

**THE YARD AT NIGHT**—This dramatic picture, made by John C. Hutchins of Colby at Tower A, Waterville, last month, shows yard switchers at work at the junction of Maine Central's lower and Lewiston main lines.

## A. M. Knowles, General Counsel, Elected To Maine Central Board

Archibald M. Knowles, Falmouth, general counsel of the Maine Central Railroad Company, was elected last month as a member of the railroad's board of directors. He succeeds the late Albert T. Armitage of Dublin, N. H.

Knowles has also served as clerk of the corporation since 1949.

Born December 16, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Knowles of Boston, Knowles was educated in the Boston public schools, and

was graduated from the Northeastern University School of Law in 1932. After admission to the Bar he practiced law in Boston, joining the legal staff of the Boston and Maine Railroad in 1942. He became general attorney for the Maine Central Railroad Co., Portland, in 1946, and was appointed general counsel in 1952.

Knowles is a past president of the Vermont State Railroad Association and the New England Railroad Club; a former member, chairman and finance committee chairman of the Falmouth Town Council; a past president of the Trowel Club, a railroad Masonic organization; a past president of the Portland Lions Club; a member of the Masonic Bodies and the Shrine; a past chancellor commander, Knights of Pythias; a member of the Maine and Massachusetts Bar Associations; and a life member of the Falmouth Rod and Gun Club.

The new Maine Central director is a communicant of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Falmouth, and has served as a vestryman, junior warden and superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. Knowles reside on Middle Road, Falmouth. Their children are Mark R. Knowles of Dayton, Ohio; Katherine L. Scully, Acton, Mass.; Kendra T. True, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and William T. Knowles, a student at Boston University.

## U. S. Bond Drive Now In Progress

Organization phases of the Maine Central-Portland Terminal Company U.S. Savings Bonds campaign were completed in mid-April, with active solicitation of all personnel in progress as the MESSENGER went to press.

Vice President Roy E. Baker, who is serving as general chairman for the drive, said the effort has the full endorsement of President E. Spencer Miller and the general chairmen of the organizations. It is hoped that when the campaign is complete—in late

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## 7th Annual MeC Scout Merit Badge Course Attracts Lewiston Throng

Another full-house crowd of Boy Scouts greeted railroad instructors as they opened Maine Central's 7th annual Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge course in late April in Lewiston.

The Lewiston group—when they complete the course in May—will swell the total "alumni" of the Maine Central program to more than 1,400 boys who have participated in the program since 1961 in Portland, Lewiston, Waterville and Bangor. It's certainly the largest group of youngsters ever to benefit from a course of instruction offered by a Maine corporation.

The current schedule of classes opened April 29 at the Montello Junior High School. There will be lectures, films and demonstrations for three Monday nights, a written examination on the fourth Monday, and a full-scale court of honor awards ceremony on the fifth Monday, May 27. Merit Badges will be presented to boys who complete the course successfully, and U.S. Savings Bonds provided by Maine Central will go to the three top students.

Richard L. Achorn, general agent at Lewiston, is in charge, assisted by J. E. Lancaster, super-

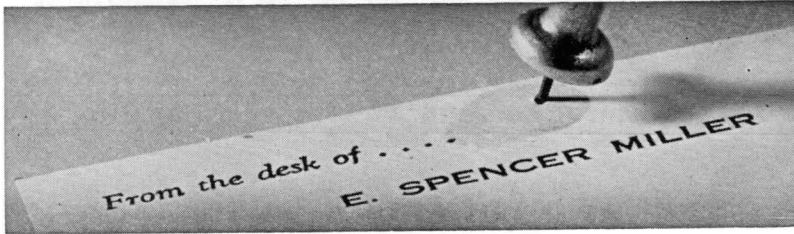
visor, Bridges and Buildings; R. L. Baker, chief special agent; Joseph H. Cobb, director of public relations; other Maine Central personnel and by several Lewiston-Auburn Scouting officials.

Maine Central's Boy Scout Merit Badge program has been conducted annually since 1961, when it began as an experiment in Portland. Nearly 200 boys registered for the first course, and this attendance has increased slightly as the program was offered in succeeding years in Lewiston, Waterville and Bangor.

More than 20 Maine Central officials have participated as volunteer instructors over the years, and the program has been accorded national recognition.



A. M. Knowles



## TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

Employees of Maine Central, no less than stockholders to whom the following facts were presented in April, should be made aware of the Company's progress in serving its customers and the economy of the area, its problems in retaining old traffic and attracting new volume, and its prospects in the months and years ahead.



Most revealing, perhaps, and certainly most gratifying, is the fact that our railroad carried almost 2,000,000 more tons of freight in 1967 than we did in 1958, and that local freight volume—originating and terminating on our own lines—increased by almost identical proportions. This is indicative of the high quality of our work in providing good service, in efforts to establish new rail-based industries in our territory, and in sales and marketing activity.

In 1958, Maine Central carried 816,925 tons of local freight, and in 1967, our trains handled a total of 1,902,059 tons, entirely on our own lines. Increased shipments of chips and pulpwood, together with large gains in home and industrial heating oil carloads, were responsible for the jump in volume.

Accompanying the increase in local freight was a significant gain in interline forwarded shipments—freight originating on Maine Central, but destined for markets on other railroads. Total tonnage in this classification rose from 1,772,584 tons in 1958 to 2,447,681 last year. No really significant gains or losses were experienced in volume originating beyond the Maine Central system but delivered to local consignees, or in so-called overhead traffic, which neither originates nor terminates on Maine Central.

