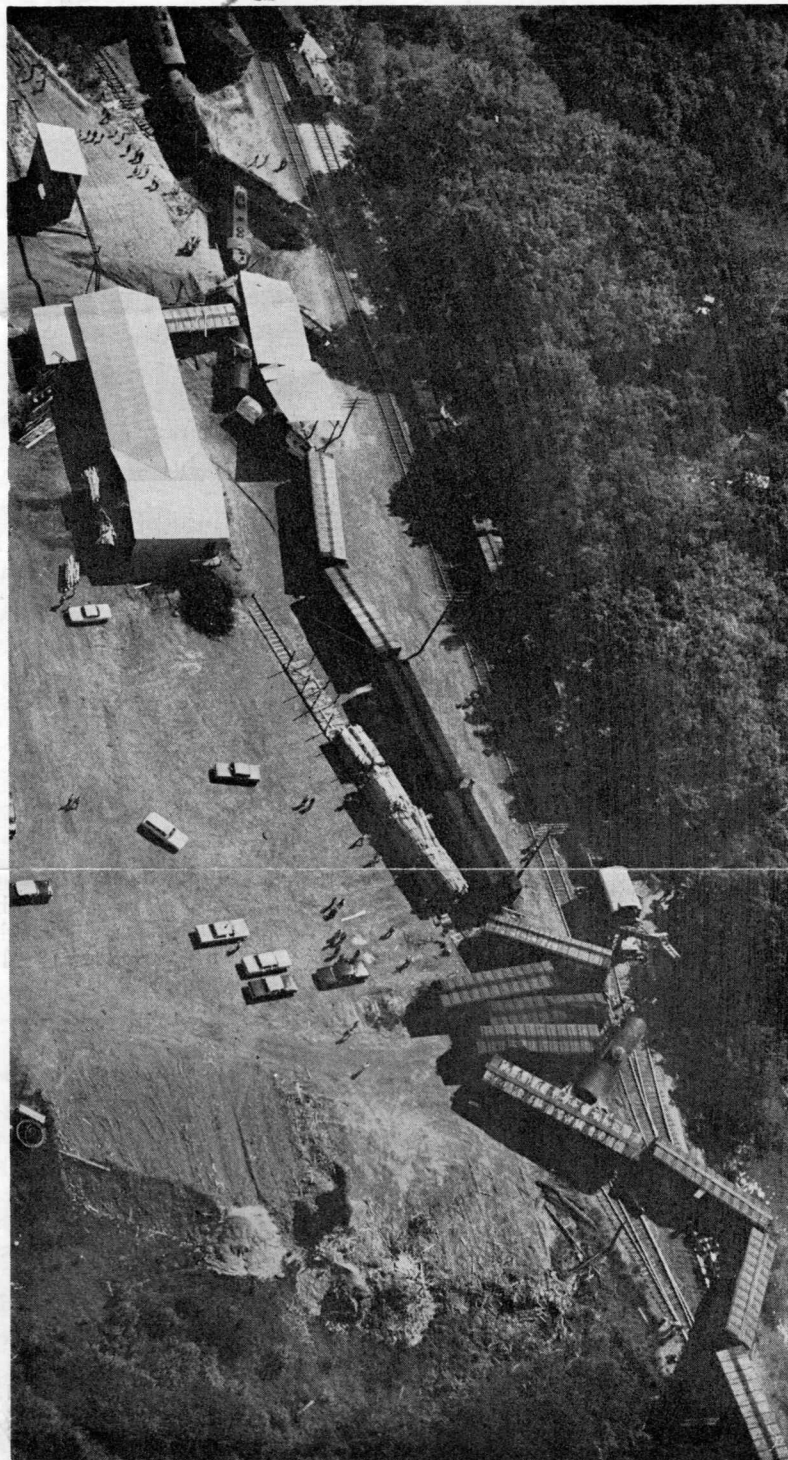
A similar comment was included in a summary of the 102nd Legislature's accomplishments written a few days later by Henry A. Magnuson, public relations director of the GOP State Committee.

"The Democrats," Magnuson wrote, "should have difficulty in obtaining wide support for x x x the unprecedented passage of bills to increase the size and weight of trucks on our secondary roads, accomplished largely through the leadership device of referring various proposals to three separate committees so that no committee could get a comprehensive picture of what was going on, and therefore, the whole Legislature lacked a sense of proportion in this area."

Special Trains Carry 2,000 Campers

Nearly 2,000 youngsters, bright-eyed with the prospects of the summer in Maine, arrived in the Pine Tree State aboard two special trains made up of 56 sleeping cars that arrived in Portland Wednesday and Thursday mornings, June 30 and July 1.

About half the campers left the trains at Portland and continued their journey to Sebago-area and other western Maine vacation



Probers Believe Vandals Caused Oakland Wreck

An investigation that began within hours after four locomotives and 33 cars of a Maine Central train were derailed at Oakland June 11 has led authorities to the conclusion that the wreck was caused by one or more persons with malicious intent.

The 142-car train, RB-1, went through an open switch near the Oakland chip plant of the Androscoggin Corporation about 9:30 p.m. The locomotives crashed into chip hopper cars on the loading track and were derailed, along with 20 of the cars immediately behind them. A total of 13 other cars, a mile back, also were derailed.

The train crew escaped with minor injuries.

The chip plant loading shelter and a building housing the chipping machinery were damaged.

Investigators found the main-line switch had been unlocked and thrown.

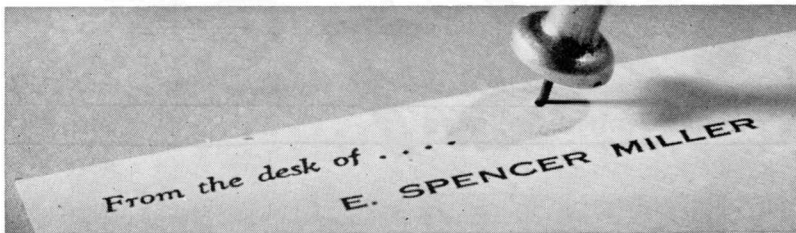
A \$5,000 reward offered by the Company for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for throwing these switches has not been claimed.

The laws applying to crimes of this type show that state and federal penalties for destruction of railroad property and endangering the lives of train crews are drastic.

A Maine statute provides: "Whoever willfully and maliciously displaces a switch or rail, disturbs, injures or destroys any part of an engine, car, signal, track or bridge of any railroad, or places an obstruction thereon with intent that any person or property passing on the same should be thereby injured, and human life is thereby destroyed, is guilty of murder and shall be punished accordingly. If human life is thereby endangered and not destroyed or if property is injured, he shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 10 years."

Maximum penalty under the laws of the United States involve a \$10,000 fine plus 20 years imprisonment in a federal penitentiary.

OAKLAND TRAGEDY — This aerial view, by Howard N. Gray, General Manager, Waterville Sentinel and Vice President, Gannett Publishing Co., shows only part of the damage caused when RB-1 went through an open switch at the Oakland plant of the Androscoggin Corporation June 11. Miraculously, the train crew escaped with minor injuries despite serious damage to locomotives and 33 cars. Also damaged were facilities of the chip plant. It was one of the worst accidents in recent MeC history, and on investigation shows it was caused by a person or persons who meant to wreck the train.



TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

In the Book of Genesis, Chapter 4, Verse 9, it is written: "And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?"



We all know the answer to that question. We have learned it in school, in church and from our parents, but human beings have many faults and one of the commonest is forgetfulness. Each of us tends in his daily tasks to be less than responsive to the full concept of being his brother's keeper. That concept has particular application in the field of railroading where a special fraternal feeling should and does exist in work which is often hazardous and where the actions of each individual can so closely affect and influence the safety and the financial well-being of the fellow employee.

