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Wheeler Named To Bangor Post

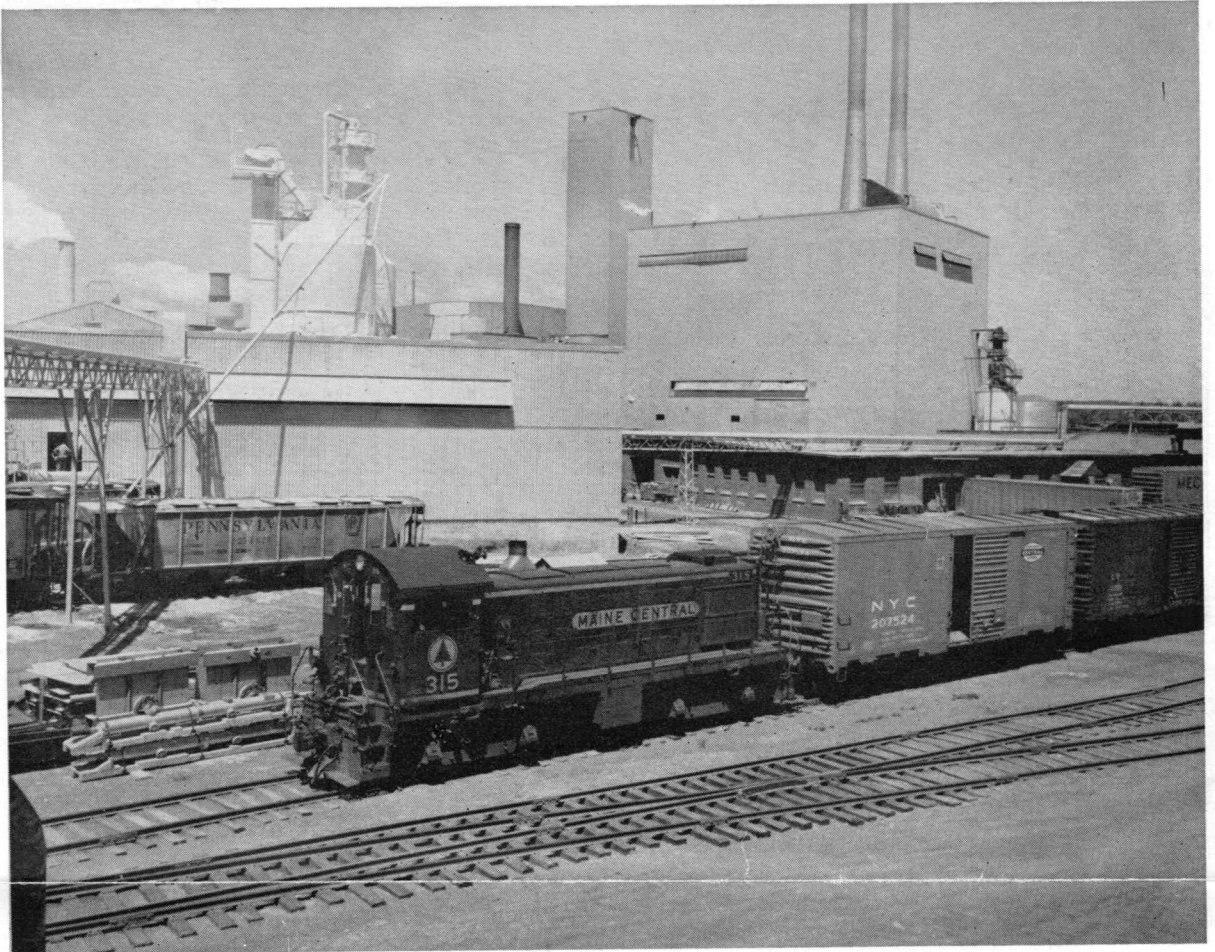
Appointment of Royce G. Wheeler of Hermon as assistant superintendent at Bangor was announced late last month.

General Agent at Bangor since 1958, Wheeler assumed his new duties June 1. He replaces Percy H. Coombs in the railroad's top operating position in Bangor. Coombs has been transferred to the engineering department at Portland.

Wheeler's successor as general agent is Francis Clyde Corbett, 35, former yardmaster at Bangor, and son of retired Yard Conductor Edward J. Corbett. A native and lifelong resident of Bangor, the new general agent and Mrs. Corbett live at 1043 Outer Ohio Street.

Wheeler, also a native of Bangor, was educated in Greenbush, and was graduated from Higgins Classical Institute, Charleston, in 1944. He served with the Navy in the Pacific in World War II, and joined Maine Central as a student telegrapher at Old Town in 1946. He later served as an operator at Lincoln, Winn, Machias, Franklin and Bangor, where he also worked as a train dispatcher.

Wheeler and his wife, the former Joyce Tasker of Stetson, reside in Hermon with their three children. He is a member of the board of assessors, former chairman of the Hermon Planning Board, and is active in Masonic bodies.



ON THE JOB FOR GEORGIA PACIFIC—A Maine Central switcher moves a cut of cars through the yard at the St. Croix Division, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, at Woodland. The facility—location of a new \$35,000,000 bleached kraft pulp mill—is the largest industry and Maine Central's largest rail freight customer in Washington County.

Tom Roche Ends Long Maine Central Career

Thomas F. Roche, Portland, general storekeeper, Maine Central Railroad and Portland Terminal Companies, retired June 17 after nearly 46 years of railroad service. He was guest of honor at a retirement dinner held at the Holiday Inn, attended by many of his railroad friends.

A native of Lewiston, Roche joined Maine Central Sept. 8, 1921, at Lewiston as a laborer in the railroad's engineering department. He remained at Lewiston until 1936, working as a clerk in the engineering department, as tie inspector and as assistant foreman, engineering department. Roche was named foreman, Deering Junction Stores, Portland, in 1936, and as storekeeper, Deering Junction, in 1954. He became traveling storekeeper in 1958 and general storekeeper in 1962.

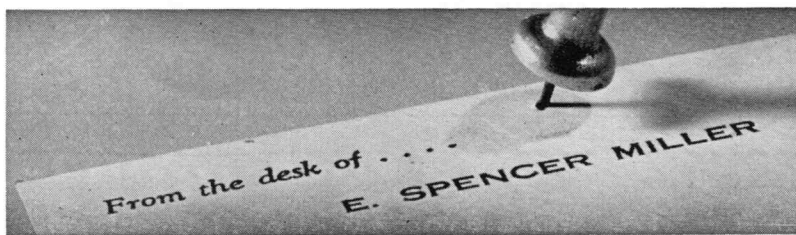
Mr. and Mrs. Roche live at 32



AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER—A large group of associates and fellow Maine Central workers gathered at the Holiday Inn, Portland, June 18, to honor Thomas F. Roche, general storekeeper, retiring after nearly 46 years' service. From left, above, Hugh F. Flynn, who succeeds him; Mrs. Roche, Tom; and Kenneth W. Phillips, manager of purchases and stores.



