



TOP SCOUTS IN BANGOR—President Miller presented U.S. Savings bonds to the three Bangor Scouts who achieved top marks in the Railroading merit badge examination at a court of honor in early May. From left, Fred Fitch, Bangor, first place; Thomas Crosby, Hermon, third; and James DeMott, Orono, second.

Directors OK \$5 Million For Equipment

A \$5 million expenditure for the purchase of new diesel locomotives and new box cars was authorized April 27 at a meeting of the Maine Central Railroad's board of directors.

The board authorized commitments for eight new locomotives at an approximate cost of \$1,800,000 and 200 new 50-foot 6-inch box cars at an estimated cost of \$3,200,000. Delivery of the locomotives is expected to start late this year. The new box cars will start arriving early in 1967. The announcement also said the Maine Central is leasing an additional 200 40-foot box cars for use by their shippers, commencing immediately.

The directors' meeting followed the annual meeting of Maine Central stockholders at which all directors were reelected. Maine Central President E. Spencer Miller told the stockholders that the road's prospects for increased business during 1966 were bright, even though the full potential from the multi-million dollar expansion in the state's paper industry is not being realized as rapidly as had been anticipated. Full impact of new business from the new and expanded paper mills will not come until 1967, Miller said.

Announcement of the new equipment authorization, which came after the stockholders' meeting, said the purchase of new locomotives and an additional fleet of new box cars "is the latest step in a continuing program of freight service improvement. This program is designed to provide Maine's growing industries with the latest and best in freight car equipment, to insure that the Maine Central's locomotive fleet keeps pace with demands for increased movement of freight, and to make possible faster schedules than can be maintained with present locomotives."

Orders for the box cars were placed May 3 with American Car and Foundry Division, ACF Industries, Inc., of St. Charles, Mo. It brings to \$15,000,000 the total

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Bangor Youth Wins Top Bond Award In MeC Railroading Merit Badge Course

A Bangor Eagle Scout was presented a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond May 9 as the top student in the Maine Central Railroad's 5th annual Boy Scout merit badge course in railroading.

Fred Fitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Fitch of 133 Lancaster street, was one of nearly 200 Bangor-area Scouts graduated from the course at a full-scale Court of Honor ceremony at the Garland street Junior High School. His bond was presented by E. Spencer Miller, president of the Maine Central.

Miller also presented second and third place awards respectively—a \$50 and \$25 Savings bonds—to James DeMott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. DeMott of 20 University Place, Orono; and Thomas Crosby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Crosby of Hermon.

Fitch, a sophomore at Bangor High School, scored 95 on the written examination, given two weeks ago to close the railroading course. He is a member of Troop 9, Bangor.

DeMott, a ninth grader at Orono High School, scored 94. He is a member of Orono's Troop 47. Crosby, one of the first boys to register for the course back in March, is a seventh grader at Hermon Elementary School and a member of Troop 25. Crosby's exam score was 93.

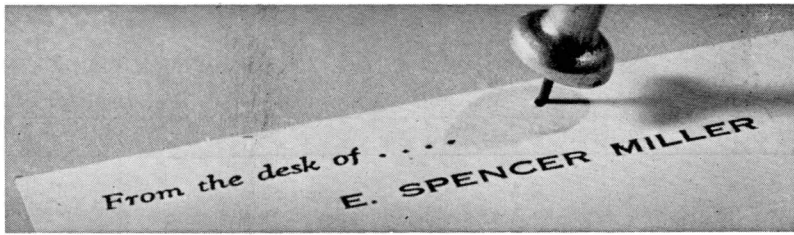
Honorable mention awards went to 13 other Scouts for high examination marks. They included Ralph Townsend and Guy Burrell, Troop 1, Brewer; David Geaghan, Troop 4, Brewer; James Fitch, Troop 9, Bangor; Steve McGrane, Troop 41, Hampden; Austin Whitehill and Carl Wolfhagen, Troop 47,

Orono; Larry Danforth, Kevin McCall, Fred Nevells and Gregory Snow, Troop 48, Orono; Dan Moody, Troop 65, Corinna; and Robert Townsend, Troop 72, Old Town.

All the "graduates" at Monday's Court of Honor received the coveted railroading merit badge, presented by Maine Central's general agent at Bangor, Royce G. Wheeler, and Russell F. Rackliffe, Portland, who has served as registrar and examiner for the course.

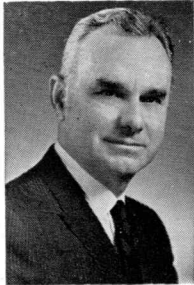
Monday's Court of Honor brought the total number of Maine boys who have taken the railroading course to nearly 1,000. Similar classes have been held for the past four years in Portland, Lewiston and Waterville.

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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

A visitor at the public school auditorium in Bangor on the evening of May 9, would never err in thinking that, "there's not much interest in railroads these days."



In that room were some 300 adults and young men, some of whom had driven from homes 50 miles away. They were students who were participating in the Maine Central's 5th annual Boy Scout Merit Badge Course in Railroading accompanied by their parents.

Some 200 Boy Scouts who, from all parts of Penobscot County, had devoted a night a week for seven weeks to learn more about railroading, were certainly enthusiastic about the subject. So were their mothers and dads, as I talked with many of them after the graduating ceremonies.

The Bangor graduation means that there are now over 1,000 Boy Scouts in Maine who proudly wear the Scout Railroading Merit Badge. They are those who, since the Maine Central first offered this aid to youth back in 1962 have graduated from classes held in Portland, Lewiston, Waterville and Bangor.

We Maine Central people were mighty proud to hear Chief Scout Executive Earl G. Reed of Bangor tell the meeting that the course was "an outstanding example of industry-scouting cooperation."

We also thought of those who today term the younger generation a lot of long-haired, hip-swinging ne'er-do-wells, or charge that too many are juvenile delinquents. There wasn't a 'female' haircut on any of these smartly-uniformed boys who had gathered to get their merit badges and to learn which three of them would share the \$175 in United States Savings Bonds which the Maine Central had posted for the top-scorers in the examinations after the course. This was a wholesome group of young male Americans in whom "Scouting" had inculcated highest ideals of patriotism and community service.

