



New Diesels Go To Work On MeC Lines

Two million dollars worth of brand new diesel locomotives—Numbers 251 - 262 inclusive—are or soon will be speeding up service to shippers along Maine Central lines.

The 12 powerful new pieces of motive power each can handle about 20% more tonnage than the dozen "old-timers" they will replace.

President Miller, Willard E. Pierce, General Manager, Transportation and Labor Relations; Richard F. Dole, Chief Mechanical Officer; Melvin L. Charity, Road Foreman of Engines and J. E. Buzzell, Superintendent of Car Maintenance and other officials were on hand at Rigby after the arrival of Y-R 11 from St. Johnsbury on Sunday morning, November 20. The first of the new motive power, locomotives 253 and 4 had been put into service at St. Johnsbury the previous night. They made the return run to St. Johnsbury on R-Y

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FIRST UNITS ARRIVE—The first of 12 brand-new diesel locomotives, numbers 253 and 254, arrived in St. Johnsbury November 19 and were placed in service immediately. Built at LaGrange, Ill., by the Electromotive Division of General Motors, the big new engines boast 2,000 horsepower and weigh 260,000 pounds. Total cost of the dozen new diesels is more than \$2,000,000.

Maine Central Wins Second Prize In National Contest

The Maine Central Railroad was the winner of the runner-up Award of Merit in the 9th annual Golden Freight Car Awards competition sponsored by the Railway Progress Institute in November. The Chicago & Quincy Railroad won first honors and the Golden Freight Car.

President Miller accepted the second-prize plaque in New York before some 1,000 executives of the railroad and railway equipment and supply industries at a dinner held at the Waldorf-Astoria. The awards are made in recognition of outstanding sales promotion programs developed and implemented by the railroads. The competition was open to all railroads in the United States and Canada.

Maine Central's second-prize winning entry was based on details of a unique five-year sales program started in 1961. It was planned to provide new service and lower costs for the railroad's largest customer—the pulp and paper industries in Maine. Directed by President Miller and the heads of the Maine Central's Traffic Department, the campaign centered on the use of wood chips — raw material for paper of a hundred types — some produced as much as 150 miles from the using mills. Working with Maine paper industry engineers and the American Pulpwood Association, the Maine

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INSPECT THE CAB—Looking over the controls and instruments of locomotive 253 are, from left, W. E. Pierce, general manager, transportation and labor relations; R. F. Dole, chief mechanical officer; and President E. S. Miller.

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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

There's a lot that's new on the Maine Central . . . new locomotives, new cars, new service improvements for new mills and new industries. We have scored new accomplishments, and have accepted new responsibilities.

But with all this newness, there remains a very old wish at this time of the year, a wish undimmed by the passage of centuries, a wish still as meaningful as ever:

To all of you, a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

Esplaner Miller

EDITORIAL

The United Fund

Under the leadership of Eric P. Smith, chief statistician, Maine Central and Portland Terminal Co. employees in the greater Portland area have again demonstrated their concern for the less fortunate and their willingness to help.

They have pledged a total of \$7,733 for the United Fund, exceeding last year's record figure by more than \$100. The average pledge was \$11.39. . . . not a great amount, but nevertheless an indication of the generosity of the people in our industry.

This same generosity was evident in Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor and Waterville, where similar United Fund or Community Chest campaigns were conducted this fall.

Maine Central officials provided top leadership in all these campaigns, assisted by departmental solicitors to whom the greater part of the credit must go.

Here in Portland, Mr. Smith has expressed his thanks to the captains and solicitors who made possible this year's record total.

In turn, may we congratulate and express our gratitude to Mr. Smith for his labors, leadership and complete success.



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WOOD CHIP TEAM RECEIVES AWARDS—Maine Central officials who were active in the award-winning chip traffic promotion received their plaques immediately after President Miller's return from the Railway Progress Institute awards dinner in New York. From left, Herman E. Buchheim, sales manager; Roy E. Baker, vice president, special projects; Mr. Miller; John P. Scully, executive assistant; and Charles G. Rivers, assistant to the chief engineer.

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Central's five-year effort not only resulted in several new types of cars being used for moving wood chips but—at its Waterville shops—Maine Central workmen carried out a program of redesign and conversion of box and other type cars to provide economic movement of wood chips.

Maine Central's Entry in the Golden Freight Car Competition documented how in the past five years the road has increased its tonnage of wood chips nearly 18 times above the tonnage carried five years ago. One large mill, the entry pointed out, "generated 47,000 cords of chips from slabs and chips alone in 1965. This is equivalent to the amount of wood fibre grown annually on 30,000 acres of Maine woodlands."

"Award of Merit" plaques were awarded to the following, all active in the Maine Central's promotion of wood chip traffic: R. E. Baker, vice president, special projects; Herman E. Buchheim, sales manager; J. H. Cobb, director of public relations; Charles A. Rivers, assistant to the chief engineer; and John P. Scully, executive assistant.

Judges of the entries of both American and Canadian railroads were four nationally-known trade association executives, Everett Weathers, general manager traffic of Continental Can Company, N. Y.; Robert B. Wolcott, president of Robert B. Wolcott Associates, Inc., Los Angeles; Robert E. Gorman, assistant vice president and advertising direc-

tor of Allstate Insurance Company and Frank L. DeGroat, traffic manager Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, Milwaukee.

Many Qualified For Service Awards

The following Maine Central and Portland Terminal employees qualified for 25-year service buttons in October and November.

Walter E. Beal, operator, Mattawamkeag; James H. Bickford, carman, Waterville; Richard E. Boucher, carman, Waterville; Lester J. Butler, laborer, Waterville; Basil A. Buzzell, carman, Waterville; Richard R. Chamberlain, machinist, Waterville; Stephen J. Conley, statistician, Portland; Gerard R. Coulombe, trackman, Brunswick; Wilfred L. Daigle, trackman, Augusta; Henry C. Demmons signal helper, Brunswick.