Wheeler



TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

The distinction between "statesman" and "politician" is important. Webster's first definition of the word "politician" is "a schemer; an intriguer." His second, however, is more charitable: "one versed or experienced in the science of government; one devoted to politics; a statesman."



Another definition, attributed to Episcopal clergyman A. L. Kinsolving, reads: "The difference between a politician and a statesman is that the politician thinks of himself and his party; the statesman thinks of the people and the country."

And Ambrose Bierce, one of America's most popular writers in the early part of the century, was at his cynical best (or worst) in his definitions of the word "politician" in his famous "Devil's Dictionary."

"A politician," Bierce wrote, "is an eel in the fundamental mud upon which the superstructure of organized society is reared. When he wriggles, he mistakes the agitation of his tail for the trembling of the edifice. As compared with a statesman, he suffers the disadvantage of being alive."

Bierce described "politics" as "a means of livelihood affected by the more degraded portion of our criminal classes" . . . and as "a strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles . . . the conduct of public affairs for private advantage."

Sometimes the spectacles put on by national and state legislative bodies would seem to confirm Bierce's estimate, but it is our belief that most of our national office holders place the welfare of the people and country above themselves and their parties.

This is even more true on the state and local levels of government here in Maine, where there is little more than a sense of accomplishment—and perhaps the gratitude of neighbors and fellow citizens—to be gained from the hard labor of public service. Office holders here prefer to describe themselves correctly not as politicians but as public servants.

Maine Central notes with gratification the number of its employees who have devoted, or who are still devoting, much of their own private time to the conduct of public business and to leadership in their communities.

Sumner S. Clark, vice president, served as a member of the Portland City Council for two terms, and as chairman in his final year of office.

General Counsel Archibald M. Knowles has been town meeting moderator, veteran member and chairman of the town council in Falmouth, and in March, his townsmen honored him with the title, "Falmouth Man of the Year."

Horace N. Foster, treasurer and comptroller, while not holding public office, has been active in the deliberations at Cape Elizabeth concerning the disposition of the Fort Williams property.

Horace M. Budd, assistant treasurer, is vice chairman of the Portland Urban Renewal Authority.

Everett Goddard, manager, car accounting and statistics, is a member of the Falmouth Board of Education, and Clifford P. Hawkes, auditor revenue, is a trustee of the Portland Water District.

Gerard P. Conley, a clerk at the Yard Office, Rigby, is finishing his second term as a State Representative, having earned a reputation as an able legislator, and the respect of his colleagues and state officials.

Paul V. Witham, retired general agent at Newport, served his town as selectman and board chairman for more than 30 years.

Hugh F. Flynn, new general storekeeper, has served as a member and chairman of the South Portland City Council, and is now an officer of the Board of Industry and a member of the State Board of Arbitration.

Royce G. Wheeler, recently named assistant superintendent at Bangor after nine years as general agent, is a former chairman of the Hermon planning board, and now serves as a member of the board of assessors.

Cashier Gordon Williams, Chief Engineer James O. Born and Public Relations Director Joseph H. Cobb are members of their respective planning boards in Windham, Westbrook and Gorham, and all have served as members of the Greater Portland Regional Planning Commission. Robert Thing, general agent at Brunswick, also is a planning board member.

Daniel Myrand, Lewiston brakeman, serves as the city's Civil Defense Director.

W. L. Blanchard, retired general agent at Vanceboro, and Arnold M. Scott, a retired mechanical foreman at the same point, both have served for several years as selectmen and assessors.

Not the least of Maine Central's public servants is John Larracey, a machinist at the Waterville Shops, who serves his community as a special police officer. Recently Larracey was publicly credited with saving the life of a fellow townsman.

All of these and many others—including those who have stood for election and lost—are "politicians" in the best sense of the word, i.e., public servants, showing the courage required to accept criticism as well as acclaim for accomplishments bettering their communities.

Maine Central is proud of the public and political contributions of so many railroaders. Believing that our Republic can only function well when able people of integrity enter public life, we encourage railroad men and women to do so in the knowledge that many of our personnel are especially talented and able to improve significantly the conduct of public affairs in the best interests of society.

E. Spencer Miller



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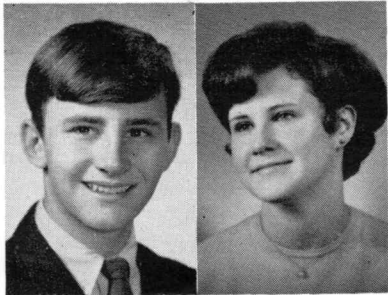
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Railroad Sons, Daughters Complete Courses In High Schools, Colleges

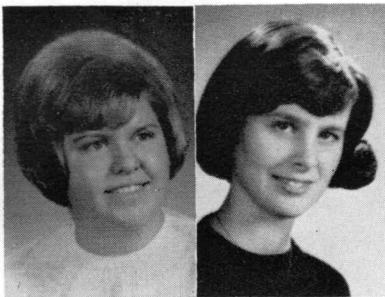
More of the Maine Central younger generation joined the ranks of June graduates last month, putting high school homework and college courses behind them. The Messenger adds its editorial congratulations to those already received.

Maureen Susan Wolman, daughter of Chief Clerk and Mrs. Charles E. Wolman, Waterville, was graduated from Waterville High School with honors. She was in the Glee Club and the Future Homemakers of America, with service as FHA district historian in her senior year. She'll tak a post-graduate course at WHS, then enter nursing school.



Libby Wolman

Edward E. Libby, son of Edward Libby of the Marketing Department and Mrs. Libby, graduated from Cheverus High School, Portland. During his four years he was a member of The Stagline, Glee Club, Student Council, Ski Club, Cheerleaders, and President of the Key Club his senior year, also participating in intramural sports. He will attend St. Anselm's College at Manchester, N. H. in the fall.



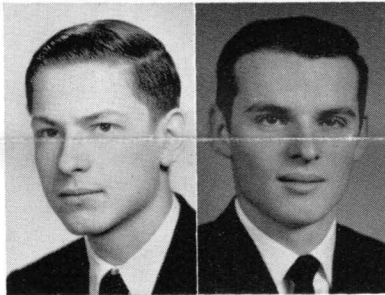
Vance Sullivan

Miss Joan Nadine Vance, daughter of Electrician and Mrs. Paul P. Vance, graduated from John Bapst High School at Bangor. While in high school Miss Vance was a member of the Glee Club for four years, a member of the Latin Club, Civics Club, and Literary Club. She has studied violin, piano, and voice and appeared as a Lady of The Court of King Arthur in the recent production of "Camelot" by the Bangor Savoyards. Miss Vance plans to further her study in music and drama this fall.