Those of us in any way engaged in operations, in maintenance or in work which indirectly affects either must constantly be on guard to do our jobs in workmanlike manner. It is not sufficient for each of us to look after our own welfare and our own safety. We must constantly be alert to see to it that through no act of negligence do we imperil another. Positively we should constantly be aware of the danger to all in service and be prepared to help and prevent injury.

Necessity for the overall attitude runs also to other fields. Each of us is interested in preserving his own job security but he should be hardly less interested in conducting his work in the direction of preserving the security of others; to be specific, the last men on the rosters. The world of transportation is fiercely competitive. The careful handling of lading breeds customer satisfaction and good will toward the railroad, tending to increase its use. Every additional ton which we handle betters the prospects for job security and increased employment opportunity. Yard and train crews engaged in switching and hauling newsprint and other freight which is especially susceptible to damage should bear these thoughts constantly in mind. Carelessness resulting in abnormal impacts tends to cause loss of business and impairs the welfare of our fellow workers.

As I have recently pointed out in a letter to all employees, soundness in a money sense means simply the difference between the amount of money which we take in and the amount of money which we pay out. Alertness by every employee in the direction of keeping railroad costs to a minimum necessarily increases soundness and improves employment opportunities. If the top man on the roster sees no immediate danger to himself, he should still bear in mind the fact that he is his brother's keeper and that careless and costly acts and unfair claims by him are a violation of the trust which his brother railroaders have a right to expect.

Despite the hazards of certain operating and mechanical positions the Maine Central stands as one of the best places to work in our area. The average annual pay of our employees was 50% greater in 1964 than 10 years previously and railroad retirement and unemployment benefits are far superior to those provided by other industries subject to social security.

Favors and privileges and preferred positions in this life carry their responsibilities and if this favorable employment climate is to continue and to improve (and management is pledging every effort to that end) the responsibilities must be met. Some of these have been outlined above, such as careful conduct in the realms of preventing accidents to fellow employees and damage to our customers' goods and providing the best of service. We also owe it to ourselves and to our fellow workers to give each day the best railroading effort possible; to be honest with ourselves and our company because only through such conduct can we measure up to our brother's keeper and the kind of conduct required to fulfill our obligations.

EDITORIALS

You Can Help

Nothing, as the saying goes, can stop an idea whose time has come.

And the time has come, we believe, for concerted action to impose fair and equitable charges on transportation companies who use public facilities for private profit.

In the background for years, this possibility comes to public attention repeatedly from time to time, then fades again under pressure of strong and wealthy opposition. But now, more and more people are coming to believe that it is not right for private companies—airlines, bargelines and trucking firms—to gain private benefit at public expense.

The last five Presidents of the U.S.—Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy—and now a sixth, President Lyndon B. Johnson—have urged Congress to rectify this situation. The latter has specifically asked Congress to require trucks to pay a fair share of the cost of the Federal Interstate Highway through higher taxes on diesel fuel, tread rubber and on large trucks. Fuel tax increases for barges and airplanes also have been recommended by the President.

A similar movement is under way on the state level in Maine.

Your support, as employees and friends of the Maine Central, can be of great value if expressed to fellow motorists, and to local, state and federal government representatives.

The Terrible Trend

Can you imagine the national uproar that would be caused by 15 to 20 giant ocean liners sinking with all hands, or ten jet airliner crashes every week? It would be considerable, with much grief expressed over the loss of 50,000 lives.

And yet that's the number of people who will die in U.S. highway accidents this year unless the terrible trend is reversed.

We are not helpless, however. At least 75 per cent of the accidents that claim these lives will be blamed on driver errors—mistakes drivers could avoid by not speeding, but not driving recklessly, by obeying the rules of the road, and by yielding the right of way—even when in doubt.



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FRANK WATTS ENDS LONG SERVICE—Frank E. Watts, assistant engineer, valuation, retired June 30 after nearly 51 years of Maine Central service. Friends and fellow workers honored Mr. and Mrs. Watts at a dinner at Vallee's where the above picture was taken. From left, James W. Wiggins, vice president, operations and engineering; Mrs. Watts, Frank Watts, and Charles D. Prentice, chief engineer.

Frank E. Watts Ends Long Career

A veteran railroadman who has dealt with the complicated subject of property valuations for most of his 51-year Maine Central career entered retirement June 30.

Frank E. Watts, assistant engineer, valuation, honored by fellow employees and associates at a Vallee's dinner June 24, says he plans nothing more complicated than "sitting around and taking things easy."

For Frank, this ease and independence has been a long time coming. A native of Pittsburg, N. H., he worked summers for the Maine Central at Beecher Falls and Colebrook as a youth, and became a full-time employee in 1914, two years after graduation from the University of Vermont as a civil engineer. Employed first in the motive power department at Portland, and then in the accounting department, Frank joined the engineering department's valuation section in 1918, just a month after it was organized. In the years that have passed since then, Frank has come to be recognized as an authority in the vital function of keeping accurate track of how much the tracks, bridges, wharves and buildings of the railroad are worth.

Frank and his wife, the former Mildred Shurtleff of West Stewartstown, N. H., were married 51 years ago, and now reside at 18 Exeter street in Portland. They have a summer home at Higgins Beach, which has become the vacation spot for their daughter, Mrs. Floyd Haskell of Houlton, their two grandchildren, and quite recently their great-grandson.



AT HONEYWELL SESSION—A cross-section of officials representing all MeC departments attended a three-day instructional session conducted in June by officials from Honeywell, Inc. manufacturers of the new computer to be installed at the General Offices in the Fall. From left, John F. Gerity, assistant comptroller; Roy Zabierek, education supervisor, Honeywell, Boston; Horace N. Foster, treasurer and comptroller, George H. Ellis, Assistant Comptroller, revenue. Next table, Reid H. Potter, assistant engineer; and John V. Parker, traffic engineer. Visible at rear, Ralph W. Libby, car service agent; Everett K. Goddard, manager, car accounting; and Clifford P. Hawkes, general accountant.

Note of Thanks

I want to express my thanks to all members of the Maine Central and Portland Terminal Company who remembered me so generously. Their kindness is deeply appreciated.

H. J. Bowen,
Burnham

DEATHS

R. F. Dauphinee, trainman, Bangor, June 15.

Patrick J. Foley, clerk, Portland, May 30.

Kenneth S. Leighton, section foreman, Bangor, May 29.

Victor Willette, machinist, Waterville, May 20.

June Savings Bond Drive Results In Modest, But Significant Gain

A gain of two percent in the number of Portland Terminal Company employees participating in the U.S. Savings Bonds payroll deduction plan resulted from the June campaign, according to John F. Gerity, assistant comptroller and company chairman for the drive.

A summary of the results shows that 42 per cent of all Portland Terminal Company employees now participate in the payroll savings program. The Maine Central total is 52 per cent, unchanged since 1964.

A total of 136 MeC employees and 38 PTCO. workers increased

their deductions, however, stepping up their rate of bond purchases.

All Savings Bond payroll savings plan participants are storing up take-home pay that will be substantially increased when they're ready to use it. Investments increase by a third when bonds mature in seven years and nine months.