Taken together, the ten-year comparisons reveal that tonnage on Maine Central has increased by 26.6 per cent. It would be fine if we could point to a similar increase in revenue, but we were paid only 1.7 per cent more dollars for performing 26 per cent more work. With other of the Nation's railroads, we are parties to a petition now before the U. S. Interstate Commerce Commission for a general rate increase that must be granted, obviously, if Maine Central and other railroads are to survive and to continue their vital role in the economy of their states and the Nation.

Uncertainty of conditions in the pulp and paper industry precludes great optimism for the Maine Central's immediate future, but the long-range forecast is good. A weakened market has resulted in the closing of two major mills on our system, but this must be viewed as the workings of the "survival of the fittest." I am confident that when the inevitable adjustment is made between supply and demand, the industry in Maine will return to its historical soundness.

Immediate prospects of the Maine potato industry are equally dim, with more and more Aroostook potatoes, and those of our own potato producing areas, being diverted from bulk shipments to processing plants. But initial success of Maine farmers with sugar beets will tend to offset the loss.

And in the future are greater volumes of heating oil, chemicals, ore concentrates and other commodities, all serving to swell our carload totals, and to give us ample reason for general optimism—not for the months immediately ahead but for the years to come.

*E. Spencer Miller*

## Thinking Safety

By Laurence W. Sparrow  
Safety Supervisor

Safety articles and safety talks frequently include a reference to the "Three I's of Safety," namely, Inaptitude, Indifference, and Inattention, one or more of which is present in almost every accident.

Let's consider some extreme examples of each of these elements.

Inaptitude will disqualify a 300 pound man from becoming a race horse jockey. Indifference might be the automobile driver who doesn't clean the snow or frost from his windshield before starting a trip. Inattention describes the man who walks into a street pole while reading his newspaper.

Certainly these are extremes and you may say you are not guilty of any of them, but let's consider these same elements in a lesser degree.

Have you become inapt (or unsuitable) at your job because of some slow physical change that is correctable? Do you get indifferent at your work when you are tired, discouraged, or

angry? Do you allow yourself to be distracted at a time when concentration is essential to your safety?

If you can truthfully say "no" to all of these questions, you are probably a safe worker. But if you must admit that you are occasionally guilty of any of the "Three I's," then there is need for self-improvement.

## RETIREMENTS

John P. Scully, executive assistant, Portland, April 1.

Boyle A. Thorne, carpenter, Portland, March 29.

Disability retirements: Alfred W. Alexander, janitor, Portland, April 4; Gideon E. Veilleux, trackman, Waterville, March 18.

## DEATHS

Charles E. Wolman, chief clerk, Waterville, March 21.

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**HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE**—Superintendent J. E. Bouchard, right, receives an engraved billfold from President E. Spencer Miller in recognition of Bouchard's 50 years of Maine Central service. Williard E. Pierce, general manager, looks on.



**THE SUBJECT IS SAFETY**—Robert L. Baker, chief special agent, MeC, shows flares to three Portland-area youngsters during a recent safety program. From left are Edward Carson, Deborah Mitchell and William Anthony, all of Portland's West School.

## Portland Team Wins Bowling Trophy Fourth Time In Waterville Tourney

The 23rd Annual Maine Central and Portland Terminal Men's Bowling Tournament was won by the men from the General Office Couples' League. This is the fourth consecutive year that Dave Gardner, Warren Smith, John Broderick, Jerry Shea and Jay Welch have taken the E. Spencer Miller Trophy home to the General Office. One more win will give them permanent possession.

The tournament was held this year in Waterville on April 6. It consists of five-man teams, with

individual trophies for the team with the highest total for a five string pin fall, plus a leg on the E. Spencer Miller Trophy. There also were trophies awarded to Bernie Ladd, Waterville, for the individual high five string total—585, and Don Priest, Waterville, for high single string of 149.

The winning team's total of 2665 pins was made up of the following: Dave Gardner - 552, Jay Welch - 535, John Broderick - 532, Warren Smith - 531, and Jerry Shea - 515. Welch had high



**TOURNAMENT WINNERS**—Members of a General Office Couples' League team took honors at the Annual Maine Central Bowling Tournament in Waterville last month. Let to right, John Broderick, Jay Welch, Dave Gardner, Jerry Shea and Warren Smith.

single for the team with a fine 132 in the last string.

Bangor "A" team, consisting of Larry Severance, Larry Warren, Art York, Blanchard and DuMont came in second again this year with 2636. Waterville "A" led by Don Priest came in third with the help of Johnston, Stevens, Moureau and McCaslin.

The other teams and the order in which they finished are as follows: Waterville No. 3 - 2545, Waterville No. 6 - 2529, Bangor No. 2 - 2483, Rigby No. 1 - 2480, Waterville No. 2 - 2442, Waterville No. 4 - 2278, Waterville No. 5 - 2094, and Rigby No. 2 - 1532. The last team did real well for only having three men.

Bowlers who hit the magic 550 figure besides Ladd's 585 high were Don Priest - Waterville - 583, George Beckwith - Rigby - 578, M. Blanchard - Bangor - 575, Art York - Bangor - 568, L. Goodwin - Bangor - 567, Lenny Forest - Rigby - 556, Dave Gardner - Portland - 552.

Don Priest's 149 high single string was followed by Bernie Ladd's 139, George Beckwith's 137, M. Blanchard's 136, Jay Welch's 132, and L. Goodwin's 130.

The date is already set for next year's tournament which will be held at the Westport Lanes, Portland, on April 12.