Anderson Bourque

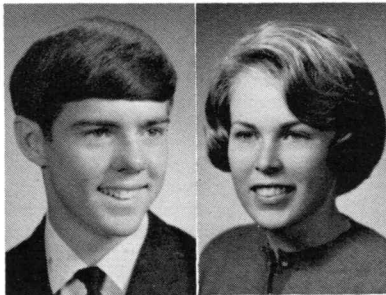
Miss Catherine Sullivan, daughter of Electrician and Mrs. John J. Sullivan of Brewer, graduated this year from Brewer High School where she was a member of the Se Beowolf and the National Honor Society. She was also a member of the Year Book Staff. Miss Sullivan, recently installed as Worthy Advisor of Orrington Rainbow Assembly, was awarded



Demers Huard

a Mabel J. DeShon Scholarship at the Rainbow Grand Assembly in Waterville. She will attend Farmington State Teachers College this fall.

Gregory Michael Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, Portland, is a June graduate of Falmouth High School. He plans to enter the Coast Guard, then study in oceanography when released from service. Gregory's father is a clerk in Auditor Disbursements Office.



Perkins Grant

Anne-Marie Bourque, daughter of General Agent and Mrs. Paul V. Bourque, was graduated in

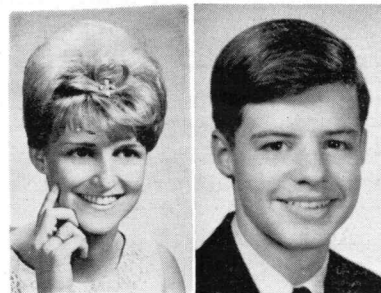
June from South Portland High School. She has been a member of the Honor Assembly, having maintained a four year scholastic average of 89. In her senior year she received special recognition as the highest ranking student in chemistry.

She also participated in the Mixed Chorus, the Girls Glee Club, the American Field Service, and was a member of the Band. In September she will enter Farmington State College where she will study for a teaching degree.

Rosario Demers, son of Machinist and Diesel Inspector Rosario and Mrs. Demers of Auburn, was graduated June 3 from Catholic University at Washington, D.C. He was on the Dean's list this past year and will be joining the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant. He prepared for college at St. Dominic's High School, Lewiston, graduating in 1962.

H. "Tommy" Huard, son of Assistant Cashier and Mrs. Carroll Huard, was graduated from Waterville Senior High. Tommy recently participated in the Tri-State Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest at Berlin, N. H., representing Waterville High. Tommy will go into the mechanics field.

Deborah A. Grant, daughter of Claim Agent and Mrs. Robert H. Grant, Cape Elizabeth, was graduated in June from Cape Elizabeth High School. She was a



York Michaels

member of the Chorus, the staff of the Nautilus, and active in other extra-curriculars. Deborah will register at Westbrook Junior College, Portland in the fall, training for secretarial work.

Darrel Perkins, son of Carman and Mrs. Donald Perkins of Scarborough, was graduated from Scarborough High School last month. He plans to attend the University of Maine in Portland in the fall. He was awarded a scholarship and an honorable mention for excellence in math at the SHS graduation ceremony.

Rhonda Sue York, daughter of Signal Maintainer and Mrs. James York of Mattawamkeag, was graduated in June from Hopkins Academy, Hadley, Mass., with high honors. She received the Pro Merito award, two typing

awards and the Mary E. Kennedy award for the highest average in her class. Miss York plans to enroll at Northampton, Mass., Commercial College, in September.

John A. Michaels, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Michaels, graduated in June from Deering High School. He plans to enter the Armed Services.



A meeting of the Maine Association of the Railroad Veterans, was held May 28 at Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Thornton Heights, with about 50 members in attendance.

Leonard King of the program committee presented Mrs. Richard O'Neil at the piano with Mrs. James A. Chadwick as soloist, who entertained with religious and popular songs.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Burke have returned from Hawaii after a pleasant vacation. We are sorry to report that John has been ill since returning, but at this writing is greatly improved and able to be around.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Goodwin and grandson Edward Anderson of Lawrence, Mass., and Palmer Wile of Boston attended our last meeting. We were also happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Owen Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reed of Waterville.

The meeting scheduled June 25 was the last until Sept. 24.

The Membership Committee and the Officers of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans are elated over the fact that 50 new members have joined the Association in the last two months. A cordial invitation is extended to all those who are not affiliated with our Association. It is a wonderful place to meet old Railroad Friends.

We were glad to hear our oldest member, Mr. Horatio Clark, who was 96 years old last April, still enjoys going for an automobile ride with his niece.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. O'Neil of Sarasota, Fla., have arrived to spend the summer at the Pilgrim apartments with Mrs. O'Neil's sister, Miss Elizabeth Connor.

C. D. Williamson, retired Maine Central and Pullman Company Conductor, has returned to his home at 2355 Post Street, Jacksonville, Fla., after an extended hospital stay. He would appreciate hearing from Maine Central friends.



BIG SEND-OFF—Tom Roche has been a regular guest at the Holiday Inn, Waterville, since it was built, and when the management learned he was about to retire last month, up went this message on the big sign out front.

Roche—*from page 1*

Rosedale Street, Portland. Their daughter, Miss Mildred A. Roche, is an instructor in nursing education at the Gallup, New Mexico, Indian reservation, and a son, Thomas F. Roche, Jr., lives in Portland with his wife and two children. Mr. Roche is a member of the Monsignor Houlihan Council, Knights of Columbus, which recently honored him as Outstanding Knight of the Year.

Appointed to succeed him in the general storekeeper's post by Kenneth W. Phillips, manager of purchases and stores, was Hugh F. Flynn, South Portland, a 26-year employee of the Maine Central and Portland Terminal Companies. Flynn began railroad service in 1941 as a laborer in the stores department of the Portland Terminal Company at Rigby. He became a clerk in the same department in 1943, and was named storekeeper at Rigby in 1960. Since 1965, he has been traveling storekeeper.

Flynn served as a member of the South Portland City Council for two three-year terms, and was chairman in 1961 and 1963. He is a vice president of the South Portland Board of Industry, a member of the State Board of Arbitration, and is president of the Railroad Workers Credit Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Flynn live at 19 Noyes Street, South Portland.

Named President

Eugene P. Trueworthy, assistant to auditor, Data Processing, Portland, has been elected president of the Pine Tree Chapter, Data Processing Management Association.

Tom Thanks Fellow Workers

32 Rosedale St.
Portland, Me.
June 21, 1967

May I have a little space in the Messenger to convey a message to Maine Central Railroad and Portland Terminal Co. friends?