Alphonse Desveaux, carman, Waterville, George DiMauro, conductor, Portland; H. F. Flynn, traveling storekeeper, Portland; Leo P. Fredette, carman, Waterville; John F. Gerity, assistant comptroller, Portland; J. H. Kearns, yardman, Portland; John W. Keniston, conductor, Portland; Howard W. Knight, carman, Waterville; Percival E. Maxfield, clerk, Portland.

Harvey E. McCaslin, carman, Waterville; Floyd G. McLaughlin, trackman, Old Town; Chandler T. Moors, section foreman,

Winn; C. E. Morgan, yardman, Hollis Center; John L. Palman, yard conductor, Livermore Falls; Arthur W. Ramsdell, trackman, Sebago Lake; Kenneth E. Reed, electrician, Waterville; Lawrence W. Reinsborough, Portland; Charles G. Rivers, assistant to chief engineer, Portland; Raymond S. Taylor, carman, Waterville.

Shopsmen Build Newest Caboose

An all-steel caboose with the latest features for safety, comfort and convenience has been completed by craftsmen at the Maine Central's Waterville Shops.

It is the third such unit to have been built at Waterville although 10 others have been purchased in recent years.

Numbered 648, the new caboose is being used by Conductor J. W. Keniston's crew between Rigby, Rumford and Farmington.

More than 48 feet long, it is insulated, and has specially-designed 6-inch-travel, rubber draft gears to reduce impacts. Also contributing to a smoother ride are passenger-type trucks. End platforms and steps are open steel grids to reduce danger of slipping.

Interior features include two thermostatically controlled oil stoves, a stainless steel sink, fire-resistant paint in attractive colors, and safety glass aluminum windows and screens.

Completed in November at a total cost of about \$18,000, the new caboose was placed in service immediately.



AT THE WALDORF—Nils A. Lennartson, center, president of the Railway Progress Institute, is shown with Joseph H. Cobb, left, MeC director of public relations, and President Miller soon after the awards were made at the RPI dinner in New York.

Veterans Change Service Minimum

Officers of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans announced in November that requirements for membership in the organization have been changed so that railroad employees with only ten years' service are eligible for membership.

A total of 15 year's service was required in the past.

The officers urged that all Maine Central and Portland Terminal Company employees who are eligible under the new membership rule consider joining the Maine Association. The Association now has more than 500 members.

Interested employees are asked to call or write Harold C. Clark, 489 St. John Street, Portland, tel. 774-0494, or Melville L Davis, secretary-treasurer, Kelley street, South Portland.

RETIREMENTS

Donald H. Currier, Waterville, Locomotive Engineer, Oct. 31.

Maurice A. Foss, Machias, Trackman, Oct. 26.

Lewis A. Haskell, Rockland, Locomotive Engineer, Oct. 31.

Joseph C. King, Waterville, Machinist, Oct. 31.

Fred E. Monahan, Portland, Locomotive Engineer, Nov. 1.

Harold R. McNulty, Bucksport, Clerk-Operator, Oct. 26.

E.C. Tenan Ends Long MeC Service

Track Foreman Edmund C. Tenan, Carmel, retired recently after 44 years of service.

Mr. Tenan joined Maine Central in April, 1922, as a trackman in Section 42. On October 2, 1934, he was promoted to Foreman at Section 52, Carmel, where he remained until his retirement.

In 1945, he was commended for his action when passenger train No. 12 passed his crew at Carmel, and he noticed smoke at the tracks of the rear car. He was unable to give anyone the hot box signal, so he took a velocipede car and went into the Section house at Carmel and called Newport Junction describing the condition. Undetected, the condition could have caused personal injury and property damage.



50-YEAR AWARD—Marguerite H. Hollywood receiving inscribed wallet from Comptroller and Treasurer Horace N. Foster.

1,000 MeC Employees Get RRB Annuities

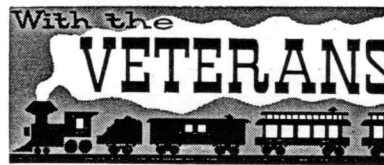
About 1,000 retired employees whose last railroad service was with the Maine Central Railroad Company were receiving annuities from the Railroad Retirement Board at the end of 1965, the Board recently reported. Their annuities averaged \$137. Some 500 of these employees had spouses who were also receiving \$63 monthly, on the average.

During 1965, 68 former Maine Central employees were added to the Board's retirement rolls. Their annuities averaged \$152.

Robert R. Lewis To Head Veterans

Robert R. Lewis of Portland, a retired Maine Central engineer, will be installed as president of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans in December.

Others elected to serve for 1967 include Ray W. Farley, Biddeford, former B&M agent, first vice president; John J. Briggs, Portland, former building superintendent, MeC, second vice president; George W. Bourne, Portland, former B&M engineer, third vice president; Melville L. Davis, South Portland, head clerk, payroll Bureau, MeC, secretary-treasurer; and Herbert W. Fogg, South Portland, former trainman, MeC, chaplain.



The October meeting of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans was held at Howard Johnson's Restaurant. Entertainment was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Landry.

The next meeting was scheduled at the same place Nov. 27.

The December meeting will be held December 18 on account of Christmas falling on our regular meeting day. We are hoping for a large attendance as this will be our Christmas Party. There will be a Christmas Tree, and a bang-up "Floor Show" for the entertainment of all.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Sawtelle attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Cynthia Ann Sawtelle, which took place at the Second Congregational Church, Norway, Maine, Nov. 12.

