

**CHARLES D. PRENTICE HONORED**—Shown with a cake decorated in a true railroad engineering motif at a retirement testimonial dinner in Portland, Sept. 30 are, from left, James W. Wiggins, vice president, engineering and transportation; Mrs. Prentice, Mr. Prentice, and President E. Spencer Miller.

## Chief Engineer Prentice Retires; Born, Martin Named To Top Posts

Charles D. Prentice, chief engineer of the Maine Central, retired September 30 ending a railroad career of 49 years. Named to succeed him was James O. Born, principal assistant engineer.

The retiring executive was honored at a testimonial dinner on the evening of his retirement day at the Lafayette Hotel. Nearly 150 fellow employees, friends and associates attended the event.

Speakers included President E. Spencer Miller, Vice President James W. Wiggins, Born, Edward A. Whiting, district traffic agent, New Haven Railroad, and the guest of honor. A color television set, the gift of Prentice's many friends, was presented by Wiggins. Mrs. Prentice and Mrs. Born also were at head table. Archibald M. Knowles, MeC general counsel, served as master of ceremonies.

Prentice, a native of New York City, was educated in the public schools of Norwich, Conn. and at Yale University, which granted him an engineering degree in 1916.

He joined the New Haven Railroad in that year, and served in various engineering capacities including assistant to maintenance of way engineer and division engineer at New Haven, Conn., for a total of 37 years.

Prentice joined the Maine Central as engineer of track in 1953, and was appointed chief engineer on July 1, 1963.

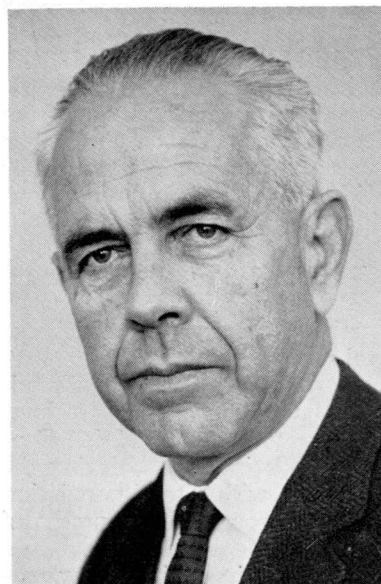
He is a member of the New England Railroad Club, the New York Maintenance of Way Club, the National Roadmasters' Association, the Masonic orders and the State Street Congregational Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Prentice, who live at 16 Surf Road, Cape Elizabeth, have one son, Charles D. Prentice, Jr., Greenfield, Mass., and two grandchildren.

Born, who succeeds Prentice as chief engineer, is a native of Denver, Colorado, and the son of a locomotive engineer. He was educated in the Denver and Fort Collins schools and had completed three years at Colorado A&M before entering the Navy in 1943. Born completed his studies for a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at Colorado University in 1944 under the Navy's V-12 program. Assigned to the Civil Engineer Corps, he served with Navy construction battalions in Hawaii, Iwo Jima and Honshu, Japan, before returning to reserve status in 1946.



James O. Born



Wesley M. Martin

## Jerman, Schloth, Pooler Promoted In Engineering Department Changes

Chief Engineer James O. Born has announced the appointment of a veteran Bangor railroadman as engineer of track, and three

other promotions in the Maine Central engineering department.

Wesley M. Martin, Maine Central division engineer at Bangor since 1955, will become engineer of track for the Maine Central system with headquarters at Portland. His successor at Bangor will be Wilhelm G. Schloth, Conway, N. H., track supervisor at Bartlett.

Schloth will be replaced at Bartlett by Wallace R. Pooler, assistant track supervisor at Waterville.

Born also announced appointment of Daniel L. Jerman, former assistant to the chief engineer at Portland, to the post of principal assistant engineer.

The appointments were effective October 1.

Martin, who becomes engineer of track, is a native of Ashfield, Mass., and a 1937 graduate of the University of Maine. He joined the Maine Central as a student track supervisor at Lewiston soon after receiving his civil engineering degree at the university. He served as a student supervisor at Bangor, an instrumentman at Portland, and assistant track supervisor at Lewiston and Brunswick before he was

## U-Fund Results 'Encouraging' Says Company Chairman

Kenneth W. Phillips, company chairman for the current Maine Central-Portland Terminal Company United Fund drive, says results of the campaign so far "are encouraging."

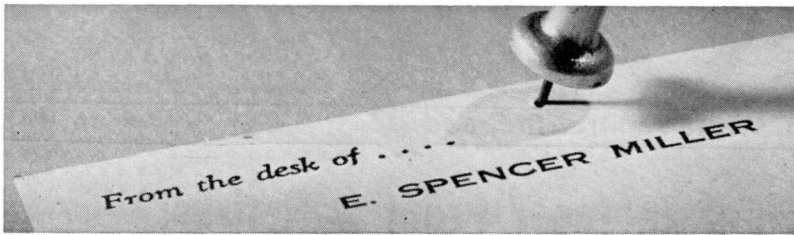
He reports that while it's a little early to predict the outcome, there have been no decreases in the amount of United Fund payroll deductions in departments where the solicitations have been completed, and that many contributors have increased their pledges.

Phillips, purchasing agent for the Maine Central, said he feels that from all indications, the final total should slightly exceed last year's.

Assistant Treasurer Horace Budd handles the annual United Fund accounting task, not only

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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

The frantic efforts of our subsidized competitors, the freight-carrying trucks, to attempt to convince the public that for-hire trucking is the dominant transportation industry in Maine today



fail to stand up when they are compared with the facts. The freight-carrying truckers would have people believe they employ one out of every five persons employed in Maine. They also shout that 73.7% of all communities in Maine are served only by trucks. They would have people believe that the industry in which you and I work is slipping and that railroad freight service is disappearing in our state.

The truth is that the facts establish their wild claims as just some more tall tales which are told by the little group of men who are using the public highways as their place of doing business.

Our railroad, and the Bangor & Aroostook, presently are engaged in a joint advertising campaign in the newspapers in Maine in which informative FACTS are being presented to the public. As a railroad employee, I find my friends in Maine are very much interested when I am able to tell them these facts. I am quite sure that every one of my fellow employees will be interested in reading them and in telling them when some misinformed person speaks of how "the railroads in Maine are folding up."

Perhaps the most preposterous of the tall tales spread throughout our state by the freight trucking industry is that "one out of every five persons employed in Maine is employed by the trucking industry."

The Maine Manpower Highlights, a publication of the Maine Employment Security Commission, states the average working force in the State of Maine is 364,700 men and women. "One out of every five" of this force would total 72,940.

The freight truckers in Maine, in their own reports which they are required by law to file with the Public Utilities Commission at Augusta, reported their total number of employees in Maine during 1964 as totalling 2,645. This makes them shy some 70,295 workers in Maine if they were to substantiate their preposterous claim of "one out of every five workers in Maine."

