

**AT "PERFECT SHIPPING" DINNER**—Among head table guests at the May 14 "Perfect Shipping" dinner of the New England Shippers' Advisory Board in Portland, were, from left, Richard J. Mulhern, President, Boston and Maine Corp.; Frederick C. Dumaine, president of Amoskeag Co., and former NHRR and D & H President; E. S. Miller, president of Maine Central, and Robert L. Travis, chairman of the transportation committee of the New England Council.

## RPI's New Program Slated June 25 By Kiwanis, Lions

"The New Railroads," a program that has attracted government, industry and civic leaders in the nation's major cities, will be presented in New England for the first time June 25 in Portland.

Nils A. Lennartson of Washington, D. C., president of the Railway Progress Institute, will make the presentation before a joint meeting of the Portland Kiwanis and Lions Clubs. Members of Portland Rotary have been invited to attend. The event

will be held at noon on Tuesday, June 25, in the Mayfair Room of the Lafayette Town House.

The program includes a unique visual presentation in detail and color, emphasizing the varied forms of freight service which the nation's railroads now offer to industry.

A former Maine resident, Gannett Publishing Company reporter and assistant publicity manager for the Maine Central Railroad, Lennartson has served as president of the Railway Progress Institute for the past three years. His organization consists of 181 railway supply industries employing more than 600,000 people in 45 states.

Lennartson was formerly Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, and also served with six other cabinet officers in the federal government from 1948 to 1961. The speaker will be introduced by E. Spencer Miller, president of the Maine Central Railroad.

State officials, as well as business and community leaders of Greater Portland, will be guests at the luncheon meeting.



Lennartson

*Sign Up!  
MeC-PTCo Savings  
Bond Drive Ends  
Monday, June 10*

## 50,000,000 Gallons

### MeC To Originate Bunker C Shipments For Brown Company Mills At Berlin

Arrangements completed in May between the Brown Company, Berlin, N. H., the Paragon Oil Company division of Texaco, Inc., and the Maine Central Railroad will result in a substantial increase in oil tonnage for the Port of Portland.

The movement, which spokesmen said will involve more than 50,000,000 gallons of bunker C fuel oil annually, is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1968. It will mean additional tanker business for the Port and use of some of the largest insulated tank cars ever seen on the railroads of Maine.

The companies said rate savings offered by the Maine Central Railroad through use of super-jumbo tank cars influenced selection of Portland for the oil movement despite energetic competition by transportation interests in several Canadian and New England ports.

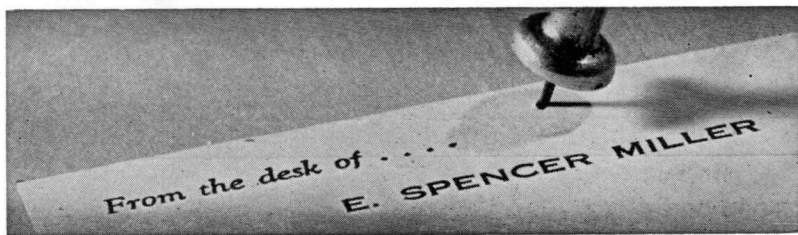
One of the largest oil contracts ever negotiated for rail movement in the Portland area, the operation will supply fuel to the big Brown Company paper mills in Berlin, N. H., now converting its systems from coal. The bunker C oil will travel from Portland via the Maine Central Railroad to Danville Junction, near Auburn, and via the Canadian National Railway to Berlin.

Officials of Paragon are working closely with the Brown Company and the Maine Central Railroad to develop traffic and engineering details that will insure a smooth flow of oil cars over the entire route. The preliminary work includes arranging an adequate supply of huge, new, 23,000-gallon tank cars equipped with heating coils, making necessary handling arrangements at South Portland, and completion of extensive unloading and storage facilities at Berlin.



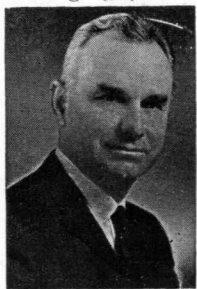
**A PLAQUE FOR PORTLAND**—The Maine Central Railroad was one of several Maine firms and organizations who sponsored a series of awards presented last month by the Maine State Park and Recreation Commission's Keep Maine Scenic Program. The awards were for outstanding efforts to prevent blight and litter throughout the state. Above, Royden Cote, MeC market manager, presents one of the awards to Barnett M. Shur, corporation counsel, City of Portland, for the city's efforts to dispose of junk automobiles.

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## TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

The process of government, in these times, seems to consist largely of efforts to eliminate deficits of one sort or another . . . of closing "gaps" between the number and capabilities of intercontinental ballistic missiles in the arsenals of the U. S. and the Soviet Union; between the ungilded truth and the official reports of military success in the Far East; and between astronomical federal spending and down-to-earth federal revenue.