Horace F. Knowles, past President of the Railroad Veterans, has returned to his home on Rosedale Avenue, after undergoing surgery at the Maine Medical Center. He reports he is feeling fine.

Almon Dunham, retired car inspector of Rigby Yard, also a surgical patient at the Maine Medical Center, has returned to his home in Gray, Maine.

Ernest T. Biladeau, retired Maine Central Passenger Conductor, is a patient at the Maine Medical Center and is resting comfortably at this time.

50-Year Award To Miss Hollywood

The second of two interesting anniversary events in which she participated was enjoyed in November by Miss Marguerite H. Hollywood, machine operator in the Auditor of Revenue Office at Portland.

She was presented with the suitably inscribed wallet which is awarded to those who complete a half century of service with the Maine Central.

Miss Hollywood, a graduate of Portland High School in the class of 1916, came to the Maine Central for her first employment and has been here ever since.

In making the presentation of the 50-year-wallet Comptroller-Treasurer Foster told Miss Hollywood that he and the other members of the accounting department "are very proud of your record. It is unusual, of course, for a feminine employee to complete a half century of service but it also somewhat out of the ordinary for her to continually receive the plaudits and respect of her supervisors during the period. I can tell you that I have heard a lot about your work and all of what I have heard has been good."

In thanking Mr. Foster, Miss Hollywood said she had enjoyed her first 50th anniversary experience when she attended the 50-year-reunion of the Class of 1916 Portland High School last June. She expressed her thanks for the second experience in being awarded the 50-year-wallet.

Mrs. Leonard Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Biladeau, is with her mother during her father's illness. Mrs. Richardson resides in Laconia, N. H.

Flowers were sent to the ill members.

GENERAL OFFICES

Connie Davis of the Car Accounting Office and husband Ray went to New York on vacation recently to visit daughter Kathy, and also to Lancaster, Pa. to visit Connie's sister.

Bob Nurse, Sam Ruth and retired head clerk Carl Bruns have been on a hunting trip to Amherst, Maine, on the "airline."



BOOST-MAINE DISPLAY—Mrs. Lucy DiFiore, a teller at the Congress Square Branch of the Canal National Bank, Portland, inspects a collection of full-color Maine industrial scenes in a display furnished by the Maine Central Railroad. The large lighted color transparencies were made at pulp and paper mills and other plants throughout the Maine Central system.

Jerry Shea and wife Kay recently attended the 9th Infantry Division reunion in Worcester where the 25th memorial mass was celebrated.

Mrs. Marie Gerity, wife of John Gerity, assistant comptroller, is recuperating at home following surgery.

Mert Neilson of Disbursements and husband John have just returned from a two-week vacation. They first attended Parents Weekend at Keuka College in New York where their daughter Kathy is a senior. While enroute from there to New York City they visited the Corning Glass Works and the Taylor Winery at Hammond-sport, N. Y.

They sailed from New York on the North German Lloyd line's ship "Europa" for a cruise to the West Indies, visiting Peurto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guadeloupe, Barbadoes and Antigua, two American ports, two British and one French.

Days were spent playing bridge, bingo, horse races, concerts, movies, tea parties and sun bathing. Nights were spent with variety shows, masquerades, pirate parties, gymkana, ending with a midnight buffet. Plenty of steaks and lobsters as well as German dishes. Lovely trip and highly recommended for a vacation, Mert says.

It's time to be thinking about attending the annual Christmas Party of the General Office. This year it will be held at the Purpooduck Club in Cape Elizabeth—the date is December 10th—dances, fun, Christmas tree, and a buffet lunch. Who could ask for anything more! The committee

consists of Harry Blackmore of the Engineering Department and Lillian Smyth of Data Processing. See them for tickets. This party is usually a "ball," so come one and all.

Madeleine and Stuart Bowdoin took a fall vacation—Madeleine being busy with the Kiwanis Annual Rummage sale.

"Red" Murray and wife Peggy are vacationing at Watkins Glen, New York, taking side trips around the vicinity.

Sympathy is extended to Bill Welch on the recent death of his brother, Joseph.

RIGBY SHOPS

Mrs. Marion Lanciault, mother of Machinist Lawrence Lanciault, is approaching her 99th birthday and is now living at the Bay View Nursing Home, South Portland. She would be happy to hear from her friends.

Jay Welch, former engine house worker who recently underwent surgery, is now working at the Car Department, having bid off the job in the oil room vacated by John Phee, who retired.

Mrs. Grace Sthen, mother of Mrs. Albert B. Wetmore, Junior, died suddenly while attending a meeting of Past Matrons and Patrons of the Eastern Star. She was one of the founders of that lodge at North Deering, as well as the treasurer for over 20 years.

Engine House worker Asa Worcester underwent surgery during the month at a local hospital. He came through with "colors flying," and will soon be ready to take on all comers.

Foreman Charles Tetreault went on his usual fall hunting trip last month, and Mrs. Tetreault, who recently underwent eye surgery, visited relatives and friends in Vermont.

Former Carman Frank Bean, who retired eight years ago after 43 years service, died recently after a short illness. He was a member of several fraternal orders, and the fire and police departments of Gorham.

Mrs. Dustin Greenlaw, wife of "Dusty" Greenlaw, sand house operator, recently was hospitalized, and is now feeling fine. "Dusty," by-the way, shot a large buck deer weighing 210 pounds. The antlers had a full 9 points, with a spread of over three feet. He will have them mounted.

Al Wetmore your reporter, called recently on Arthur Thompson, former janitor at the engineers' quarters, retired, at his farm in the Beech Hill area, Freeport. Arthur as usual had a large garden, from which Mrs. Thompson canned at least a thousand quarts of various kinds of vegetables and fruit. He also has seven head of cattle including two Hereford steers.