Anyone who saw, as we did, the pride in the faces of their parents as these boys marched to the platform to receive their badges and awards would have been as happy with these representative youths-of-today as was Earl C. Banks of Bangor, president of the Katahdin Area Council, as he praised them—and incidentally the Maine Central—for having taken the time to attend the seven weekly sessions while they furthered their knowledge of railroading.

The Scout officials who were present are men who give their time—and lots of it—to help the boys in gaining training in proper deportment, observance of discipline and knowledge of the special subjects for which merit badges are awarded. When enough of them have been won, they result in a boy attaining the coveted rank of Eagle Scout.

Giving such assistance in the proper training of the youth of today ranks at the very top of social service. The Scout leaders deserve the thanks of the community and the Maine Central men who gave of their own personal time to conduct the course at Bangor performed a similar service. General Agent Royce Wheeler of Bangor headed the instructing group which included Division Engineer Wilhelm G. Schloth, Trainmaster W. Laird Harris, Bridge and Building Supervisor J. Emmons Lancaster and Examiner Russell Rackliffe. The entire program during the past five years has been supervised by Director of Public Relations Joseph H. Cobb.

I have named but a few of the two-score Maine Central men who, in the past five years, have similarly given of their personal time to further this cooperative effort of Maine Central and the Boy Scouts of Maine.

It is—and will continue—to be a joint effort of railroadmen and community leaders giving their time to develop the youth upon whom their nation of the future will depend.

It is also a proof confounding those who think interest in railroads and their service to the community are lessening.

It's Up To Us

When we use these editorial columns to discuss highway safety (there, we've said it!) we can almost sense the curtain being drawn down—an invisible barrier between the printed page and the thinking mind.

This fails to alter the fact that our highway casualty list is tragic. Perhaps even more tragic than our losses in Viet Nam, suffered in the name of a worthy cause. But on our highways, the atrocities are committed for the worst possible causes, such as "Get-there-before-the-other-guy" "Hurry-up-and-wait" and "I'll-take-my-share-of-the-road-anyway."

Last year, 48,500 men, women and children were killed on the nation's roadways—more people than live in Lewiston.

How do publications like this help to convince our citizens that they should stop murdering themselves on the highway? Editorial columns don't really provide a solution.

But you do. We all do—as good citizens every time we get behind the wheel.

About The Weather

Messenger readers who awoke to find two inches of snow on the ground in the Portland area May 8 may have recalled last month's piece on the cold summer of 1816, and wondered if we weren't about to see history repeat itself.

Further information on that 1816 "summer that was no summer," came from W. Thomas Locke, a retired MeC conductor, in a letter from Riviera Beach, Florida.

Locke wrote: "On June 5, 1816, the wind shifted to the northwest. At Salem, Mass., the mercury dropped from 92 to 43 above in 24 hours. Severe frosts followed from Virginia to the Canadian border. Snow fell in Ohio, New York state and New England. In the northern states there was frost and snow for all twelve months.

Only one field of corn ripened in all New England. Snow fell in June and many ponds and rivers froze over on the 4th of July. The field of corn was owned by Thomas Bellows of Walpole, N. H. For it he charged only the normal price, but limited his sales to one bushel to a customer."



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Governor Reed Cites Importance Of Transportation

Governor John H. Reed, noting the importance of transportation to Maine industry and agriculture, signed a document this month proclaiming May 15-21 as National Transportation Week in Maine.

Governor Reed called attention to the fact that not only Maine farms and factories, but also the personal prosperity of Maine people and the defense of the nation all are dependent on modern and efficient transportation. He urged Maine citizens to note the observance and to participate in the various events of Transportation Week in Maine.

Present for the proclamation signing were Robert L. Travis, traffic manager, S. D. Warren Company, Cumberland Mills; Warren Hoyt, vice president and general manager, Maine Truck Owners' Association; and Joseph H. Cobb, director of public relations, Maine Central Railroad Company.

Sponsors of Maine Transportation Week are members of the Maine Traffic Club, an organization of industrial shippers, railroad, steamship and highway transportation officials.

Events of Maine Transportation Week included meetings of the New England Shippers' Advisory Board, the Maine Traffic Club, and a special program arranged for the Kiwanis Club of Portland.



TRANSPORTATION WEEK PROCLAIMED—Governor John H. Reed is shown with Maine Traffic Club representatives as he signed a document proclaiming May 15-21 as National Transportation Week in Maine. Standing, from left, Robert L. Travis, traffic manager, S. D. Warren Company; Warren Hoyt, vice president and general manager, Maine Truck Owners' Assn.; and Joseph H. Cobb, director of public relations, Maine Central Railroad Co.

Knowles Heads N.E. Railroad Club

Archibald M. Knowles, Falmouth, general counsel of the Maine Central, was installed in April as president of the New England Railroad Club.



Knowles succeeds J. A. Croke, Boston, master mechanic of the New Haven Railroad, as chief executive of the group, made up of railroad officials and suppliers throughout New England.

Knowles is the fourth Maine Central official to serve as presi-

dent of the New England Railroad Club in recent years. Roy E. Baker, Cape Elizabeth, vice president, special projects, served as NERRC president in 1953; James W. Wiggins, Portland, vice president, operations and engineering, as president in 1956; and Kenneth W. Phillips, director of purchases, was head of the group in 1961.

The new railroad club president is a member and former chairman of the Falmouth Town Council, the local, state and national bar association, and is a past president of the Trowel Club, a railroad Masonic organization. He is a past president of the Portland Lions Club, a member of the Masonic bodies and the Shrine, a past chancellor commander, Knights of Pythias, and a life member of the Falmouth Rod and Gun Club.

Knowles is a communicant of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Falmouth, and has served as a Vestryman, Junior Warden and Superintendent of the Sunday School.

DEATHS

Thomas R. Underwood, laborer, Waterville, April 6.