Then they state that "73.7% of all communities in Maine are served only by trucks." Even if this were true, it would not prove a marvelous economic bonanza for our state. A large percentage of the area in a large number of our communities is still covered with wood lands.

The FACTS are, as shown in the official Maine Register for 1964-5, that 61.78% of all the communities in Maine ARE served ONLY by trucks. But, except for 11 of these the situation isn't something new since the advent of the freight-carrying truck on the public highway. In this 61.78% of the state's communities not served by railroad, there is included all the islands, small plantations, etc. which show ANY population at all in the pages of the Maine Register.

Most interesting is the fact that these 61.78% of all the communities in Maine, which are served directly only by trucks, have a total population of 208,150. The remaining communities which are served directly by railroad have a total population of 758,849.

The truckers would have Maine's people believe that the railroads in Maine have been shrinking, and that vast amounts of trackage has, and is, disappearing. The FACTS are that on the Maine Central and the Bangor & Aroostook Railroads in Maine, during the last 20 years, a total of only 11 communities, with a total population of 8,548 have lost railroad freight service through abandonment of non-patronized freight tracks.

The FACTS are that the railroad industry in Maine today employs about twice the number of men and women in our state than

does the little trucking group, which has—according to their own reports—2,645 employees in Maine.

As a matter of fact, the railroads have NEVER served the majority of Maine's communities directly. They have served them, as they do today, from nearby railroad sidings.

The little group which does its business on highways built by and maintained by the taxpayers—including the railroads—seek to gain further special privileges from the public. They would have Maine's people believe that the freight-carrying trucks in Maine pay their own way when, as a matter of cold hard fact, Maine's motorists today pay at least five times as much, proportionately, for men who are doing a subsidized business on public highways.

I think we should all keep these facts very much in mind. We should also tell our friends, whenever we have the opportunity, that the railroads seek no subsidy. All the railroads want—or-need—is an opportunity to contend with competitors who, like us, pay all of their own operating expenses and pay properly for the ways which are used.

Such a fair, competitive position would not only show the Iron Horse as the true champion, but drastically reduce taxes on John Q. Public and his transportation costs as well.

*E. Spencer Miller*



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## Flynn Named Traveling Storekeeper

Hugh F. Flynn, South Portland, has been named to the post of traveling storekeeper of the Maine Central Railroad and the Portland Terminal Company.



Hugh F. Flynn

Roy E. Baker, MeC vice president, purchases, stores and mechanical, said Flynn will supervise supply functions over the entire Maine Central system. The South Portland railroadman moves into his new duties from a temporary post as systems analyst in the data processing department at Portland.

Except for the past 21 months, during which Flynn has served in this temporary assignment, his entire railroad career has been spent in the Portland Terminal Company stores department. He joined the company as a stores department laborer in 1941, became a clerk in 1943, and was made storekeeper at Rigby in 1960.

In his new post, Flynn will work under the immediate supervision of Thomas F. Roche, general storekeeper.

Flynn is president of the Railroad Workers' Credit Union, and served as chairman of the South Portland City Council in 1961 and 1963.

## Thurlow Publishes Third Railroad Book

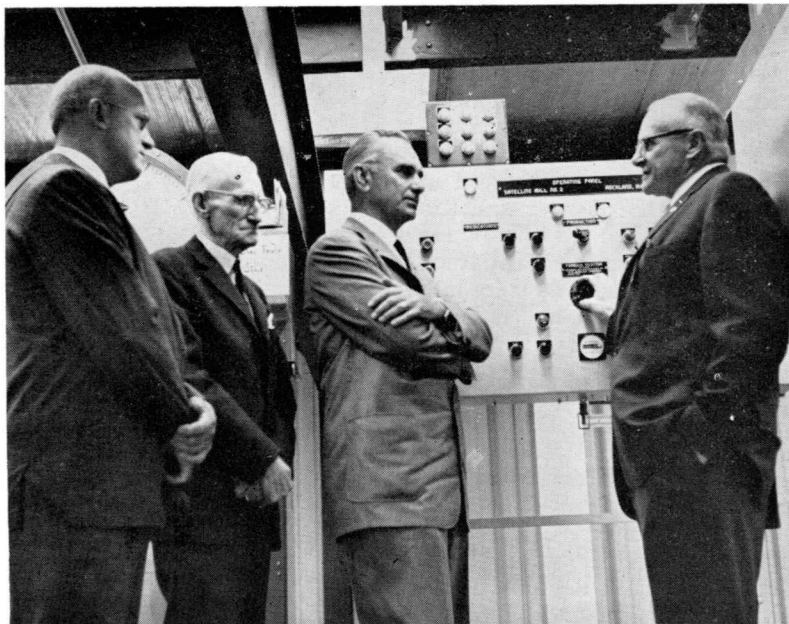
A third book on Maine railroad history has been published by Clinton F. Thurlow of Weeks Mills, chronicler of Maine's narrow gauge railroads.

The new volume has more than 100 pictures, maps and passes, and is entitled "Over the Rails by Steam."

## A Note of Thanks From C. D. Prentice

On September 30 I retired from active work on our railroad but certainly there was no retirement from our association with each other. The testimonial dinner and the hundreds who contributed to the wonderful gift to us will be long remembered, and I wish to thank all. It would be impossible for me to write each one, so I must ask that my thanks be conveyed through the Messenger. I cannot recover from the fact that I have so many good friends here in Maine.

Sincerely,  
Charles D. Prentice.



**ROCKLAND FEED PLANT OPENS**—Maine's newest industry, the new H. K. Webster feed plant at Rockland, opened officially late in September. Shown inspecting the control panel that operates the plant are, from left, Irving H. McConchie, chairman of the Rockland City Council; John P. Scully, MeC executive assistant, President E. Spencer Miller, and H. K. Webster, Lawrence, Mass., president of the feed company. The new mill will receive rail shipments of whole grains and distribute mixed feeds to poultry and dairy farmers in a wide area of coastal Maine.

## BAR Golfers Win Top Awards In Railroad Tourney At Bangor

Bangor and Aroostook swingers dominated the Class A gross division of last month's Maine Railroad Golf Tournament in Bangor, but Maine Central's Bill Welch of Portland carded a net score of 73 to take the E. Spencer Miller trophy.

Bill Houston of the B.A.R. took top gross honors with his 84, with another B.A.R. man, Jim Green, in second place with 87. Maine Central's Jerry Shea had a 92 for third.

Larry Severance of the Bangor Engine House served as chairman of the annual event, assisted by Bob Clukey of the B.A.R. More than 50 golfers played the new Bangor Municipal course, north of Interstate 195 and west of Bass Park.