Since 1921 I have for various reasons and on various occasions traveled over the entire lines of these companies and met many fine people and made many friends.

There have been some discouraging moments but many encouraging moments which will always be remembered and were topped off on the night of June 17th at a very wonderful retirement party.

Thank you each and everyone for your friendliness over the years. Many of us have had our differences; these differences were not personal but were what I considered in the best interest of the companies.

Thank you for your kind words and good wishes, your presence at the party and your participation in the wonderful retirement gift which I am sure Mrs. Roche and I will enjoy for many years, health permitting.

To the Purchases and Stores Department employees especially thank you all for your cooperation. I could not have got along without it and please give this same cooperation or even more if possible to Mr. Flynn.

Again thank you everyone.

T. F. Roche

Coyne Appointed General Statistician

A former Rigby carman, Portland Terminal Company mail handler and Accounting Department clerk has been named general statistician for the Maine Central and Portland Terminal Companies by Treasurer and Comptroller Horace N. Foster.



Coyne

John C. Coyne succeeds Stephen J. Conley in the general statistician's post. Conley was appointed general systems analyst last month.

A Portland native, Coyne joined the Portland Terminal Company after graduation from Portland High School in 1948. He first served as a carman at Rigby, leaving for Korean War Army service in 1951. On his return to Portland in 1953, he became a Portland Terminal Company mail handler, also studying at Northeastern Business College, until 1955. In September of that year, he was made a clerk in the Assistant Comptroller's office.

Coyne served in this office, and in the office of the Auditor Revenue until 1965, when he began service in the personnel records office.

The new general statistician's wife is the former Joanne Meehan, daughter of Joseph D. Meehan, retired Union Station baggage and mail foreman. They have three children, Theresa, 13, John, 12, and Margaret, 8.

The Coynes live at 227 Walnut Street, South Portland.



BANGOR GENERAL AGENT—Francis Clyde Corbett, former Bangor yardmaster and son of retired Yard Conductor Edward J. Corbett, was named General Agent at Bangor last month.

We Liked This Unlikeley Story

Last month, Portland Storekeeper Maurice Allaire spent hours, one morning, vainly trying to hook a big trout he had seen jumping in a Kennebago pool. He tried almost everything, and was about to give up when his wife Thelma arrived.

Naturally, she caught the big trout—3½ pounds—with one cast. But the thing we liked most about the story was that she had used a Redington Devil Bug, an unlikely looking dry fly tied by Ye Editor and given to Maurice three years ago.

"Try it when all else fails," we told him.

Don't think he believed us then, but he does now.

McFarlane Named Engineering Aide

James R. McFarlane, 48, special projects engineer for the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, Detroit, Michigan, has been appointed assistant to the chief engineer for the Maine Central.

Chief Engineer James O. Born said the new assistant will begin his duties in mid-July.

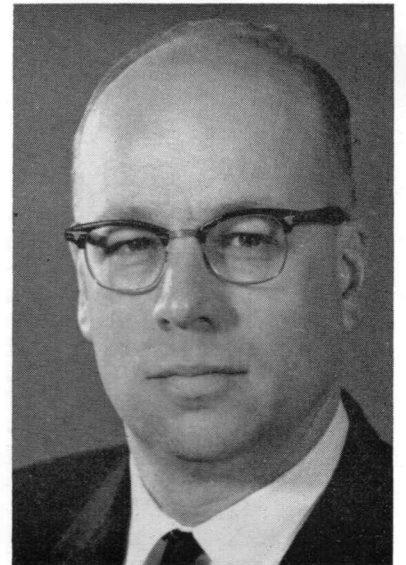
A native of Montreal, Canada, McFarlane has been a resident and citizen of the U.S. since his boyhood, attending the schools of Buffalo and Syracuse, N. Y., and later receiving his degree in civil engineering from Syracuse University.

He began railroad service as a college student, working as a chainman for the New York Central in the summer of 1941. After graduation, he worked as a junior assistant engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, then served as a weather officer in the U.S. Navy through World War II. McFarlane was a mortgage loan inspector for the National Life Insurance Co., of Montpelier, Vt., for seven years after the war, joining the Central Vermont Railway at St. Albans in 1953.

He served initially as a draftsman, and later became Junior Assistant engineer, office engineer, assistant engineer and engineering officer before joining Grand Trunk Western in 1966.

McFarlane is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Vermont, and a member of the American Railway Engineering Association and the New England Railroad Club.

His wife is the former Sally Anne Wells of Montpelier, Vt. They have three children, Linda, 16; Carol, 13; and James, Jr., 11.



McFarlane

June-Month Of Brides



ELM CITY BRIDE—Miss A. Dianne McCaslin, daughter of Carman-Painter and Mrs. Earl A. McCaslin, Waterville, became the bride of Lincoln H. Nye, Belgrade, in a June wedding at Waterville. Mrs. Nye, a 1967 graduate of Farmington State College, will teach in Oakland. The bridegroom, who was graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 1966, is an engineering officer on the SS Gulf Oil, Gulf Oil Corporation, New York. They will reside at 113 Silver Street, Waterville.



TEACHERS WED—Miss Patricia A. Reinsborough, daughter of Clerk and Mrs. Lawrence W. Reinsborough, Yarmouth, became the bride of Peter A. Cheney of Lewiston June 17 at Sacred Heart Church, Yarmouth. A Cathedral High School and Gorham State College graduate, the bride is a teacher at Field Allen school, Windham. The bridegroom, also a Gorham graduate, teaches in the Westbrook school system. They will live at Windham Hill.



WED IN BOSTON—Miss Mary Alice Grant, daughter of Claim Agent and Mrs. Robert H. Grant, became the bride of William R. Herzog, II of Orwell, Vt., in a ceremony June 24 at the Ruggles Street Baptist Church, Boston. The couple will spend the summer in Maine, then move to California, where the bridegroom is a student at California Baptist Theological Seminary, Los Angeles. The bride is a May, 1967, graduate of Boston University.



WED IN PORTLAND—Miss Betsey C. Foster, daughter of Treasurer and Comptroller and Mrs. Horace N. Foster, became the bride of John J. McGinnis, South Portland, in a June 10 ceremony at Woodfords Congregational Church. The bride is a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and Dean Junior College, Franklin, Mass. She is employed by the law firm of Pierce, Atwood, Scribner, Allen and McKusick, Portland. Mr. McGinnis, a South Portland graduate and student at the University of Maine in Portland, is employed for the summer in the Maine Central general offices, Portland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. McGinnis, Main Street, South Portland.

Specialist Farrar Cited By Commander

Specialist Four Richard W. Farrar, son of Secretary Beryl Farrar of the Purchases and Stores Department, Portland, has been cited for "outstanding service" by his commander.