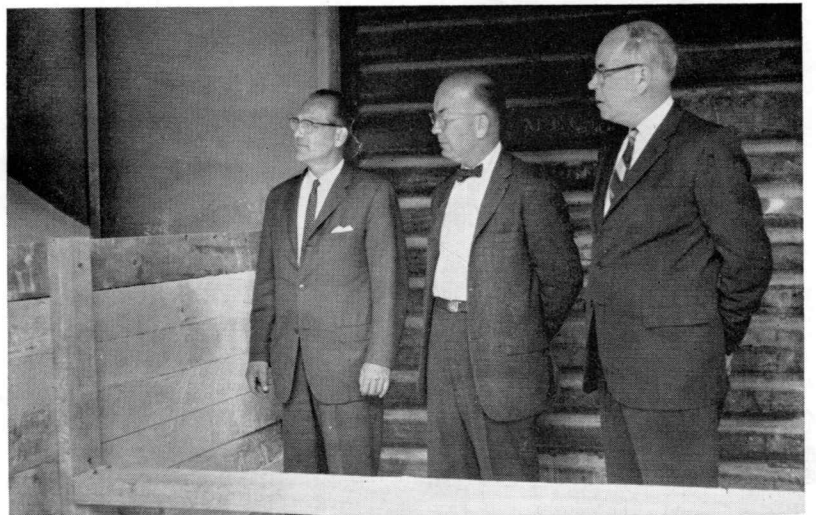
Assisting Gerity as department chairmen for the recent drive were: Mrs. Grace Hoglund, Executive, Legal and Public Relations; L. E. Lamson, Engineering; F. C. Ryder, Freight Traffic; L. D. Smyth, Purchases and Stores; S. J. Conley, Accounting; J. P. Coffin, Mechanical.

Transportation (MeC) J. E. Bouchard and R. G. Wheeler, Eastern Division; T. F. Foley, General Office; C. R. Ball and W. E. Maloy, Portland Division; PTCO., P. H. Coombs and R. W. Williams, Rigby.

Phillips Named To AAR Committee

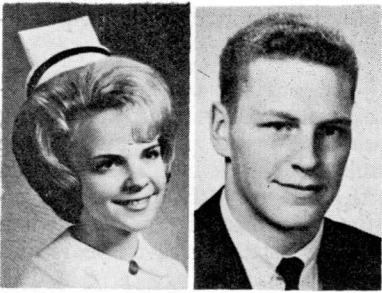
Kenneth W. Phillips, MeC purchasing agent, has been named to the general committee, purchases and Stores Division, Association of American Railroads. His term expires in May, 1971.

The appointment came at a meeting of the AAR purchases and stores division at Chicago last month. During the same month, Phillips was elected as a director of the Maine Purchasing Agent's Association.



INSPECT CLAY CAR—A. A. Staples, raw materials purchasing agent, S. D. Warren Co., Murray Rushmore, Jr., of Moore & Munger, New York, and Wm. J. Berry, Assistant to the Sales Mgr., MeC., inspect a new loading system which boosts capacity of box car newly modified for clay service.

Summer Isn't Long For Youngsters In Too-Brief Respite from Studies

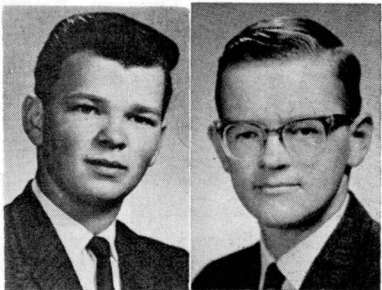


McCarthy

Provencher

Michael J. Provencher, son of Walter J. Provencher, assistant auditor disbursements, reported June 30 to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. A June graduate of Portland High School. Michael was awarded the Brown medal for scholastic achievement, was co-captain of the PHS football squad, a member of the track team and the Key Club. His Annapolis appointment was by Representative Stanley R. Tupper.

Judith D. McCarthy of Wheeling, West Virginia, grand-daughter of retired Yard Conductor Erving M. Babcock, was graduated from the Wheeling School of Nursing in June. Mr. and Mrs. Babcock were on hand for the graduation.



LeCompte

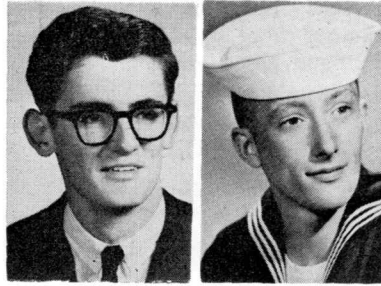
Thing

R. Steven Thing, son of General Agent and Mrs. Robert S. Thing of Brunswick, was graduated from Brunswick High School in June, and will enter the University of Maine School of Business Administration at Portland in the Fall. A member of the National Honor Society, Steve organized the Brunswick Teenage Republicans, and has served as editor of the State Teenage Republican Newsletter. He's been a member of the B.H.S. band for four years, and his band chair will be inherited next fall by his younger brother Chris, a Freshman.

Richard LeCompte, son of Brakeman and Mrs. Romeo LeCompte of Lewiston is now home

for summer vacation after completing his Freshman year at Milwaukee School of Engineering. Richard is taking a four year course at the above institution and majoring in electronic engineering.

Philip R. Bolduc, son of Section Foreman and Mrs. Edward Bolduc of Cumberland Center graduated from Greely High



Bolduc

R. St. Pierre

School at Cumberland Ctr. in June. Philip has been a member of the cross-country, basketball and track team for four years; Vice-President of his Junior Year Class; Treasurer of his Senior Class and a member of the Hi-Lions Club. Besides the above activities, Philip is a member of the Cumberland Fire Dept. He was also typist on the school newspaper and on the year book staff. He plans to work this summer and may attend school in the fall.

Petty Officer Third Class Roger St. Pierre recently returned to Norfolk, Va. from a tour of duty on the U.S.S. Shadwell in the Dominican Republic area. Roger was promoted to his present rank on May 16. He is the son of Brakeman and Mrs. Patrick St. Pierre of Lewiston.

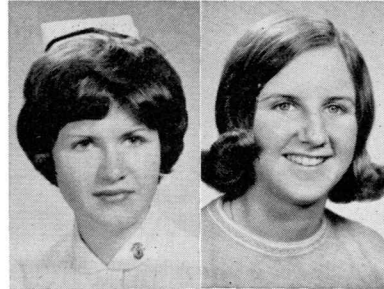


R. St. Pierre

D. St. Pierre

A daughter, Miss Rachel St. Pierre, who recently completed her Freshman year at Fort Kent State College, is now home for the summer vacation. Rachel is studying to become a teacher. During her Freshman year she was an Honor Student and received her school letter as a Cheerleader.

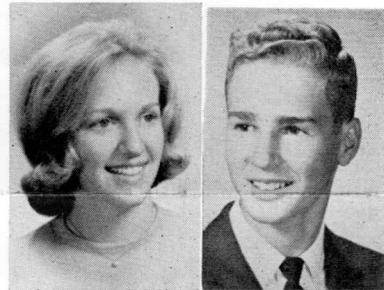
Another son, Daniel St. Pierre, graduated from Holy Cross in Lewiston in June. He was an honor student while attending Holy Cross. In the fall, Daniel will enter the 9th Grade at Montello Junior High School, Lewiston.



M. Sawyer

J. Sawyer

Two daughters of Henry Sawyer of the Revenue Office were recent graduates. Jane M. graduated from Cathedral High School and plans to attend Gorham State Teachers College. Mary Jo graduated from St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing, Brighton, Mass. She will continue her education while working at St. Elizabeth's.



Foster

Hawkes

Robert J. Hawkes, son of General Accountant Clifford P. Hawkes, Jr., who last month received a degree from the University of Maine, was a June graduate from Deering High School as a National Honor Society member. He received a Levey Foundation Scholarship Award and will attend the U of M at Orono as a pre-medical student. This summer he is working for the Portland Water District.

Marcia Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace N. Foster, was graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School in June and will begin nurse's training at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston. Her father is treasurer and controller of the Maine Central.