The weather was great, and most golfing railroaders from the Maine Central were privileged to play the new Bangor Municipal 18-hole layout for the first time. They reported that tees and greens were "beautiful," and that another season of growth will smooth out the fairways.

Next year's tournament will be played at the Fairlawn Country Club, East Poland, during the third week in September. George Stanley, Maine Central General Offices, will serve as chairman.

The results:

### CLASS A gross

Bill Houston, Bangor, Bangor and Aroostook, 84; Jim Green, Bangor,

Bangor and Aroostook, 87; Jerry Shea, Portland, Maine Central, 92.

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Bob Clukey, Bangor, Bangor and Aroostook, 88-13-75; Ralph Higgins, Bangor, Bangor and Aroostook, 92-14-78; Ed Carroll, Bangor, Bangor and Aroostook, 98-14-84.

### CLASS B

gross  
Tom Cahill, Bangor, Maine Central, 95; Don Coleman, Bangor, Maine Central, 95.

net  
John Spellman, Bangor, Maine Central, 95-17-78; Hugh Goodness, Bangor, Maine Central, 101-22-79.

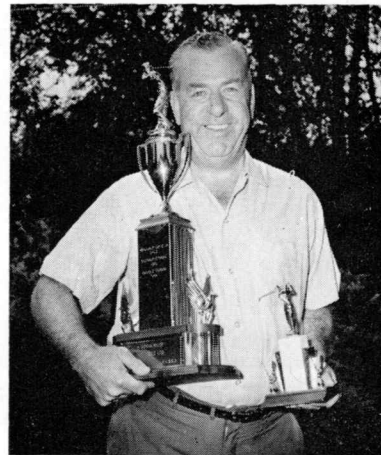
### CLASS C

gross  
John McGinnis, Portland, Maine Central, 103; Charles Burgess, Milinocket, Bangor and Aroostook, 104.

net  
Bill Welch, Portland, Maine Central, 103-30-73; Bill Knox, Portland, Maine Central, 108-33-75.



**ON THE GREEN**—Jerry Shea, Portland, taps a putt on Bangor's new Municipal course. Other members of the foursome are Rand Marsters, Houlton, John Spellman and Bill Houston, both of Bangor.



**VICTORY SMILE**—Bill Welch, accounting department, Portland, won the E. Spencer Miller trophy with his low net 73.

**Prentice**—from page 1)

After a brief period of employment with a consulting engineering firm in Denver, Born returned to the University of Colorado for graduate study, and in 1949 joined the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad. He served first as an assistant track foreman, then was advanced to the posts of assistant engineer, assistant supervisor and supervisor of structures.

Born was employed by the Maine Central in 1953 as engineer of structures. He was appointed principal assistant engineer in 1959.

He is a member of the Westbrook Planning Board and the Greater Portland Regional Planning Commission, and Treasurer of the Western Maine Chapter, National Society of Professional Engineers and the Greater Portland Council of Churches. A former commanding officer of Reserve CB Division 1-5 South Portland, he now serves as public works officer for the U. S. Naval Training Center, South Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Born and their two children reside on Brook Street, Westbrook.

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appointed to the post of track supervisor at Brunswick in 1945. He became division engineer at Bangor in 1955, and has served in this capacity since then.

A registered professional engineer, Martin is a member of the National Roadmasters' and Maintenance of Way Associa-

**Daniel L. Jerman**

tions and the New England Railroad Club. A member of the Second Congregational Church, Brewer, Martin and his family reside on Cleveland street in Orrington.

Jerman, assistant to the chief engineer since 1964, is a former chief engineer of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad and an official of a Pittsburgh construction firm.

Born in Pittsburgh, Jerman attended local schools and was granted a civil engineering degree by Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., in 1948 after World War Two Navy service. He was first employed as an engineer by the Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Co., then as a structural engineer by the Bechtel Corp., San Francisco, Calif., before joining

**Wilhelm G. Schloth**

the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad in 1954 as assistant chief engineer. Jerman became chief engineer of the P and WV two years later, leaving in 1960 to become a partner in Devmar, Inc., a firm specializing in bulk excavation and light construction.

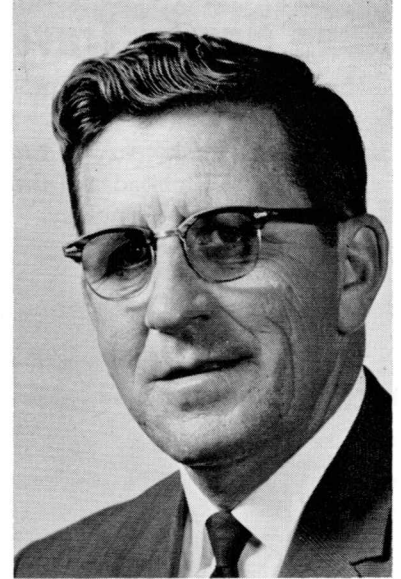
He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Wood Preservers' Council and the National Society of Professional Engineers. Mr. and Mrs. Jerman and their three children reside at 72 Leighton Road, Falmouth.

Schloth, who succeeds Martin in Bangor as division engineer, is a native of Manchester, N. H. He was awarded an Associate in Civil Engineering degree by New England College, Henniker, N. H. in 1949 and received his bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of New Hampshire in 1951.

Employed first as a surveyor in Dover, N. H., Schloth joined the Boston and Maine Railroad in 1953 as a student track supervisor at Greenfield, Mass., and later in Boston. He was named assistant bridge and building supervisor in Boston by the B&M in 1955. In 1956, Schloth was transferred to Concord, N. H. as assistant track supervisor.

He joined the Maine Central in 1958 as assistant track supervisor at Brunswick, and was promoted to his present post of track supervisor at Bartlett, N. H., in 1961. A member of the North Conway Rotary Club and the Second Congregational Church, Conway, Schloth resides with his wife and two sons on Westside Road in Conway.

Pooler, who moves into the track supervisor's post at Bartlett, is a native of Old Town. He joined the Maine Central in

**Wallace R. Pooler**

1941 after Old Town High School as a trackman at Orono. He served in the U.S. Army for three years during World War Two, returning to the Maine Central in 1946 as track foreman at Orono. He was appointed foreman of the Bangor freight yard in 1951, and in June, 1963, was named assistant track supervisor at Waterville.

A member of St. John's Church, Winslow, and the American Legion, Pooler, his wife and four children live at 21 Ginger avenue, Winslow.