Retired Mountain Division engineer Herbert Amadon was one of the winners in the "Sunny Dollar" contest.

Car Department General Foreman Robert Montgomery has announced changes in his staff of foremen, brought about by the retirement of Joseph Gilikson, 3rd trick foreman, and the resignation of Carl Carter, 1st trick foreman.

These jobs were filled respectively by Carman Earle Jones, 1st trick; and William Bean, 2nd trick; with Robert Mulhern as swing foreman.

Retired Machinist Frederick Johnson, and retired Hostlers Helper, James Ashley, visited the shop last month.

Spare Machinist Raymond Holmes finished his tour of duty at Beecher Falls covering for vacationers, among them Machinist Lang.

Machinist Theodore Cote retired on November 10 after many years of service. The Cotes plan to take a vacation trip to Florida as the guest of a neighbor, Mrs. Sally Cooper.

"Jackie" Parker, an employee at Bulkhead No. 53, shot a fine buck deer at Standish.

Raymond Palmer, carman, is taking part of his vacation, and as usual will go to Washington County on a hunting trip.

"Bob" Montgomery, has a new car, a Chevrolet "Malibu" with all the accessories.

Carman Merle Cook and family are on their annual deer hunting trip.

Former Machinist George Weeks is enjoying retirement, just doing the things he likes to do best. He visits the families of his children and they all look forward to seeing him.

Engine House employee Martin Malia and Mrs. Malia, announce the engagement of their daughter Margaret to Thomas Doane of Detroit, Mich. Margaret is a graduate of the Addison-Gilbert Hospital School of Nursing of Gloucester, Mass. Mr. Doane was graduated from South Portland High School. He is now employed with the Detroit Department of Water Service. A January wedding is planned.

Former Engineman "Herb" Amadon was recently involved in an automobile accident in which he received severe cuts about the face and head. His progress has been rapid, we understand.

RIGBY YARDS

Asst. Superintendent M. F. O'Brien has returned to work after vacation.

L. N. Matthews has enjoyed a few days vacation, his position covered by R. G. Presnell.

E. J. Wade Swing Job, Yard 8, has been on vacation, his position covered by M. A. Eaton.

H. Caler, swing messenger and call boy, has returned to work after vacation, his position covered by Spare Messenger F. A. Morelli who also has enjoyed a few days' vacation.

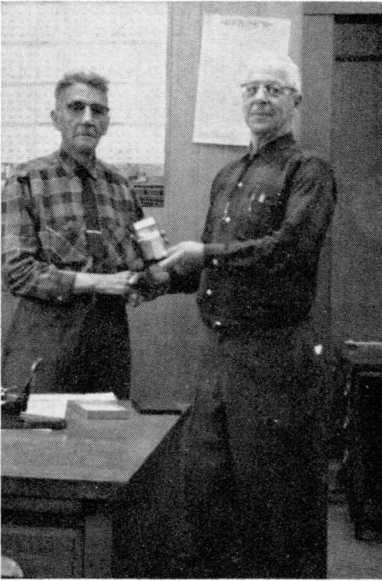
R. A. Powers, swing operator, Tower 2; T. W. Benson, first trick operator, Tower 2 have had a few days vacation, the positions covered by Spare Operator P. D. Graham.

W. W. Sawyer, Jr., janitor at Rigby, has been on vacation, his position covered by Spare Watchman and Janitor R. A. Parker.

John McFarland, first trick watch-



OVER THE TOP—Heading the Community Chest campaign among railroad workers in Waterville were, from left, Alden H. Finnimore, shops superintendent; Donald K. Russell, assistant shops superintendent; Joseph A. Cosgrove, storekeeper, Waterville; and General Agent Calvin T. Clark.



SERVES MEC 50 YEARS—B. C. Nason, cashier at Vanceboro, completed 50 years of Maine Central service recently. He is shown as he was presented a 50-year billfold, inscribed by President Miller, on the occasion. Making the presentation is W. L. Blanchard, right, general agent at Vanceboro.

man, Wharf No. 1, has been on vacation, his position covered by Roger Chisholm. Spare Watchman R. A. Parker covered for Roger.

C. J. Forest, third trick crossing tender, Forest Ave., and R. A. MacDonald, swing crossing tender, Forest Ave., have been on vacation. Spare Crossing Tender R. E. Cok covered.

W. H. Darling, Yard Clerk, Rigby, also is enjoying a few days vacation, and so is M. V. Farren, Agent at Deering Jct.

Mrs. Fay Marcroft of the Marine Department has returned to work after a vacation.

Spare Operator E. H. Gronlund is on the sick list at the Westbrook Hospital.

A. N. Alexander, Janitor at Rigby, is still on the sick list.

W. J. Griffin, swing yard job, says he has seen flying objects over Yard 8 showing different colors. This was also observed by Dan Nanos, yardmaster at Yard 8.

M. E. Deering, general yardmaster, Rigby, is enjoying a few days' vaca-

tion his position covered by R. G. Presnell.

Asst. Yardmaster G. L. Bean, Jr., also is enjoying a few days vacation, his position covered by G. A. Vokey.

P. B. Timberlake, second trick operator, Tower 1, enjoyed a few days vacation, his position covered by Spare Operator L. H. Hodgkins.

L. E. King, third trick operator, Tower 1, also is on vacation, his position covered by Spare Operator P. D. Graham.

E. J. Stanton of the Per Diem Department is on vacation, his position covered by W. Glenn.

H. J. Kenney, Cumberland Mills job, is enjoying a few days vacation, his position covered by Richard Jones.

Paul Ward, second trick messenger, is on vacation, covered by Spare Messenger F. A. Morelli.

C. E. Young, second trick operator, Cumberland Mills, has returned to work from sick list. His position covered by R. C. Burdwood.