And of all these "gaps," the last is easily the one that concerns us most as businessmen, railroadmen and taxpayers. It concerns us of the railroad industry, perhaps, even more than it concerns the people of other forms of transport, because truckers, barge operators and airlines can see a substantial portion of their taxes coming back in the form of better, faster highways, improved waterways, tax-provided terminals, navigation and communication facilities. With the exception of relatively small appropriations for the new Federal Railroad Administration, the current research and development of high-speed passenger trains and contributions toward the operating expenses of the Alaska Railroad, our industry's taxes don't come back . . . they disappear forever in the insatiable maw of a United States Government whose chief objective is popularity, and our industry continues to go it alone, owning, building and maintaining its own roadways, its own stations, and its own signals and communications.

In sharp contrast are the planned expenditures for highways this year . . . \$4 billion, 372 million . . . and the admission that the Federal Interstate Highway System is only three-fifths completed, and that the life of the highway trust fund—established under President Eisenhower in 1952—will have to be extended beyond its 1970 completion target date.

In an effort to close the "gap" between highway spending and revenue, President Johnson has again proposed "a broad program of transportation user charges to apply the test of the marketplace to these activities, and to relieve the general taxpayer of some of the burden of financing special benefits for certain individuals and industries."

Specifically, the President has proposed an increase in the federal tax on diesel fuel and a graduated use tax on heavy trucks. This would result in additional federal highway revenue of 239 million in fiscal 1969. Other user charges levied on airlines and barge operators would return about 47 millions.

It's difficult not to appear cynical about this user tax proposal, because President Johnson is the third resident of the White House in succession to call for similar action. Like many efforts to require fair-share taxes of the trucking industry in several states, including our own, Johnson's user tax proposal faces almost certain defeat at the hands of the potent highway transportation lobby.

The Administration's desires for adequate payment for use of government-provided facilities will be denied; the "gap" between federal spending and income will widen proportionately; and the general taxpayer . . . you, I, our Company and thousands of others, will be called upon to close it with a 10 per cent income tax surcharge. Proposed by the President to become effective in 1968, this surcharge would mean an additional cent on each dollar of income, and return more than \$10 billion to the government in 1969.

Because no potent lobby opposes it, and because it's the lesser of several possible tax evils, the surcharge measure probably will pass, adding further burden to corporations and individuals already oppressively laden with taxes by not only the federal government, but by state and local assessors as well.

Closing the "gap" between government spending and revenue in this manner will undoubtedly create another "gap" . . . between heavily burdened taxpayers and their free-spending government. A more reasonable alternative would be drastic reductions in government expenditures, and at the same time, a practical, sincere effort to require truck, barge and airline operators to bear their full and fair share of what it costs our government to keep them in business.

*E. Spencer Miller*

## A Call For Railroaders

W. M. Dox, Jr., an official of the Seashore Electric Railway at Kennebunkport, asked us for help the other day. Not us, really, but the hundreds of retired Maine Central railroaders who might like to get back to railroading a little bit. Seashore, he says, is getting bigger by the minute, and they could use some help, especially from people with railroad know-how and enthusiasm.

It's a volunteer organization, a part of the New England Electric Railroad Historical Society, and now has more than 100 trolleys and several miles of track. Dox says they can use people with experience in all branches of railroading.

There's no pay, except in fun and satisfaction. Dox said the membership fee is \$2 for persons over 60, and that applicants may correspond with Joseph B. Doherty, membership secretary, New England Railway Historical Society, 40 Hawthorne Avenue, Arlington, Mass., 02174.



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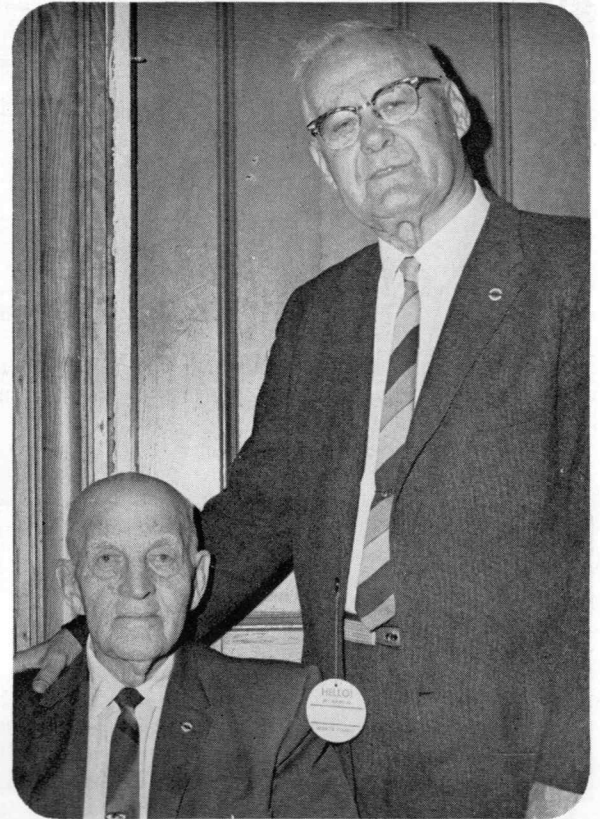
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# Railroad Vets' Meeting At Fairfield 'Biggest Ever'