Donald P. Whitney, watchman, Portland, April 27.

RETIREMENTS

John D. R. Mulhern, yard conductor, Portland, April 29.

Disability retirements: Henry W. Gleason, carman, Waterville, April 14; Henry N. Lyons, trackman, Rumford, April 22.

Hawkes Candidate For PWD Board

Clifford P. Hawkes, Jr., MeC general accountant, Portland, is a candidate for a seat on the board of directors of the Portland Water District.

Two others are seeking the five-year board term. The election will be May 23.

Hawkes is a Westbrook native, a graduate of Westbrook High School and the University of Maine. An Air Force veteran of World War Two, he is a member of the American Legion and Phi Kappa Phi, a national academic honor society. He has been employed by the Maine Central since 1941.

Hawkes and his wife, the former Phyllis W. Foss, have three children, Robert, 19, Debra, 11, and Peter, 8.

Worker's Son Wins Road Race

Albert McCann, Jr., son of Rigby Engine House welder Albert McCann, ran two and a quarter miles in 10 minutes and 53 seconds to win the annual Patriot's Day road race in Westbrook.

The Cheverus distance man was paced by a team-mate, Peter Dinan, with a Westbrook runner, Glenn Houston, in third place.

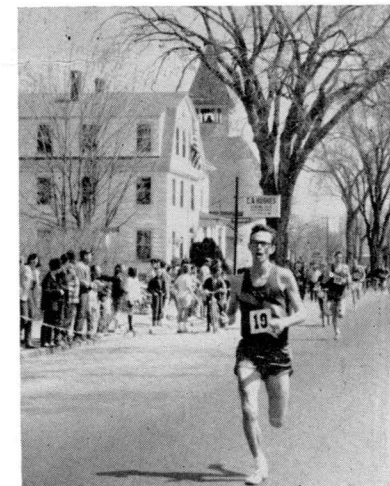
McCann, whose specialty is the 600-yard run for the Cheverus track team, was making his second appearance in the Westbrook classic. He was ninth to finish last year.

The speedy senior has a long list of wins in both indoor and outdoor track collected in four years at Cheverus.

He'll graduate in June, and expects to enroll at the University of Maine in Portland.



FIRST INTERNATIONAL PIGGYBACK—Maine Central Railroad Company originated its first international piggyback shipment in early May when this trailer load of Maine-baked beans was shipped to Montreal, P. Q., by the Monmouth Canning Company, Portland. From left, as the big trailer was loaded aboard a railroad car, Frank Alger, MeC highway operations manager; Charles B. Bonetti, Monmouth traffic manager; Frank Curran, MeC sales representative; Chester C. Soule, Jr., Monmouth treasurer; and Karl K. Soule, Monmouth president.

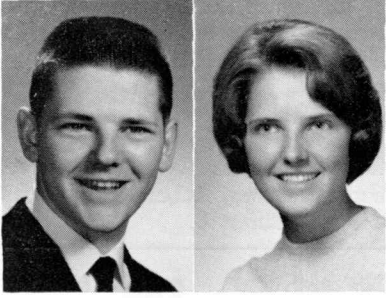


Breaking the Tape

High School, Service Programs Completed by MeC Sons, Daughters

These are big and busy days for railroad families with graduates. Here are some of the youngsters, and along with everyone else, we wish them well:

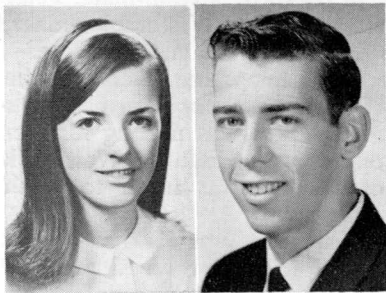
Alan Mills, son of PTCO. conductor and Mrs. Forrest Mills, was graduated from Gorham High School in 1965, and is now completing his Freshman year at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in a premedical course. He expects to study dentistry.



A. Mills

P. Mills

His sister, Pamela, will graduate from Gorham High in June. She's been a Varsity cheerleader, in the AFS Club, the Lionettes, chorus, operetta and the judo team. An honor roll student for all four years, Pamela will enter Kalamazoo College, Michigan, in the fall, to major in math and psychology.

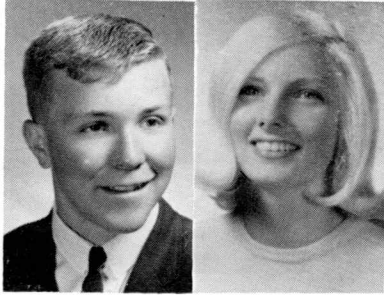


D. Clark

R. Farrar

Deborah Clark, daughter of Vice President and Mrs. Sumner S. Clark, will be graduated next month from Waynflete School, Portland, where she has been an honor student, and active in a long list of extra-curriculars. This year, she has been president of the French Club, Editor of the yearbook, a member of the Dramatics Club and the "Octet," Waynflete's vocal group, besides fencing and playing field hockey. She'll attend Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., this Fall.

Roger A. Farrar, son of Mrs. Beryl Farrar of the Purchasing Department, Portland, and the late Edwin Farrar, is a senior at Deering High. He'll graduate in June, and hopes to become a teacher-coach.



D. Cobb

D. Svenson

David B. Cobb, son of Public Relations Director and Mrs. Joseph H. Cobb, will graduate from Gorham High School in June. He's been a member of the Ski Club, the track team and played varsity soccer. He'll enter the Maine Maritime Academy at Castine in August.

Debra M. Svenson, daughter of travelling accountant and Mrs. Donald H. Svenson, will be a June graduate of Deering High School, Portland. Miss Svenson plans to study at the Chamberlin School of Retailing and Modeling, Boston, and also to enroll in a Boston University art course.

Barbara Jean Lowell, daughter of Clerk and Mrs. George Lowell, Portland, was graduated from South Portland High School in 1963, and will receive her diploma from the Maine Medical Center School of Nursing next month. She has accepted a position on the nursing staff at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, N. H.