## Railroader Called To Active Duty

Jack D. Higgins, a clerk in the Purchasing and Stores Department, Portland, since May, 1966, has been called to active duty with CB Division 1-5, U.S. Navy. He is one of 19 members of the

## Portland Pupils See Newest Film On Railroad Safety

A safety program for children of the Portland area started in April, pointing out that railroad tracks and yards, while fascinating, are the most dangerous playgrounds a youngster can find.

Showings of a new film, "The Right Track," are being scheduled by Robert L. Baker, chief special agent, Maine Central Railroad Co., in Portland area schools. The showings have been arranged through Assistant Supt. Clyde Bartlett of the Portland School Department, and Keith E. Leavitt, director of the department's resource center.

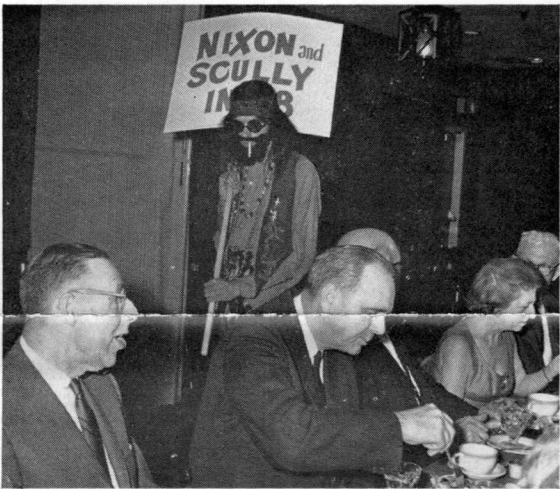
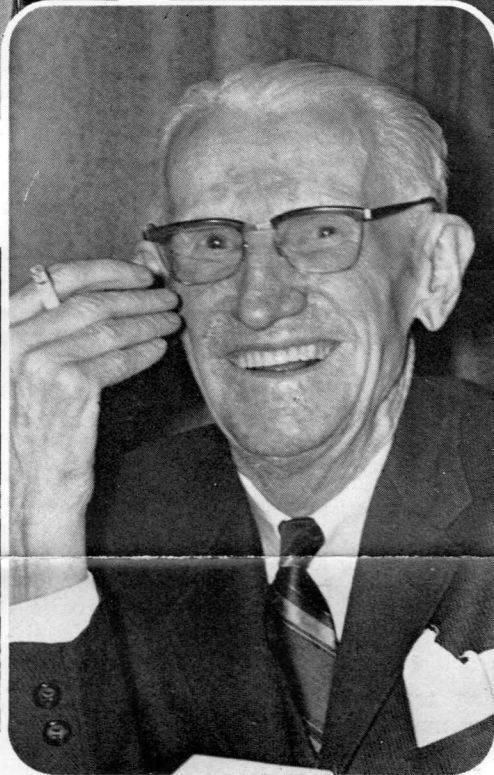
The new film, produced by the Association of American Railroads, conveys its safety education message in simple terms, telling the story through the actions and adventures of a group of children. Unlike many educational films, "The Right Track" teaches a vital safety lesson in the audience's own terms, and at the same time, provides safety instruction in a way that is readily understood by school-age children.

Baker has scheduled showings throughout the Portland area this spring. A similar schedule will be set up in the fall in other Maine Central cities and towns.

Portland unit ordered to Gulfport, Miss., for training and further assignment. Higgins is a storekeeper, 3rd class.

Departure date is May 13.





**SCULLY RETIRES**—More than 135 railroaders and other friends honored John P. Scully, executive assistant, at Valle's in Portland on his retirement after 56 years of railroading. (Upper left) Head table, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rice (Scully's daughter); Scully, President E. Spencer Miller, General Counsel Archibald M. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scully, Robert L. Travis, representing Maine State Chamber of Commerce, presents framed certificate. (Left center) "Hippie" Jack Higgins of the Purchasing Department with one of several signs. (Lower left) Frank Hoy, Lewiston civic leader, presents plaque from Lewiston-Auburn Chamber of Commerce. (Upper right) A few of the diners. (Right center) Kenneth W. Phillips, Manager, Purchasing and Stores, makes presentation of "gift." A decorated cake—a miniature train—also is shown. (Bottom right) The real gift, a large purse in appropriately inscribed billfold, is presented by President Miller as General Counsel Knowles looks on.



# 29th Annual 'Perfect Shipping' Dinner Slated May 14 At Portland

Transportation industry officials and traffic managers from a wide area will attend the 29th Annual Perfect Shipping Dinner of the Maine-New Hampshire Section, New England Shippers

Advisory Board Tuesday evening, May 14, in Portland.

The event will open at 6 p.m. in the Sheraton-Eastland Motor Hotel with a hospitality hour, and dinner will be at 7.

Frederick C. Dumaine, former president of the Delaware and Hudson and the New Haven Railroads, will be the principal speaker. He will be introduced by E. Spencer Miller, president of the Maine Central.

Other speakers will include H. Wakefield McGorrrill, general traffic manager, William Underwood and Company, Portland; and Walter C. Ballou, general traffic manager, Draper Corporation, Hopedale, Mass. Robert L. Travis, general traffic manager, S. D. Warren Division, Scott Paper Company, Westbrook, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Merton C. Olsen, Sales Manager, Regional Markets, Maine Central, is handling reservations.



By Harold C. Clark

James E. Kelley, retired Maine Central Conductor, is a patient at the Veterans Hospital. His address is: Ward 10, Togus, Maine. Cards would be very acceptable and appropriate.