Part of the group as the Fairfield Center dinner was served. At right, Herbert W. Fogg, South Portland, oldest member present, and Harold C. Clark, Portland, a past president of the Veterans' Association.



Owen J. Thompson, Waterville, passed the guest book, being signed here by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil E. Nowell of Bangor. James E. Fay of Portland is at left.

This group exchanged greetings before dinner. From left, Cliff Quigley, South Portland; George Larsen, Portland; Leonard King, Portland; Herbert Jenkins, Falmouth; W. F. Driscoll, Portland, and Clyde Reynolds, Cumberland Center.



From left, James E. Fay, Portland; Thomas J. Earls, Portland; Harold Keniston, Portland; and Kenneth Reed, Waterville.



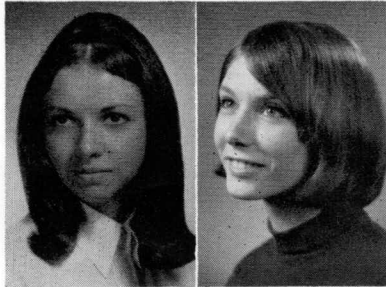
From left, Melville L. Davis, Portland; Frederick P. Wilson, Portland; Owen J. Thompson, Waterville and Pete Gagnon, Waterville.

Win Diplomas

MeC Youngsters-Many With High Ranks, All With High Hopes-Among June Grads

Railroad families along the entire length of the Maine Central system are busy these days with preparations for graduations—high school and college—and with plans for the future. Here are some members of the Maine Central's class of 1968:

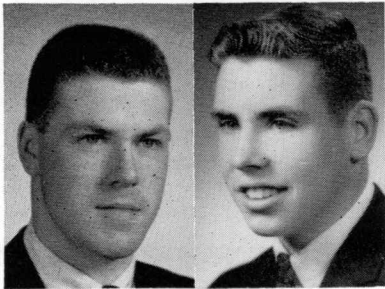
Judith G. Coulombre, daughter of work equipment supervisor and Mrs. Raymond Coulombre, Waterville, will graduate this month from Waterville High School. An academic course student, Judy has been a member of the Glee Club, the Drill Team and Tri-Hi-Y. She has been enrolled at Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing, Boston.



Ward Coulombre

Joanne Ward, daughter of Messenger P. J. Ward, Rigby, will graduate from South Portland High School this month. A member of the Glee Club and the Art Club, she plans to enter the University of Maine in Portland in September.

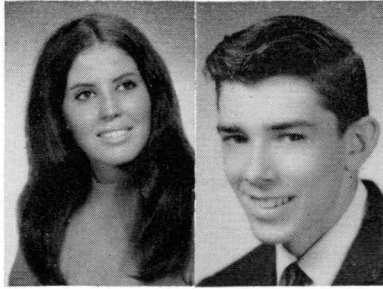
Leonard R. Sanborn, Jr., son of L. R. Sanborn, Joint Facility Examiner, A.D. Office, Portland, will graduate from Gorham State College as a science major. He will further his education or enter the teaching profession.



L. Sanborn T. Sanborn

Timothy Sanborn, son of L. R. Sanborn, Joint Facility Examiner, A.D. Office, Portland, will graduate from Windham High School. He plans to enter the vocational educational field.

Jane V. Clemons, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burnham, Portland, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clemons of Shelburne, Vt., will graduate from Champlain Valley High School. She will attend Colorado State College at



Clemons Donovan

Greeley, Colo., in the fall, to prepare for elementary teaching.

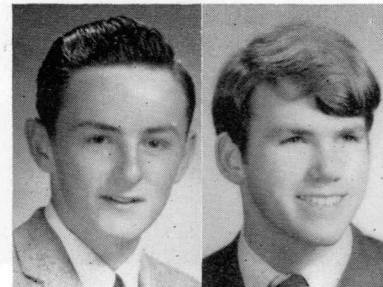
Gary Donovan, grandson of C. R. Duplisea, railroad police, will graduate from Gray-New Gloucester High School. He has been active in athletics, and plans to attend Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, Auburn, in the fall.