Calder

Judy Calder, daughter of Jeanette Calder, executive department, was a Portland High School June graduate. She is employed at the South Portland Fairchild plant for the summer.



By Bill Manning

After many tries Fred Bither of Car Accounting and Statistics finally got a mess of brook trout and also a mess of mosquito bites. Another fisherman, Sam Ruth, went to Patten and caught some trout. He says the fishing was pretty good.

Congratulations go to Arthur Edwards for getting the first Eagle of the Golfing Season.

Team No. 3, consisting of John Bilodeau, Ivan Kelley, Raymond Williams, Tony Notis, Richard Mills, William Knox and Ivan Perkins lead with 54.5 followed closely by Team No. 6 with Malcom Bowie, Holly Bucklin, John McGinnis, Paul Bourque, Larry Ferguson, William Welch and Tug Wilson with 51.

Low Averages are held by Joseph Dimauro 40.0, John Bilodeau 43.1, Vinnie Morse 43.3, Malcom Bowie 43.6 and Arthur Edwards 44.0.

Robert Nurse went fishing at Richmond Lake but didn't get any keepers, we understand.

GENERAL OFFICES

Patrick Scanlon of the Revenue Office and his wife spent the most of their vacation in June attending graduations. His son, Peter, graduated from St. Michaels College, Winooski, Vt., and has accepted a position with Swift & Company. His daughter, Maryjane, graduated from Cathedral High School, and a nephew, Philip Kearns, graduated from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. They also attended a Mets baseball game at Chase Stadium.

Carl Baldwin, Asst. Auditor Revenue, returned recently after a successful week's fishing at Holeb, Maine.

A party was held in June at Shawmut Inn, Kennebunkport, for Anna Biggins, who recently retired from the Revenue Office. She was presented with gifts from all the girls in the General Offices. Attending the party were: Alice Allen, Margaret Briggs, Ruth Christianson, Pat Connary, Connie Davis, Beryl Farrar, Molly Fehlau, Eleanor Frates, Glenda Gilman, Jean Gilpatrick, Grace Hoggland, Dorothy Hollywood, Marguerite Hollywood, Irene Kelsea.

Ruth Kelley, Margaret Lynch, Mary Nugent, Mary O'Connor, Donna Roderick, Louise Scannell, Margaret Shapazian, Retta Shaw, Dorothy Smith, Marjorie Sterling, Marion Stevens, Grace Thompson, Martha True, Amy Westcott and Arlyn Whitney.

The Revenue Office has two outstanding recent high school graduates working with them this summer. John W. Pierce was graduated from South Portland High School with honors. He also received the Clyde Nason Track Trophy. He will attend Bowdoin College this fall. Charles C. Pineo III was graduated from Falmouth High School as Salutatorian

and he was the recipient of Advanced Mathematics and Bausch & Lomb Science awards. He will attend Dartmouth College.

Sympathy is extended to Thomas P. Maloney, district freight agent, Canadian Pacific Railway, Portland, on the recent death of his father, Peter P. Maloney, at Somerville, Mass.

Kippy Hawkes, General Accountant, is now a commuter between Portland and East Sebago, having moved his family to their summer camp on Sebago Lake. Harry Blackmore and his family have also moved to their summer camp in the same location.

Madeleine and Stuart Bowdoin have opened their camp at Panther Pond in Raymond, and are enjoying the warm weather away from the city.

Mert Neilson and family set up at the State Park Camping Area at Naples for her 12th 4th of July season. Each year the same campers return to Sebago and they all get together for a reunion. The campers put on a Field Day every 4th of July and to Mert's recollection, the event has never been rained out. Quite a record.

Lou and Marcella Davis are on a motor trip to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to visit relatives. They intend to take several side trips on the way down and back, one to visit the Marine Base at Cherry Point in North Carolina, where Lou was stationed during World War II.

Al and Helen Chapman are motor-ing to Virginia to visit relatives. Good chance for Al to try out his new Ford sedan.

Dick Luce and his family are enjoying an ocean vacation at Belfast.

Earl Bennett of the Revenue Office spent a pleasant weekend camping in the vicinity of Lovell. Ask Earl how much air has to go into an air mattress to make it comfortable.

Milt Chaplin has purchased a camp at Bear Pond in North Turner.

Ken Austin is now a houseowner, joining the ranks by purchasing a home on Hastings Street in Portland.

Mellie Fehlau's husband is now at home after being hospitalized for a few days.

Al Kennedy and wife, Millie, were among the participants of the Shrine activities recently at Desert of Maine in Freeport, the feature being a lobster and clam feast.

Eric Smith, just back from a vacation in Iceland, says it gets better each year he goes. This is his second visit there and he is looking forward to next year's trip. From the post cards sent back it looks very interesting.

Marguerite and Dottie Hollywood, on vacation, toured the summer places along the coast and shopped in Boston and vicinity.

George Marcroft, Chief Clerk in the Gen. Supt.'s Office, who underwent serious surgery in Boston recently, is now at home. Although George is recuperating nicely it will be several weeks before he is back on the job.

Mrs. Gordon Barron, whose husband is employed in the Asst. Comptroller's Office, wishes to thank members of the Couples' Bowling League for the lovely flowers sent her during her recent illness.

Friends of John O'Bergh, Chief Operator, Gen. Office Building, is at home after surgery at the Mercy Hospital.

Ernest Clark, Operator, recently enjoyed a vacation. Gene Harjula substituted for him.

Edward C. Paine, retired Assistant Comptroller, who has been service representative for McC Employees Group Insurance for J. Thomas Miley & Co. on Continental Casualty Company claims, has submitted his resignation to Miley & Co effective July 1, 1965, and will be sorely missed by his many friends here.

John Gerity, Assistant Comptroller, is applying his athletic ability this summer as manager of a Little League farm team on which his son, Michael, is a player.

Miss Lena Hodge, retired Secretary to the Comptroller, has moved to 504 St. John Street and would welcome visitors from the General Office Building.

Alice Allen, Secretary in the Comptroller's Office, took her young son to the Worlds' Fair for three days and pronounced it "wonderful."

"Chuck" Clifford, son of Cliff Clifford of the Car Accounting Office, was a delegate to the recent Boys' State at the University of Maine in Orono.

Bob Nurse of the Car Accounting Office spent 4th of July weekend fishing at Moosehead Lake.

Marty Holmes of the Comptroller's Office was a June vacationer "at home."

Ruth Christianson, secretary, operating department, and husband Harold spent a week trailer camping with friends, most of the time being spent at Barcadia Trailer Camp, Bar Harbor, which Ruth says is a beautiful spot for any trailer fan.

The latest report on George Marcroft, chief clerk, gen. supt. office is that he is improving so rapidly Mrs. M. has a hard job keeping him in line.

Thomas Foley, chief clerk, operating department, has just returned from an extended vacation in Ireland with his family. The best traveler, of course, was son Sean.

The Purchasing Department has gone all out this month in changes—Earl Russell, asst. purchasing agent, has moved his family into a new home in Scarborough, Clerk Pat Connary has a new Rambler and Clerk Raymond Pullen a new Chevrolet.

Speaking of new cars, Cliff Ball, trans. assistant, operating dept., is sporting a new Plymouth — real super—white with red interior.

Stan Jordan recently bought a dark green Ford station wagon.

Marion Faibisy's son, John, is working in Crew No. 2 of the Signal Dept., and Keith Ferland, who worked in the office last summer, is working in the Signal Crew on the P. T. Both John and Keith recently graduated from U. of M. and will attend the U. of Massachusetts this fall.