Recent visitors at the Yard office included retired Yard Conductor Irving Babcock, sporting a new 67 Maroon Chevrolet; also retired Maine Central conductors Caswell and Ferren.

A. C. Liscomb and W. H. Darling, yard job, Rigby, are on vacation.

ROCKLAND

Lots of changes since the last write up: Stan Prescott, billing clerk, has been off for two weeks vacation, with his job covered by spare Operator E. J. Cunningham.

Former Agent Gene Soyachak has bid in the Agency at Danville Jct., and Operator W. B. Lewis has bid in the Agency at Rockland. Operator Gene Harjula has bid in Swing job RP No. 15, with headquarters at Danville Jct.

Former General Agent and correspondent Frank and Mrs. Carsley spent three days hunting around Dover-Foxcroft. Understand that he took father Snowman's advice to take along a mess of fish or hamburger, just in case. Soon Frank and the Mrs. will be leaving for the sunny south.

Everyone here is really sporting around. Conductor Maurice Johnson bid a tearful farewell to the "little jewel" and showed up with a bright and shiny black Oldsmobile "Star-



DON'S FINAL TRIP—This picture was taken on Engineer Don Currier's last trip out of Waterville last month. With him is the crew he worked with, Waterville to Bingham and return. Left to right, Don Currier, Bob Hooper, "Ike" Stowell, Larry St. Amand and George Frank. Don served some 50 years with the Maine Central, completing his service on his birthday.

fire," no less. Next, Fred Snowman parted with the "Fury" for a nice pretty 1967 Cutlass Supreme, a real sporty job, yellow with black vinyl top, black interior, white sidewall tires, even back up lights and a complete cigarette lighter. Then, to top it off, he and the Mrs. are off on a much-earned three weeks' vacation.

While Fred is away, his job is being covered by E. J. Sullivan, who is doing a real fine job. Agent W. C. Lewis traded the Olds in for a 1966 Buick red with white interior and is quite pleased with it.

Car cleaner Fred LaBranche is trying them all, and shows up every day with different model.

Been looking for car inspector F. A. Montgomery to show up in a new car as well, but "Monty" is sticking by the one he has.

Engine house foreman Joe Clough is on vacation hunting and his job is covered by "Jakey" Walker. Seems as though some one around this place should be showing up with the venison before long.

Halloween has gone by, but Yard Conductor "Mike" Lake received more than his share of "tricks" and really had his work cut out for him being the victim of numerous flat tires. He guesses the only cure for that sort of thing is an ugly bull dog on a long chain fastened to the car.

Hope by the time this comes out in print that yours truly, Agent H. B. Lewis, will have moved down here. It is a long way to commute.

WATERVILLE SHOPS

Alan, age 16, son of Inspector and Mrs. Ted Jewett, recently shot his first deer, a 160 lb. prong-horn. Others who have gotten deer are Carman Art Campbell, a buck in the Embden area, and Painter Chester Craig, a doe in the Jackman area.

Checker Win Reynolds has recently covered a car inspector's job in Brunswick for a four-week vacation period. Carman Roland Giroux has been covering Reynold's Checking job, between periods of breaking in a new Buick sedan.

Foreman Wallace Jewell has traded for another Cadillac but won't get to enjoy it much for a time, as he has gone to Chicago inspecting more leased cars.

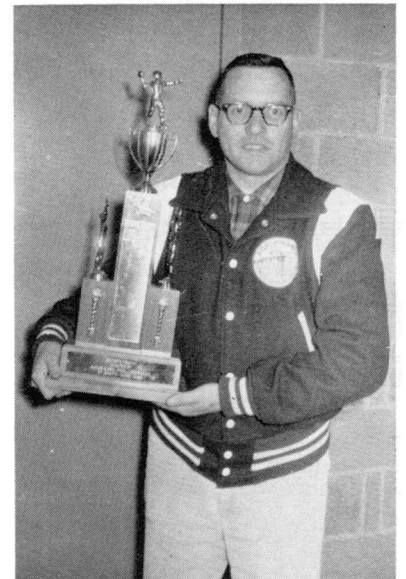
Laborer Rob Buck recently visited the local court and left \$20 as payment for a heavy foot on the gas pedal.

Assistant Supt. Don K. Russell has returned from a short vacation in LaGrange, Ill., where he has been inspecting the new Maine Central locomotives.

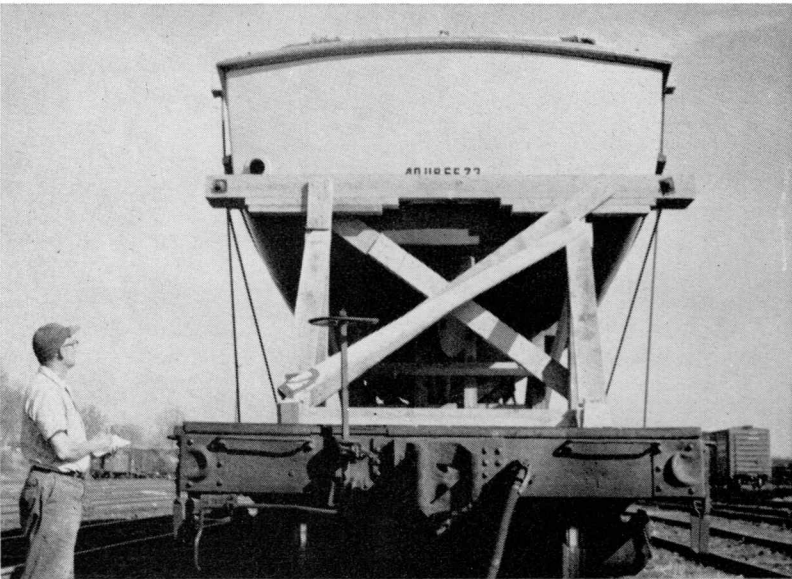
Foreman Sid Brown has been touring the hustings inspecting work equipment for shopping.