Timberlake Green

Vickie Timberlake, daughter of Operator and Mrs. Paul B. Timberlake, South Portland, will graduate from South Portland High School. An art club member and art editor of the SPHS yearbook, she will be a scholarship student at Rhode Island School of Design in the fall.

Janis Rose Green, daughter of Conductor and Mrs. Richard Green of Westbrook, will graduate from Westbrook High School. She will attend Plus-Gray School of Business, Portland, in September, taking courses in operation of office machines and IBM equipment.

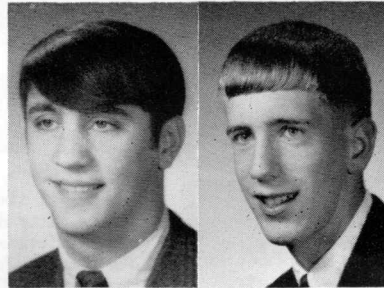


King Moran

Stephen G. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. King, South Portland, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Goggins and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard King, Sr., also of South Portland, will be a member of the graduating class at South Portland High School.

Thomas H. Moran, III, grandson of George C. Larsen, retired MeC Conductor, will graduate from Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield, and plans to enroll at the University of Maine, Orono.

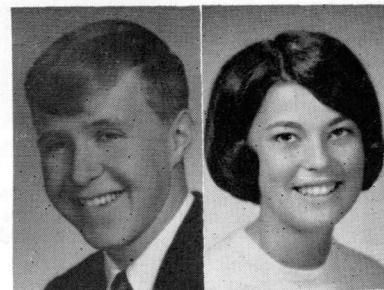
Arthur Landry, son of Clerk Paul and Lydia Landry, Portland, will graduate in June from Yarmouth High School. He plans to enter the armed services shortly thereafter.



Landry Whitmore

Paul Joseph Whitmore, son of Head Clerk Herbert and Helen Whitmore, Portland, graduates from Portland High School. He was a member of State Champion Tennis Team in 1967, and Captain in 1968. He will attend Gorham State College, majoring in English.

Stephen P. Cobb, son of Public Relations Director and Mrs. Joseph H. Cobb, North Gorham, will graduate from Gorham High School. He will enter the Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, in August.

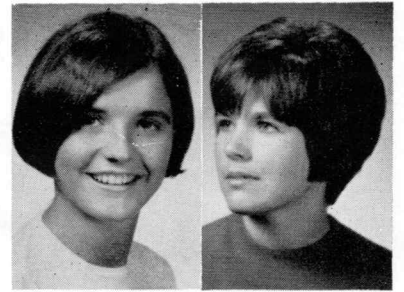


Cobb Sharpe

Jocelyn D. Sharpe, daughter of Clerk and Mrs. George L. Sharpe, Portland, graduates from Deering High School. She has been accepted at Mt. Auburn School of Nursing, Cambridge, Mass., where her oldest sister, Eldith Peters, is now a registered nurse.

Diane MacDowell, daughter of Clerk and Mrs. Wendell MacDowell, graduates from Portland High School. She will enter Regis College at Weston, Mass.

Ann Pellegrino, grand-daugh-



Pellegrino MacDowell

ter of Chief Clerk John F. Johnson, Superintendent's office, Rigby, will graduate from Portland High School. She hopes to enter training as an airline stewardess.

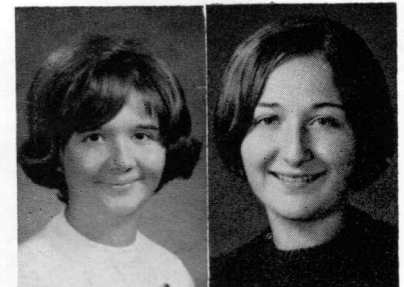
Edward McDonough, son of Watchman William and brother of Stenographer Carol Bragdon, will graduate from Portland High School in June. Eddie has played baseball for PHS and is Captain of the team this year. He is planning to attend Bridgton Academy in the Fall.

Charles E. Jackson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Jackson, Sr., 74 Hamblet Avenue, Portland, is graduating from Deering High School this June. Charles will enter Husson College in Bangor majoring in Business Administration.



McDonough Jackson

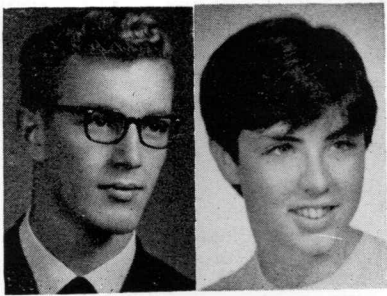
Cindy L. Cook, daughter of Brakeman Roland and Clerk-Stenographer Beverly Cook, Waterville, will be a June graduate of Winslow High School. She transferred from Clinton High in 1966, where she was active in Glee Club, Girls Softball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Ski-Club. While at Winslow she is enrolled in the Distributive Education Program.



