



UP SHE GOES—The new crane 160 demonstrates its strength and dexterity by lifting a box car in a try-out at the Waterville Shops.

(Messenger Photo by Doucette)

Waterville Crew Installs Diesel In Steam Crane

A 150-ton crane, largest on the Maine Central system, is the result of the latest conversion job at the Waterville Shops.

Now Maine Central 160, the huge hook was operated by steam for many years on the Rutland Railroad. It was purchased by MeC recently, and converted to diesel operation at Waterville last month. The engine came from MeC crane 178 which has been retired.

New crane assignments resulted from the addition of the 160 to the roster. The new big crane will remain at Waterville; the 179 will go from Rigby to Bangor to replace the 178; and the 180, formerly at Waterville, will go to Rigby.

Designer for the changeover was James Coffin, Portland, mechanical inspector. The Shops crew who carried out the work included Lawrence Cote, boiler-maker; Otho Crowell, machinist; Don Rines, machinist; and Ray Remy, boilermaker's helper.

Reid Potter Named Structures Engineer

Appointment of Reid H. Potter, South Freeport, as engineer of structures, Maine Central Railroad and Portland Terminal Companies, was announced in May by James O. Born, chief engineer.

Potter, who has been assistant engineer of structures, assumed his new duties immediately.

A native of Providence, R. I., Potter is a civil engineering

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Accounting Official Appointed MeC Freight Traffic Manager

Appointment of George H. Ellis, South Portland, as freight traffic manager of the Maine Central Railroad and Portland Terminal companies was announced in May by Sumner S. Clark, vice president.

Ellis, who has been asst. comptroller, revenue, for the Maine Central, assumed his new position June 1.

A native of Waltham, Mass., Ellis served for ten years in the accounting department of the Boston and Maine Railroad before joining the Maine Central in 1955. He is a member of the Accounting Division, Association of American Railroads, the Eastern Accounting Conference, the Eastern Claim Conference, the New England Railroad Club, the Maine Traffic Club and the New England Shippers' Advisory Board.

Ellis also is active in Portland-area civic organizations, having served in several capacities and as a director of the Greater Portland Community Services, and as a director and vice president of the Portland Y.M.C.A. He has been president of the Portland Lions Club, and is currently completing a term of office as District Governor of Lions International. He is a communicant and former senior warden of St. Albans Episcopal Church, Cape Elizabeth.

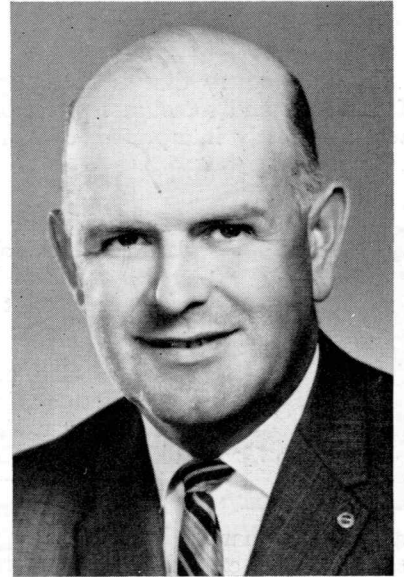
Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and their two daughters reside on Simmons Road, South Portland.

Three accounting department promotions were announced following Ellis' appointment, by Horace N. Foster, comptroller and treasurer, effective June 1.

They include the appointment of Clifford P. Hawkes, Jr., Portland, former general accountant, as auditor revenue and freight claims; William T. Brownell, Portland, former joint facility examiner, as chief systems analyst; and Gordon L. Wilson, South Portland, former assistant to the systems manager, as joint facility examiner.

Hawkes, who recently was elected to the Portland Water

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George H. Ellis

Bouchard, Tupper, Coombs Appointed In Operating Dept.

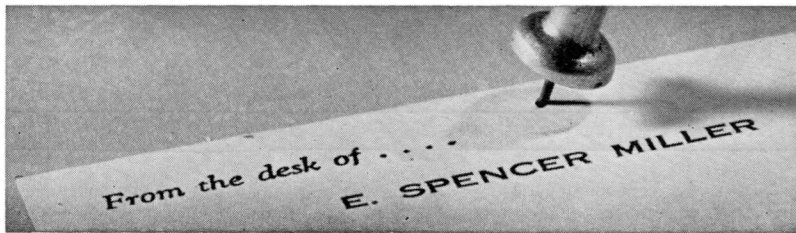
Three changes of key operating officials—effective June 1—were announced in May by the Maine Central Railroad and the Portland Terminal Companies.

They included the appointment of J. Edmund Bouchard, Old Town, as superintendent, Maine Central Railroad, with headquarters in Portland; Ansel N. Tupper, superintendent, Portland Terminal Company, with headquarters at Rigby Yards, South Portland; and P. H. Coombs, Portland, assistant superintendent, Maine Central Railroad, with headquarters in Bangor.

Bouchard, a life-long resident of Old Town, joined the Maine Central as a telegraph operator at Lincoln in 1918. He also served as an operator at Old Town before entering the train dispatchers' office at Bangor in 1921. He became a dispatcher at Bangor in 1923, trainmaster at Bangor in 1957, and assistant superintendent, Bangor, in 1962.

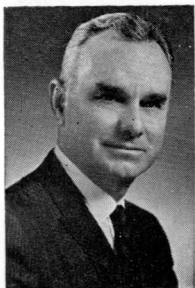
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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

In an industry that is changing as rapidly as ours, it is always fascinating and sometimes profitable to look backward. The review, when correctly interpreted, can provide valuable guideposts for the future.



In 1962, our railroad took such a backward glance with the observance of our centennial, aided by thousands of Maine people who share with us an active interest in the problems and the triumphs of railroading as it was a century ago.

This Spring, our northern neighbor, the Bangor and Aroostook, is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its charter. Among many special events is an exhibition train of new and modified equipment and a museum car which has been traveling from town to town on their system for a month, each appearance marked by throngs of people, especially youngsters. The tour will be extended, we understand, to accommodate overflow crowds.

Our observance or theirs could not have been held in a vacuum . . . could not have been held without the unflinching human fondness for looking backward, closely inspecting the tracks we've made in getting where we are.

An interest in history is universal. Some of us read Toynbee, or obscure volumes on the Civil War. Others of a similar stamp poke in libraries to find faded clippings, and even the less serious historians among us again enjoyment in recalling the "old days." To all of us, in one degree or another, the beginnings and early years of railroading hold a special fascination.

Our observance four years ago and theirs, this Spring, rely on this facet of human nature. Throughout the varied events, the public's in-bred interest in the industry's past is utilized to promote awareness of its present and concern for its future.