We were very sorry to hear that Mrs Ernest T. Bilodeau had met with a painful accident in a fall while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Richardson, Laconia, N. H. She is a patient in the Laconia General Hospital. At last reports she was resting comfortably.

We recently received a nice letter from the Charles W. Goodwins of Lawrence, Mass. They miss coming to the Veterans Meetings and hope to get to Maine this summer. They wished to be remembered to their friends in Portland.

News was received today from Charles Goodwin of the death of Mrs. James Smith of Lawrence, Mass. She had been a patient in a nursing home for several months.

Our oldest member, Herbert Wells, 92, is a patient in the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital and would enjoy hearing from his friends. His address is: Evans No. 750 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Mass. His wife Elsie says: "Bert laughs and says: 'Room 13 is lucky.'"

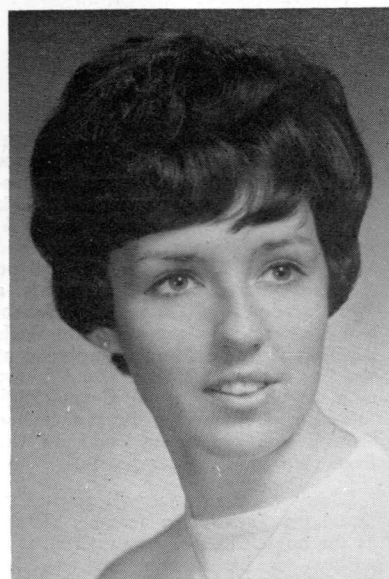
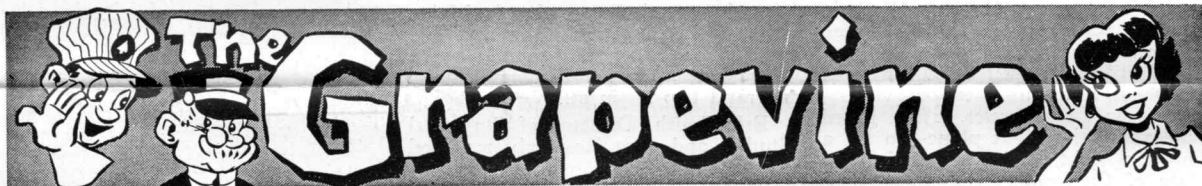
There were 58 members present at the March 24 meeting of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans.

The dinner was followed by a business meeting and an instructive question and answer period conducted by Louis P. Finamore, of the Railroad Retirement Board, pertinent to the new amendments of the Railroad Retirement Act.

Harold M. Card, retired Maine Central conductor, has returned to his home after spending a few weeks with his son and family, Charles H. Card of Amarillo, Texas.



**WATERVILLE ICE ACTION**—The boy wearing No. 14 for the Waterville High Purple Panther Hockey team is Paul Boudreau, son of Joseph E. Boudreau, Yard Conductor. Paul, a sophomore, has been playing hockey since he was 5 years old. In 1964, at the age of twelve, he was a member of the Waterville Pee Wees, the team that brought the first Pee Wee Hockey championship to the State of Maine. This team went on to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and came out third best in the National Tournament. This year's Waterville Purple Panthers won the New England High School Championship for the first time in the history of the school. Paul's record for the six games of the state and New England playoffs was four goals and four assists for eight points.



**ENGAGED**—Brunswick Second trick Operator and Mrs. Nelson Soule announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Susan, to Richard L. Beal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beal, Summit street, Portland.

Miss Soule, granddaughter of retired Agent Leslie Soule, graduated from Freeport High School, attended Dean Jr. College and is employed as a Secretary at General Electric in So. Portland. Mr. Beal is graduated from Deering High School and is employed by Arnold Machinery.

An August wedding is planned.

## GENERAL OFFICES

"Bill" and Betti Woods vacationed in Florida, visiting their daughter. Bill finally prevailed on Betti to fly down and back to save time as they had just a week because of the school vacation.

"Bill" and Helen Brownell have just returned from a Florida vacation visiting Bill's brother in Fort Lauderdale.

Fred Wilson and wife Pauline are on a motor trip traveling through the south to Charlotte, South Carolina. They usually take a motor trip while the schools have their spring vacation.

John Oberg, Chief Dispatcher, has a new VW "bug." He and his wife spent several days in Boston recently.

Malcolm "Mac" Bowie is new operator in "WR" office.

George and Fay Marcroft and Cliff and Katherine Ball spent a weekend in Boston taking in the Ice Follies, and also spent an enjoyable evening with the "Great Dane" Victor Borge at Portland City Hall.

Arthur Palmer and mother took an early spring trip through the White Mountains—and ran into a blizzard.

Dot and George Proctor and daughter Dotti spent Easter weekend with George III and his wife Jeanne at their home in Norwell, Mass.

Mollie and Martin Fehlau and their son Rickie spent a most enjoyable week on a trip to Delaware and Virginia in their new VW "Kampmobile" and camping in King James Forest, Williamsburg, Va. They spent Easter in Bronxville, N. Y.

Margaret Foley's two daughters Kathleen, a junior at Boston University and Ginnie a freshman at University of Maine, Orono, spent their Easter vacation at home.

Stan Jordan attended a seminar on "Welded Connections" at U of M in Augusta, and he and Reid Potter attended another seminar at UMP on "Ultimate Strength Design of Reinforced Concrete."

Mr. and Mrs. John Stanford recently vacationed in Pompano, Florida, stopping off at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Joan Chase, in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Martin vacationed in Westingport, Maryland, with son Robert and family, where granddaughter Debbie kept "Grams" and "Gramps" pretty busy.