Aviation Machinist Mate James LaPlante was aboard the U.S.S. Oriskany, the aircraft carrier which was stationed off Viet Nam when the recent fire broke out severely damaging the ship and killing many American sailors. LaPlante is a brother to Carman Maurice LaPlante.

Carman Helper Ernest LaLiberte tramped the woods for eight hours, then seeing a deer, shouldered his rifle and attempted four times to shoot. The gun had a broken firing pin.



FAIRFIELD TROPHY — Water E. Oakes, Operator, 3rd trick, Tower A, holding a trophy, which was won two years in succession by the Fairfield Pop Warner Midget football team. Wallie was head coach this year. The trophy was presented to him for his team at Putnam Connecticut, where they beat St. Mary's, 6-1.



MAIDEN VOYAGE BY RAIL—This boat came from Ellsworth, and was heading for San Diego, California. The boat was being checked and inspected by Arthur Ladd at Waterville Yard.



B-11 ON THE MOVE—B-11 coming across Main Street, Waterville. In background is Frontier Grain, one of Maine Central's customers.

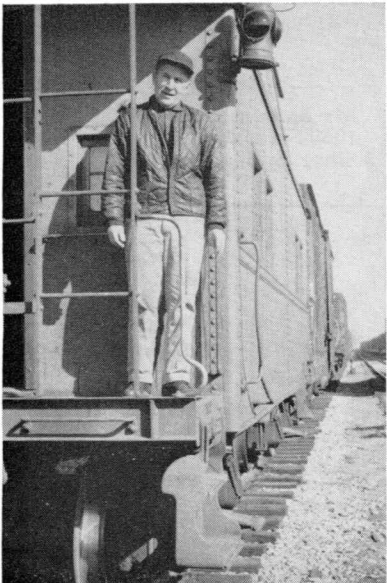
WATERVILLE STATION

On vacation in the track department were: Foremen Ed Veilleux, Earl Doody, "Slim" Morin, Warren Bessey, Bert Kendall, Leroy Haskell, Leon Lawrence, Lloyd Cooley. Trackmen Carlton Gould, Harry Gayne, Shirley Proctor, Paul Campbell, Win Shaw, Archie Durand and Lloyd Newcomb.

Assistant Work Equipment Maintainer Les Anderson; Leading Plumber Harold Finnimore; Work Equipment Maintainer Leo St. Pierre; Basil Coggins, Scale Inspector, Gid Veilleux, Track Repairman; Larry Caret, Signal Maintainer; and Ernie Henry, B&B Carpenter.

Most of the above folks went hunting. Les Anderson, Assistant Work Equipment Maintainer, got a nice buck of over 200 lbs. which entitles him to membership in "The Big Buck Club."

In the Freight Office, Clerk Bill Monroe and Clerk Carroll Huard took a weeks vacation for hunting. Clerk Arthur Grenier was ill, with Bob Esty filling in on his job, and



ARRIVING AT WATERVILLE—Ken Nutting, Flagman on B-11, looks for signals on arrival in Waterville Yard.

spare clerks Lucette Huard and Priscilla Averill covering jobs there.

General Agent Cal Clark took a weeks vacation to move from his home in Winslow to an apartment in Waterville.

In the Yard Office, Clerk Basil Higgins was ill and Bill Hanscom was on a weeks vacation with spare clerk Allen Powers covering.

Work Equipment Supervisor Ray Coulombre and Assistant Foreman Sid Brown from the Shops have been making their annual inspection of work equipment cars over the system.

Track Supervisor Maurice and Mrs. Thorne are proud grandparents of a five months old granddaughter. Adopted by Maurice's daughter Diane and husband of Keene, N. H.

Clerk Dick Fecteau, Engineering office, attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks in Boston on November 5.

A new industry track has been built at Detroit serving Agway, Inc. Another track is being built at Dover-Foxcroft to serve A. C. Saunders Co.

During the recent heavy rain storms, November 2-3. District No. 4 had a few washouts, the largest one being at Dexter yard; two at Silvers Mills and one in Foxcroft yard. An area near the Shop fire road, Waterville, also was washed out.

Card greetings were received from Miami, Florida, from Track Foreman Ken Philbrook of Carmel, who is on vacation there visiting his son. Ken says he took notice that cement ties were used by the railroads down there. Don't have to change those so often.

Those who were around the station in the old days will remember retired car inspector Albert Roderick. The Rodericks recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Work Equipment Supervisor Ray Coulombre, Engineer of Structures Reid Potter, Portland; and Ed Montgomery, Portland Terminal, went out to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Chicago, Illinois, to inspect equipment.

A recent visitor in the Engineering office was retired Clerk Wilfred Biette of the Stores Department who recently became proud grandfather of twin grandsons. "Beanie" also has twin granddaughters, and the new additions make a total of sixteen grandchildren for "Beanie."

WATERVILLE YARDS

A new "Spaghetti House" recently opened on College Avenue, and the menu read "All you can eat for \$1.00." Reid Commic, spare brakeman, did just that. It may be coincidence that the "Spaghetti House" is now out of business.

Conrad Mason, Swing Clerk, is sporting a brand new Oldsmobile "Delta."

Funny how nicknames come into being. One of your devoted Enginemen, who is not very tall, was having a hard time seeing motions from the ground crew. During a coffee break, the situation was discussed thoroughly. The Conductor on the job remarked, "Ya know, Joe, you remind me of a turtle—when the sun is shining, you see us guys on the ground all right, but in faulty weather, your neck goes inside your shell."