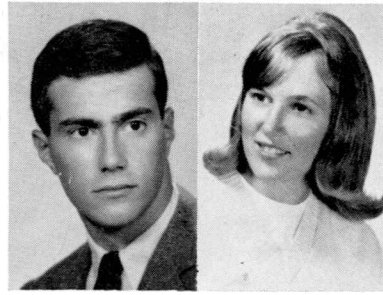


B. Lowell

J. Miller

John K. Miller, son of travelling auditor and Mrs. Gene Miller, will be a June Graduate of Cheverus High School after an active four years as a member of the Key Club, the Political Science Club and the Student Council. He'll enter Fordham this fall.

Clifford C. Clifford, Jr., son of Car Accounting Clerk and Mrs. Clifford C. Clifford, Biddeford, will graduate from Biddeford



C. Clifford

N. Blackmore

High School next month. He will have an honor part in the graduation exercises. He is vice president of the National Honor Society, served as a Student Council member for four years, was a delegate to Dirigo Boys' State in his Junior year, and received a National Merit Scholarship commendation. "Chuck" played baseball for three years, and was a member of the Biddeford High basketball and football teams for four years, serving as captain and elected All-State in football in 1965. He plans to enter Dartmouth College for a political science or pre-legal major.



D. Lawrence

E. Peterson

Miss Delores Ann Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delton E. Lawrence of Carmel, is the Salutatorian at Hermon High School this year. She has been very active in clubs and the Chorus of the School as well as other extra-curricular activities.

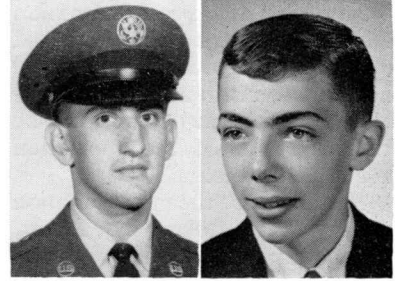
Miss Lawrence has won highest average honors awards in English, Biology and Chemistry. Also Honors in the Science Fairs at the Local; Regional levels and has participated in the State Science Fair at Bates College in 1964.

Miss Lawrence will attend the University of Maine where she will study in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Pvt. Eric J. Peterson, son of Stenographer and Mrs. Fred N. Peterson, Portland, enlisted in the U.S. Army in October, 1965. He completed Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and is presently attending Electronic School at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Nancy, daughter of P. T. clerk Harry Blackmore, Engineering Dept., is a senior at Westbrook High School where she has been a Member of the National Honor Society, Secretary of Senior Class, President of Future Business Leaders of America, a Varsity Cheerleader, Secretary of "W" Club, a Member of the Student Council, a Member of the Planning Board, Librarian and Assistant to the Guidance Officer, and an Exchange Student to Stephens High of Rumford.

Nancy is planning to attend Washington State Teacher's College, Machias in the fall.



L. Demers

W. Libby

Leon J. Demers, son of Machinist and Mrs. Rosario Demers of Auburn, recently graduated from the U.S. Air Force Aircraft Mechanics School at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He is a graduate of St. Dominic High School, Lewiston.

Wayne R. Libby, son of Reg Libby, Clerk in the Auditor Disbursements office, is graduating this June from Portland High School. He plans to go to business college if he does not enter the service.

Railroad Featured In 'Inside Story'

Seven pages of the Spring issue of "Inside Story," a nationally-circulated publication of the International - Stanley Corporation, are devoted to the Maine Central Railroad.

Entitled "Prime Mover for the Pine Tree State," the article deals with the railroad's vital role in the economic history of Maine, and in its future prosperity and well-being.

Accompanying pictures show work in progress at the Waterville Shops, a clay ship unloading at Portland, construction of the new Internal Paper Company mill at Jay, and a worker opening the door of a loaded wood chip car.

"Inside Story" is one of the nation's leading industrial publications. Circulation is 20,000, and readers include thousands of railroad and traffic executives as well as employees and customers of the big International-Stanley Corporation.



VETERANS MEET AT FAIRFIELD—Members of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans held their annual Spring meeting in Fairfield last month with a turnout of present and former railroad employees from all over Maine. The group is shown above during their business meeting.

Maine RR Vets Hold Fairfield Meeting

The annual Waterville meeting of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans was held April 24 at Fairfield Center.

The Grange catered and 126 members and guests were served a delicious pot roast dinner. A business meeting and group singing followed.

Members were present from Bangor, Waterville, Oakland, Winslow, Fairfield and Vassalboro, and the usual turn-out from Portland.

Members were all saddened by the recent death of our Secretary

and Treasurer, Mr. Bart P. Lyden, who will be greatly missed.

Mr. Melville L. Davis, 38 Kelley Street, South Portland, was elected by the Board of Trustees to succeed him.



Rodney A. Lowell, 80, passed away at his Bangor home after having served the Maine Central Railroad for 61 years, mostly as a locomotive engineer.

Mrs. John J. Burke, wife of past Veterans' Association President John J. Burke, has returned to her home on Scammon Street, So. Portland, after undergoing an eye operation at the Beth Israel hospital, Boston. At last reports she was progressing nicely.

Our best wishes to the following Veteran's Association members on their birthdays:

Mr. Horatio Clark of South Portland, our oldest member, celebrated his 95th birthday April 10; Mr. John G. Thompson of North Andover, Mass., celebrated his 90th birthday April 7.

Perley R. Witham, retired Assistant Yard Master of the Portland Terminal Company, passed away suddenly at his West Scarborough home.

Mr. Joseph H. Pooler, retired Maine Central freight conductor, died at his Portland home April 25.

Joseph Boyce, a retired B&M passenger conductor, is a patient at the Maine Medical Center, and Mrs. Frank Haskell, wife of the Agent at Oakland, is at the Mercy Hospital.

Perley Witham Dies in Portland

Perley R. W. Witham, 75, a retired Maine Central Yardmaster, died recently in a Portland hospital after being stricken at his West Scarborough home.

Born in Portland, Mr. Witham was first employed as a conductor by the Portland Street Railway Company, and later joined the Maine Central. He served the railroad for 38 years before his retirement in 1959.