In addition, we learned something . . . that today's young people—who may see and feel the political and economic effects of space travel—nevertheless are as enthused as ever over trains, tracks and locomotives.

We fully expect that the Bangor and Aroostook, as well, will find this is one of the most significant lessons to be learned from their anniversary efforts calling public attention to their 75 years of accomplishments in Northern Maine. Beyond this, we congratulate the management and the employees of the Bangor and Aroostook, and wish them well in their company's 75th year and for 75 years to come.

E. Spencer Miller

Railfans Plan Autumn Trip

Members of the 470 Railroad Club, Portland Division, Railroad Enthusiasts, Inc., have announced sponsorship of a steam train excursion from Portland to Island Pond, Vt., and return Sunday, October 2.

The locomotive, CN's 4-8-4 numbered 6218, will be making its final trip, and will be cut off at Island Pond for the return to Montreal and retirement. A CN diesel will power the excursion train on its return to Portland.

The train will consist of a dozen coaches, a snack bar unit, and a baggage car with open doors for photographers and power outlets for tape recorders.

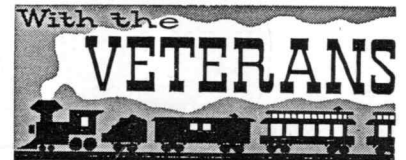
Phillips H. Prince, 73 Skylark Road, Portland, is ticket chairman, and is taking orders at \$12.50 for adults and \$7 for children from six to twelve. Total ticket sale, he says, is limited by seating capacity.

The train will leave Portland at 7:30 a.m., and return at 8 p.m.

Phillips, Russell Named to Board

Kenneth W. Phillips, manager, purchases and stores, and Earl R. Russell, purchasing agent, were named to the board of directors of the Maine Purchasing Agents' Association at the annual meeting last month in Orono.

Phillips is a former president of the organization.



The Maine Association of R. R. Veterans met May 22nd at Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Thornton Heights. There were 50 members present.

George S. Wescott, Asst. Superintendent of the Portland Water District, was the speaker, giving a very interesting discourse on our water supply from Sebago Lake. A question and answer period followed.

The next meeting will be held June 26 at the same location. This will be the last meeting until Sept. 18, this meeting being set ahead one week due to the Convention of the United Association of R. R. Veterans being held in Burlington, Vt., Sept. 21-25.

The speaker for the June meeting will be Edward Drane, Manager of the Portland Office of the R. R. Retirement Board. There will be a question and answer period at the close of his remarks. We are hoping for a large attendance as this will be our last meeting until September.

At the last meeting it was voted, as an economy measure, to discontinue sending the monthly bulletin to the retired members of the Association.

Joseph Boyce, retired Boston and Maine Passenger Conductor, passed away May 24. Interment was at Exeter New Hampshire, May 26. A floral tribute was sent by the Association.



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HEAD TROWEL CLUB—New officers of the Trowel Club, Railroad Masonic organization, were elected in May. From left, Don Sinclair, secretary-treasurer; Edward Quinn, new president, Walter Emery, out-going president, and J. Emmons Lancaster, who presented the program.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bouchard, who have resided at 11 Eaton street, Old Town, will move to the Portland area.

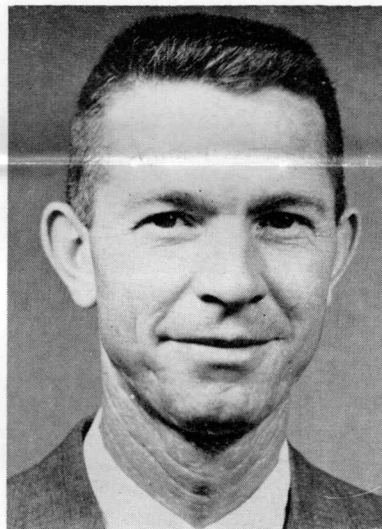


J. E. Bouchard



A. N. Tupper

Tupper, a 1950 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, entered Maine Central service as a student track supervisor at Waterville in 1953. He was appointed assistant trainmaster at



P. H. Coombs

Portland in 1954, and trainmaster at Waterville in 1955. He has served as general superintendent, Maine Central Railroad, since 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Tupper, their five sons and a daughter live at 28 Frederick Road, South Portland.

Coombs, a Boothbay Harbor native, joined the Maine Central after graduation from the University of Maine in 1948 with a degree in civil engineering.

Working first as a student supervisor in the railroad's track department at Bangor, he was soon transferred to the Mountain track district, with headquarters at Bartlett, N. H., and then to Lewiston in the same capacity. He was assigned to the Portland Terminal Company as assistant

track supervisor in 1952, and named trainmaster in August, 1963.

Coombs and his wife, the former Mary Blake of Boothbay Harbor, and their three daughters have been living at 34 Hastings street, Portland. They will soon establish a new residence in the Bangor area.

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District Board of Directors, has been employed by the Maine Central since 1941. A University of Maine graduate, now working toward a Master's Degree, he has held several accounting department positions, and has served as general accountant since 1961. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes and family reside at 25 Wood street, Portland.

Brownell's railroad service began in 1942, when he was employed by the Boston and Maine in Portland and Boston as a clerk in the payroll department. The South Portland native joined the Maine Central in 1955 as a clerk in the accounting department, and was named joint facility examiner in 1957. Mr. and Mrs.

Brownell live at 112 Caleb street, Portland.

Wilson, a native of Pelham, N. H., joined the Maine Central in 1955 after 30 years as an accounting department employee of the Boston and Maine. His Maine Central service has included work as a travelling accountant and as assistant to the systems manager. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and son reside at 308 Preble street, South Portland.



R. H. Potter

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graduate of Northeastern University, Boston, Mass. He held engineering positions with several firms before joining the Maine Central in 1960.

Potter is a member of the American Railway Engineering Society. He holds licenses as a professional engineer in both Maine and Vermont. He is a member and a trustee of the South Freeport Congregational Church, and has served as president of the South Freeport Civic Association.

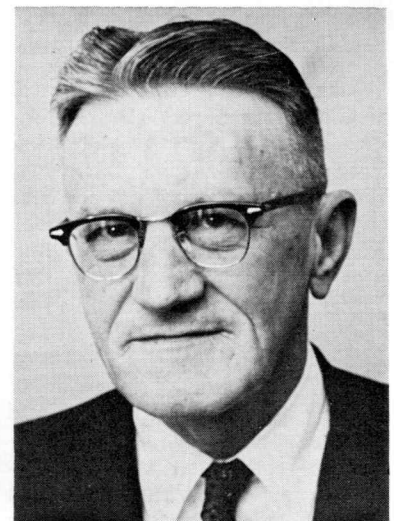
Mr. and Mrs. Potter and their two daughters reside on South Street in South Freeport.