Our sympathy goes to the family of Jeff LaPlante, who passed away Oct. 28. Along with Al Genest and Harry Aldridge, Jeff was one of the big three on Switcher No. 2 in the days of the Old Hollingsworth and Whitney.

The Marine Banquet and Ball was a success in this area. The crowd was larger than anticipated.

Will someone having the remaining words of the song, "Sad Movies Will Make Me Cry" please mail them to Bob McPherson or Arthur Doucette of Switcher No. 4, so they join their Conductor, Arthur Voisine, who is always humming this tune.

We don't know if some of the fellers are having itchy feet or maybe, the grass is greener on the other side of the fence or river, whichever the case maybe, but anyway, C. T. Clark, Agent at Waterville Station has moved to Waterville from Winslow, also Joe Boudreau. Burns Hillman is moving to Winslow temporarily until his house is built. Ken Fitton, Reid Cammic, and R. Carrier have all moved to Winslow this past year. Of course, taxes are a little lower in Winslow. Whatever the reason, let's hope everybody is happy.

Gerry Dessent, Spare Yard Brake-man, has recently moved into his new home in Oakland.

Harold Stinson, Engineman, has



PAUSE FOR PICTURES—Interrupted by the cameraman while preparing cars for our surrounding industries were A. J. Desveaux, Carman, and R. M. Knight, Janitor and Car Cleaner at Waterville Yard.

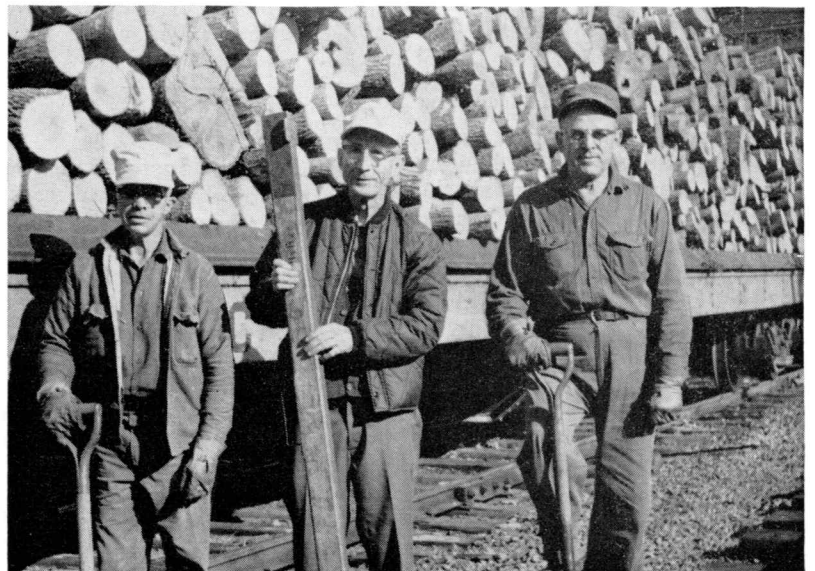
finally made the grade—he is now a qualified pilot and has the license to prove it. Our congratulations, and here's wishing him many happy hours of flying.

Mark Michaud has just returned from the Allagash after a successful hunting trip. He got a nice doe.

A new face in the Enginemen's department, Waterville Yard, is L. J. Gerry, Spare Engineman from Portland, who has been filling in because of a shortage of enginemen in this area. You're doing a fine job, L. J. Keep up the good work.

Vacations this month include G. E. Coro, W. W. Hill, M. E. Michaud, L. K. Powers, R. Roy, J. E. Boudreau, C. F. Hodgdon and R. H. Green, yard.

D. C. Barry, A. H. Edwards, A. D. Hunt, W. F. Welch, M. M. Pratt, E. N. Stowell and D. A. Giberson, road; D. W. Thompson, operator, Tower A; L. C. Joler, Crossing Tender; and C. E. Haynes, M. W. Miles, E. H. Miles, A. C. Miles, R. V. Adams, R. I. Goldrup, S. O. Croson, N. A. Dow and H. C. Houdlette, enginemen.



WORKING AT WINSLOW—Men of Section 4021 were surfacing track at Winslow when this picture was made. Left to right, J. F. Sanborn, foreman R. A. Beauliere, and A. Gaboury.

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2 on Sunday. The following day they went to Bangor.

The big new locomotives have attracted all sorts of attention. Painted a golden yellow with green trim, they are larger-appearing than any previous piece of Maine Central diesel power.

Technically they are EMD GP-38's, with four wheel trucks and a total weight each of 260,000 pounds. Each boasts 2,000 horsepower. They are equipped with multiple-unit control, and can be used in combination with other Maine Central power.

Arrival of the first locomotives attracted attention from newspaper, radio and TV along the line. President Miller told the press at Rigby that "this company's locomotive purchase is a part of a continuing plan for freight service improvement.

"This program," he said, "is designed to provide Maine's growing industries with the latest and best in rail equipment, insuring that Maine Central's locomotive fleet keeps pace with demands for increased movement of freight, and making possible faster schedules than can be maintained with present locomotives."