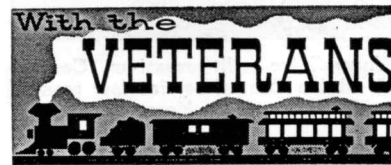
Edna Crimmins is spending some time vacationing at Cape Cod.

Mary Morse spent a recent vacation visiting her brother and family in Ellsworth and tended his gas pump at Ellsworth Falls for a short time.

Dana Bean spent a day at the World's Fair and several days visiting relatives in Massachusetts and New Jersey while on his vacation.

Others who have recently taken vacations are Cora Hoy and Charlie McCarthy.

Mac and Betty MacDonald recently bought a 1965 Burgundy Ford.



The last meeting of the Railroad Veterans until September 26 was held June 27th at Howard Johnson's Restaurant.

Two Railroad films were shown by Phillips Prince a member of the Railroad enthusiasts. They were very interesting and enjoyed by all.

Among those in attendance from Boston were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Porter. He is 1st Vice-President of the United R. R. Veterans. He informed us that the Convention this year will be held at the Sheraton Atlantic in N. Y. City October 1-2-3 and they are hoping for a large attendance with an opportunity to visit the World's Fair before October 15 which is the closing date.

The 1966 Convention of the United Veterans will be held at Burlington Vt. Plans are not completed at this time.

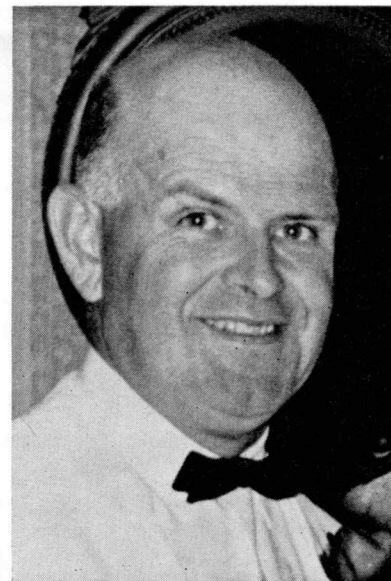
The majority of our members are headed for their summer homes. Best wishes for a good summer, and we hope to see you all in September.

RIGBY ENGINE HOUSE

The warm weather of late June was appreciated by our "Kitchen Gardeners." Some reported having green peas before the last of June. Al Wetmore picked about a half-bushel June 24.

Carman Thomas Manning spent his vacation at Silver Lake, Nashua, N. H.

Machinist Lucien Carignan, and Mrs. Carignan visited their daughter at Southington, Conn. While there, they attended a wedding. Electrician Walter Emery used two weeks of his vacation to good advantage building a garage for himself. Leading Electrician Alvin Strout did the same at his farm in Raymond. The material used was from the old yard office building, which he had purchased earlier in the year from the railroad. Stores Department Worker Russell Proctor finished painting his home while on one week of his vacation. Retired Electrician Chester Free-



DISTRICT GOVERNOR — George H. Ellis, MeC assistant comptroller, was elected District Governor of Lion's International at a convention last month in Halifax, N.S. He's a past president of the Portland Lions Club.

man is constructing a model light-house at his cottage on the New Meadows river.

Mrs. Lawrence Lanciault, wife of Machinist Lanciault, recently won a color television set at one of our local food markets.

Watchman Donald Whitney, at the Terminal wharf properties, enjoyed the visit of his son, Donald, Junior, while he was home on a furlough from the U. S. Navy.

Clerk, and Stores Department Worker, Francis Haldane has purchased a new home at 15 Cole Street in South Portland. He is planning to do quite a bit of "fixing-up" to the property before moving to his new address. His son Bruce, a 3rd class Airman, has been on furlough.

Electrician, "Bert" Albert B. Wetmore, Terminal electrician, attended the class of 1940, Deering High School, reunion at Kiernans, Sebago Lake, on June 26.

Frank Oliver, former Machinist on various Portland Terminal properties, and a Foreman of repairs at the old Thompson's Point Shops, died June 17 at the age of 89 years.

George Stratton, jr., a former Boiler-makers Helper during World War II, died recently. We send our sympathies to George's relatives, Machinist Martin A. Stratton who was on vacation at the time. George's father, George Stratton, Sr. was a former Machinist Helper. Flowers were sent.

Former Boilermaker Charles Jackson, who is visiting his daughter, plans to get in a few fishing trips, accompanied by his friend, Leroy Barney, a retired boilermaker.

Mrs. Malcolm Billington, wife of former General Foreman Malcolm Billington, died at a local hospital June 26 after a long illness. We all sent our sympathy to the family, as well as a floral tribute from the flower fund.

Al Wetmore was in Bartlett, N. H., visiting members of the family of Everett Tibbets, a former Clerk at Bartlett Station, and ran into retired Engineman Herbert Amadon, a former Mountain Division engineer. Herb lives in Scarborough, and was visiting Walter Trecarten and other railroad men he knew when he ran out of Bartlett and resided there.



WEDS MeC SON—Miss M. Jeanne Langmaid of Ipswich, Mass., became the bride of George W. Proctor III, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Proctor of Yarmouth in a recent church ceremony at Ipswich. The bridegroom's mother is Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, Car Service department, general offices.



ON THE JOB 50 YEARS—Randall J. Thurrell, re-audit examiner, General Offices, Portland, rounded out 50 years of Maine Central service last month. He is shown above as he was presented a 50-year gift by Horace N. Foster, treasurer and comptroller.

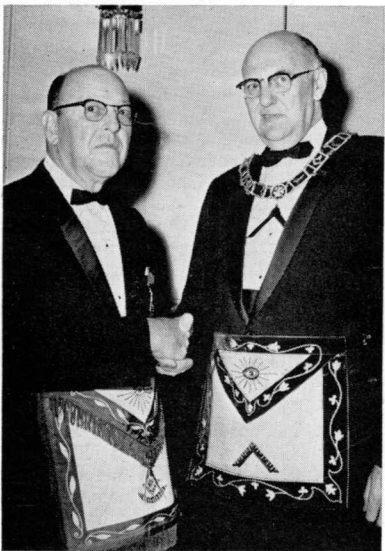
Former Engineman Ray Forbus is now at his summer residence at Brandy Pond, after the winter in Florida, and would like to see some of his railroad friends.

Mrs. Elijah Ryder, wife of former Track Supervisor Elijah Ryder, now deceased, is living with her son Electrician Raymond Ryder, at South Gorham. She has an apartment in his home, and is very comfortable.

Engineman Richard Rand, injured in the wreck down east, is recovering rapidly, and will soon be as "fit as a fiddle".

Engineman Alfred Ginepa, who ran out of Portland, was killed in a similar accident on the Boston and Maine railroad.

Miss Donna Garland, daughter of Chief Clerk, Rigby and Mrs. Frank Garland of Freeport attended the



SCOTT INSTALLED — Hermon A. Scott, car distributor, general offices, Portland, was installed as Master of Hiram Lodge, A.F. and A.M., in ceremonies Saturday, June 12. He has been employed by the Maine Central since Oct. 9, 1917. Franklin Horsman of Westbrook, left, a past District Deputy Grand Master of the 17th Masonic District, served as installing officer.

session of the Maine Federation of Music Clubs summer board meeting where she was awarded a gold cup for 4 years of participation in junior festivals. Ramona, her elder sister, was graduated from Freeport High School last month, and voted the most popular student.

Stores Department Worker Edwin Whalen is busy in his spare time enlarging his hunting lodge at Lincolnville.

Former Machinist Helper Fred Bustin is confined to the hospital.

We have two newly assigned Machinist Helpers at the engine house, Robert Casey and Albert Stiviletti. They were laborers at the engine house.