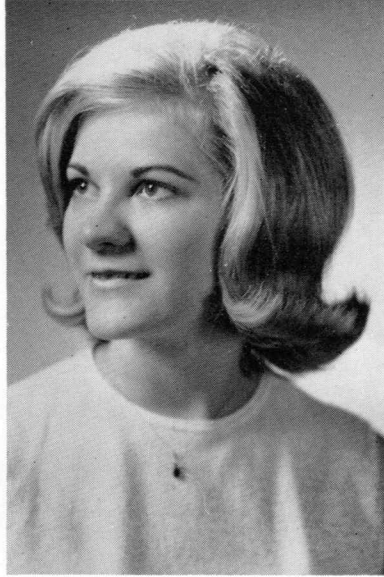
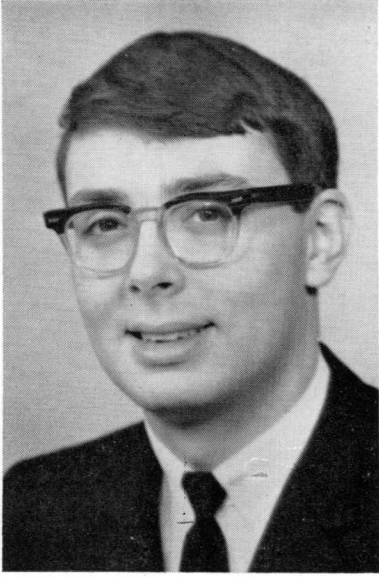
We're all pleased to see Alice Eliason back.

Barry Wilson, son of Tug Wilson and a student at Bowdoin College, has just returned from a tour with the Glee Club, traveling as far west as Chicago with engagements in New York and New Jersey.

Susan Libby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erroll Libby, flew to Bermuda for her spring vacation with a group of students from Westbrook Junior College.

Nancy Goddard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett K. Goddard, flew to Italy with a group of teachers from Massachusetts during Easter vacation.

Lorita Bailey, daughter of Mrs. Jerry Shea, has recently returned from three months affiliation with the Seton Psychiatric Institute, Baltimore, Md. She was also nominated



**GRADS TO WED**—Planning to marry in June are Miss Kathleen Ann Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Hall of Port Huron, Michigan, to Mr. Daniel E. Lewis, son of Agent and Mrs. Wendell B. Lewis of Rockland. Both Miss Hall and Mr. Lewis are graduating from the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, Grand Rapids, Mich., May 30.

“student nurse of the year” at Mercy Hospital, Portland.

Mrs. William Manning, known to her friends as “Perky,” was recently hospitalized for nearly three weeks at the Osteopathic Hospital in Portland. Also confined to the same hospital was Mrs. Stewart (Margaret) Park, who has since returned to their home in New Gloucester.

“Mert” and John Neilson have just returned after a vacation visiting friends in Los Angeles. They jetted out taking the night plane—to see a beautiful sight when approaching the state of California. Like a fairyland—so many lights. They took in Disneyland, Marineland, Notts Berry Farm, took a side trip to Las Vegas, motoring there over the desert and trying their luck at the various games of chance. Another highlight was watching the movie stars at the Academy Awards night at Santa Monica—that was exciting, and do they ever look different in real life! From LA they flew to San Francisco where they rode the cable cars,

toured Chinatown, saw the view from the Top of the Mark, rode around the bay under Golden Gate and Bay Bridges, around Alcatraz, had a fish cocktail at Fishermen’s Wharf and took in the various night clubs around the city. The weather in San Francisco is very similar to that in Maine while in LA it was like summer. The sun shone every day and all the flowers were out in full bloom. Quite a grand trip all in all.

Eric Smith, Director of Statistical Studies and Cost Research, returned to Concord, Mass., to join in the celebration on April 19th of Patriot’s Day. He was lifted from his bed at 4 a.m. by the cannonading of the Concord Independent Battery, which made sure that all citizens got an early start. He then observed the parade and the speaking at the Old North Bridge where a wooden replica of the original bridge spans the river. Eric reports that the occasion still holds the thrills for him that it did when he was ten years old.



**THE THREE “B’S”**—Shown from left just before putting up their motor car after a day of cleaning up around the yard and right of way as well as chasing grass fires are, Trackmen Robert Bonney, John Bodman and Section Foreman Leland Boggs, Rockland.

### RIGBY

The coming of the warm Spring days was the signal for the gardeners among the railroad men at Rigby, both of the retired group as well as the still employed members, to start their garden work for the season, and many have already planted peas.

Truck Driver Thomas McCafferty, out sick for some time, has decided to retire.

Former Electrician Chester Freeman, retired, underwent surgery recently and has returned to his home, on the road to recovery.

Irene, daughter of Electrician Alvin Strout, and her family who had been residing in Connecticut, are now living in South Portland.

Stores Department employee Edward Whalen, who has been ill all winter, is still convalescing at his daughter’s home in North Carolina.

Former Foreman Frederick and Mrs. Lombard spent two weeks in St. Petersburg, Florida during March.



**TO WED**—Trackman and Mrs. Thomas J. Clement, of the Bangor Yard, 93 Park Street, Orono, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Loretta Amanda, to S.A. Bruce Allan Wasson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Wasson, 26 Island Avenue, Orono. Miss Clement is a 1967 graduate of Orono High School and is attending night classes at Beals Business College. She is employed at the University of Maine. Mr. Wasson is a 1967 graduate of Orono High School and is serving in the United States Navy. He is stationed on the Battleship U.S.S. New Jersey.