Cook Esty

Debra E. Esty, daughter of Clerk and Mrs. Robert Esty, Waterville Freight Office, will be a June graduate from Waterville Senior High School with a Business Clerical Diploma. While in

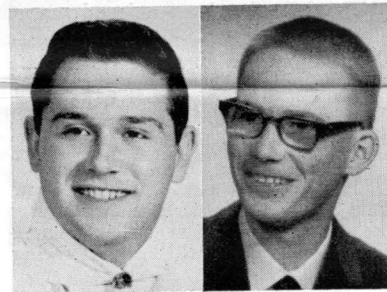
school she participated in the Glee Club, Thalponemy Club and Future Business Leaders of America.



Johnston Mills

Stephen M. Johnston, son of Asst. Track Supervisor and Mrs. F. E. Johnston, Waterville, will be a June graduate from Winslow High School. He transferred from Old Town High School in 1965. An honor roll student his Junior Year at Winslow. He has been accepted to R.E.T.S. electronic school in Boston, Mass.

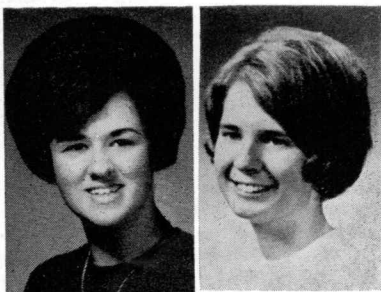
Barbara Mills, daughter of Engine Dispatcher and Mrs. Arthur Mills, South Portland, will graduate from South Portland High School this month. She will enter Gorham State College in the Fall.



McCaslin Mills

William D. McCaslin, son of Painter and Mrs. Don McCaslin of Waterville, was recently graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, New Haven, Conn. He expects to continue his profession in the Army.

Andrew R. Mills, son of Carman Helper and Mrs. Stanley Mills of Dennysville, will graduate this month from Shead Memorial High School, Eastport. He will enter training as a machinist at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, Kittery.



Tardiff MacDowell

Lorraine Tardiff, daughter of Conductor Victor Tardiff, Switcher No. 8, Waterville is graduating from Cony High School, Augusta. She will be married in September. She is employed part time at Hudson Paper Co., Augusta.

Marilyn MacDowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McDowell, is graduating from Cathedral High School, Portland, and is planning to attend U. of M. at Orono to study elementary education. She is working this summer in a local store.



BY JERRY SHEA

The Portland Railroad Golf League got off to a fine start on May 8 at the Willowdale Country Club. The Commissioners, Everett Goddard, Manager, Car Accounting; and Dick Brown, Portland Terminal Company Conductor; lined up six teams with seven men on a team.

Team Captains, and their 9-hole handicaps, are as follows: George Ellis, Marketing, (4). Chuck Naughton, C&O Railroad, (4). Vinnie Morse, husband of Mary, who works in Engineering, (6). John Tracy, P. T. Yard Conductor, (6). Dick Brown, P. T. Yard Conductor, (7). Arthur Edwards, Chief Clerk, Marketing, (7).

After the first two weeks of play, Art Edwards has low round with a 42, followed by Ivan Perkins, Rigby Car Shop, 43, and Tom Manning, Car Shop, a 46.



RAILROAD GOLFERS OPEN SEASON—Four railroads are represented by these five golfers who with many others opened the league season at Willowdale, Scarborough, in early May. From left, Arthur Edwards, MeC Marketing Dept.; Ray Williams, New Haven sales; George Phillips, MeC Marketing Dept.; Irvin Kelley, D&H sales; and Chuck Naughton, C&O sales.



WIN COUPLES' BOWLING—Presented trophies for the top team in the MeC-PTCo. Couples' Bowling League at a May 11 banquet were, from left, Dave Gardner, Mrs. Herman Berrick, Mrs. Gardner and "Rabbit" Berrick.

George Ellis had a good round going until he took ten blows on a par 3 hole.

Don't forget the first Railroad Golf Tournament of the season is being held at Bangor Municipal Golf Course on June 8th.

The Railroad Couples Bowling League held their banquet and presentation of awards Saturday, May 11, at the American Legion Post in Scarborough. Merchandise, such as radios, cameras, lighters and wallets were given instead of trophies this year.

First place team prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. Herman (Rabbit) Berrick and Mr. and Mrs. David Gardner. Second place was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Blair Walls. Third place went to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Montgomery.