Karen Grimmer, daughter of Clerk and Mrs. Robert Grimmer, has completed her course of study at the Westbrook Junior College as a Retail Business Specialist. She has been offered several jobs but as yet has not decided which one to accept.

Machinist Robert "Bobbie" McKinney recently visited Machinist Lawrence Lanciault at his cottage and assisted him in several jobs around the grounds.

We were all sorry to hear of the recent death of Foreman Charles Tetreault's mother. She resided in Vermont. Flowers were sent to the funeral.

Electrician Holman Danforth hospitalized during the month, is now back on the job.

The family of Machinist Ted Cote held a reunion while their son Richard was visiting from San Jose, California. Richard's wife attended a teachers' convention in New York City.

RIGBY YARDS

Sympathy is extended to his family on the death of Watchman P. J. Foley.

Yard Clerk E. J. Wade is spending his vacation in Ireland, his position being covered by P. M. Snow. P. M. Snow has bid off swing position 4 at Rigby.

General Yardmaster F. W. Grimmer and Chief Dispatcher Tom Earls spent a few days fishing at Kennebago.

Assistant Superintendent M. F. O'Brien visited his son and daughter in Pompey, N. Y. while on vacation.

Best wishes to George Marcroft, chief clerk, superintendent's office, from Rigby Yard.

E. H. Gronlund, spare operator, is the proud father of a baby girl.

L. H. Holmes, agent at Cumberland Mills, was on vacation, his position being covered by R. C. Burdwood, whose position was covered by Spare Operator E. H. Gronlund.

Chief Crew Dispatcher C. D. Soper was on vacation, his position being covered by Spare Clerk M. A. Eaton.

A. J. Liscomb has bid off position 7 R at Rigby and G. W. Strout has bid off position 50 R at Rigby. L. E. King, third trick operator at Tower One, has bid off temporary position as swing man at Tower One. Spare Operator R. C. Burdwood has bid off temporary position third trick at Tower One.

Yard Clerk G. H. Bondenson spent his vacation at Camp Drum with the National Guard, his position being covered by Spare Clerk D. P. Barker.

General Yardmaster C. J. Ward and Yard Conductor M. E. Deering each enjoyed a few days vacation.

Trainmaster P. H. Coombs is busy getting his Little League team in shape for the season.

Mrs. LaRose of the freight office has returned to work after illness, her position being covered by M. McDonough, whose position was covered by Mrs. E. Flaherty, her position being covered by Walter Pettingill.

Other vacationers: Christine Heskett, covered by Joan Green; C. M. Talbot, covered by William Glenn; John McFarland, covered by Roger Chisholm; W. J. Mizula, covered by G. Purdy; Joe Johnson, covered by A. C. Appleby; H. Q. Petrie, covered by E. H. Gronlund; R. A. Chenevert, covered by J. A. Griffin; P. Ward, covered by Calvin Caler.

R. F. Chaisson has bid off a temporary position in the Marine Department at the freight office. D. C. Berry, spare yard clerk, has bid off position 16 R at Rigby Yard.

BRUNSWICK

Joe Desjardins, Clerk in the track supervisors office, and Mrs. Desjardins have returned from another traveling vacation. This time they visited Cleveland, Ohio, then visited his two daughters in Youngstown, Ohio, and Washington, D.C. While in Washington they also visited the Arlington National Cemetery and other points of interest.

Mrs. George Risteen, wife of Retired Baggage-master George Risteen, passed away recently. We all extend our sympathy to George.

Second Trick Clerk Telegrapher Nelson Soule has returned from two weeks vacation. Nelson spent his time in Florida where he visited with his father, Retired Agent Les Soule. He was relieved by spare operator Phil Carr.

First Trick Clerk Telegrapher Henry Preble has also been on vacation and spent most of his time riding steam excursion trains. Henry has a new tape recorder with which he obtained some very fine tapes of the steam trains. He was relieved by spare operator Fred Tupper.

A word about Fred Tupper: He raises some wonderful vegetables on

his farm in Canton. We recently enjoyed some of his spring parsnips.

Machine Operator Israel Racine has returned to work after several weeks illness.

Car Inspector Bill Otis, Jr., has been on vacation. We understand he put his time to good use painting his house. Bill is finance chairman of the Babe Ruth Baseball League in Bath. We hear he has done a good job of soliciting funds.

LEWISTON

Mrs. Georgianna White, a resident of the Marcotte Nursing Home in Lewiston, recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. Members of the Nursing Home staff, other patients and members of her family honored her on this occasion with a surprise birthday party.

A resident of 61 Tenth St., Auburn, until Aug. 30, 1964, when she fell and fractured her left hip and entered St. Mary's General Hospital for treatment. She is now receiving treatment at the Nursing Home and getting along very well.

Mrs. White is the mother of Lewiston's Stenographer-Claim Clerk, Miss Lillian White and Spare Clerk Henry White of Lewiston. She also boasts two other children and nine grandchildren.

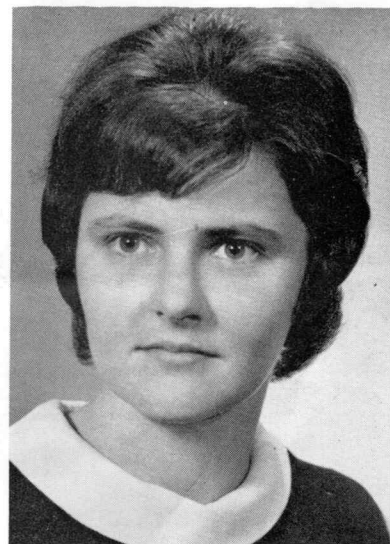
Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Leda Croteau who recently passed away at the age of 83. Mrs. Croteau was the mother of Division Crew "C" Cook, Eddie J. Croteau.

WATERVILLE SHOPS

Carman Helper Vernon Walker is serving a hitch on the Federal Grand Jury.

Mrs. Madolyn Ladd, wife of Machinist Blaine Ladd, was involved in a single car smash-up on the Oakland Road and received multiple bumps and bruises. The Chevrolet Impala was a wreck.

Retired Machinist Helper Anselm Desveau died June 20 in a local hospital after a short illness. Among survivors is a son, Carman Alphonse.



TO WED—Wedding bells will ring this year for Miss Contance Jumper of Lewiston and Mr. Joseph F. Reardon, Jr. also of Lewiston. Miss Jumper is the daughter of Lewiston Yard Clerk Fred O. Jumper and Mrs. Jumper of Pine Street, Lewiston. The wedding has been set for Oct. 23.



MESSENGER EDITORS MEET—Attending the annual Spring luncheon session for the assistant editors of the Maine Central Messenger were, front row, from left, Mrs. Myrtle Neilson, Mrs. Gertrude Holbrook, Mrs. Marion Stevens, Mrs. Alice Allen, all of the General Offices, Portland; Mrs. Ruth Brochu, Waterville freight office; and Mrs. Carol Bragdon, engineering department, Portland. Second row, Bob Thing, General Agent, Brunswick; Al Wetmore, Rigby Engine House; Arthur Doucette, Waterville yard; Horace N. Foster, treasurer and comptroller; and Joseph H. Cobb, director of public relations. Third row, Harold C. Clark, veterans; John F. Johnson, Rigby yard office; Frank L. Carsley, general agent, Rockland; Herbert L. Baldwin, public relations consultant; and Bill Manning, Portland, sports. The luncheon was held June 16 at Crescent Beach Inn.

During the recent heavy flash windstorm, a large tree was blown down in the yard at the home of Watchman Al Stevens on the Unity road. It landed on top of a pick-up truck totally wrecking the vehicle.