**U-Fund**—from page 1)

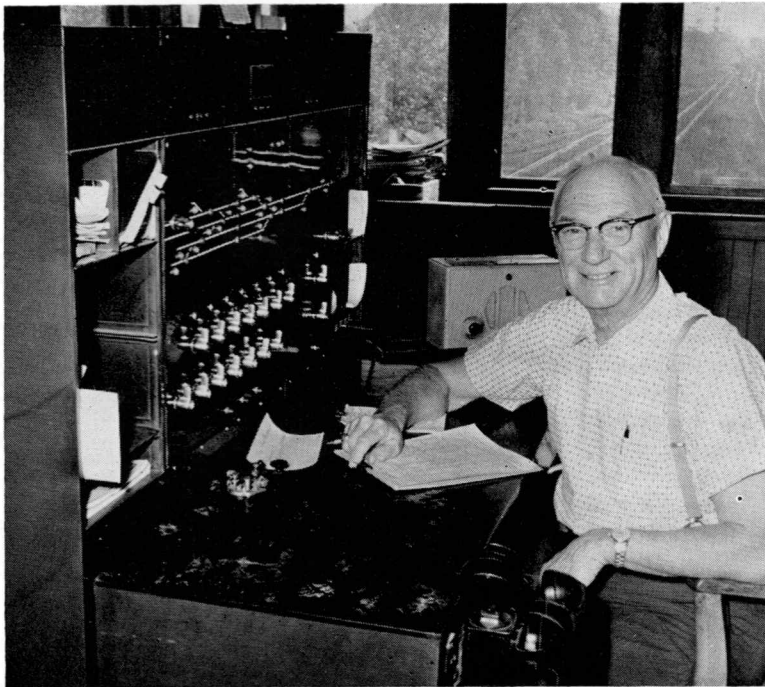
for the Greater Portland area railroad campaign, but for all UF drives in railroad communities elsewhere. Solicitors turn in reports to him, and he makes the necessary arrangements for payroll deductions.

Assisting department captains in the Portland drive are the following: Accounting department, Joseph F. Greene, W. G. Gato, Grace M. Thompson, George L. Sharpe, George R. Lowell, Maurice Hawkes, C. C. Clifford, John Michaels. Engineering department, R. G. Esty, R. A. Jackson, K. C. Murphy, E. E. Davis and H. D. Sullivan. Transportation department, A. C. P. Lennon, A. E. Palmer and M. H. Palmer. Operating Mechanical, E. M. Drown, G. H. Sears, J. E. Buzzell, W. L. Bean and J. F. Johnson.

As has been the annual custom, the company has arranged for a useful gift for employees who pledged at least \$15 to the United Fund. This is not restricted to participants in the Greater Portland drive, but also is available to those who contribute this amount to the campaigns in Lewiston, Waterville, Augusta and Bangor.



**WILLOWDALE TOP GOLFERS**—Receiving awards at the recent banquet as winners of various prizes in the Maine Central Willowdale golf league were, seated, George H. Ellis, most birdies; Erving Kelley and Bob Knox, members of the top team; and John Biladeau, team captain and winner of the low average award. Standing, Malcolm Bowie, most pars; Ray Williams, top team; Ivan Perkins, top team; Ben Brasch, low round, class B; and Dick Mills, top team. Not shown are Dick Brown, low round, class A, and Tony Notis, another member of the winning team.



**A RAILROADMAN 50 YEARS**—Walter H. Marshall, operator, Tower 1, Rigby Yards, rounded out a half-century of railroading Sept. 30. The Franklin, Maine, native joined the Maine Central Railroad as a mail carrier on Sept. 30, 1915, and later served as agent and operator at several Washington County stations, and in Oakland, Dover-Foxcroft and Waterville. He came to the Portland Terminal Company in 1931, and has been an operator at Tower 1 since 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall live at 11 Angel Terrace, South Portland.

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**RETIREMENTS**

Leroy J. Jackson, Carman, Waterville, Oct. 1.

Wendall M. MacDoweel, Freight Inspector, Portland, Sept. 15.

Eugene L. Smith, Clerk, Old Town, Aug. 31.

M. E. Goodwin, Machinist, Motive Power, Portland, Sept. 10.

**DEATHS**

G. C. Brown, Trackman, Woolwich, Aug. 24.

C. D. Soper, Chief Crew Disp., Portland, Sept. 27.

C. L. Stover, Trackman, Lambert Lake, Aug. 28.

Thurlow Vannah, Sec. Foreman, Vassalboro, Sept. 4.

**GENERAL OFFICES**

Connie and Ray Davis were recent visitors to New York City, accompanying their daughter, Kathy, to Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School, and taking in the World's Fair.

Dottie Proctor accompanied her daughter, Dottie, to Boston University where she is enrolled for the coming term.

Walter and Amy Provencher had an interesting trip to Annapolis, Maryland, in August to visit their son, Michael, who is a student at the Naval Academy. It was Parent's Weekend, and the parents were treated to a glimpse of military life and the Grand Tour of the Academy.

John Snell, a retired payroll clerk,

is still active in his glad garden. He is very generous with his flowers and in late summer, called in to tell anyone who wanted any to "come and get 'em."

Congratulations and good wishes are being showered on Glenda Gilman and George Spires on their recent engagement. Some time in the spring, they say, will be the big event. Both work in the Auditor Revenue Office of the Accounting Department.

Shirley and Bill Wilson were recent visitors to the World's Fair.

John Michaels attended the Disbursements Committee of the AAR recently at the Barbizon Plaza in New York City.

Deep sympathy is extended to Francis and Mary Cameron on the loss of their daughter, Katherine.

Gertrude Holbrook of the Public Relations Office had the pleasure of being out on vacation that hot week of late summer.

Elta Benner of the Disbursements Office was present at the wedding of her nephew, Lee Lamson, to June Bridges of Portland, in the chapel at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where Lee is stationed. A reception was held following the ceremony at the home of the bride's aunt in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dottie Smith and Pat Connary took in the World's Fair on their recent vacations.

Madeleine and Stuart Bowdoin and Gordon and Kay Williams were registered at the Poland Springs Hotel the first week on October for a Kiwanis Convention.

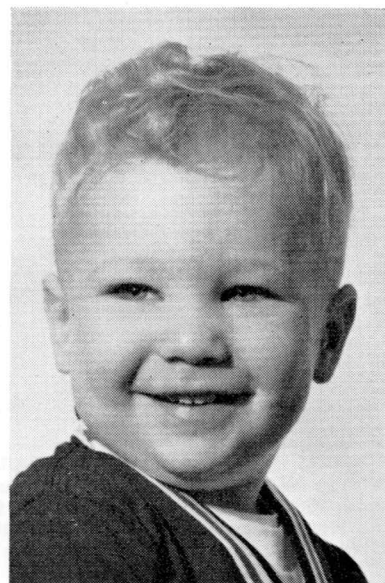
Paul Crawford has joined the ranks of the color TV owners.

Mert and John Neilson participated in Parents Weekend at Keuka College where their daughter, Kathy, is enrolled for her junior year. Among events planned for the parents were a play, a chicken barbeque, reception by the new President, and a dance. Their oldest daughter, Karen, is enrolled at American International College at Springfield, Mass. and they planned to visit her enroute.