C. P. Hawkes, Jr.



W. T. Brownell

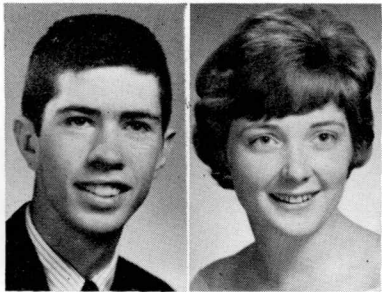


G. L. Wilson

June Is Graduation Time For Many Young Members of Railroad Families

Here's the June graduates . . . a bumper crop, and to all a hearty "well-done" and best wishes for the future.

Barry L. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Wilson, South Portland, graduates from South Portland High School this month. He has been a member of the track team, and active in Key Club, AFS Club and other extra-curriculars. He is Master Councillor of Frank S. Land Chapter, Order of DeMolay. An honor student at SPHS, Barry will enter Bowdoin College in September, expecting to major in languages. His father is joint facility examiner, Portland.



Wilson

Trefethen

Mrs. William J. Trefethen, the former Nancy Libby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Libby, is a member of the graduating class at the University of Maine. She will teach at South Portland High School beginning in September. Her father is car service agent, Portland.



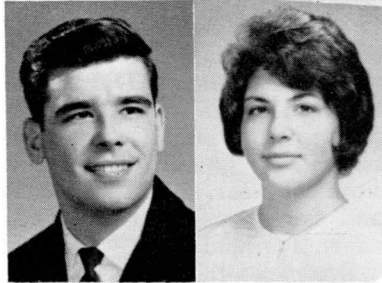
Grenier

Coulombre

Jeanne M. Grenier, daughter of Clerk and Mrs. Arthur Grenier, Waterville, was graduated from Mount Merici Academy, Waterville, this month. She has entered Central Beauty School, Augusta, for training. Mr. and Mrs. Grenier also have a son, James, who is completing his first year at St. Joseph's Seminary, Bucksport.

Ann Coulombre, daughter of Work Equipment Supervisor and Mrs. Raymond Coulombre, Waterville, completed a post graduate year at Waterville High School this month. She has served as art advisor for the

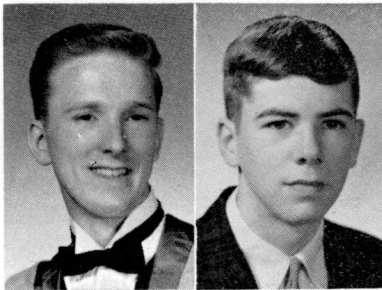
school publication this year, and as advisor for the Majorettes. She will enter Gorham State College, majoring in art, in September.



Cash

Pettengill

Jennie Pettengill, daughter of Messenger and Mrs. Lester Pettengill, Portland Terminal Company, is a member of the South Portland High School senior class. She has been a member of the chorus, the French club and the Pre-med club, and of the All-State Music Festival Chorus for the past two years. She will attend the University of Maine in Portland in the College of Arts and Sciences.

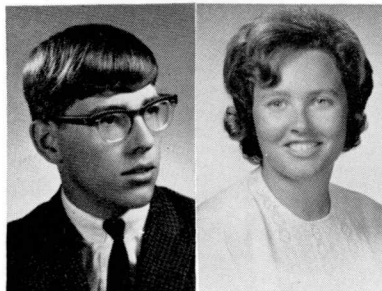


C. Keites

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David Cash, son of Telephone Operator Alice Cash, Portland, is graduating from South Portland High School and has been accepted at Husson College, Bangor.

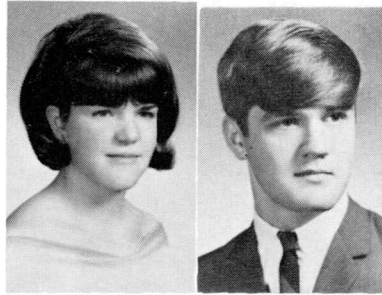
Curtis S. Keites, son of Yard Conductor Leslie S. Keites, Rigby, was graduated a year ago from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N. S., and is presently working toward a Master's Degree in Business at



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the University of Maine. He is also employed by the Travelers Insurance Company.

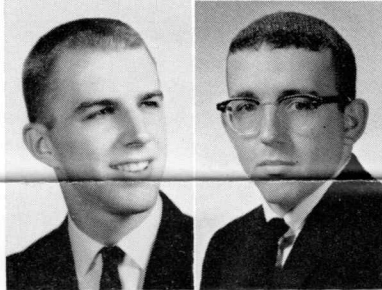


Ellis

Dyer

Gerry A. Keites, another son of Leslie S. Keites, is a member of this year's class at South Portland High. He will attend St. Francis Xavier University in September.

Miss Gail Weingaertner, daughter of Joseph Weingaertner, operator at Tower Two, and granddaughter of the late Joseph Connelly, a Portland Terminal operator, will graduate from Portland High School this month. She plans a career in art and will attend Portland School of Fine and Applied Arts in the fall.

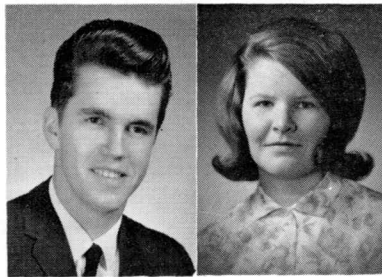


Moore

MacDowell

Douglas A. Jones, son of P.T. Yard Brakeman and Mrs. Richard C. Jones, will graduate from South Portland High School in June.

A Key Club member three years, Doug also played in the band and was a member of the tennis and cross country teams. He received his letter three years



Robinson

Wheeler

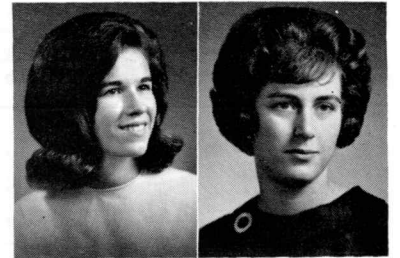
in both indoor and outdoor track, being elected captain of outdoor track his senior year.

Doug will enter Rhode Island University in the fall with plans to major in pharmacy.

Susan H. Ellis, daughter of Freight Traffic Manager and Mrs. George H. Ellis, received A. A. degree from Westbrook Junior College in General Stud-

ies/Secretarial Major curriculum. She was graduated from South Portland High School in 1964, and while attending Westbrook Junior College has been on the Dean's List.