Clerk Connie Begin has recently traded his American for a Comet.

Machinist Apprentice Bob Crowell has received his 'Greetings' and will report for Army basic training in August or September.

Foreman Dick Delano has recently had completed a new car and a half garage and blacktop driveway at his home in Winslow.

Laborer Reggie Ellis has recently converted his garage into a complete laundry, including 3 large washing machines, a mangle, large hot water heaters and new pump and piping from his well. He has taken a con-

tract to keep the clothing of 165 Belgrade campers washed and pressed.

Carman Roland Boulette has returned from two weeks with the Guard at Camp Drum New York. Lieutenant Boulette, that is.

Clerk Rollie Armstrong has a new Chevvie sedan.

A good word should be spoken for all the Shops personnel who worked so long and hard at cleaning up the recent wreck at the chip plant in Oakland.

Several of our elder statesmen have visited this past month and include Owen Thompson, Bill Mingo, Ai Cochran, Bill Otis and Ralph Patterson.

WATERVILLE OFFICES

Clerk-Stenographer Denise Belanger, Freight Office, was on a weeks vacation visiting relatives in St. Martin, Quebec, and then went on to St. Anne.

After Chief Clerk Denis Chamberlain, Freight Office worked so hard putting a new roof on his house, it was reported in last months issue, that he was fishing in Moosehead area. Well, it was Clerk Harry Nason who was the fortunate one to be fishing. Sorry, fellas.

It was nice to have another visit by Traveling Auditor Eugene Miller who was on his annual audit in the Freight Office.

Work Equipment Supervisor Raymond Coulombre and family were on two weeks vacation out to Cox's Farm Family Camp Ground, Greenwood Lake, N.Y. They made trips from there to New York City and to the World's Fair.

Employees in the Track Department have been pretty busy cleaning up after the derailment at Oakland. Work Equipment Maintainer Leo St. Pierre and Asst. Equip. Maintainer Les Anderson had to work nights on the flood lights. Machine Operator

Oral Perry had a little incident when the brakes didn't work on his tractor and he ended up in the "pucker-brush."

Track Supervisor Maurice Thorne, and Assistant Track Supervisor Wallace Pooler, and Trainmaster Bud Harris also put in many hours day and night.

General Foreman, Plumbing and Heating, Ralph Snow made a final trip to the Mountain Division along with Leading Plumber Harold Finnimore and Plumber Joe McKenney, giving them last minute briefing before he retires July 15.

Ruth Brochu attended the luncheon given the Messenger staff at Cape Elizabeth. It was nice meeting the other staff members. She also visited the Engineering Dept. in the General Office Building in Portland, meeting the people with whom she'd talked many times on the telephone.

Sympathy is extended to Machine Operator Oral Perry on the death of his father-in-law.

Rate Clerk Robert Esty, Freight Office, spent a weekend recently at Boston attending a ball game.

The following track employees were on vacation: Trackmen Vic Thompson and Paul Campbell. Foremen Romeo Beaulieu and Emery Morin. Machine Operator E. E. "Stub" Murphy.

Laborer Robert "Bob" Knights now has cars backing up to hit him. Some days it doesn't pay to get up, Bob.

WATERVILLE YARDS

E. O. Kelly, flagman on KW-1—WK-2, has been seen quite frequently working with an added safety feature—a red hat. Earl says it helps keep the top warm and the sun out of his eyes.

Ken Fitton went to the World's Fair—took the family along in his new Camper Truck. He had a wonderful time and a very educational trip and recommends it highly for everybody. One thing though, Ken says you can expect anything in the big city. One night the emergency air raid whistle went off by accident, and the family had never heard such a noise.

V. L. LePage is taking his vacation breaking in two Honda motorcycles, his and his boys. He's going to do a little boating and swimming too, and some puttering around the house.

We got a card from Conrad Mason, Swing Clerk, at the time he was taking in the sights at Washington, D.C. He also stopped in New York for three days to see the Fair, but likes D.C. better than New York City—much neater, he says.

Frank Gravel, Car Inspector, was at the Unity Golf Club this past week and played against Ken Snow, Yard Checker. Frank says he took 10c from Ken and boy did it hurt. Ken is now figuring a way to get it back—the dime that is.

Carl Fisher, Car Inspector, is filling in at the Yard this week.

Ken Ireland, Swing Hostler and Fireman, is taking his vacation at his new camp at Webber Pond, just fishing, swimming and lazing around. Incidentally, Ken is from Portland, and has been in Waterville about a year now.

C. F. Hodgdon, Conductor, for his vacation, is traveling with his family to Brownville and Fryburg to visit his family. Charley has just swapped jobs from Switcher No. 8 to Switcher No. 4.

Carl Stevens, Engineer Switcher No. 3 has taken his four weeks vacation in one stretch, and although he took a few short trips on this side of Portland, he had a wonderful time just hanging around the house puttering here and there and not doing too much of anything except to make sure his gardening got first choice. Carl has quite a garden—he's a great lover of vegetables—and does a good job too. He had a wonderful vacation he says, but he's glad to be back.

Leo Bujold, Switcher No. 8, went to the World's Fair and is very happy to be back. Leo enjoyed it, but said it was sure hard on the shoes.

Al Higgins, Spare Engineer, has just got through cleaning up his camp and is taking a couple of weeks off to enjoy it now.

Al Leighton, Engineer on BR-2—RB-1, is taking his vacation at his camp. He's going to do plenty of fishing and mostly take it easy.

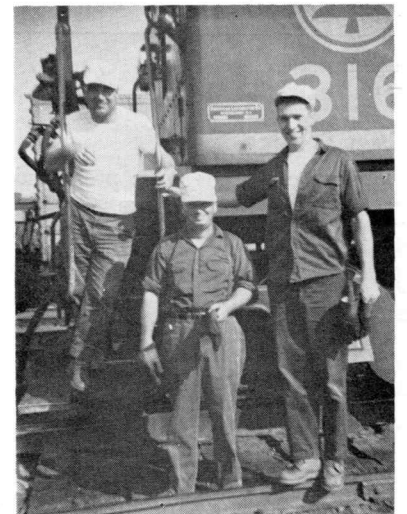
L. K. Powers has just come back from his vacation. He went to his son's graduation exercises at Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. He took a few auctions in while there. He says "I've just got to keep my hands in it and stay in shape." Lloyd like's to bargain with the boys, swapping trucks, farm tools and machinery. He's good at it too. If you've got anything to swap, let him know. On his way back from Virginia, he stopped in Maryland to see his brother.

R. S. Dorval, second trick Car Inspector, spent a week of his vacation in Connecticut visiting relatives.

C. T. Clark, General Agent, Waterville, is on vacation, making short trips, destination unknown.

Arthur Doucette visited the model railroad of J. E. Lancaster, Superintendent of Bridges and Buildings for the Maine Central, while on his vacation. Lancaster is also an active officer in the "470 Railroad Club", which is sponsoring a Steam Locomotive run between Portland and Island Pond, Vermont, Sept. 12.

June vacationers included, A. E. Genest, Conductor; G. E. Gagnon, Spare Brakeman; R. J. Moffatt, Switchman; C. L. Stevens, Engineer; C. W. Hersey Jr., Engineer; Ken Fitton, Yard Brakeman; Conrad Mason, Swing Clerk; L. H. Bujold, Brakeman; J. E. Boudreau, Assistant Yardmaster; C. F. Hodgdon, Conductor; E. R. Palmer, Brakeman; Al Higgins, Spare Engineer, and Al Leighton, Engineer BR-2—BR-1.