Many of the men will remember Dearborn Jackson, a former Welder at the engine house, now retired, who wishes to be remembered to his friends at Rigby.

Foreman Robert Mulhern, Car Department, is confined to the hospital for treatment.

Crane Operator Joseph Martel has bought a 1965 “Catalina” Pontiac.

Former Stationary Engineer Joseph Murphy died during the month. He was the father of Car Department employee Edward Murphy. Flowers were sent by both the Enginehouse and Car Department employees.

Carman Inspector Wayne Twombly has a new car, and Donald Andrews of the same department a Ford “Javelin.”

Machinist Robert McKinney is building a new home.

The flag pole at the enginehouse is being readied with a new paint job, and the flower bed surrounding it prepared for flowers for Memorial Day.

Carpenter Boyle Thorne of the Bridge and Building crew has decided to retire and two new men have been employed.

Engine Equipper, Martha Boucher, the only woman employee at the Enginehouse, underwent minor surgery for her foot.

Turntable Operator Albert Meade is ill.

Chief Clerk Frank Garland, now serving his second year as selectman of the town of Freeport, has acquired a new four-wheel drive “Jeep.”

Mrs. Nora Palmer, mother of Enginehouse employee Asa Worcester, died recently. A floral tribute was sent to the funeral from our group.

Former General Foreman Malcolm Billington visited the shop recently to see the boys. He’s looking “hale and hearty.”

Carpenter, Bridge and Building Crew, George Beckwith did himself proud when he knocked down 578 pins in 5 strings at the bowling tournament in Waterville. He says “It’s beginner’s luck” as this is the first year he has bowled for Rigby.

Denis Wetmore, son of Electrician Albert Wetmore, Junior, has just arrived from a tour of duty with the U.S. 6th Fleet, in the Mediterranean Sea, near Naples, Italy. He was stationed on the U.S. Grand Canyon.

### ROCKLAND

Many signs of Spring now prevail around Rockland with grass fires and with flowers and shrubs beginning to come to life. Also, the cement business is beginning to get back into full summer swing.

Conductor Maurice Johnson getting that arm in shape for his summer exercise of swinging at the golf ball while playing “pasture pool” at the local country club.

Recent visitors at the Freight office have been retired Pullman Conductor Dick Hopkins, retired MeC Conductor Al Atkins, retired car inspector Ted Anderson and of course we are glad to have newly retired “Father” Fred Snowman call on us, when he can and wants to rest. Expect any moment now he will show up with a mess of “bloaters” or perhaps a peck of clams. Father says he has been looking for the chairman of the “Clam Committee” to drop in and visit him, but guess Roy is always on a dead run so can’t make it to Crescent Street.



**SPRING CHANGE**—As reported in the April Messenger here is “the Beard” as he appeared at work at Rockland March 11, and then the following day after shaving it off. Engineman Ken Farrar says he now has to be careful not to chill his face.





**MEET THE WINNER**—Michael Coulombre, son of Supervisor Work Equipment and Mrs. Raymond Coulombre, Waterville, was the recent winner of the Pine-wood Derby held by Cub Scout Pack 412 of Sacred Heart Parish. There were 45 contestants.

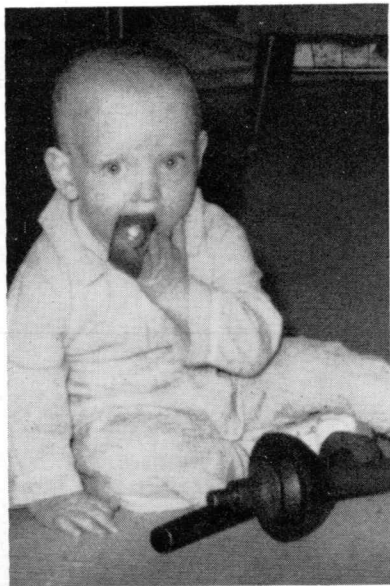
Home for Easter vacation visiting his parents, Agent and Mrs. W. B. Lewis of Rockland, was their son Daniel accompanied by his fiancée, Miss Kathy Hall of Port Huron, Michigan. Both are senior students of the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they will graduate on Memorial Day.

## WATERVILLE SHOPS

In all probability the only Carman, in a wide area, who owns two cars, is Earl Burgess; Cadillacs, no less!

Machinist Sid Hamlin has been presented with a new car and states that he is going to be very particular as to the type of loads that he will be hauling.

Robert Silvius, spare clerk, has been covering the job in the Machine Shop and Engine house until a permanent assignment to the job has



**RAILROAD GRANDSON**—This is Jeffrey Monk, grandson of Jake Hanson, car inspector, 2nd trick, Waterville Yard, also grandson of furloughed car inspector C. O. Monk of Vanceboro. Jeffrey's father is William Monk, AJ2, USS Kittyhawk, Tonkin Gulf, Viet Nam.

been made to veteran Clerk Connie Begin.

New Dodges are reported by Carman Lester Butler and George Buck.

Checker and Mrs. Roy McCommick have returned from a two week's visit in Miami, Fla., where he met with his brother for the first time in 22 years.

Simon Karter has been assigned to the position of Chief Clerk at Waterville Shops.

Carman and Mrs. William Dostie are recent parents of a son, Randy William, checking in at eight lbs. at the Thayer Hospital.

Word has been received from Foreman Wallace Jewell, presently inspecting rebuilding cars in Atlanta, Ga. He indicates that he is looking forward to an experienced inspector who is experienced in steel fabricating, as a replacement when his enlistment ends.

Clerk Rodney Pooler is the proud owner of a new Caprice hard-top.