Arlyn Whitney of the Law Department has recently become the owner of a 1963 Black Comet.

Percy Campbell was on vacation the first week of October.

Bill Manning spent some time in Provincetown, Mass., on vacation the



**HERE'S DICK**—Richard M. Fehlau, 2½, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fehlau. Mother is Molly Fehlau, stenographer in the Operating Department.

first week of October, and before that was one of the chosen few to attend Channel 13's premiere showing of "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines."

Bob Nurse and his wife made their annual trip in September to Chibougamau, Quebec, 400 miles north of Quebec City over 200 miles of dirt road. In spite of 4 days of rain and a day of snow they caught their limit of fish.

Edna Crimmins spent a weeks' vacation at home, enjoying the company of her brother and his son and daughter from West Virginia. Edna's nephew is now attending Bowdoin College as a Freshman.

Mary Morse recently attended Martha Bradford's wedding to Gerald Betters at Winthrop. Martha was formerly employed as secretary to Mr. C. D. Prentice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jackson spent their vacation at Niagara Falls and Montreal.

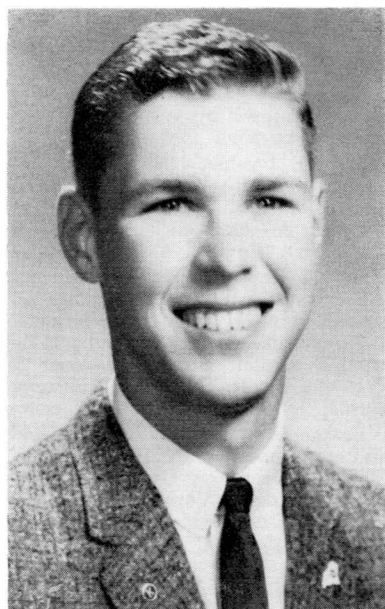
Dot Smith and Harland Moody have transferred from Disbursements to the Revenue Office.

Don and Kay Svenson spent their vacation at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

It was good to see Peggy Leighton back in the Revenue Office for a week.

Visitors to the World's Fair this fall were Marguerite and Dorothy Hollywood, Dot Smith and Pat Connary.

George Stanley, a member of the Legion of Honor, and Lester Woodbury, a member of the Band of Kora Shrine, recently participated in events at the Northeastern Shrine Convention at Halifax, Nova Scotia.



**ENTERS BOWDOIN**—David Graham of Gorham, grandson of Carman Robert Graham, Rigby, has entered Bowdoin College on a four-year tuition scholarship after winning honors at Gorham High School. He is a pre-medical student.



**WED 45 YEARS**—Albert Wetmore, Sr., retired electrician, Rigby engine house, and Mrs. Wetmore observed their 45th wedding anniversary Sept. 1.



The first fall meeting of the Maine Railroad Veterans Assn., was held Sept. 26 at the Howard Johnson Restaurant, Thornton Heights. About 50 members attended. The South Portland fire department gave a live demonstration of fire prevention which was very instructive and enjoyed by all.



**COUSINS MEET AFTER 65 YEARS**—Retired Maine Central Conductor Herbert W. Fogg of South Portland and his cousin, Harry W. Fogg of Mount Dora, Florida, were reunited for the first time in 65 years last month when the Florida man and his wife visited the Portland area. Left to right are Mrs. Harry Fogg, Herbert W. Fogg, Harry W. Fogg, and Mrs. Clara Dennis, Mr. Herbert Fogg's Housekeeper.

The Annual Convention of the United Railroad Veterans was held Oct. 1-2-3 at the Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, N. Y. City. Among those attending from Portland were Mr. and Mrs. John Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. George Bourne, James Fay, Palmer Wyle and Doby White. The 1966 United Convention will be held next October in Burlington, Vt.

Bart Lyden, Secretary and Treasurer of the Railroad Veterans, is a surgical patient in the Osteopathic Hospital. Cards would be appreciated.

Howard Burnham, who has been a patient in the Medical Center, is now in the Devonshire Manor Nursing home on Devonshire Street. Cards and callers would be appreciated.

Walter Thompson of Somerville, Mass., is enjoying a European Tour. Cards have been received from Spain. He will return in late October.

John Burke has retired from the Canadian National as Chief Clerk and Cashier after 48 years of service.

## RIGBY YARDS

The following vacations are reported: S. O. Chandler, swing operator at Tower X, position covered by E. H. Gronlund; R. A. Powers, swing operator at Tower Two, covered by C. D. Kane; General Yardmaster F. W. Grimmer, covered by Spare Yardmaster M. E. Deering; Head Clerk C. M. Talbot of the per diem department, covered by Bill Glenn, his position being covered by Joan Green; Mrs. Marcroft of the Marine Dept., her position covered by R. Chaisson. Supt. R. W. Williams and Asst. Supt. M. F. O'Brien also had enjoyable vacations.

Jim and Eddie Stanton are attending the Railroad Veterans Convention at New York.

Many good wishes to W. M. MacDowell, freight inspector, who retired Sept. 15 after 56 years of service. His position was bid off by A. L. Stack, whose position was bid off by M. F. McDonough.

A few more vacations: J. J. Joyce, second trick clerk in Yard 8; T. W. Benson, first trick operator at Tower Two; Swing Operator E. A. Wakefield; Yard Clerk E. J. Regan and First Trick Watchman at Wharf One John McFarland.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Chief Crew Dispatcher C. D. Soper on the death of Mr. Soper.

## RIGBY ENGINE HOUSE

With the coming of the fall months most of our employees are back on job after their vacation periods. Others will reserve theirs for the hunting season.

Former Rigby Boiler-maker Clair Libby is now living in the Bethany Nursing Home at Albion, owned and operated by his nephew and his wife. Clair had been quite seriously ill while living in Portland, and after being released from the hospital went to live at the nursing home. He would like to hear from his old friends.



**YOUNG SKATING, DANCING STAR**—Susan Roach, daughter of Mailhandler and Mrs. William E. Roach, Portland, is only 14, but already has won a big collection of trophies and medals for roller skating. Just this year, the Jack Junior High School 9th grader has won speed skating championship for Maine and New Hampshire, and is the first Maine skater to be eligible for the National competition.

Machinist Helper Milfred Goodwin has retired on disability after 43 years of service, and on his 64th birthday.

Machinist Helper Joseph Ashley is taking a vacation trip to Oregon, and will be away about eight weeks. While in Oregon he will visit Foreman Maurice Week's brother who operates a large pecan and walnut plantation. Joe became acquainted, when he and Maurice made the same trip a number of years ago.

Foreman Joseph DeRoche while on vacation visited Campobello Island, and also friends at Lubec.

Former Store - Keeper Didas Burke, now retired, has been hospitalized. We all send our best regards in his period of convalescence.