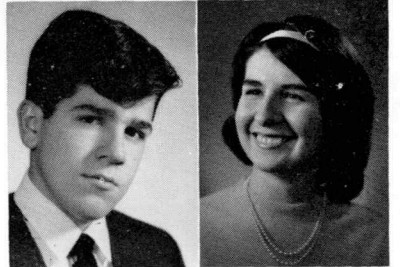
Bruce T. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Moore of Bangor, will graduate next month from Bangor High School after an active four years as a member and President of the Student Council. He has been Vice President of the "B" Club, and Vice President of the older boy's Y conference, and a member of Alpha Hi-Y. He was a Delegate to Boy's State his Junior year, received honors in Math, and is a member of National Honor Society.



Brown

Hallee

Bruce played Varsity baseball three years and was a member of the cross country team and Stetson Rifles Drill Team. He will attend the University of Maine this fall in the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, majoring in bio-chemistry. His mother is the former Dorothy White, Portland High Graduate of 1939.



Gravel

Rancourt

David W. MacDowell, son of Head Clerk Wendell D. and Mrs. MacDowell, is a June graduate of Cheverus High School, Portland. Has been on the Golf Team for three years and a member of the Political Science Club. He intends to enter the service before completing further education.

Jeffrey Robinson, 17, son of Carman Helper and Mrs. John Robinson, will graduate from Pembroke High School this June. He plans to become an apprentice in the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Plant in Hartford, Conn., specializing in electronics.

Lynda A. Wheeler, daughter of Conductor and Mrs. Galen Wheeler of Waterville, was graduated from the University of Maine June 1 with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. She



McKeil

will teach second grade in the East Providence, R. I. school system in the fall.

Rachelle Hal-lee, daughter of car inspector and Mrs. N.

Paul Hallee of the Waterville yard, graduates this month from Mount Mercial Academy, Waterville.

She will enter St. Luke's General Hospital School of Nursing in September, and will be taking additional courses at the Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, Mass., where the hospital is located.

Nancy Ellen Brown, daughter of Sheetmetal Worker and Mrs. William Brown, will graduate from Waterville High School this month. After graduation she will be employed by the New England Telephone Co. as an operator.

Arlene Ann Rancourt, daughter of the late E. Albert Rancourt, Traveling Storekeeper, Waterville Shops, will graduate from Waterville High School this month. After graduation, she plans to work a while and then to marry next year.

John Gravel, son of Frank Gravel, Car Inspector, second

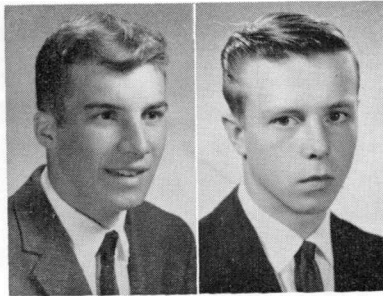
trick, graduates from Lawrence High School, Fairfield, this month. He will attend Bliss College, Lewiston in the fall.

Gary Dyer, son of Portland Terminal Trainman Herbie (and Pauline) Dyer has received a scholarship to attend Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin this fall. Gary graduates in June from So. Portland High School where he has been a member of the Latin Club and Pre-Med. Club. He also is a Sunday School teacher at Elm St. Methodist Church.

Linda Anne McKeil, daughter of Machinist and Mrs. John E. McKeil, China, is a June graduate of Erskine Academy, Windsor, where she has been a member of the Glee Club, a majorette, on the staff of the Junior Journal, and in the Senior play and the Fashion Show. She received two Service awards, and had perfect attendance for four years. She hopes to become a beautician.

Dennis B. Wetmore, son of Electrician Albert Wetmore, Jr., and grandson of retired Welder Albert Wetmore, Sr., graduates this month from Portland High School. Dennis was very interested in cabinet making at Portland High School. He has made application to enter the Sea-Bees.

Luke E. Caiazzo, grandson of retired Welder Albert Wetmore,

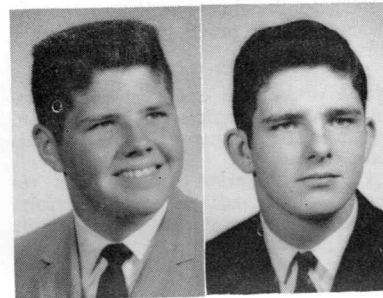


Caiazzo

Wetmore

Sr., graduates this month from Westbrook High School. He was very active in shop practice, which included assembling a car which he is now operating. Luke plans to take a post-graduate course, then enter MVTI.

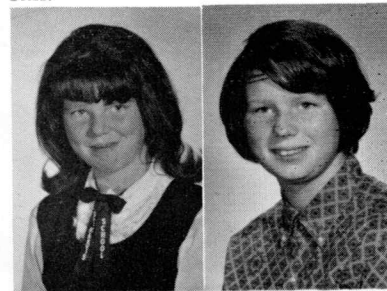
Barry J. Higgins, son of Engineman and Mrs. Leo Higgins of Bangor, graduates this month from John Bapst High School, Bangor. Throughout the four years at Bapst, Barry has been a



B. Higgins

L. Higgins

star athlete, competing in baseball, football and basketball, and has been active in other school and church activities. He expects to enter University of Maine this fall.



C. Higgins

I. Higgins

Leo J. Higgins, Jr., another son of Engineman and Mrs. Higgins, also graduates this month from John Bapst High School.

Leo has been very active in athletics and has starred in baseball, basketball and football. He expects to take a P.G. Course at Bangor High School this Fall.

Cynthia Higgins, a daughter of Engineman and Mrs. Higgins, graduates this month from St. Mary's Parochial School. She will be a Freshman at John Bapst High School this fall.

Irene C. Higgins, another daughter of Engineman and Mrs. Higgins, is a Freshman at John Bapst. She won the Senior Foul Shooting contest in Girls' basketball this year.

GENERAL OFFICES

Walter Provencher was a guest speaker at the Memorial Day Exercises in Sanford, Maine.

Bob Rounds was tendered a party on his termination as Commander of the Ralph D. Caldwell Legion Post in Portland. He was a participant of the memorial services in Deering and Westbrook.

Reggie Libby is on vacation—visiting relatives in Waterville. Red Murray is on vacation—catching up on chores around his home. Paul Landry is on vacation—spending it on day trips.

Bill and Bettie Woods spent the long holiday weekend cleaning up their camp at China Lake and Bill got his vegetable garden all planted.

Dick and Kay Greene and family were early campers—spending the Memorial Day weekend at White Lake State Park in New Hampshire.

Louise Scannell visited relatives in Manchester, N. H., and enroute stopped off in Boston to do some shopping.