GENERAL OFFICES

Sympathy is extended to Donna O'Bryan, Superintendent's office, on the death of her grandfather in Rutland, Vermont.

Mrs. Connie Davis, Car Accounting office, has announced the engagement of her daughter Kathleen L. Irving of New York City to Paul Ragusa of Brooklyn, N. Y. Wedding will take place August 10.

Tom Foley has returned from a week's vacation.

A sunshine basket was presented to Marion "Perky" Manning recently and her thank-you letters certainly expressed her appreciation and pleasure.

Jeannette Calder was in the hospital recently for a tonsilectomy.

The engagement of Miss Theresa Foley of the Revenue Office, to Gary L. Diffin, a student at M.V.T.I., was announced last month. The wedding is scheduled June 10.

Dee and George Stanley recently motored to Reno, Nevada, on their vacation. They also visited Lake Tahoe, Donner Pass and Squaw Valley.

Al Kennedy is sporting a new black VW sedan.

Billy and Carol Bragdon have recently purchased a house on Hamlin Road in Falmouth and are planning to move in the near future.

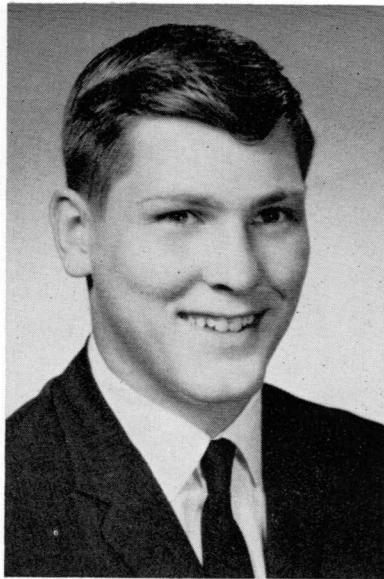
Dot Smith of Revenue office plans to fly to El Paso, Texas, and from there to San Diego, Calif. to visit relatives. She hopes to visit Mexico, too.

Bill Welch (of A.D. office) and wife Ann are spending an early vacation at Cape Cod, Mass., where Bill plans to get in some golf and swimming (if the weather permits). Ann will do the stores and look forward to attending a Red Sox-Yankees game in Boston.

Pat Connary of Purchasing, accompanied by her mother, is flying to Tuscon, Arizona, for a visit with her sister.

Lee Lamson, nephew of Elta Benner (AD Office) and Lin Lamson (Engineering Office) has returned from a tour in Viet Nam where he was a helicopter pilot. After a month's leave he will be stationed in Alabama where he will be a helicopter instructor.

Walter Provencher, Asst. Auditor Disbursements, has returned after attending spring training for the National Guard at Camp Drum, New



**ENGAGED**—The engagement of Edna Mae Scott and Gregory Keith Savage, senior rate clerk, Marketing Department, Portland, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Scott of Portland. Miss Scott is a senior at Deering High and will graduate in June. Greg graduated from Deering High, and has been employed by MeC for a year. A July 27 wedding is planned.

York. Charles Ferris, Clerk Messenger, AD Office, is a member of the same unit.

Richard Morrison, son of Mrs. Grace Thompson of the Revenue Office, is at Fort Dix, N. J., for basic training with the Army. He graduated from University of Maine-Portland in January.

"Chet" Robie and his family have returned to their home on Mussey Street, So. Portland, after spending several weeks with friends while their house was completely renovated due to severe fire damage in February.

John, son of Eugene and Margaret Miller, recently joined the Naval Reserve and will be at Great Lakes Training Station, Ill. for several weeks.

George Marcroft, chief clerk, Superintendent's office, tells us his brother Karl has been made general sales manager of a furniture chain in San Diego, California, where he has been living for the past 20 years. His latest deal, says George, was furnishing comedian Jerry Lewis' 78-foot yacht. Price tag for the furniture, \$7,500; for the yacht, \$1,000,000.

Al Kennedy, chairman of the General Office blood bank committee, has put out an urgent call for donors to meet replacement requirements. He said a total of 58 pints have been donated and replaced since the establishment of the bank.

Kennedy said that because the number of donors is small, it has become necessary to limit the availability of blood from the General Office bank to six pints per year per person. Eligible to receive this, he said, are General Office employees, their husband or wife, mother, father, or children.

In order for this availability to continue, he said, more blood must be available. He urged prospective donors to sign up immediately, and urged all General Office employees who are able to cooperate.

## BRUNSWICK - BATH

Equipment maintainer Caleb Mitchel has returned from a five week vacation in Florida.

First Trick Clerk Telegrapher Henry Preble had a week's vacation visiting relatives in Canada.

Nelson Soule, second trick clerk telegrapher, was on two weeks vacation, making a rush trip to Florida and back. Nelson has a new home being built in South Freeport. It will have shore frontage on Harraseeket Harbor and has a view of Casco Bay all the way to Halfway Rock.