Now a vehicle driver in Headquarters Battery, 24th Artillery Group (Air Def.) at Coventry, Rhode Island, Farrar has driven more than 45,000 accident-free miles in the past 19 months.

His citation says he "demonstrated a high degree of competence, diligence and devotion to duty far in excess of his age and rank. His fine military qualities have marked him as 'outstanding' among his fellow soldiers. Specialist Farrar's devotion to duty, untiring efforts and competence reflect great credit upon himself, the New England Defense and the United States Army."

Specialist Farrar is a 1964 graduate of Portland High School and has been in the Army for the past two years. He was transferred to Southeast Asia late last month.



Spec. 4 R. W. Farrar

GENERAL OFFICES

Chief Clerk George Marcroft of the Superintendent's Office, wife Faye, Train Crew Dispatcher Arthur Palmer and his mother recently made a most enjoyable trip around the Gaspé Peninsula. If you want to know all the good eating places, ask George.

Mollie Fehlau of the Operating Department and husband Martin are enjoying a visit from their daughter Judith Black, husband Mark, and grandson Christopher. Cpl. Black is on leave from Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville, N. C.

Storekeeper Maurice Allaire and wife recently spent a two-week vacation at their cottage in Rangeley. Maurice planned to spend most of his time fishing.

Asst. Supt. Arthur Lennon recently purchased a fibreglas outboard runabout with which he commutes to his summer home on Peaks Island.

Charles Kahill, son-in-law of Donald Svenson, recently graduated from Officers' Training School at Fort Benning, Ga. Don and his daughter Debra attended the graduation, and daughter Suzanne and Charles returned to Portland with them for a few days, after which he will be stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Everett and Glenda Spires have moved from Montreal Street to Mussey Street, South Portland.

Stephen J. Magyar has joined the office staff of the New Haven Railroad, replacing Clerk Don Colello, who has become freight traffic representative, NHRR, in Bangor. Steve has just completed a four-year enlistment in the Air Force, stationed at Topsham Air Force Station. He, his wife, the former Deborah Grant of Boothbay Harbor, and their daughter Kathleen, live in Cumberland Center.

On vacation in the Auditor Disbursements office were Paul Landry, catching up on chores around his home; Reg Roy, doing the same; Joe Murray, some of the same and some day trips; Larry Reinsborough, to help with the wedding of his daughter Patricia; Mert Neilson, to Expo 67 and to attend her daughter's graduation.

Shirley Wilson of the Asst. Treasurer's office is on a week's vacation.

Mary Morse and Cora Hoy of Engineering are vacationing.

Arthur and Nancy Gilbert were planning to attend Expo 67 late in June.

John Michaels' in-laws came from Massachusetts to attend their grandson's graduation from Deering High School. John A. is their first grandson

Russell Directs Purchasing Program

Purchasing Agent Earl R. Russell served as general chairman of the Seventh Annual Purchasing Seminar sponsored by the Maine Purchasing Agents Association last month at the University of Maine, Orono.

The three-day program included talks on a wide range of topics relating to the purchasing agent's problems, from human relations to the legal aspects of the purchasing task. It was conducted by nine recognized national authorities in their respective fields.

The MPA group was welcomed to the University by President Edwin H. Young.

We Approve

We heartily approve of the name Illinois Central has selected for its new central computer headquarters in Chicago. To be the nerve center for IC's information network, the remodeled building at 1219 South Michigan Avenue will house three computers by year's end.

It's name? MAIN Central.



REACHES 50-YEAR MARK—S. L. Patridge, yard clerk, Portland Terminal Company, rounded out 50 years of railroad service recently, and was presented a gift commemorating the occasion by Superintendent A. N. Tupper.

to graduate, so they made it an occasion.

Mrs. Rounds, mother of Bob in the AD office, has just returned from visiting Expo 67. In company with three of her friends, they took the bus to Montreal where they were met by a taxi which took them to their accommodations which were aboard the S. S. Florida, a cruise ship, which was anchored in the St. Lawrence River. They were registered as passengers on the ship and enjoyed all the pleasures of a cruise except they didn't really go to sea.

Alice Eliason returned from a two-week vacation in Florida where she visited both Miami and the West Coast.

Eddie Stewart and family spent a recent weekend getting into the swing of summer by going camping.

Larry Harding's son Stephen won first place in a Newsboy rifle match at the Y.M.C.A., sponsored by Guy Gannett Publishing Company.

Dick Esty's oldest daughter, Lisa, recently graduated from Hill Top Nursery School. Lisa received an award for being the shyest in her class. She's just like her Dad!

Edna Crimmins recently spent a week's vacation at home in Brunswick.

Lin Lamson took a week and planted his vegetable garden and put out his plants.

Dee and George Stanley spent a week visiting relatives in Ohio.

Eddie McDonough, son of Watchman William McDonough and brother of Stenographer Carol Bragdon, has been elected Captain of Portland High School's Baseball Team for next season. Eddie was leading the circuit with a .425 average and lost out on a good shot at the hit title when a leg injury resulted in insufficient times at bat.

Eric Smith, Director of Statistical Studies, recently attended the wedding of a cousin in Athens, Ohio.

Alice Allen spent an early vacation with her husband and son at Grand Lake Stream Camps in eastern Maine.

Bob Nurse of the Car Accounting Office made his annual fishing trip to Chibougamau, Quebec, on the far side of the Laurentian Mountains, where he reported having beautiful weather and catching his limit of lake trout and speckled trout.

Other early vacationers from the office were Fred Bither and Percy

Campbell who attended to spring yard work.

Sympathy is extended to Cliff Clifton on the death of his mother.

We extend a welcome to Bill Hebert, a new clerk in the Office of the Comptroller and a recent student at Northeastern School of Business.

Paul Whitmore, a Junior at Portland High School, was a member of this year's State Championship Tennis Team that finished third at M.I.T. in the New England Tournament. Paul is the son of Head Clerk and Mrs. Herbert Whitmore.

RIGBY ENGINE HOUSE

Car Department Chief Clerk Elmer Rounds has retired, and Clerk Thomas Foley, Stores Department, will take his job, with Francis Haldane filling in for "Tommy".

Former engine house employee Joseph Murphy, who underwent surgery in May, has returned home and is getting along very well. This report came from his son Edward, an employee at the Car Department.

Everett had on his desk for many years. This item was made by a Taiwan, Formosa, craftsman, and sent to Everett by his son Harvey. A railroad train was depicted, as drawn by Harvey, because the artisan had never seen a steam train.

Former Foreman Walter Trecarten, who was at Rigby during World War II as well as at Bartlett engine house, is spending his spare time fishing the streams.

Carman John Dellow has retired after 45 years' service.

The infant daughter of Electrician Charles Chamberlain, one of a pair of twins, died June 10.