Jeff Foster, U. of M. student, son of Sid and Helen Foster, has arrived home for the summer vacation. He plans to take some courses at UMP.

John Faibisy, son of Marion Faibisy of Engineering Dept., who is enrolled at the U. of Mass. for his Master's Degree, has returned home for the summer vacation. He will return there next year to work on his doctorate.

Bill Welch, clerk in AD office, has been serving on the jury in Cumberland County Court. He finds this to be very interesting but nothing like Perry Mason on TV.

Guy Mason and family of Freight Traffic have moved to a cottage at Little Sebago for the summer.

Alice Allen is home from the hospital after a major operation and is recuperating nicely.

Mert and John Neilson will again "trek" up the long New York thruway to bring back their daughter, Kathy from Keuka College, for the summer vacation. It stands to reason they are going in a station wagon cause if you know girls, it will be boxes, hair dryer, typewriter, trunk, records, record player, blankets, rugs, yearbooks, and—well enough said as anyone who has done it knows.

Irene and Milt Chaplin (he is clerk in Auditor Disbursements Office) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 31st, being entertained by Mrs. Chaplin's sister at a party in Norway. The Chaplins were married May 31, 1941 at Norway, Maine.

They have four children—a set of twins born on their 5th wedding anniversary—Roy (married to Linda Shaw) and Reta (now Mrs. Terrence Scott); Nancy (now Mrs. Alfred Harmon) and Milt, Jr. (married to Susan Merrill). The Chaplins are residents of New Gloucester.

On his last day as Asst. Comptroller, Revenue and Freight Claims,

George H. Ellis, recently appointed Freight Traffic Manager, was presented a polaroid camera by the members of the Revenue Office. Carl Baldwin, Asst. Auditor Revenue, made the presentation on behalf of the employees.

Mary, wife of Gordon Barron, Clerk in the Revenue Office, is on a two week tour of Ireland. She left by plane from Boston and will visit many points of interest.

Dana Bean's sister, Dawn Ellen, is spending the summer in Trinidad under sponsorship of the College Missionary Peace Corps program. She is currently a student at Barrington College, Barrington, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stanford recently became grandparents for the fifth time when their daughter, Joan presented them with a grandson, Robert Stanford Chase. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chase who live in Arlington, Va., have one other child.

The Stanford's son, Dave, is graduating from Naval Operations School with a Masters Degree in mathematics. He has been invited to join the Sigma Xi Honorary Society, and will continue for his Doctor's Degree at the University of California, Berkeley, Calif. Dave was graduated in absentia while attending classes for his Doctor's Degree, which consists of concentrated course of six hours a day for six weeks.

Dee and George Stanley, along with Dee's mother, spent a week's vacation in Ohio and also went to Kentucky to the races.

Harry Blackmore recently returned home after a short stay at the hospital to recuperate, but must return for operations later. Harry wishes to thank all his friends for the lovely Sunshine Basket that was taken to him at the hospital.

Bob Woodill has recovered nicely from his operation and stay in the hospital and recently attended RSMA Workshop Seminar in Chicago. We're all pleased to have you back, Bob!

RIGBY

At long last, the first of our early summer days, with temperatures on the high side of the thermometer. Practically all the gardens have been planted, and we are waiting for the results. Retired Janitor, Arthur Thompson has supplemented his farming equipment by building a small green house for starting seedlings. Frank Kane, Stores Dept. Clerk, is also looking forward to setting out his tomato plants.

Machinist Melvin Pratt has taken up the study of astronomy as a pastime, and has already made considerable progress at the art of star-gazing. One day recently, he was working around his farm tractor and a bar of iron attached to it struck him in the forehead. "I saw stars when Alice hit me," he said, referring to his Allis-Chalmers tractor.

Mrs. James Small was recently confined to the Osteopathic Hospital for



RAILROAD EDITORS CONVENE—From all sections of Maine a score of assistant editors of the MAINE CENTRAL MESSENGER gathered in Portland June 1. At Crescent Beach Inn, Cape Elizabeth, where their luncheon and convention was held are from left, seated: Mrs. Marion Stevens, Mrs. Carol Bragdon, Portland; Mrs. Ruth Brochu, Waterville; Mrs. Molly Fehlau, Mrs. Myrtle Neilson, Portland; Mrs. Alice Allen, South Portland. Standing: R. F. Dole, Chief Mechanical Officer; R. S. Thing, General Agent, Brunswick; Henry White, Lewiston; A. B. Wetmore, Rigby; F. E. Ware, Bangor. Herbert L. Baldwin, Lincoln, Mass., public relations consultant; H. C. Clark, Portland; J. F. Johnson, Rigby; G. K. Stevens, Waterville; Horace Rodrigue, Augusta; William Manning, Portland; Kenneth W. Phillips, manager purchases and stores; and Joseph H. Cobb, public relations director.

surgery. Electrician James Small tells me her convalescence is normal. Jim's crew members also wish her the best of luck, and a quick recovery.

Mrs. Stella Flynn, an aunt of Stores Department worker and chisel truck operator Russell Proctor, died May 25 at Freeport. She is the sister of retired engineer Louis Proctor, Russell's father. "Lou" and Mrs. Proctor plan on spending a good part of the summer months at their cottage at Pequawkot Lake.

Former Hostler Bartley Wallace and his brother Crane Operator "Mike" Wallace both of whom are retired, are hale and hearty. They wish to be remembered to all of their friends.

Carman and Mrs. Donald Perkins announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna M. to James W. DeWever, Jr., who will graduate from Wentworth Institute this month and will be employed by the Maine Central Railroad.

Janitor at engineers' quarters Rigby, Charles Ready, has performed his usual duty of planting seedlings in the flower-bed surrounding the flag staff. The accompanying picture shows former General Foreman Coleman Welch in the act of raising the flag for the first time, when it was put into use in 1945.

Leading Carpenter, Bridge and Building crew, Huelin Babbage has had a busy month. He and Mrs. Babbage announced the marriage of their son Michael to Linda Lee Seavey of Walnut Hill on May 7, at North Yarmouth. Michael is employed with the Pratt Whitney Aircraft Company. They will make their home in Colchester, Conn.

Thomas F. Kane, brother of Francis Kane, Stores Department Clerk,



RETIRES—Louis Bowie, veteran carman at Lewiston, is congratulated by General Agent Richard L. Achorn as he completed his final day of work in May.

died May 13. A floral tribute was sent to the services.