Kayetin Pralicz, a former engine house employee who retired five years ago, died September 8 after a short illness. A floral tribute was sent.

Engineer Edward Stevenson became a grandfather when his daughter Arlene presented the family with a son. The baby's name is David Lewis.

Former Carman Almon Dunham was hospitalized for surgery, and is now on the road to recovery.

Electrician Albert Wetmore, Jr., reports that most of the items stolen from his home last month were recovered by the Portland police department. The articles included radios and cash.

Carman Robert Graham had his first experience with air travel when he made his trip to the West Coast while on vacation, visiting friends and relatives.

Former machinist Sylvio DeMers was in town while on his vacation from the Boston and Maine Railroad. He is located at the Mystic Terminal Engine House in Boston.

This seems to be a month of wedding anniversaries. Carman Foreman Edward Landry, and Mrs. Landry, and Mrs. Landry's mother and father celebrated jointly their 25th, and 60th wedding anniversaries respectively. Your reporter and Mrs. Wetmore celebrated their 45th anniversary Sept. 1.

Former General Foreman Malcolm Billington visited the engine house during the month. He has harvested his garden vegetables, among which were some giant 14½-foot sunflowers with blossoms of more than a foot in diameter. The blue-jays and pheasants are assured of quite a few treats.

Machinist Russell Hammond purchased a riding type lawn mower, and as he stated, "I hardly used it, no grass to cut on account of the dry weather."

Machinist Ernest MacVane received a painful injury when he caught his finger in the fan-blade of his automobile.

Engine-house employee Jay Welch underwent surgery. He is coming along very well on the road to recovery.

Retired Engineer Harley Gardner is happy in his retirement, keeping busy at his various duties. One thing he likes to do is to tinker around automobiles, and he just adores these new "Honda" type motor-bikes, as testified by Machinist Helper Robert "Bob" Casey who owns one and lives practically next door to Harley.

Understand retired Machinist Helper Fred Bustin, and Harley meet for a morning chat at the corner coffee shop.

Machinist Theodore Cote has been on vacation at Benton Harbor, Mich., and Charlotte, N. C., visiting friends and relatives. While at Charlotte, at their son's home, they were given a combination wedding anniversary and birthday party for Mrs. Cote. It was their 43rd year of married life.

Machinist Ralph McKelvey and Mrs. McKelvey motored to Holliston, Mass., where they visited relatives over the week-end.

Mrs. Jean Krasucki, 65, mother of Machinist Kenneth Gillis, died September 25. A floral tribute was donated from the flower fund at the engine house.

Former Electrician Chester Freeman was a visitor at the shop during the month.

Foreman Charles Tetreault is a diligent worker in the "Babe Ruth" baseball league. They are now plotting out a new playing field.

Engine Dispatcher Arthur Mills has returned to his "lost love," golf.

A new six horse-power Ariens snow blower passed through the receiving end of the Stores Department on its way to the Waterville Shops. There it will be used to good advantage.

## AUGUSTA

Roland 'Spike' Littlefield, sectionman, is back on his feet and around visiting this office after fracturing three toes while at work last August.

Clerk Athie Bryant helped the "Ladies Limited Rifle and Pistol Club of Readfield," to take an invitational shooting match away from the men of the Meadowview Rifle and Pistol Club at Belfast.

Operators who have recently covered the Augusta day trick are Danny Oulton, E. E. Sampson and Wendell Lewis.

Yard Checker Burleigh Foster and Mrs. Foster vacationed in Cape Cod visiting relatives and friends. Burleigh was replaced by Joe McMorro of Lewiston, Maine.

Signal maintainer A. J. Hutchins recently enjoyed his vacation and was replaced by Fred Pickens.

Winter bowling league has resumed at Marshall Pratt's Winthrop Lanes. Marshall Pratt is conductor on the Augusta Switcher and is keeping an 'Eagle Eye' on the above of which he is part owner.

Sectionman Wilfred Daigle has returned to work after minor surgery.

Piggy-back business really booming at this station. Busiest customer is Carleton Woolen Mills of Winthrop, Maine.

Brakeman Leonard Luttrell and his wife motored through northern Maine, Sherbrooke, Canada and returned through Vermont and New York State on their vacation.

Section Foreman Millard Tracy is re-finishing his rifle stock awaiting hunting season.

Stone Crew Foreman D. A. Pomeroy and crew recently moved after doing culvert work between Hallo-well and Kennebec Siding.

Cashier Horace L. Rodrigue spent a few weekends this summer in constructing a hunting camp and a nearby little building in Knox County.



**A PAUSE IN THE DAY'S OCCUPATION**—I. K. Pelotte and C. S. Proctor, Waterville, posed for this picture during a recent busy day with the lead tamping machine in the Waterville area.

General Agent Ralph Tracy enjoyed a fishing trip during his August vacation with his grandchildren Mike and John sons of Operator Philip Tracy.

Filling Ralph's job was 'Dud Carter' whose new title should be claims agent.

## WATERVILLE YARDS

Al Leighton, Engineer on RB-1, went to the World's Fair on vacation. While in New York he spent three days with one of his nieces.

Bill Bodman, Yard Brakeman, claims he's the only one that made money while on vacation this year. While he was in Florida, he stopped at Sarasota to see a dog race.

1st trick Assistant Yardmaster J. N. Vigue and the Mrs. have been going to St. Anne de Beaupre, Canada, for the past 19 years. He said that while they were there, there were over 125,000 people at a special celebration. Of course, horse racing is another great sport of Joe's—somebody's got to feed them poor horses, he says—kind of helping Leo Bujold and Ed Palmer. Joe's also an umpire for Little League Baseball, and along the way he has picked up a few followers—he says H. B. Higgins has been very strong in his boogie section.

O. J. Bouchard was given a life membership in the VFW for outstanding achievement and good attendance. Butch is now on vacation and is going to send us a card when he gets where he is going.

Ralph Moffatt says that while on vacation he painted his house. Good thing he took a couple of weeks, because it took him a week to paint and half another week to scrape the paint off the windows. There was little time for relaxing, but he did manage to get some. Ralph is known to be the East Bound Assistant Yardmaster even though he's a switch tender, in fact, the only switch tender in Waterville.

Another past employee of Maine Central who celebrated a birthday quite recently was Al Genest—he reached the 80 year mark Sept. 22. Happy Birthday from all of us, Al.

R. H. Greene had a little mishap a while ago—one of those accidents that occasionally happens. Anyway, Bob was triggering a car and on his way up, his head met a knuckle—he

didn't hurt the car, but my poor aching head, he says. Bob didn't lose any time at work, so I guess he'll pull through all right.

Lee Miller went to a horse race this summer and he bet a horse to show. "Darn it," he says, "he didn't show up for the race until the next day."

We had a working visitor at Waterville Yard office this past month. It was Joe McMorrow from Lewiston covering Larry Ridley's vacation.