Foreman Maurice Weeks has a "Calais" model Cadillac with all the fixings.

Engine House employee Martin Malia and Mrs. Malia celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at an outing given in their honor at Pettingill Pond. There were 62 persons in attendance, all relatives.

Engine House employee Dustin Greenlaw, who underwent a serious operation this last spring, has returned to work. He says he will return for further surgery later.

Sherry Baker, granddaughter of Engine House employee Phillip Cook,



Former Engineer Ray and Mrs. Forbus moved to their summer home at Brandy Pond, Naples, on June 6. It was shortly after their arrival that Mrs. Forbus received word that her father had died after a long illness. He lived at Thomaston.

Foreman Maurice Weeks, 1st trick, says that Mrs. Weeks fell recently, breaking her wrist, and was hospitalized for a short time.

Ex-Machinist Donald Tracy, employed by the Canadian National Railroad and the Vermont Central, is now located at Saint Albans, Vt. He was a visitor at the shop in late May. He wished to be remembered to all his old friends. He plans on retirement soon, he says.

Arthur Shaw recently returned from his winter home in Florida, and is now living at "Joy Valley" Trailer Park, Saco.

Al Wetmore, your correspondent, recently visited the home of Former Chief Clerk Everett Tebbets, at Bartlett, N. H. Before retiring in 1960, Everett worked in A. S. Dodge's office at the old station for many years as well as at Brunswick. One of his trophies is a bronze name plate, which

was a June graduate of South Portland High School.

Electrician Albert Wetmore, Jr., has moved from his former residence on Ray Street to a Washington Avenue address. The house has been completely redecorated by Al and his wife, and includes a modern kitchen.

RIGBY YARDS

Mr. and Mrs. Willard E. Beckwith are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Beckwith is Clerk Stenographer at General Yard Office, Rigby. Mr. Beckwith is a B&M Trainman.

General Yardmaster W. G. Smith has enjoyed a few days vacation.

Trainmaster R. E. MacLearn also has enjoyed a few days vacation.

Yard Clerks enjoying vacations are D. P. Barker and E. A. Hill.

Telegraph operators who have been on vacation are: R. A. Powers, J. M. Weingaertner, R. C. Burdwood and E. H. Gronlund.

Watchman John McFarland has been on vacation as has Crossing Tender C. M. Bodge.

Mrs. Joan Green of Freight Office has had a few days vacation.

Mrs. Fay Marcroft of the Marine Department also has had a few days vacation.

H. C. Hamilton of the Per Diem Department and Mrs. Hamilton enjoyed a trip to London, England, during his vacation.

H. S. Scott, Per Diem Department, and Mrs. Scott enjoyed a trip to California during his vacation.

W. H. Marshall, First Trick Operator Tower 1 is enjoying a few days vacation.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Jeanette Beckwith and family on the death of her mother.

Assistant Superintendent M. F. O'Brien is enjoying his vacation visiting with his daughter and son in Pompey, N. Y.

ROCKLAND

Yard Conductor Maurice Lake was on vacation, his job covered by Yard Brakeman Mike Mitchell. G. E. Coro, Jr., from the Waterville spare board, covered Mitchell's job.

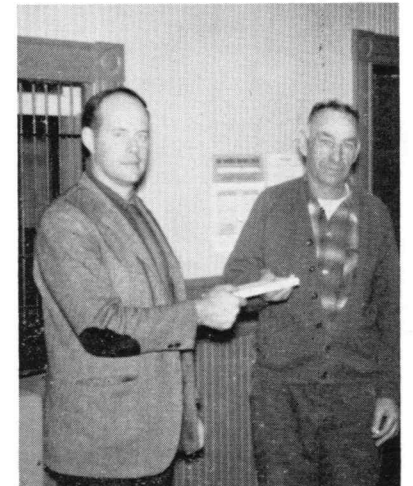
Agent W. B. Lewis was on vacation, working around home mostly, and making few short trips. His job was covered by spare Operator E. J. Cunningham.

Machinist Joe Clough on the sick list and his job was being covered by C. E. "Jakey" Walker. Understand Joe is somewhat improved and hope he will be able to be back to work before too long.

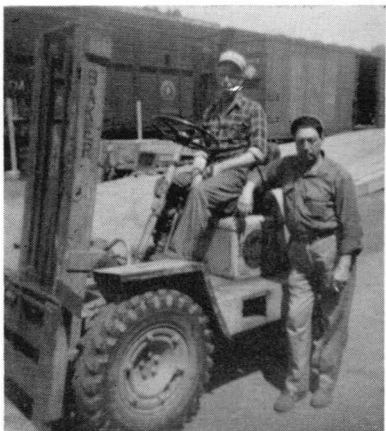
Recent guest at Father Snowman's was none other than former first trick Operator John Tardiff and family. John is now located at Rileys on the swing job. Doubt that he got the "room service" that he used to get in times past.

Your correspondent met Mrs. John Kinney, the former Betty Beech, and two children in one of Rockland's department stores recently. She was inquiring and would like to be remembered to former fellow employees and acquaintances.

Also met retired Pullman Conductor Richard Hopkins and wife recently. "Hoppy" is looking well and says he's keeping up on the events by watching this column in the Messenger. He wants to be remembered to the "boys."



"PETE" RETIRES—Joseph A. "Pete" White of Lewiston, right, was recently presented a purse on his retirement. He came to work for Maine Central in 1925. Track Supervisor Donn Wolfe made the presentation in behalf of Pete's many friends and co-workers.



WANT A LIFT?—Stores Department workers Ken Knights, left, and Ralph Brickett, Waterville, pause while the camera clicks.

LEWISTON

J. H. Rogers, section foreman at Winthrop, is sporting around in a 1966 Chevrolet.

Sherm Carr, clerk in the track supervisor's office, and Mrs. Carr, recently motored to New Haven, Conn., to attend the graduation of their son Stephen from the Culinary Institute at New Haven.

Martha Myrand, daughter of Chief Clerk John Myrand, graduated from Lewiston High School June 2. Martha has been accepted at Becker College, Worcester, Mass., and will begin her studies there in the fall.

General Agent Richard Achorn, with Mrs. Achorn and family, left June 24 for a week's vacation at Expo 67. Hope they had a wonderful trip.

Albert Cote, maintenance of way employee who broke a foot a while back, was in the office recently. He is on crutches and doing quite well.

Spare Operator Fred Tupper of Canton filled in at Lewiston while regular operator Charles Richardson was on vacation.

WATERVILLE SHOPS

Carman Helper Gene Rancourt has returned from two week's training with the Naval Reserve at Great Lakes, Ill.

Electrician Joe Banks has a new two-door Ford.

Machinist Wayne Ladd has recently been in a local hospital for tonsil snip.

Sympathy is extended to Electrician Lloyd Tilton, whose brother died recently.