## RIGBY ENGINE HOUSE

Mrs. Helen A. Clancey, wife of Engine Hostler Eugene Clancey, died at a local hospital recently after a long illness. Mrs. Clancey was the sister of Barney Duff, former engine house employee. A floral tribute was sent.

Shop Welder Albert McCann's son Albert, Jr., entered the Portland Boys' Club Patriots Day road race and came in fourth. Albert's second son William has entered the Air Force, following in the footsteps of his dad, who served in the same branch of the service in World War II.

A birthday party was celebrated at the Car Department recently, when Richard "Dick" Dole Unit Mechanical Officer, was honored. A large birthday cake was presented with 63 candles on it. There were 14 men in attendance, and the scene of the party was the Relief Train at Rigby. General Foreman "Ed" Montgomery acted as M. C. of the show.

Car Department employee Donald Moody is a Deputy Sheriff for Cumberland County.

Several thank-you letters were sent to General Foreman Gordon Sears' office by young people who were visitors to the engine house, from the Arlington School, Windham, telling him of the wonderful time that they had while on tour of the premises.

Stores Department employee Russell Proctor has taken over the position of Truck Driver for that department upon the retirement of Thomas McCafferty.

Mrs. Phillip Cook, wife of Stores Department employee "Phil" Cook, is home after hospital treatment.

Carman "Budd" Harriman was confined to a local hospital during the month.

Former Chief Clerk Leo Belfontane is up from Florida, where he has

a winter home, visiting his mother in South Portland. He will spend the summer months, at his cottage in Canada.

Mrs. Elijah Ryder, wife of former track Supervisor Elijah Ryder, spent a few days recently in the hospital, but is now at her son's home, Electrician Ray Ryder, where she has an apartment. Ray has purchased a new boat, and no doubt has already done some fishing.

The Rev. Robert Haldane, pastor of the North Deering Congregational Church, and brother of Stores Department Clerk Francis Haldane, was given a farwell reception when he retired, after over 40 years of service in four different pastorates.

Carman Emile Casey took his vacation, and spent a great part of the time at his cottage on Little Sebago making repairs.

Sgt. Leeman Palmer, USAF, son of Carman Ray Palmer, recently spent four days in Holland where he and Mrs. Palmer attended the Tulip Festival.

Lois Temms, daughter of former Machinist Edwin Temms, received "blue ribbons" as a winner in the senior dress-making division of the 4-H Club. She was also chosen as an alternate delegate representing the "Happy Scrappers" of Windham at the county dress-making review.

Machinist Doris Boisse, who had planned retirement in June, is ill.

Electrician Walter Emery recently purchased a new 50 h.p. outboard motor.

Carman Murray Campbell, Gorham, has purchased a house trailer.

Electrician Leading-man "Al" Strout has completed a new cement side-walk for his daughter Irene at her new home in South Portland.

Milfred Goodwin is enjoying excellent health, and is having the time of his life with the twin children of his daughter. He says they will have to move soon, as they live in one of the houses to be demolished with construction of highway I-295.

Electrician "Bert" and Mrs. Wetmore went fishing recently at Parsons-

field and she had the experience of catching her first salmon.

Carman's Helper James Concannon has returned to work after a long lay-off due to sickness.

Carman "Joe" MacDonald has at last realized a life-long ambition, that of owning a brand new "Caddie." It has all the latest gadgets.

Stores Department Eddie Whalen is home after a winter stay at the home of his daughter in North Carolina.

Electricians Charlie Chamberlain, Jim Small and Ray Rider were lucky trout fisherman last month.

Carman "Jake" Caldwell has purchased a home on Walton Street, Portland.

"Shady Dale Meter," a pacer owned by Mrs. Clifford Card, wife of Engineer Cliff Card, came within two-fifths of a second of the track record last month at Cumberland, winning the \$1,200 Special feature race.

## RIGBY YARDS

Trainmaster and Mrs. R. J. Thompson, the former Rita Dougherty, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kathleen Elizabeth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Dougherty.