Roy McCormic is taking his vacation,—he and his wife are heading towards New York to see the World's Fair, and then on to Michigan to see his son in the service.

Another new, but not so old a face at the Yard office, is B. C. Hillman. "Burns" left Switcher No. 5 to fill the vacancy of Assistant Yardmaster left by Ken Fitton, who has bid off Flagman on Switcher No. 5.

On vacations in September were: Yard Conductors and Brakemen: R. J. Veilleux, A. J. Thiboutot, A. Voisine, W. H. Bodman, R. E. McPherson, J. R. B. Theriault and O. J. Bouchard.

Yard Clerks: W. T. Hanscom, L. B. Ridley, A. E. Ladd.

Road Conductors and Brakemen: L. H. Lutterell, A. D. Hunt, E. F. Rudell and D. C. Barry.

Engineman, Don Currier; Crossing Tender, L. C. Joler; Switch Tender, Ralph Moffatt.

## WATERVILLE STATION

Chief Clerk Denis Chamberlain, Freight Office, was on three weeks vacation, taking short trips to Portland, Lewiston, and to the Coast. Denis spends much of his spare time in his well-equipped work shop in his cellar.

Track Foreman Ken Philbrook has bid off the foreman's position at Pittsfield.

Bill Rack Clerk Larry Ridley, Yard Office, was on vacation making a trip out to Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., to see his son graduate from boot training. His son plans to attend a school which will prepare him for submarine service. Larry also stopped at Mansfield, Ohio, to visit relatives.

Telegrapher Doug Carter has been filling in on second trick Tower A while Doug Thompson is on vacation.

Clerk Bob Esty, Freight Office, was on a weeks vacation fishing near Princeton on Grand Lake and Grand Lake Stream.

On his recent trip to New York, Work Equip. Supervisor Ray Coulombre visited Fred Sautter at Upper Montclair, N. J. Fred is with the Fairmont Co., and was formerly on the Maine Central as Assistant Track Supervisor at Waterville.

Over the Labor Day weekend, Track Supervisor Maurice Thorne had a visit from his daughter who lives in New Hampshire. Work Equip. Supervisor Ray Coulombre and Mrs. Coulombre visited their parents in Massachusetts. Clerk Ruth Brochu was at Rockwood on Moosehead Lake, and there were no mosquitoes this time. Clerk Dick Fecteau was visited by his daughter from Massachusetts.

First Trick Yardmaster Joe Vigue has been following the races this summer. We hope his luck with the horses is better than his luck at beano.

Work Equipment Supervisor Ray Coulombre and Work Equipment Maintainer Leo St. Pierre were up on the St. Johnsbury and Lamoille County Railroad for a week making an inspection of various work equipment.

The following from the Engineering Dept. attended the testimonial dinner for retiring Chief Engineer C. D. Prentice Sept. 30: Track Supervisor Maurice Thorne, Assistant Wally Pooler, Work Equipment Supervisor Ray Coulombre, Clerk Ruth Brochu, retired General Foreman of Plumbing & Heating Ralph Snow and Trainmaster W. L. Harris.

## WATERVILLE SHOPS

S/2c William Knights, who has finished his boot training at Newport R. I. Navy Base, has been spending a leave with his parents, Welder and Mrs. Howard Knights. He will return to Base and an extended training cruise, then attend school for specialists.

Carman and Mrs. Carl Fisher are recent parents of a daughter.

Machine apprentice Wayne Ladd has finished his training and has been assigned to the setting up side.

Upholsterer and Mrs. Leo Baker



**THIS BRINGS RAIN** — Whenever Harold Stinson, engineer of Switcher No. 4, Waterville, takes out his motorcycle, it rains, or so it seems. Harold likes to tinker with motors, and this is his favorite.

have returned from vacationing at the Worlds Fair in New York City.

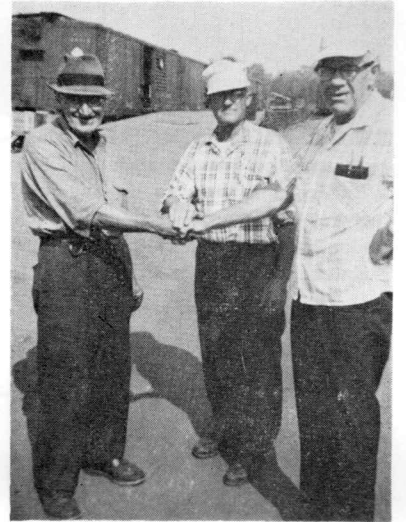
Piper Bill Brown has been confined to a local hospital with a rugged case of pneumonia but is making good recovery.

Retired Carmen Verne Belyea and Gerard Gosselin have been recent visitors at the Shops, as has retired painter helper Ralph Allen.

Foreman and Mrs. Floyd Case have a new color TV.

Clerk and Mrs. Connie Begin have recently returned from an extended visit with their daughter and husband in Savannah, Tenn. On the return, they visited at the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Checker and Mrs. Leroy McCormic are presently visiting the World's fair and touring New York state and parts of Canada.



**ON RAY'S BIRTHDAY**—Ray Libby, Carmen Helper; Harmond Morrell, Foreman of Yard Stores Department; and Dick Delano, Material Foreman in Freight Department, are wishing Ray the very best of birthday wishes. He was 80 on Sept. 22. Ray attributes his good health to keeping busy doing lots of walking. He took the day off to go to the Farmington Fair—it's a yearly trip for him. He still cuts and splits his own wood for the winter, and says he can take on a younger man any day and beat him cutting and splitting a cord and half of wood in one day.

New Machinist Apprentice is Bob Buckman, son of Lead Blacksmith and Mrs. John Buckman.

Electrician and Mrs. Ken Reir have recently toured the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

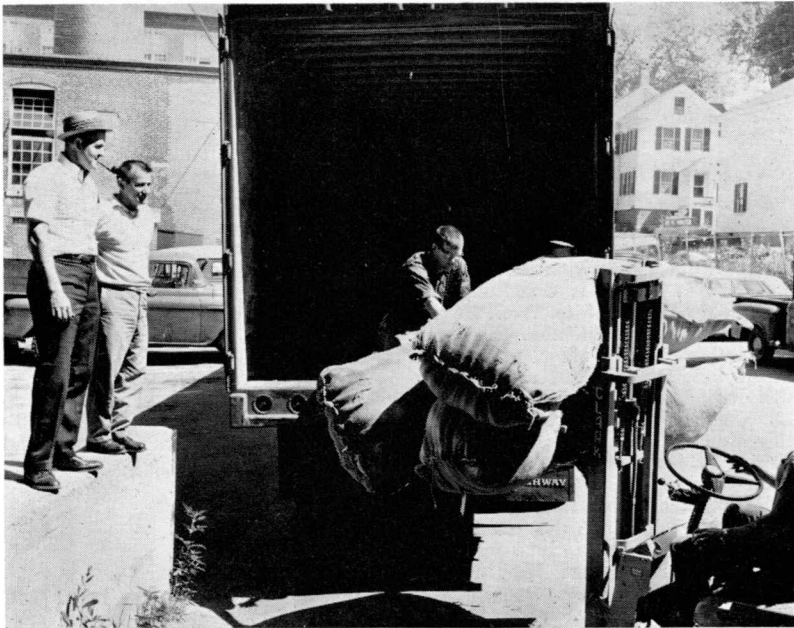
Painter and Mrs. Bill Fletcher are recent parents of a new son. They are the parents of eleven children.