Retired Laborer and Mrs. Harry McCaslin recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary. McCaslin had worked some 22 years here at the Shops and has been retired two years. The couple have four sons employed at the Shops.

Several employees have signified intentions for retiring and have set the dates and as this is read the following will have terminated their employment: Laborer Dana Hinkley, after 44 years; Laborer Archie Smith, after 41 years; Clerk John St. Peter, 52 years; Machinist George Grenier, 47 years; and Blacksmith Helper O. J. Pellerin, with 24 years. Carman Llewellyn Reynolds has applied for the disability annuity.

Archie E. Smith, who has been local loan officer for the Railroad Workers Credit Union, will continue

to act in this capacity. He will conduct such business at this home for any applicants or will go to their homes.

Clerk and Mrs. Leonard Boucher have returned from a flying trip to England. They visited relatives and saw a lot of London and the English countryside. They also were on a guided tour to Luxembourg, Switzerland, Paris and other European points of interest.

Foreman Sid Brown has a new white Chevrolet sedan.

Checker Win Reynolds has returned to the shop after filling vacation assignments at Brunswick as Car Inspector.

Foreman Wallace Jewell has become disillusioned with city apartment living and has purchased a home in South China on Rt. 9.

Millman and Mrs. Newman Taber have returned from a two-week vacation trip to Florida.

Sheetmetal-worker Roy Wilcox recently purchased a new International 'Scout'.



ON THE RIP TRACK—A welding job was under way on the rip track at Waterville when this photo was made. From left, Carmen Sam Desveaux and Guy Patterson, Welders Howard Knight and Norman Thompson.

Midshipman Robert Lindvall, son of Electrician and Mrs. Carl Lindvall, has been appointed sports editor of the Maritime Academy year book. He will be a senior when he returns to Castine this fall.

Some of the employees and families who have attended Expo 67 in Montreal are Clerks Ralph and Shirley Barton, Clerk and Mrs. Carroll Stevens, Machinist and Mrs. Silent Rines and Electrician and Mrs. Ken Reed. Others planning the trip are Foreman and Mrs. Floyd Case and Superintendent and Mrs. Alden Finnimore.

Lead Blacksmith Clayt Johnston fought a losing bout with a power lawn mower. Clayt received a couple of broken ribs.

On the hospital list as this is written are Machinists Eldon Fish and Percy Butler.

WATERVILLE YARDS

Two working visitors at the Tower recently were M. L. Salley and Q. G. Brown. Salley covered for Johnny Witham who was married May 27, and Brownie is covering for Wally Oakes who is with the National Guard at summer training.

R. J. "Statu" Veilleux has made another switch. After bidding off on Switcher No. 7, the swing yardmaster's job came up for bid, and Roger likes that better.

Ken Fitton, Rear Brakeman, Switcher No. 5, says Harold Stinson will let him take over the controls of his plane, but will not let him ring the bell on his railroad yard engine. Incidentally, Ken Fitton is now taking pilot lessons. He expects to solo in September or October.

Carman Roland Boulette underwent surgery on his neck recently. He's doing well and is enjoying his convalescence. Somebody mentioned that Roland and the movie star, Liz Taylor, have something in common—a scar on the neck, that is.

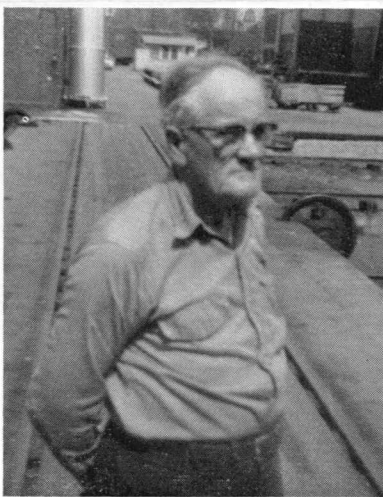
Skinny McKay, Car Inspector, was called to Scott to do a minor repair job on a car there. After completing the job and returning to Waterville Yard, he accidentally backed his truck over a platform and was left dangling in mid-air. He couldn't get out until a wrecker came to the rescue.

Spare enginemen from Portland who came to Waterville last month to give us a helping hand were George Meserve, Nick Dimostratonio, Roger Lowe, W. A. Currier and W. W. Zimont.

Congratulations to Tower A 2nd trick operator John Witham and his wife, married May 27. They will make their home in Winslow.

Nelson and Trask, spare yard brakeman, have been called back and look like they are in good shape and ready to fill in for vacations.

Kerry Clark has given up his janitor's job for braking. He started



ARCHIE RETIRES—Archie Smith, on the Transfer Table which he has operated for many years at Waterville Shops, a few days before his recent retirement.

June 13 with Conductor Bill Hill, Switcher No. 3.

On vacation this month were O. H. Parkhurst, Janitor; H. B. Higgins, Bill Rack clerk; J. E. White, G. E. Coro, G. H. Ware, J. N. Vigue, L. J. Boudreau, R. J. Ouellette, brakemen; B. C. Hillman, Yardmaster; and R. O. Carrier, brakeman.

P. F. Barrows, A. C. Miles, C. L. Stevens, C. E. Haynes, C. A. Clark and H. C. Houdlette, enginemen. V. L. Buck, hostler; S. H. Karnes, J. R. Tardiff, J. H. McCormic, R. S. Bickford, L. J. St. Amand and A. D. Hunt, trainmen.

WATERVILLE STATION

Clerk Bill Monroe, Freight office, was in New Brunswick, Canada, fishing with retired trackman Charlie Luxie over Memorial weekend. Plenty of nice trout up there, Bill says.

Sympathy is extended to the family of retired general mechanical instructor Harvey S. Crosby, who died June 11. He was employed for 45 years on the Maine Central before retiring in 1961. He was 70 years old.

Trainmaster W. L. "Bud" Harris is sporting a new 1967 Bel Air Chevrolet.

Clerk Bob Esty, freight office, has bid off the billing clerk's position there, Arthur Grenier having left it for a job at the Shops. Lawrence Ridley, 2nd trick bill rack clerk, yard office, has bid of Bob's job in the freight office.

Clerk - Stenographer Bev Cook, freight office, has ben out sick. Denise Belanger is working on her job and spare clerk Priscilla Averill has been filling in.

Best wishes are conveyed to Harold A. Thyng, Supervisor Work Equipment, Boston & Maine RR, Billerica Shops, Mass., on his retirement June 30th. Harold was former Supervisor Work Equipment on the Maine Central at Waterville from 1947 to 1953.

Congratulations to Clerk Larry Ridley on the wedding of his daughter Johnna to David Lee.