Supt. and Mrs. Alden Finnimore and Foreman and Mrs. Sid Brown have been in Boston recently, where the men attended a meeting of the New England Railroad Club.

Lead Machinist Burr Blanchard has recently attended a meeting at the Pilots Grill in Bangor, sponsored by a leading New England heavy equipment company. Talks and movies were programmed explaining new techniques in modern methods of heavy equipment maintenance.

## WATERVILLE STATION

Clerk-Stenographer Denise Belanger, freight office, is off duty on account of a foot infection. Spare clerk Dot Begin is filling in during her absence.

Denis Chamberlain, chief clerk, freight office, who was recently hospitalized, is at home and plans to fly to Beaumont, Texas, to convalesce with his brother and family. He will be accompanied by Wilfred Binnette, retired clerk from Waterville Shops.

Ice left Moosehead Lake rather early this year. That is the one hole that Larry Ridley fell through while spending a weekend there recently. Larry says he prefers to wait for warmer waters before going for another swim right away.

Stenographer-Car Clerk, Bev Cook and family were in Massachusetts re-

cently, Easter shopping and visiting friends.

Miss Veleria Cilley and Basil Higgins, Clerk, Yard Office, were married April 8 at the Getchell Street Baptist Church, Waterville, by the Rev. Richard T. Smith. They were attended by Arthur Ladd, Yard Checker, and Mrs. Merium Barden, sister of Basil. Ushers were Burns Hillman, Jr., and Sydney Longley. Our best wishes to you both.

Allan Powers has bid off the checker's job vacated by Larry Ridley.

## WATERVILLE YARDS

A welcome is in order for D. O. Perry, son of Oral Perry of the track section. D. O. has completed the required time of striking and now is busily braking in both the yard and on the road.

Due to the rabies epidemic in the northern part of Maine, "The Fox" of Waterville Yard has temporarily changed his title from "Fox" to "Sheep."

WK-2—KW-1 was given a new GP-38 recently. John McCommack was seen polishing it up, certainly proud of the new engine.

J. G. Curtis of Bangor Yard has bunted C. K. Trask on Switcher No. 8 at Waterville Yard, due to reduction in force at Bangor.

K. A. Clark, formerly in the brakeman's field, has resigned to become a Fireman.

Dick Hebert, a newcomer in the Yard Clerk field, is a Viet Nam veteran, and from all reports, he's doing O.K. and ready for action in the Yard.

Don Bartlett of Switcher No. 4 has taken a two week vacation to visit relatives in Iowa. Good luck to and from, Don.

Charles "Honko" Richardson, engineer on Switcher No. 5, is another airplane enthusiast. As of March he has a license as a qualified commercial pilot. Just keep in mind, "Honko," when you're up there, there's no flagman to drop fuses—"you is all alone!" Incidentally, "Honko" was Major Charles Richardson, B-52 pilot during World War II.

Two new faces from the Rip Track were at the west yard recently to fill in for the vacations of Hubert Gullifer and Jake Hanson. They were David McCaslin and Archie Vear.

Two of our boys are on diets. They started during Lent. Don't know if they'll continue but the results are



**ENGAGED**—Ann Ireland, daughter of Spare Engineer Ken Ireland, Waterville Yard, whose engagement to Mr. Robert Weston Silvius of Yarmouth, was announced recently. Miss Ireland is a senior at Waterville High, and is presently employed at Thayer Hospital. Mr. Silvius is a 1965 graduate of Yarmouth High School. He has recently completed two years service in the U.S. Army and is now employed at Giguere's market, Waterville.

very noticeable. They are "Chet" Levesque and Paul Boudreau.

Alfred Miles was recently seen hauling one of those big trains. It was on Easter Sunday. The train was RB-1. Al bunted the spareboard at Rigby.

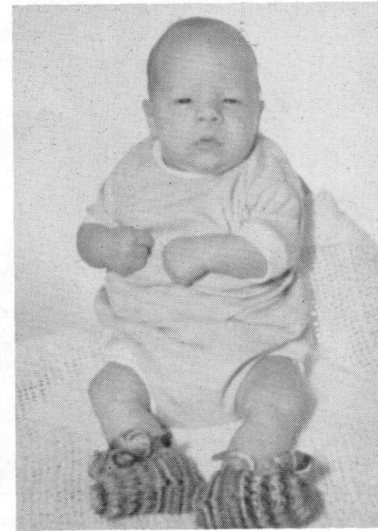
Congratulations to Dick Carrier, Paul Boudreau, and Gerry Dessent, recently qualified Yard Conductors.

Jake Hanson is a patient at the Thayer Hospital.

Al Higgins, spare engineer, is home after a recent operation.

Guy Coro of Switcher No. 4 is looking for new blood to train with him at the Boys' Club. Guy has been training with Joe Brewster from Winslow, who's doing a fine job to get the Maine title. Guy also has an eye on Carl Trask, Spare Brakeman, who has qualities as a boxer.

On vacation last month were J. H. Nelson, R. J. Veilleux, R. H. Green, J. E. A. Boudreau, L. P. Donahue, P. L. Messier and D. Bartlett, Yard; Engineman R. I. Goldrup.



**KATHY AND STEPHEN**—Kathy Ann, 4 years old, and Stephen Bruce, 2 months, grandchildren of Hubert Gullifer, Swing Car Inspector, Waterville Yard.

**Bonds**—from page 1)

May—that participation by all employees in the payroll savings plan for bond purchases is increased significantly.