He was a charter member and a past commander of the Libby-Mitchell Post, AL, and was a

member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Active in Masonry most of his life, Mr. Witham was a member and past master of Orchard Lodge, AF & AM of Old Orchard Beach, and an honorary member of the Gov. William King Lodge, AF & AM here. He was a member of the York Chapter, Bradford Commandery, of Biddeford, and of the Kora Temple Shrine and the Kora Temple Legion of Honor.

Bart P. Lyden, Vets' Official, Dies At 77

Bartholomew P. Lyden, 77, retired Maine Central Railroad car inspector and secretary-treasurer of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, died last month. He was employed by the Maine Central for 33 years, retiring in 1952.

A native of Portland, Maine, Lyden was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church and a member of its Holy Name Society. He was a fourth degree knight, Father Sabastian Rasle General Assembly and Knights of Columbus Lodge 101. He was secretary-treasurer of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, a member of the United Association of Railroad Veterans, International Brotherhood of Railway Carmen and the First Friday Associates.

Mr. Lyden is survived by a son, James T. Lyden, with whom he resided; a daughter, Mrs. Mary F. Cucchiara, both of this city; a brother, John J. Lyden, of North Monmouth; a half-brother, Joseph Hurley of this city; two half-sisters, Miss Agnes V. and Miss Catherine F. Hurley, both of Arlington, Mass., eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Lyden's wife, Joanna O'Connor Lyden, died in 1945.



Bartholomew P. Lyden



AT FAIRFIELD SESSION—Prominent at the Fairfield event were, from left, Melville L. Davis, secretary-treasurer; Robert R. Lewis, president; and Thomas H. Porter, Auburn, Mass., president of the National Association of Railroad Veterans.

GENERAL OFFICES

Jeffrey Setlin, son of Beatrice Setlin, Purchasing Department, and Sherman Setlin, had his Bar Mitzvah (Confirmation) on April 23 on the occasion of his 13th birthday. The celebration was held at the Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue in Portland and a reception was held in the social hall for 150 guests.

Charlie Anderson, Lester Woodbury and Stan Watson participated in the concert by Deering High School Band alumni in Portland City Hall April 29. Charlie played a trombone solo.

E. A. Whiting of the New Haven office in the General Office Building is driving a new 1966 blue Chevelle Malibu 2-door hardtop.

Congratulations to Harlan and Jody Moody on the birth of a daughter, Sally Jo, on April 19. Harlan is clerk-messenger in the Revenue office.

Harry Blackmore is getting back into the swing of things by folding diapers and singing lullabies for his new grandson, Eric, who was born on April 16, to his daughter-in-law, Joyce and son, Don. Donny is employed by the New England Tel. & Tel. Company in Chesterfield, Mass., where he and his family will make their home.

Stan and Marie Jordan were recently blessed with a baby girl, Kathleen Marie, who arrived on April 7, 1966.

The Ed Stewarts now have a little boy to add to their family of four girls. Little Jon Edward is a foster child and was 10 months old when he arrived at the Stewart's residence.

Lin Lamson is the pleased owner of a medium green 1966 Ambassador.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard King were guests of honor at a surprise 50th anniversary party recently arranged by their three sons, Paul, Leonard and Donald, at the Crescent Beach Inn. Mr. King retired from Maine Central service in 1960 after 45 years as a brakeman and conductor. Mr. and Mrs. King, who live on Tremont street, South Portland, have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dee and George Stanley recently purchased a dark green 1965 Ford.

Dick Esty entered a fishing derby at Belgrade recently, but there's no report on his success.

Mary Morse took a week's vacation and got all her spring house cleaning done.

Clarence Conner, retired payroll clerk, Accounting Department, is planning to move to Ohio soon to be near his son who is stationed at the Air Force base in that state.

Fred and Pauline Wilson recently returned from a spring vacation which they spent on a motor trip visiting the MacArthur Museum at Norfolk, Va., the Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa., Carter's Plantation in Williamsburg, Va., Endless Caverns in Va., and Old Salem Village and Old Moravian Village in Winston Salem, N. C. They traveled over 2,000 miles.

Reg Roy was an early vacationer—doing some spring cleaning and visiting in Waterville.

Mert and John Neilson have returned from a "flying" visit to their daughter, Kathy, at Keuka College in Keuka Park, New York. While there they attended a jazz concert at Hobart College in Geneva, were present at church services in Keuka's new chapel, followed by dinner at the college.

Roy Chaplin, son of Milt in Audit-or Disbursements office, and Linda Shaw were united in marriage April 16th at the Windham Nazarene Church. A reception followed at the Windham Grange Hall attended by over 200 guests. Roy is in the Engineering Unit of the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Clifford Ball, transportation assistant, Operating Department, is resting comfortably at home after recent surgery.

That this is forever a man's world—Kurt Ross, son of Mrs. Olive Ross, stenographer in Mr. R. F. Dole's office, accompanied by his Dad, took a trip during school vacation sight-seeing in Washington, D.C., leaving mother at home to work!

Gloria Woodman of Yarmouth is currently substituting in the office of Chief Mechanical Officer R. F. Dole.

RIGBY ENGINE HOUSE

In spite of the cool spring weather, the early garden work is progressing. Lawns have been fertilized, and peas have been planted. Retired engine house employee Arthur Thompson, Freeport, and your reporter, Al Wetmore, already have peas up one or two inches.

The death of retired Boiler Makers Helper Joseph Devine was reported last month. He was struck by an automobile while walking near the Portland-South Portland bridge.

The April 27th death of Watchman Donald Whitney, Wharves 1 and 3, also was reported. He had suffered a heart attack earlier in the month.

Mrs. Robert Pheffer, wife of former Boilermaker "Bob" Pheffer, served on various committees throughout the winter in the Falmouth Women's Club.

Former Boilermaker's Helper Frank Podicjack died quite suddenly while traveling in his car. He was employed at the Engine House during World War II.