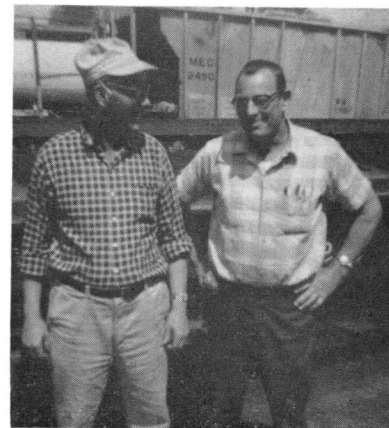
Clerk Dick Fecteau, engineering office, attended the annual System Board Meeting for Railway Clerks in Boston.

Congratulations to Machine Operator Oral and Mrs. Perry on being grandparents for the first time. A daughter was born to their son Christopher and his wife in June. Chris is in the Army and is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Ann Coulombre, daughter of Supervisor Work Equipment Ray and Mrs. Coulombre, is home for the summer from Gorham State College. She is employed with the Head Start Program here at Waterville for the summer.

On vacation in the yard office were Basil Higgins and Larry Ridley with spare clerk Allen Powers covering. Also, General Agent Cal Clark and Signal Maintainer Larry Caret were on a week's vacation.

On vacation in the engineering department were: Foremen E. "Slim" Morin, W. L. Haskell, Paul Cates; Trackmen: Chester Haskell, Harry Gayne, A. T. Fox, J. Lionel Roy, and Work Equipment Maintainer Leo St. Pierre.



SHOPSMEN POSE—Checker Roy McCaslin, left, and Foreman Sid Brown smiled for the Messenger camera.

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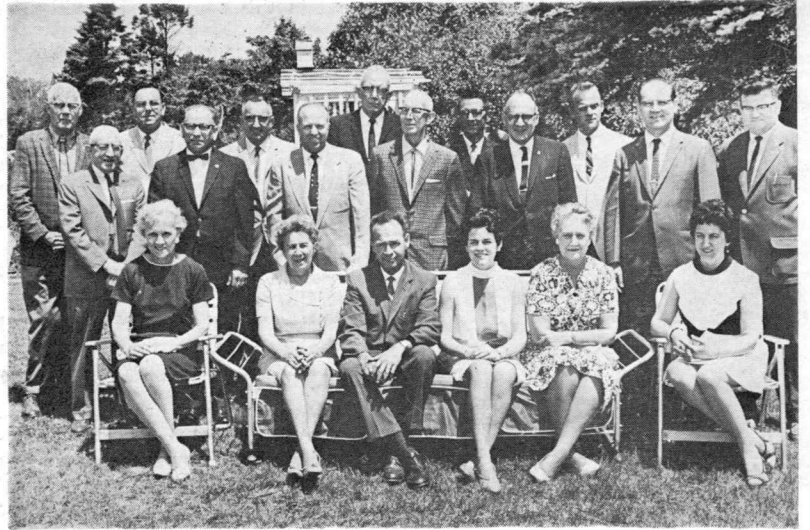
HONORED BY LODGE—Walter W. Driscoll received a 50-year membership award recently at his lodge meeting, and was joined by this group of veteran railroadmen for a souvenir picture. This group totals 213 years of service. Front row, from left, George C. Larsen, 43 years; Leonard E. King, 44 years; Norman J. Massengale, 25 years; and Charles B. Harris, 27 years. Rear, A. L. Hall, 15 years; Mr. Driscoll, 48 years, and C. M. Smith, 11 years.



SEND-OFF FOR THE BRIDEGROOM—When Bill Manning, Car Accounting Department, worked his last day before his recent marriage to Marion Perkins, Data Processing Department, his fellow workers presented gifts. From left, on the occasion, were George Campbell, Fred Bither, Linnie MacDowell, Jerry Shea, Ray Briggs, Connie Davis, Cliff Clifford, Everett Goddard and Bob Nurse.

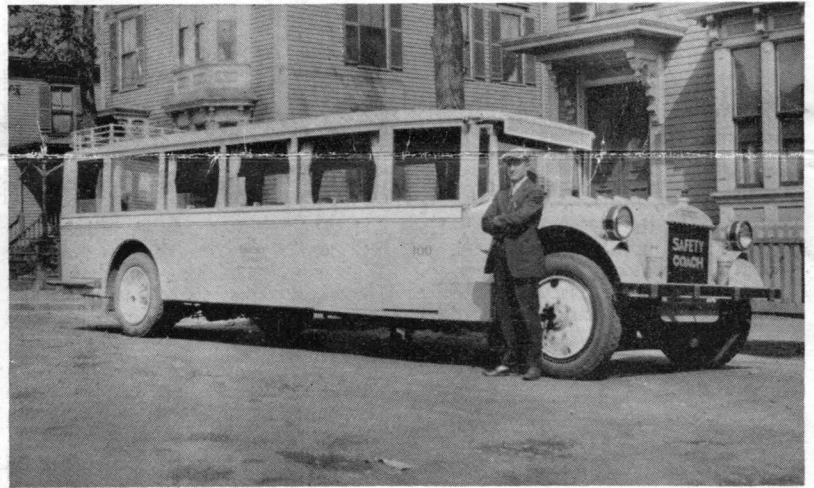


FOR BETTER VISIBILITY—Switcher 961 emerged from the Waterville Shops last month wearing a new color scheme, with plenty of bright yellow to increase its visibility. The base color, as before, is black.



MESSENGER EDITORS MEET—Assistant Editors of the Maine Central Messenger and guests attended their annual luncheon June 27 at Cape Elizabeth. From left, seated, Gertrude Holbrook, secretary, Public Relations Dept.; Myrtle Neilson, general offices; Joseph H. Cobb, editor; Carol Bragdon, general offices; Marion Stevens, general offices; and Ruth Brochu, Waterville Station. Standing, Harold Clark, Veterans; John Johnson, Rigby Yard; W. B. Lewis, Rockland; Henry White, Lewiston; Frank Ware, Bangor; Arthur Doucette, Waterville Yard; C. K. Stevens, Waterville Shops; Albert B. Wetmore, Rigby Engine House; Al Kennedy, Sports; A. M. Knowles, general counsel; Bill Manning, Sports; James O. Born, chief engineer; and Robert S. Thing, Brunswick, Alice Allen and Molly Fehlau, general offices, and Horace Rodrigue, Augusta, weren't present for the picture.

From The History File . . .



Back in the early 20's, Maine Central operated a subsidiary called the Sam-O-Set Company, borrowing the name of the railroad's fine hotel at Rockland. Sam-O-Set operated passenger buses like this between Portland and Harrison, at the head of Long Lake. This is No. 100, a 29-passenger Fageol, with its driver, Perley B. Sanborn. The blue and white bus was powered by a six-cylinder, 100 h.p. Hall-Scott engine, governor-controlled to 38 miles per hour.

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