Laborer and Mrs. Harold McCaslin are recent parents of a new daughter.

The Rev. Keith Smith, organizer and pastor of the Bingham Church of the Nazarene, has recently been appointed to the pastorate of the Church of the Nazarene in Hartford, Conn. He is the son of Table Operator and Mrs. Archie Smith.

We have been aware that most of the Foremen have been running out of steam, but the sudden rash of them running out of gas is unusual . . . Especially one who drives a big red truck!

And then we hear of the crane operator who sneezed his dental plate from his mouth. The plate fell 30 feet to the cement floor in the Shop. He saved several pieces.



**T.O.F.C. HELPS WINTHROP MILL**—Although piggyback has been growing by leaps and bounds since its inception on the Maine Central in 1958, a Winthrop firm became one of the first Maine industries to employ it in a two-way movement last month. The photo shows a Massachusetts-bound trailer being loaded at the Carleton Woolen Mills of Maine in Winthrop as Maintenance engineer Donald B. Shepard and MeC Agent Paul Farrell look on.



By Bill Manning

At the top of the heap in the Maine Central Men's Bowling League is Team 5 with William Wilcox, Joseph Gallant, Kenneth Austin and Reginald Libby. Next are Team 1 with Charlie Redstone, Leon Ross, Martin Holmes, Joseph Weingartner and Team 3 with Edward Stewart, Robert Rounds, Allen Appleby and Larry Smyth. The men's high single and high three is held by Joseph Welch, Jr., with a 120 and 320. The high single is shared by Reginald Libby with a 120. High team single and high team total is held by team 5.

In the Maine Central Couples League, the high single and high three is held by MaryAnn Berry with a 109-301. High single for men is held by Donald Pettengill with a 128 and high three by Dave Gardner with a 330.

Five girls from the Maine Central Railroad have won trophies for the second summer in a row from the "Big 20" lanes where they bowl in a summer league called the "Monday Niters." The league is made up of 20 teams, five girls on a team, a total of 100 girls.

The girls, who call themselves "The Pretenders", include Carmel Robichaud (formerly of Data Processing) Beryl Farrar, Maryann Berry, Hazel Davison

and Jan Calder. Last summer the girls tied for third place and this summer they tied for second place. Jan Calder won 2nd high single with a 134.

### Charles F. Dodge Dies At Newcastle

Charles F. Dodge of Newcastle, who reached his 100th birthday August 9, died at a Damariscotta hospital, Sept. 15.

He was a bridge and building crew member and foreman for the Maine Central from 1902 until his retirement in 1939.

A native and oldest citizen of Newcastle, Mr. Dodge was a member of Alna Lodge, AF and AM.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Elsa Reed of Newcastle and Mrs. Laura March of South Portland, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### Veteran Dispatcher C. D. Soper Dies

Clarence D. Soper, 63, of Portland, chief crew dispatcher, Portland Terminal Co., died Sept. 27 after a brief illness.

He was born at Solon, Dec. 5, 1901, son of William H. and Una Smith Soper. He was a graduate of Edward Little High School in Auburn. Mr. Soper came here in 1938 and worked in the South Portland Shipyards during World War II.

Since 1942 he had been employed by the Portland Terminal Co. as chief crew dispatcher.

## MeC Stockholders' Report Wins Again

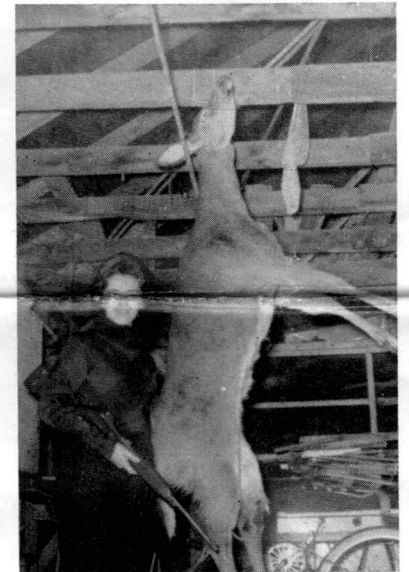
For the second time in three years, the Maine Central Railroads Annual Report has won national recognition by being named a prize-winner in the annual Oscar-of-Industry awards sponsored by the Financial World.

Maine Central's annual report to its stockholders for 1964 was awarded third prize in a competition among 17 railroads with annual revenues under \$250,000,000. Maine Central's annual report back in 1962 won second prize in a classification for roads under 60-million revenue.

Richard J. Anderson, editor and publisher of the Financial World, which sponsors the competition for the 25th year, announced the awards on September 30 in New York. Anderson said that approximately 5,000 annual reports were submitted in 97 classifications, all seeking the coveted Oscar awards. They will be presented on October 26 at a dinner at the New York Hilton where some 1,000 business leaders from all parts of the country will assemble for the presentations. Speaker at the dinner will be G. Keith Funston, president of the New York Stock Exchange.

Our railroad's annual report is prepared by the staff of the Public Relations Department. It is an all-Maine production, printed at the plant of the Kennebec Journal in Augusta, on paper made by the Oxford Paper Company of Rumford. The prize-winning 1964 report, in five colors, featured natural-color photographs of Maine Central equipment; along-the-line operations; and also natural-color photographs made in the card-punching room and the computer room in the general offices building at Portland.

Dr. Joseph H. Taggart, executive dean of the Schools of Business, New York University, is chairman of the awards jury which made the selections. Other members are Todd Alexander, president of the New York Society of Security Analysts, Inc.; Jesse Bogue, president of the New York Financial Writers Association; John A. Skidmore, president of the Art Directors Club of New York; and Humphrey Sullivan, president of the New York Chapter, Public Relations Society of America. In addition, 34 investment analysts from the New York Society, representing the nation's leading financial institutions, also served on the panel.



**PEG AND HER DOE**—The way the seasons roll around, it won't be long before it's hunting time again, and here's a bit of inspiration for the male hunters of the Maine Central. Last Armistice Day, while husband Don Peterson was working as a trainman on the Farmington job, wife Peg went out near their Danville home and shot this 130-pound doe, one of the largest downed in the Danville area last fall.

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