ON A JUNE MORNING—Members of the crew of switcher No. 4, Waterville Yard, posed for this picture in an odd moment last month. From left, Engineer Ernest Miles, Brakeman Bob McPherson and Brakeman Guy Coro.



WED IN NEW YORK—Linda LaLiberte, daughter of Assistant Yardmaster Ralph J. LaLiberte of Waterville, became Mrs. Peter Gray last month. The newlyweds reside in New York City.

Federal Spending For Rail Competition To Break Record

A recent AAR study shows that the nation's taxpayers will provide a record \$16 billions this year for highway, air and water transportation facilities. The railroads, of course, will continue to pay their own way.

Moreover, the railroads will pay another huge figure, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$344 millions, in state and local taxes.

The study shows transport spending at all levels of government continuing an unbroken upward trend that has averaged well over three-quarters of a billion dollars in spending increases each year over the past decade.

Construction and maintenance of highways will account for \$4.3 billion of the \$5.6 billion in Federal spending in support of highway, air and waterway transportation. The Federal airways system will get \$749 million; \$87 million is earmarked for airport development, administration and research; and \$84 million will go for cash subsidies to domestic airlines and helicopter carriers. A total of \$214 million will be spent for inland and intracoastal waterways, while \$186 million is earmarked for other water transportation.

Federal spending for highways is reported by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads for calendar year 1965, while air and water facility expenditures are for fiscal 1965.

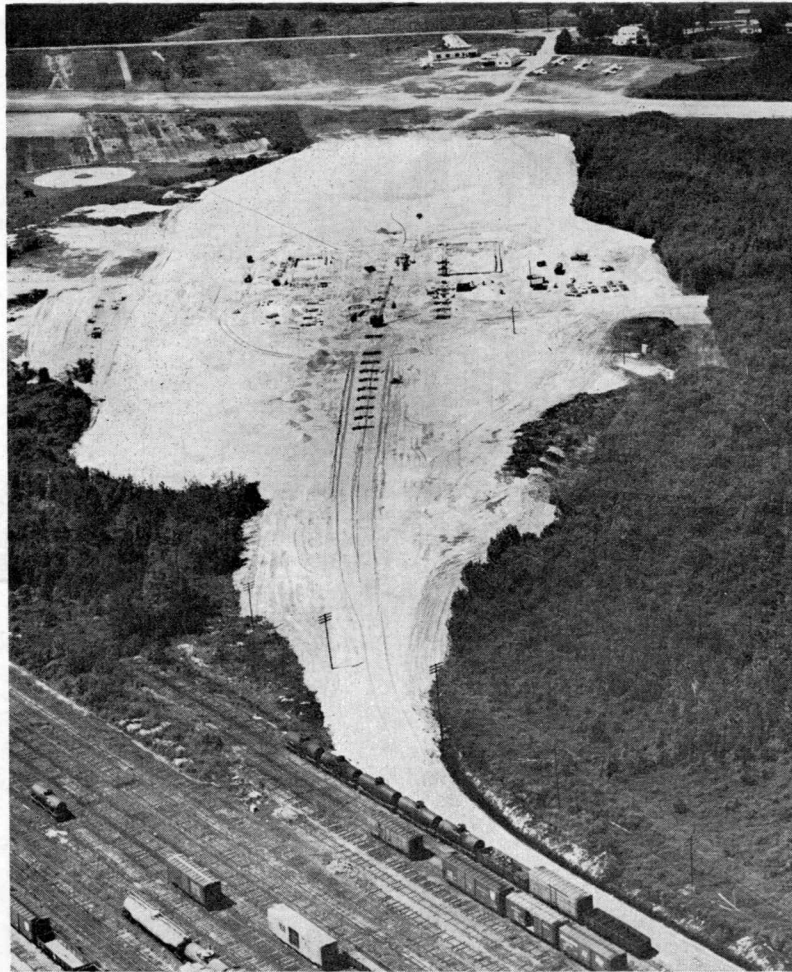
President Johnson, following the lead of previous Washington administrations, has recommend-

Five Employees Win Service Awards

Service awards were presented to five veteran Maine Central employees in June.

Randall J. Thurrell, re-audit examiner, Portland, reached his 50-year milestone, and was presented an inscribed billfold by Horace N. Foster, treasurer and comptroller.

Pins denoting 25 years of Maine Central service went to W. G. Shea, assistant to the manager, car accounting and statistics, Portland; A. E. McInnis, conductor, Portland; Alton L. Caler, trackman, Machias; and Edward E. Davis, general supervisor, engineering department, Portland.



NEW STEEL PLANT SITE—Just east of Rigby Yards, the site of the new Bancroft and Martin steel fabrication plant now looks like this from the air. Served by a double spur from Rigby Yards, the new facility will include a 65,000-foot main plant, an engineering office building, machine shop and utility structure.

ed user charges on water and air transportation as at least a first step toward relieving the general taxpayer of part of the burden of Federal spending on transport facilities. Barge lines pay nothing and airlines now make only a limited payment for using tax-built facilities. Truckers and bus lines make substantial user charge payments to the federal government, but authorities consider these charges inadequate to cover the extra costs such heavy vehicles impose on road construction and repair programs.

RETIREMENTS

Elton H. Bagley, trackman, Portland, June 3.

Anna Biggins, mechanical device operator, Portland, June 1.

O. W. Carey, trackman, Lambert Lake, May 29.

Earle R. Hamilton, extra crew foreman, Bangor, June 2.

John F. London, section foreman, Brewer, June 4.

Augustus MacDonald, laborer, Bangor, June 5.

George McGee, mail clerk, Portland, June 10.

John A. Paquette, locomotive engineer, Portland, June 1.

Edward L. Tripp, crossing tender, Bangor, May 12.

Miss Crawford To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crawford of Stevens Ave., Portland, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dianne P. Crawford, to Thomas M. LaPierre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. LaPierre of Walton St.

Miss Crawford was graduated last month from Deering High School. She is employed by the Hartford Life Insurance Co.

Mr. LaPierre is a graduate of

Railroad Nicknames: Know Any New Ones?

We've just come across a brief "Dictionary of Railroad Nicknames," which lists 19 roads and the not-too-reverent names bestowed on them by virtue of their initials.

Here is the list, but there must be more, and if any Messenger reader knows one we've left out, we'd be glad to hear from him.

Anthony & Northern: "Anywhere and Nowhere."

Bellaire, Zanesville & Cincinnati: "Bent, Zigzag and Crooked."

Carolina & Northwestern: "Can't and Never Will."

Crystal River & San Juan: "Crooked, Rough and Slow Journey."

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR: "Come, Boys, and Quit Railroadin'."

Chesapeake & Western: "Crooked and Weedy."

Denver & Rio Grande: "Dangerous and Rough Going."

Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington: "Hoot, Toot and Whistle."

Lewisville & Northwestern: "Lost and No Wonder."

Louisville, Evansville & Western: "Leave Early and Walk."

Maryland & Pennsylvania: "Ma and Pa."

Missouri & North Arkansas: "May Never Arrive."

Ohio River & Western: "Old, Rusty and Wobbly."

Pacific Great Eastern: "Please Go Easy."

Pekin, Peoria & Jacksonville: "Push, Pull and Jerk."

Pierre, Rapid City & Northwestern: "Plenty Rough Country and No Women."

Quannah, Acme & Pacific: "Quit Aching and Push."

Shawnee & Muskingum: "Slow and Miserable."

Terre Haute & Peoria: "Take Hold and Push."

Portland High School. He is employed by the Knowlton Machine Co. at Westbrook.

Paul, father of the bride-to-be, is a clerk in the Assistant Treasurer's office, Portland.

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