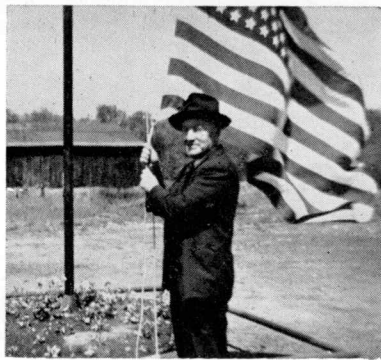
Visitors at the shop during the month were Former General Foreman Malcolm Billington, and Machinist Clyde Burnham, retired, who has announced his marriage to take place this month.

Storekeeper Maurice Allaire says Mrs. Allaire has recently been confined to the hospital for observation, but is getting along very well at this date.

Carman Charles Audette has recently purchased a new Chevrolet "Caprice" convertible, sport coupe model, and 386 horse power, with console controls.

Mrs. Harriet Burnell, sister of Carman Donald MacVane, and aunt of Machinist Ernest MacVane, died during the month. She was the former operator of Nell's tearoom and restaurant at Oak Hill, Scarborough.

Engineer Charles White was hospitalized for a bad heart attack and died in the hospital, May 21.



Two busloads of pupils from the Pond Cove Grammar School, Cape Elizabeth, and North Deering, Portland, accompanied by their teachers, toured the Rigby property last week. The foremen acted as guides.

Frank Garland, Chief Clerk at Rigby enginehouse and dispatchers office, is a very busy man these days with the Freeport Little Leaguers. He is their coach and manager, as well as having two sons who are pitchers on the team. Their record as of June 1st, 2 wins and no losses. Both were shut-outs, 8-0, and 4-0.

Walter Mangum, a former Electricians' Helper, is now employed at the Mt. Sinai Cemetery Corporation. He wants to be remembered to his friends in the terminal.

Foreman Maurice Weeks, has returned to work after a period of sickness. He is feeling much better than he has been for a long while. He is

still carrying on his side-line of raising pure-bred Hereford cattle.

Ludger J. Harvey, brother-in-law of Foreman Joseph DeRoche, second trick, and a retired employee of the S. D. Warren Paper Company, died in a local hospital after a brief illness. A floral tribute was sent.

Spare Foreman Waverly Hammond entered a local hospital for observation May 31.

LEWISTON

Lewis B. Bowie, lead carman at Lewiston, retired May 21 after 43 years of service on the Maine Central Railroad. "Louie", as he was better known, was presented a billfold and money by his co-workers and friends.

"Louie" is looking forward to a summer of camping trips and time leisurely spent at his cottage at Cundy's Harbor. We all wish him the best in his retirement.

Charles Richardson, Telegraph Operator at Lewiston, recently came to work sporting a new car. Not to be outdone, Car Clerk Fred Jumper came to work the very next day with a new car also. No drag racing, boys, please.

Charles Laflame, yard brakeman at Lewiston, was on vacation recently spending some of his time painting his house. Understand he plans to contract jobs in his spare time.

Roland Dorval, AAR checker at Waterville, has taken over the duties of car inspector at Lewiston.

Richard Newcomb, freight clerk at Livermore Falls, is celebrating 50 years of service with the Maine Central RR. Richard started working at Bemis 50 years ago last May 23rd.

John W. "Jack" McLeod, retired MeC conductor, was a recent visitor to this office and looking just as spry as ever. Nice seeing you, Jack.

Mrs. Georgianna White, the mother of Miss Lillian White and of Henry White of this office, celebrated her 95th birthday on May 18th. A party was held for her at her home to honor her on this occasion.

BANGOR

In the July, 1952, issue of the "Maine Central Magazine," our former reporter, Charles H. Leard, published a picture of three robust young men, ages four, two and sixteen months. With this picture, Mr.

Leard predicted that these three youngsters were, "Three Future Athletes" for John Bapst High School. This year these three youngsters were star players in baseball, basketball and football for John Bapst. These three young men are Leo Jr., Barry J. and Richard Higgins, sons of Engineman and Mrs. Leo J. Higgins. Two of the Higgin's boys, and two of their sisters, are pictured on page 5.

Leo Jr., and Barry graduate this year and Richard has one more year to gather additional honors at Bapst.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Elroy D. Lawrence, who passed away May 13 at a Bangor Hospital. Mr. Lawrence was a resident of Carmel most of his life. He was an employee of the Maine Central Railroad for 49 years, retiring ten years ago. Mr. Lawrence was the father of Delton E. Lawrence, Hostler's Helper, and father-in-law of Electrician Harold S. Hughes, both of the Bangor Engine House.

AUGUSTA

Mrs. Sandra Sullivan, daughter of Vern Hutchinson, our telegrapher, is convalescing at her home in Portland after extensive heart surgery. Vern lent a helping hand at Sandy's during his two week vacation.

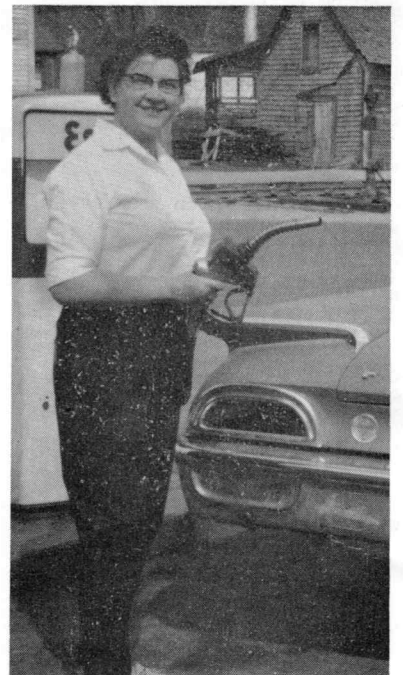
Our freight office building and shed is receiving a coat of paint by new owner Earl Harvey of Gardiner, Me.

Allerton Hutchins, signal maintainer, took two weeks of his vacation recently. He spent most of it close to home.

The local section crew have been following through their spring chores of replacing ties and burning grass on the right of way.

Section foreman Millard Tracy has callouses on his purse string hand fighting off the truck trading fever.

General Agent Ralph Tracy has purchased two small pigs for the fall larder.



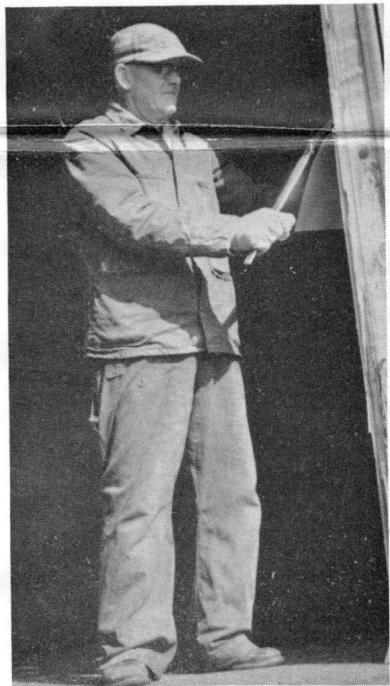
FILL'ER UP—Mary Morse, engineering department, Portland, manned the pumps at her brother's gas station in Ellsworth Falls during a recent vacation. Best day, she says, was when it rained, and she didn't have to wash windshields.