Mrs. Marion Lanciault, mother of Machinist Lawrence Lanciault, celebrated her 96th birthday at a local nursing home where a party was given in her honor. She is looking forward to her 100th.

Clarence Gardner of North Gorham, another of our World War II employees, died April 21 after a long illness. He was prominent in the market garden business.

Electrician Walter Emery has purchased an electronic depth finder for his boat.

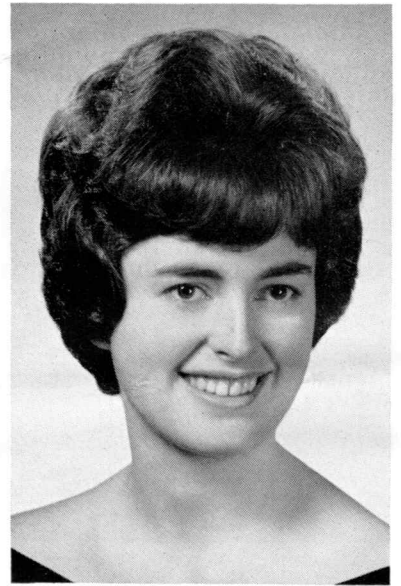
Retired Chief Clerk Leo Belfountane returned from Florida recently and is making preparations to take up his summer residence in Canada.

Mrs. Sarah Connolly, widow of engine house employee Martin Connolly, died April 6.

Electrician Raymond Rider has a new garden tractor, and he says it is saving a lot of back-aches.

Electrician James Small has recently purchased a new Ford.

Theodore Cote, Jr., son of Machinist "Ted" Cote, has just passed



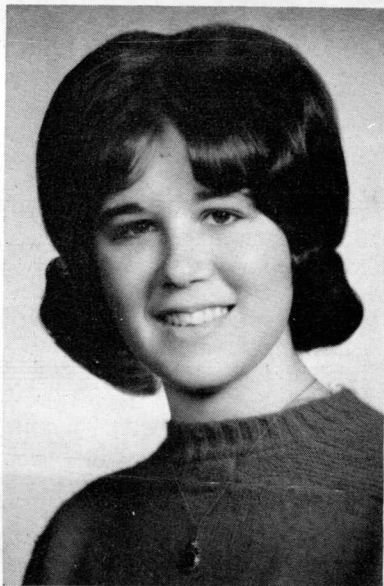
ENGAGED—Clerk and Mrs. George L. Sharpe of Capisc St. are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Eldith Roanne Sharpe of Cambridge, Mass. to Donald Robert Peters of Woburn, Mass. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burney A. Peters of Brookfield, Wis. An August 27 wedding is planned.

Miss Sharpe is a graduate of Deering High School and Mount Auburn School of Nursing at Cambridge. She is employed as a staff nurse at Mount Auburn Hospital.

Mr. Peters is a graduate of Brookfield High School and Milwaukee School of Engineering in Wisconsin. He is employed as an electrical engineer by Radio Corporation of America in Burlington, Mass., and has been selected for participation in R.C.A.'s study program.

through the nerve-wracking experience of having two automobile accidents within a period of 4 hours. Luckily there were no serious injuries.

Former Boilermaker Charles Jackson and Mrs. Jackson were visitors in town at the home of their daughter, Virginia. Charles visited the shop, and saw his friend Leroy Barney, at Gorham.



ENGAGED — Track Supervisor and Mrs. Wallace R. Pooler, Bartlett, formerly of Bangor, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gilda Eileen, to Harvey N. Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manard Anthony, Bartlett.

Miss Pooler attended Bangor and Winslow High Schools. She is employed at Shirley's Nursing Home, Orono.

Mr. Anthony is a 1965 graduate of Kennett High School, Conway, N. H. He is in the Army, stationed at Fort Devens, Mass.



WATERVILLE BOWLERS—Shown as they were about to leave for Portland and the Maine Central Bowling Tournament was this team from Waterville. From left, front row, Don Priest, Bob Knight, Faye Johnson, and Leo Fredette. Back Row, Paul Campbell, Bernard Ladd, Ted Jewett, Cliff Powell, George Moreau, Larry Baker, Jim Bickford and Charles DeRocher. George Knight also was a member of the team. (Messenger photo by Arthur Doucette)

Carshop Blacksmith Bronick Tatarczuk won for himself a place of good standing in the recent bowl-off in the Maine Central Couples League.

Machinist Helper, Wharf No. 3, Joseph Ashley, has purchased a new home at Maine Avenue, and Ray Street, where he and his new wife will reside. Good luck Joe.

A call has gone out for donors to supply 15 pints of blood for Martin Conley, a former worker at the engine house. He will have open heart surgery early in June.

Engine house employee Philip Baker recently bought a new Chevrolet, and Machinist Martin Stratton has ordered another "Chevy" Nova II.

Mrs. Edwin Temm, wife of former Machinist "Ed" Temm, served on the various 4-H Club committees, who recently presented their annual style show at the Falmouth parish house.

Howard Thurlow, retired Carman, wishes to be remembered to his friends at Rigby. He is in good health.

Marriage intentions of Michael Babbage and Linda Seavey of Sebago Lake Village have been announced. He is the son of "Dude" Babbage, Carpenter, bridge and building crew.

Norman Brown, a former Steamfitters Helper, is now employed by the Town of Scarborough as a school bus driver and janitor.

RIGBY YARDS

S. L. Patridge, Mrs. LaRose and P. F. Lyden are reported on the sick list. A. C. Appleby has returned to work after illness, his position being covered by Spare Clerk A. G. Buzzell. Agent L. H. Holmes of Cumberland Mills has returned to work after illness, his position being covered by Spare Operator R. C. Burdwood.

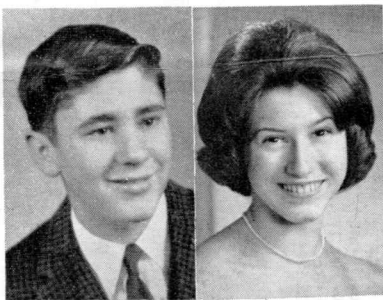
Enjoying recent vacations were General Yardmaster F. W. Grimmer and General Agent P. V. Bourque. Also on vacation were E. E. Roche, R. E. Crockett, R. A. Bearor, A. J. Blackwood, W. Glenn and J. M. Weingaertner.