Baker listed the following departmental chairmen and solicitors:

Mechanical Department: J. E. Buzzell, chairman; James Ifill, Bangor; Larry Severance, Bangor; John Peasley, Bangor; Don Russell, Waterville; Diamond Sherrard, Waterville; E. M. Drown, Rigby; Gordon Sears, Rigby; R. Palmer, Rigby; S. A. Carter, Waterville.

Accounting Department: Steve Conley, chairman; Walter Provencher, L. R. Sanborn, H. A. Higgins, W. D. MacDowell, G. L. Sharpe, L. J. MacDowell, K. C. Austin and J. P. Flaherty.

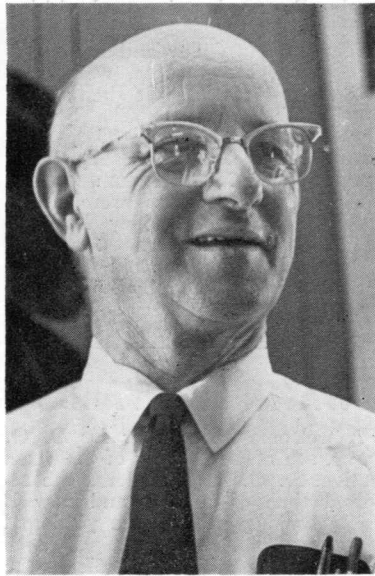
Purchases and Stores Department: Hugh F. Flynn, chairman and solicitor.

Operating Department: Thomas J. Foley, chairman; J. E. Bouchard, Portland; R. L. Achorn, Lewiston; C. T. Clarke, Waterville; W. L. Harris, Waterville; J. P. Tenneson, Livermore Falls; R. S. Thing, Brunswick; and A. N. Tupper, Rigby.

Executive Department: Joseph Gallant, chairman and solicitor.

Marketing Department: E. E. Libby, chairman and solicitor.

Engineering Department: J. R. MacFarlane, chairman; R. A. Jackson, Portland; W. G. Scheoth, Bangor; R. A. Coulombre, Waterville; W. R. Pooler, Bartlett; H. A. Ames, Brunswick; D. G. Wolfe, Lewiston; M. S. Thorne, Waterville; D. C. Eldridge, Bangor; F. B. Perkins, Bangor; P. H. Coombs, Portland; J. E. Lancaster, Portland; C. D. Dixon, Bangor; H. D. Sullivan, Portland; A. L. Ellis, Bangor; and L. E. Lamson, Portland.



Ralph F. Tracy

**Ralph F. Tracy Retires May 1**

Ralph F. Tracy, general agent at Augusta, who rounded out 50 years of Maine Central service in December, will step into retirement May 1.

A native of Bar Harbor, Tracy was educated in his home town and in Dedham, and was first exposed to the romance of railroading in nearby Holden.

Looking over the shoulder of the agent, the late H. T. Thompkins, Tracy picked up the pointers of rail transportation, and even more fascinating to him, of railroad communications. Listening to Thompkins' sounder, and practising himself whenever he could, he soon learned the mysteries of Morse and laid plans for a railroad career.

It took Tracy less than a year to work into an operator's job

**Two Railroad Tournaments Slated This Season At Bangor And Fairlawn**

By Jerry Shea

Because of popular demand, there will be two golf tournaments this year, the first at Bangor Municipal Golf Course, June 8, and the second at Fairlawn Country Club, East Poland, September 21.

For the first time, when we play at Bangor, we will have a trophy for the lowest gross score of the tournament. This prize was donated by the President of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad and will be called the W. Jerome Strout Trophy, and like the E. Spencer Miller Trophy, will be awarded for one year only.

As the Bangor course is a public course, it cannot be closed

after joining the Maine Central in 1917. Starting as a laborer at Lincoln, he then served briefly as a clerk at Eastport before his assignment to Veazie as agent and operator in 1918. In the 44 years before his arrival at Augusta, he served as agent and operator at Lambert Lake, Kingman, Bancroft, Mattawamkeag, Readfield, Richmond, Dexter, Hallowell, and Gardiner.

A son, Philip G. Tracy, is relief operator at Tower A in Waterville.

The elder Tracy, his son, his son's wife and their three youngsters live in West Gardiner.

for this event. However, if you have a preferred starting time, or foursome, we will try to work you in close to the time on entry blank. We hope everyone will be there between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Anyone with an established handicap, either State, club or league, please state on entry blank because the Committee will add two strokes to club or league. Anyone without an established handicap will state their average and how many rounds they use to arrive at average, and they will then be assigned a handicap by the Committee.

There will be three groups of players. The Committee will try to split the players so there will be an equal number in each class. Trophies will be awarded to first gross and first net in each class. In case of ties, winner will be decided by a match of cards. Prizes will be awarded in each class for the longest drive on the 10th hole and nearest the pin on the 3rd hole.

Greens fees are \$3.00 per person, payable at the course on the day of play. Bangor Municipal has a snack bar with everything reasonably priced.

In order to purchase the trophies and prizes, \$1.00 must be remitted with each entry blank. The deadline for entries is June 1. No refunds can be made after June 6.

**ENTRY FORM**

Name ..... Starting Time .....  
Railroad ..... Location .....  
Handicap: State ..... Club or League ..... Average .....  
Enclose \$1.00 Entry Fee—Not Returnable After June 6th.

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**MEN'S BOWLING WINNERS**—Team No. 6 of the Maine Central Men's League were presented trophies at the wind-up of the bowling season last month at Carolyn's, Cape Elizabeth. From left, members Sam Cavallaro, Marty Stratton, Bill Trefethen and Jay Hamilton.