HERE'S THE CREW—This smiling group are happy after completing dieselization and rebuilding of Crane 160. From left, Machinist Otho Crowell, Boilermaker Laurence Cote, Machinist Don Rines and Boilermaker Helper Ray Reny. (Messenger Photo by Stevens)

Recent callers were former baggagemaster Harvey Wilder of Orono, Leland Hopkins, retired freight handler and Earl Drew, retired engineer of Bangor. Harold Brown, retired ticket clerk, also called on us. All looked hale and hearty.

Brakeman Stan Karnes of the Augusta Road Switcher is on vacation and fishing in the Allagash region.



ON THE RIP TRACK—This is Lee Ramsey, Car Inspector, first trick, busy these days on the repair track at Waterville.

WATERVILLE STATION

Sympathy is extended to track foreman Lin Decker, Clinton, on the death of his wife.

Clerk Dick Fecteau, Engineering Dept., attended the System Board Meeting of the Railway Clerks in Boston on May 5 and 6. Dick was also on one week's vacation, being visited by his grandchildren from Massachusetts.

Lloyd Cooley has bid off the track foreman's position at Hartland.

Ronnie Hartford is acting track foreman at Corinna.

Francis Roy has returned to his trackman's position at Pittsfield, after filling in as foreman at Hartland.

Congratulations are in order to Div. Crew A Foreman Earl Doody on being a grandfather again.

Work Equipment Supervisor Ray Coulombre attended the New England Railroad Club meeting in Boston last month.

General Agent Calvin Clark and Trainmaster Bud Harris attended the New England Shippers Meeting in Portland.

Track Supervisor Maurice Thorne was on one week's vacation visiting his children in Massachusetts.

Bill Rack Clerk Larry Ridley, Yard Office, was on one week's vacation fishing at Moosehead. It was a little cold this year camping, but no flies. Harry Nason covered for Larry.

The following were out sick in the track department: James Shelley, Carlton Gould, and Herbie Boudreau.

District No 4 had its Foreman's Meeting May 2 at the Jefferson, Waterville. Among those attending were Track Supervisor Maurice Thorne; Asst. Track Supervisor F. E. Johnston; Machine Operators, O. E. Perry, E. E. Murphy; Track Repairman Gid Veilleux and Clerk Dick Fecteau. Present from Portland were Larry Sparrow, Safety Supervisor; W. M. Martin, Engineer of Track; Hugh Flynn and John Michaels and W. G. Schloth, Div. Engineer, Bangor.

Dick Smith, B&B Supervisor, was on a week's vacation with Everett Flannery covering. Everett has just moved to his new home at Sunset Heights, Winslow.

Clerk-Typist Ruth Brochu, Engineering Dept., was on a week's vacation catching up on spring house cleaning.

Douglas Perry, son of Machine Operator Oral Perry, has completed his basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. and is now stationed in Viet Nam.

Track Repairman Gid Veilleux and Work Equipment Maintainer Leo St. Pierre, were on a week's vacation.

WATERVILLE YARDS

Leo Bujold, Conductor Switcher No. 5, had the honor of taking 14 teenagers by bus to Jackman, recently. The trip was made memorable by the fact that he almost ran out of gas.

Conrad Nason, Swing Billrack

Clerk and Checker, is heading out west, by automobile, for his vacation. He has friends and relatives in California that he hasn't seen for many years.

Ralph LaLiberte, Assistant Yardmaster, is a grandfather again. His other daughter Helen recently had a baby girl, Kimberly Huard.

Ken Ireland, Fireman on the Madison job, was in Indianapolis over the Memorial Day weekend for the 500-mile race.

R. G. Cook, rear brakeman, Switcher No. 4, is at home recovering from his recent illness after being in the hospital.

Larry Ridley, Billrack Clerk, 2nd trick, spent his vacation around the house just puttering. He also went fishing and says he nearly froze to death.



FROM EAST CARRY—Ken Ireland, Jr., son of Ken Ireland, Fireman, HW-2-WH-1, caught these fish at East Carry Pond recently while fishing with his father. Ken Jr. caught four and his father caught the rest . . . or was it vice versa? (Messenger Photo by Doucette)

R. O. Carrier, Spare Brakeman, is back to work after spending several months recuperating from an injury in a fall last winter.

Denis Chamberlain, Chief Clerk, Freight Office, won a prize recently at the K. C. Fishing Derby for the largest brown trout, 7 lbs. 1 oz. without the pole. Nobody would have believed it if his picture hadn't appeared in the local paper.

Vacations for this month are as follows: Yard, L. M. Miller, R. E. Cammic, E. J. LaLiberte, L. K. Powers and R. J. Veilleux.

Enginemen, A. W. Higgins, C. E. Richardson, Road, L. J. St. Amand, E. Y. Morris, J. R. Tardiff and F. K. Bennett.

Billrack Clerks, L. B. Ridley and C. F. Nason.

WATERVILLE SHOPS

Assistant Storekeeper Joseph Cosgrove and Lumber Man Alfred Cunningham have recently visited the Company's tie and pole creosoting plant in Nashua, N. H.

Machinist Harlan Young was recently initiated in the third degree, F. and A. M., by the Shops degree team. He was raised by Acting Master Electrician Fred Gaunce.

Word has been received that former Carman Gilbert Delaware, now of Miami, Fla., has been in a bad automobile accident, which killed his 12-year-old son. Delaware was severely injured but is making a slow recovery at a Miami hospital.

Carman Leo Fredette, while driving a 'mini-bike' was thrown off, re-

ceiving severe lacerations of the head and face. At this writing he is confined to the hospital.

Carman Clyde Brackett has recently been rushed to a local hospital for emergency operation for a strangulated hernia.

Carman Glenn McCarrison is confined to his home with a trick knee.

Assistant Foreman Wallace Jewell has returned from a six week holiday on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Lumber man Al Cunningham fought a losing battle with a power lawn mower. The machine tipped over on him breaking a hand and severely cutting his arm.

Stores Department Clerks Ralph and Shirley Barton and son Wayne, recently spent a week's vacation in Washington, D. C.

Paint Helper and Mrs. Warren Underwood and daughter Terry have been visiting relatives in Aroostook county.