J. D. R. Mulhern, extra brakeman at Rigby, has retired.

Mrs. Beckwith of the superintendent's office is sporting a new Oldsmobile.

John McFarland is covering the second trick at Wharf One, Roger Chisholm is covering the first trick, while George Purdy is covering the swing position.

M. Bodge, crossingtender at Forest Avenue, is enjoying a few days vacation, his position being covered by Spare Watchman R. E. Cooke.



The engagement of Miss Cynthia Desveaux of Waterville and Machinist Apprentice Robert Crowell has recently been announced. The wedding will take place July 9. Crowell is the son of Machinist and Mrs. Otho Crowell of Waterville.



ABOARD WATERVILLE SWITCHER—The crew of Switcher No. 8 at work in the Waterville Yard: Left to right, Lou Donahue, who was filling in for Bill Bodman; "Bert" Theriault, and Engineman "Honko" Richardson. (Messenger Photo by Arthur Doucette)

WATERVILLE YARDS

Roland Boulette, Carman Rip Track, decided on the spur of the moment last month to take a trip, and next day he was on his way by jet to California. It was sort of a family reunion for both sides of the family. Lucky enough, his wife Norma was also able to take a couple of weeks off. The weather was beautiful and in the 80's. Roland took his bowling ball with him and sure made use of it.

V. J. Hutchinson, operator at Augusta, has acquired a hobby since leaving Waterville. A stray cat made its home there and "Hutch" now is the proud owner of a family of kittens.

Our congratulations go to Engineman Charles Kimball who was married April 19.

Reid Camic, spare brakeman, is the proud father of a baby boy born at the Thayer Hospital, Friday, April 29.

There were two vacations in the yard this month: R. G. Cook, Yard Brakeman, and V. C. Tardiff, Yard Brakeman. Don't know their whereabouts—it's Spring fever, Spring cleaning or the horse races.

Speaking of horse racing—there are a couple of happy faces on Switcher No. 8—Bill Bodman and Ed Palmer. They hit the daily double.

The Waterville Bowling Team came home empty handed, but they had a wonderful time. There's always next year, so they say.

Dick Goldrup says his yellow hands are caused by a brass throttle and not yellow gloves.

Thurl Severy, Engineman, retired, arrived back from his trip to South America April 29.

WATERVILLE SHOPS

Laborer Bill Trafton has received his "Greetings" and will have reported for Army basic at Fort Dix, N. J., by May 11.

Laborer Thomas Underwood died recently. He had more than 40 years service and was on sick leave. He was 75 years of age and a veteran of World War I.

Machinist George Mountfort is on indefinite sick leave.

Carpenter Ernie Henry has recently been initiated in Waterville Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He was raised by acting Master, Machinist Ross Buzzell with the assistance of the Shops Degree Team.

Retired Painter Leroy Jackson fell recently and broke his ankle.

Carpenter Wes Morang recently said 'Good Morning Judge' and parted with \$20.00. His foot was too heavy on the gas pedal.

Pvt. Dave Alley, son of Mason and Mrs. Gene Alley, is home on a 14-day furlough from the Army. Upon completion of the furlough he will be transferred to Georgia for specialist training.

A good attendance of the local members of the Maine Railroad Veterans was reported at the recent dinner held at the Fairfield Center Grange Hall.

Painter Earl McCaslin has recently traded cars and has a new Impala four door.

Former Machinist Gerald Folsom died May 1 in a Winston-Salem Hospital. He had worked as a machinist in the Wheel Room for several years and was 47 years old at the time of death.

Carman Henry Gleason has applied for the pension. He has worked in the freight department since 1925.

Pfc. Bob Bucknam, formerly a machinist apprentice, is attending Officer Training School at Fort Belvoir, Va.

WATERVILLE STATION

Sympathy is extended to retired General Agent "Bart" Sirois, Skowhegan, on the death of his wife; Track Foreman Lin Decker, Clinton, on the death of his brother-in-law; and to Clerk Basil Higgins, Yard Office, on the death of his daughter Doreen at Bath. She was 37 years old and the mother of eight.

Work Equipment Supervisor Ray Coulombre and his wife spent a weekend in Boston recently attending a Celtics basketball game and a Cinema picture.

Clerk Dick Fecteau, Engineering Department, spent a recent weekend at his daughter's home in Lynn, Mass.

Work Equipment Maintainer Leo St. Pierre spent a weekend at Quincy, Mass.

Clerk-Stenographer Denise Belanger, Freight Office, spent a week's vacation just taking it easy, with a weekend in Canada.

Clerk Beverly Cook, Freight Office, and family spent a week's vacation visiting her brother in New Jersey and then on to Washington, D.C. for the sightseeing.

Trainmaster Bud Harris attended a meeting of Railroad Systems & Management April 22 in Chicago.

Track employees who have returned to work from sickness are: Foreman Harry Clark, Madison; Foreman Bob Bennett, Skowhegan; Trackmen Vic Thompson, Waterville and Al Eldridge, Oakland; Track Repairman Gid Veilleux, Waterville.

Retired Foreman of Plumbing and Heating Ralph Snow returned home April 9 after spending the winter in Arizona. Ralph likes Arizona better than Florida and plans to go back next winter.

Trackman Charlie Green, Jr., Waterville, has swapped cars. He now has a 1961 Chevy wagon.

Clerk Harry Nason was on two weeks' vacation in Florida.