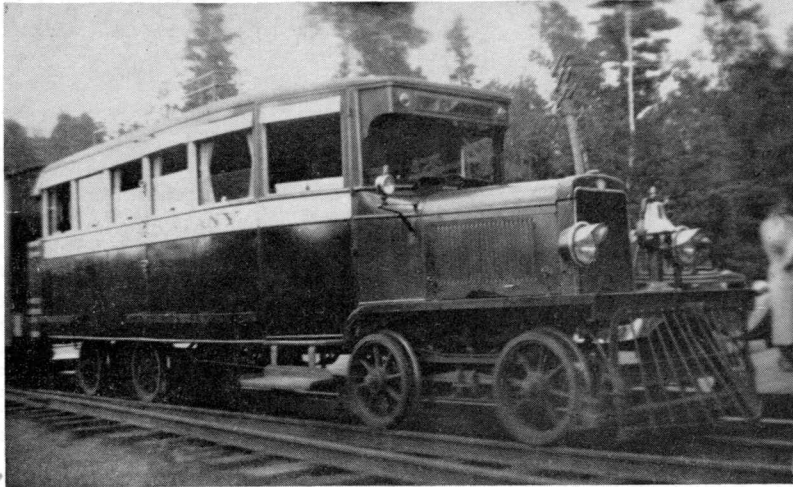
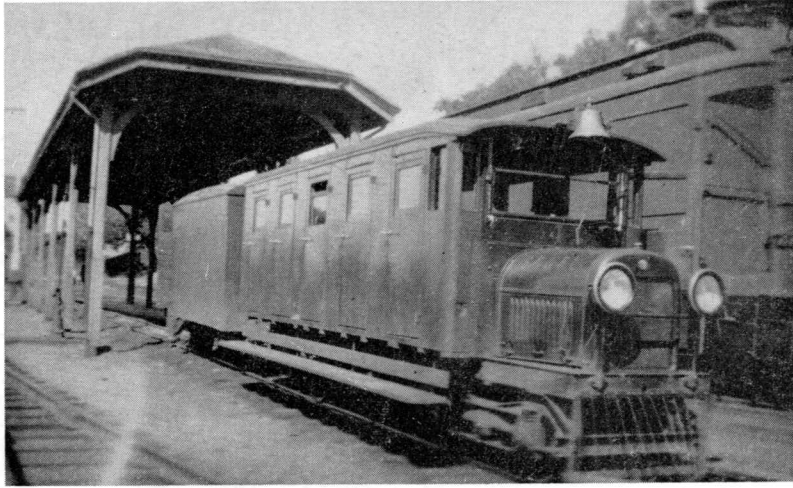
He added that the \$2,000,000 locomotive expenditure is the result of a year-long study of Maine Central power requirements, conducted by a special committee of experts, and is part of an authorization by the board of directors for some \$5 million worth of new equipment. This, he concluded, also includes an order for 200 new cushion-underframe box cars which are to be delivered early in 1967.

Arrival of the new locomotives will result in the retirement of Locomotives 551, 552 and 555, 671 (A&B units) 672 (A&B units) 681, 2, 3, 4 and 5. With the exception of Locomotive 671 (A&B units), which ran for a time in passenger service hauling the Bar Harbor Express, all the locomotives to be retired have been used in freight service.

Credit Union Plans Annual Meeting

Hugh F. Flynn, president of the Railroad Workers' Credit Union, has announced that the annual meeting of the organization will be held Jan. 23, 1967, at the Lafayette Town House, Portland.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.



RANGELEY REGION RAIL-BUSES—Rail passenger service on the narrow-gauge Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad, and on the former Maine Central trackage between Oquossoc and Kennebago operated for a time with these rail-buses. TOP PHOTO shows the Sandy River's rail-bus at Farmington, between twice-a-day trips to Phillips and return. LOWER PHOTO shows the standard-gauge rail-bus operated between Oquossoc and Kennebago in 1933 after Maine Central passenger operations ended, but before the track had been removed. This service met the Lewiston-Oquossoc train. The pictures are from the collection of Phillip G. A. Durgin of Portland.

David Garceau, Maine Banking commissioner, will be the principal speaker. Reports of officers will be heard, and six directors will be elected.

A buffet will follow the meeting.

All members of the Railroad Workers Credit Union are invited.

Couple's Bowling

With a little more than two months of bowling chalked up in the Couples League, Team No. 1 with Marge and Edward Guilmette, Jan and John Broderick and Team No. 13 with Jan Calder, David Ward, Eve Ring and Reginald Libby are tied for first place with 44 wins and 20 losses.

High single is held by Team No. 12 with Edna and Frank Stack and Kay and Blair Walls with 418. High three is held by Team No. 4 with Connie and Raymond Davis, Margaret and Gerald Shea with 1145. High men's single is held by Gerry Shea with 134, and high three by Warren Smith with 356.

John J. Lyden In Brockton, Mass.

John J. Lyden, retired assistant superintendent, is living in Brockton, Mass., according to George Marcroft, chief clerk, Superintendent's office. George says John "is having quite a time" with failing eyesight," and that he would appreciate a word from his many friends on the Maine Central.

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Old Film Found In Office Basement

A look at Maine vacations 40 years ago is offered in an old film unearthed recently in the basement of the General Offices.

Made by the Maine Central in 1927 or thereabouts to promote passenger travel and the railroad's plush Kineo Hotel, the film has scenes of summer visitors arriving by train, boarding the steamboat for Kineo, playing golf, hiking, boating and swimming.

Also shown is porch-rocking, a less strenuous but highly popular form of recreation not only at Kineo, but at all of the big Maine summer hotels of the period.

The ladies wear long dresses and peach-basket hats, and the men, obviously with more courage than today's males, wear argyle socks and knickers.

The film was shown on Portland's channel six last month as a commentary on the changing times.

THANK YOU NOTE

Sixteen years is not a lifetime, but the good friends made during that time can leave a deep impression. The hardest chore in moving to a new position is saying "good-bye" to those you have come to know and love.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my many, many friends at Maine Central for your words of encouragement and the wonderful gift which you gave me. It was very much appreciated.

May your future be happy, healthful and prosperous. If by chance you are in Washington, please call me at 628-4460, extension 2317. I shall be happy to see you.

When I come to Maine, my first stop will be the Maine Central General Office Building.

Again many thanks for your kindness.

Always,

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