Carman Helper Ray Libby has been a recent visitor at the Shops. He is making a good recovery from major surgery and plans to convalesce at his camp on Snow Pond.

New cars in the parking lot include a four-wheel-drive Toyota belonging to Carman Arthur Campbell, a Ford sedan owned by Carman Al Wentworth, a Chevy II belonging to Painter Red McCaslin, a Pontiac Bonneville sponsored by Carman Jimmy Steeves and a Chevrolet four-door owned by Millman Cy Niles.

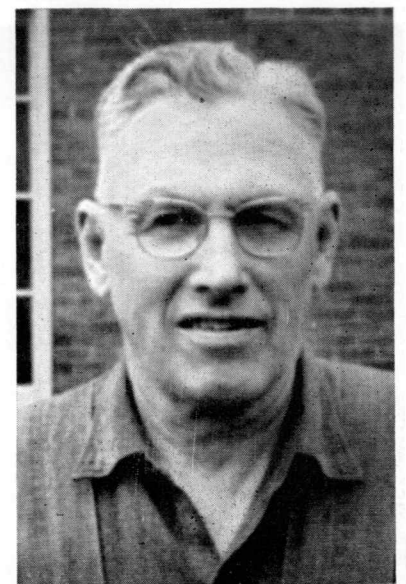
Machinist and Mrs. Burr Blanchard spent a week recently with their daughter and family in Philadelphia.

Carman Clyde Dow, Jr., has returned to work after major surgery and a long convalescence.

Electrician Joe Banks has been recalled and is on the graveyard shift at the Engine House, Electrician Paul Getchell has returned to the Electric Shop.

Carman Roland Dorval has resigned from the Shop roster and has gone to Lewiston to take a car inspector's job.

Laborer and Mrs. Armand Rossignol and daughter have been visiting relatives in Hartford, Conn.



ENDS SERVICE—May 31 saw the termination of 24 years as an electrician with the Maine Central Shops at Waterville for John Patterson. 'Pat' had many years with the Central Maine Power Co. prior to coming to the Shops. He was presented with a substantial purse along with the best wishes of all the employees. (Messenger Photo by Stevens)



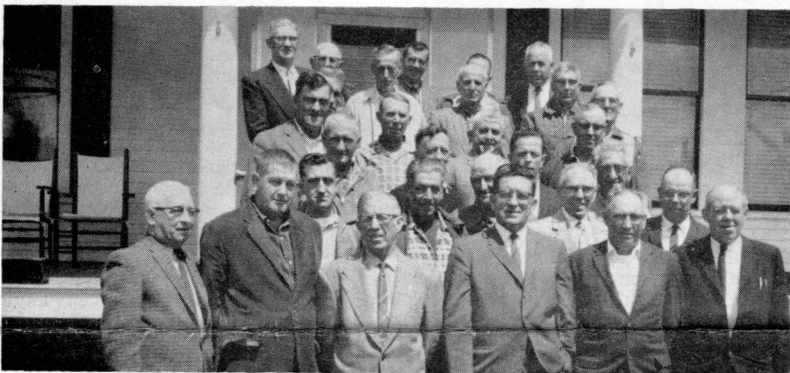
AT MACHIAS—Seated, left to right, F. B. Perkins, E. L. Sturk, C. V. White, C. E. Bayrd, R. J. Martin, N. E. Bagley, S. F. Lunn, A. W. Urann, E. H. Dorr, G. C. Carter, F. L. Holmes. Standing, L. W. Sparrow, W. M. Martin, W. G. Schloth, H. E. Featherson, N. C. Craig, A. A. Palmer, B. C. Clark, C. E. Beal, R. A. Brooks, E. M. Tibbetts, H. F. Wakefield, E. F. Butler, G. A. Ross, F. L. White, L. R. Lyons.



AT MATTAWAMKEAG—Front row, left to right, W. D. Michaud, S. W. Robinson, A. H. Davis, B. E. White, P. A. Knowlton, W. R. Rogers. Second row, L. F. Gordon, C. O. Kinney, R. E. Hafford, D. MacDonald, I. E. Duplisea, M. L. Raye. Third row, R. L. Rustin, W. Coombs, H. L. Sanborn, K. S. Miller, W. R. Libby, M. D. Blanchard. Fourth row, J. Michaels, C. T. Moors, W. L. Tourtillotte, D. C. Eldridge, J. R. Mincher, L. M. Grass, L. I. Potter. Fifth row, H. Flynn, W. Maloy, W. G. Schloth, W. M. Martin, L. G. Beals, Jr.

Signs of Spring

The Annual Section Foremen's Meetings



AT BARTLETT—Front row, left to right, L. W. Sparrow, C. W. Kelley, D. A. Danforth, W. R. Pooler, L. B. Haggood, R. A. Jackson. Second row, T. B. Sweeney, Jr., W. H. McLaughlin, E. G. Bonnett, R. R. Gardner, B. A. Clemons. Third row, P. J. Burke, G. B. Lane, N. E. York, Jr., T. B. Sweeney, Sr. Fourth row, L. S. Huntington, W. A. Rowell, S. G. Noyes, A. J. Whitten. Fifth row, R. E. Lane, A. J. Lane, G. H. Peters, H. J. Neally, R. J. Jones. Top row, L. R. Clemons, B. H. Blake, C. S. Crawford, R. L. Noble, W. M. Martin.



AT AUBURN—Left to right, E. A. Hall, D. G. Wolfe, E. L. Strout, C. Lyman, S. F. Carr, J. H. Rogers, C. D. Dyke, J. J. Benedetto, F. G. Sturtevant, J. F. Ryan, J. L. J. St. Pierre, L. M. Crooker, E. A. Bolduc, F. X. Richard, L. V. Robinson, C. E. Weeks, L. W. Turgeon, M. A. Chamberlin, W. J. Weeks, V. E. Stevens, G. A. Beaudin, R. L. Stevens, R. M. Peterson, R. A. Jackson.



AT WATERVILLE—First row, left to right, R. A. Beaulieu, W. L. Haskell, 2nd, K. S. Philbrook, P. P. Colson, C. A. Hartwell, F. Roy, E. W. Vintinner, L. W. Sparrow, G. W. Tibbetts. Second row, W. Boucher, E. P. Veilleux, J. G. Doyon, O. E. Perry, W. G. Schloth, W. E. Maloy, W. L. Haskell, L. G. Cooley, M. S. Thorne, L. R. Lawrence, F. E. Johnston. Third row, W. T. Bessey, Sr., H. F. Clark, F. L. Cowan, E. E. Murphy, B. S. Kendall, L. G. Decker, E. J. Morin, E. Doody, G. E. Veilleux, R. L. Bennett and W. M. Martin.

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