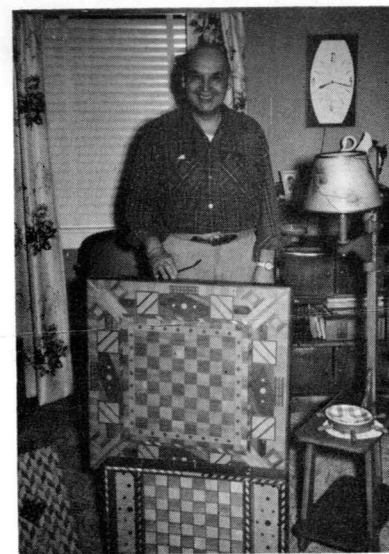
BANGOR

Retired Engineer Earl Drew dropped in to see us a while ago, was telling that Mrs. Drew and he had returned recently from a two weeks trip to Washington, D.C. and Latham, Maryland.

While in Maryland, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Page, formerly of Bangor. On the return trip, they stopped for a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Cluff, formerly of Bucksport.

Mr. Drew, a former engineer from the Portland Division, retired January 8, 1966 after completing forty-nine years and four months on the Maine Central.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the late Engineer Rodney A. Lowell. Mr. Lowell retired about three years ago, after having been an employee of the Maine Central about 60 years.



PERFECTIONIST—This is Denis (The Menace) Chamberlain, Chief Clerk at Waterville Freight Office. Very handy with tools, Denis is a cabinet maker, and a perfectionist at that. These are only a few of his projects, table lamps, cribbage boards, stationery boxes, peanut dishes. Incredible as it may sound, the card table has 960 pieces with 16 different kinds of hard wood.



TOP RAILROAD BOWLERS—A delegation representing the Maine Central Couples' League won the honors in the recent Maine Central Bowling Tournament at the West-Port lanes. From left, Jerry Shea, Warren Smith, Bill Manning, presenting the trophy, John Broderick, Dave Gardiner, scorekeeper Vi Welch and Brownie Tate.



INDIVIDUAL WINNERS—Joe Weingartner, Rigby, left, won the trophy for high single string, and Bernard Ladd, Waterville, won the high total prize.



By Bill Manning

With bowling finally over with in the Men's and Couple's Leagues, the winners in the Men's league were Team No. 3 with Kenneth Garner, Robert Rounds, Larry Smyth and Robert Brown; second place to Team No. 8 with Joseph Capozza, Jay Welch, Phillip McDonald and Joseph Welch, Jr. Third place went to Team No. 9 with Robert Lewis, Larry Ferguson, Dana Bragdon and Clinton Kane. High Team Single went to Team No. 6 with Herman Berrick, Ralph Coffin, Wakefield McGorrill and Henry Kenny, High Team String Total to Team No. 4 with Lindy Burgess, Michael Campbell, Samuel Cavallaro and Charlie Smyth.

High average was won by Paul Corbeau with a 102; high single string, Robert Engelhardt with 131; high three string total, Thomas Manning with 353.

In the Couple's League, Team No. 2 with Nell and Mel Cottle and Ruth and Dave Gardner took top honors followed by Team No. 3 with Peggy and Russ Proctor, and Lil and Donald Pettengill. Through most of the season Women's high single and three was held by Lillian Smyth with 128-318; high single for men by Warren Smith, 163; high three by Russ Proctor with 366. High single team went to Team No. 13 with Larry and Lillian Smyth, Mary Nugent and John Conroy. High three team was won by Team No. 4 with Jan and John Broderick, Grace and Donald Brown.

The Men's bowling banquet will be held at Carolyn's in Cape Elizabeth on May 17 at 6 p.m. The Couple's banquet is being held at the Paddock in Pride's Corner, May 28.

Scouts—*from page 1*

Monday evening's program was opened by Troop 47 of Orono whose members attained the highest average grade. On the platform were top Maine Central officials and executives representing the Katahdin Area Council and the Penobscot Bay District, Boy Scouts of America. The latter group included Chief Scout Executive Earl G. Reed, Bangor, and Earl C. Banks, president of the Katahdin Area Coun-

cil, who expressed the Council's appreciation to the Maine Central for sponsoring the course, and called it "an outstanding example of industry-Scouting cooperation."

Service Award Winners Listed

The following Maine Central and Portland Terminal employees were presented 25-year service buttons in May:

Gerald S. Baker, foreman carpenter, Portland; Wendall C. Black, blacksmith helper, Waterville; J. F. Bradley, crossingtender, Brewer; J. R. Britt, yardman, Portland; William E. Brown, sheet metal worker, Waterville; Stanley I. Butler, trackman, Bancroft; Willis G. Childs, Jr., Stores Dept., Waterville.

Warren S. Coombs, Jr., section foreman, Mattawamkeag; Leonel D. Cote, machinist, Waterville; John Eames, Sr., laborer, Waterville; Ervin L. Emery, carman C, Waterville.

Bartley J. Flaherty, freight handler, Rigby; Thomas J. Foley, clerk, Rigby; J. B. Grant, crane operator, Waterville; Olan Green, watchman, Waterville; J. A. Grenier, billing clerk, Waterville; Kenneth W. Hall, carman C, Waterville; Bryant A. Kent, machinist, Waterville.

Orlave L. Kitchen, machinist helper, Waterville; Wendall D. MacDowell, head clerk, Portland; Glendon P. McCarrison, carman C, Waterville; M. T. Mullen, clerk, Portland Terminal; Kenneth F. Philbrick, Waterville Stores; Donald F. Rines, machinist, Waterville; Eugene P. Trueworthy, assistant to auditor data processing, Portland.



FLORIDA VISITOR—R. M. (Bob) Gibbs, right, Flagman on Trains 375 and RY-2, while recuperating from a recent operation, visited his father, Harry E. Gibbs, retired Maine Central Railroad Conductor, and his aunt, Mrs. Helen Hayner, both living in Clearwater, Florida. Bob reports that Harry is active and in good health.

Directors—*from page 1*

spent by Maine Central since 1960 in a continuing program of freight service improvement.

The new cars will be 50-feet, six inches long and will carry 77 tons of freight. They'll have cushion under-frames and roller bearings.

The new cars will be delivered early in 1967.



DEGREE CONFERRED—Hormon A. Scott, right, car distributor, Portland, Master of Hiram Lodge, South Portland, presided when the degree of Master Mason was conferred on his son, Willard S. Scott, in April.

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