R. A. Bearor, yard clerk, enjoyed a few days vacation last month.

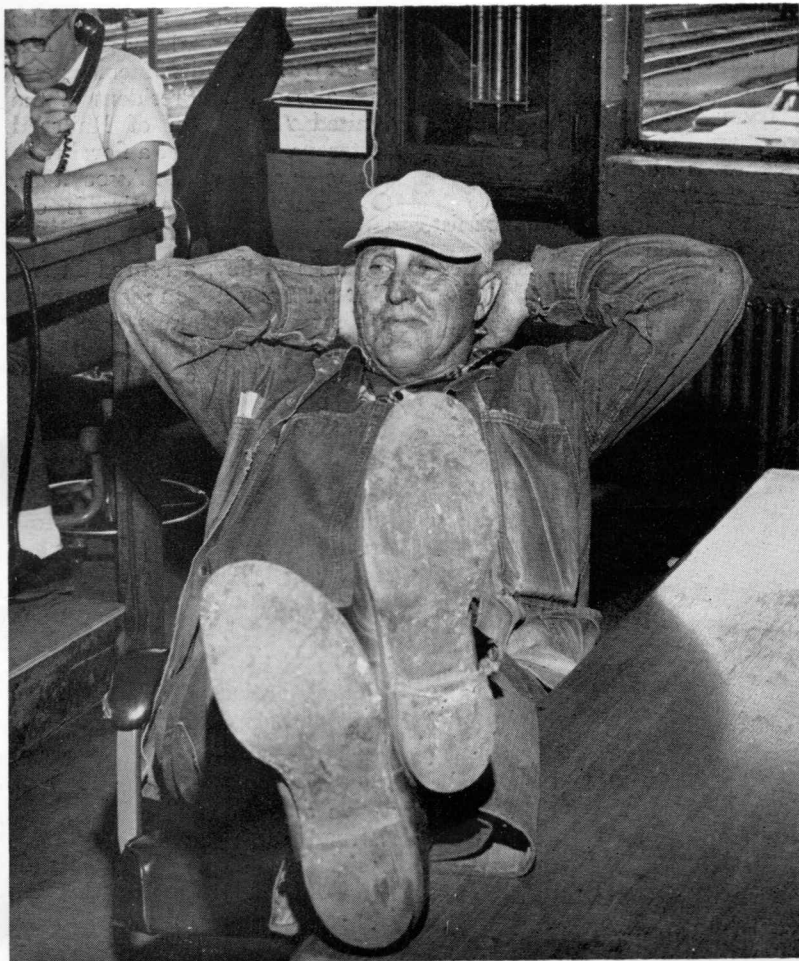
W. J. Griffin, yard clerk, has displaced F. H. Stack, who displaced R. E. Crockett, who in turn displaced R. E. Bearor.

The following have enjoyed recent vacations: Swing Operator D. W. Avery, Third Trick Operator P. D. Graham, Yard Clerk E. J. Wade, Spare Watchman Peter Bortniak, Lampman T. F. Conley, General Yardmaster L. W. Matthews, W. G. Smith and R. G. Pressnell.

The grapevine says that Chief Crew Dispatcher Eddie Bolduc is burning the greens at the Val Halla Country Club; and that Harold Petrie is trying to get Eddie Runnells to take up square dancing.



**SENDOFF FOR A SEABEE**—Jack Higgins, a clerk in the Purchasing Department, Portland, left in May for active duty with CB Division 1-5, U. S. Navy, for an extended period. Fellow workers presented a gift on his final work day. First row, from left, Arnold Dow, storekeeper, Waterville; Mrs. Beryl Farrar, Kenneth W. Phillips, manager, Purchases and Stores; Jack Higgins, Larry Smyth and Lindy Burgess. Back row, Fred Peterson, Hugh F. Flynn, travelling storekeeper; Pat Connary, Arthur St. Laurent and Ray Pullen.



**TAKING IT EASY**—Putting up his feet to rest after 32 years on the Maine Central is James C. Coughlin, Brewer, who retired April 31. He was a yardmaster at Bangor.

**ROCKLAND**

Glad to welcome back retired General Agent Frank Carsley who paid us a visit on his return from Sunny Florida. Frank, all tanned up, is keeping busy as usual. No sooner had he arrived than was at it again, cleaning up the yard, mowing lawns and opening the cottage for summer. He says retired Agent Operator Don Pomerleau wanted to be remembered to all.

Other visitors to the freight office were retired Conductor Frank Prescott and retired car inspector Ted Anderson.

Your correspondent, Wendell Lewis, paid a visit to "Father" Snowman, who has been busy around the house,



**WED 30 YEARS**—Painter and Mrs. William Fletcher, Albion, were recently honored by their 11 children on their 30th wedding anniversary at a supper where a large cake and a money tree were among the gifts. Bill has been employed in the Paint Shop, Waterville, some 30 years.

planting a garden, flowers, and even had a new hot top put on his drive. This is to keep the wheels of the "pickle" from getting muddy. Father advises Clam Committee Chairman Cote to bring three yard sticks to measure the two and one half yard clams Father has uncovered. A clam that size should make a fair chowder.

We wish to extend our congratulations to machinist C. E. "Jakey" Walker for his alertness and responsible action, which may have prevented a serious derailment.

"Jake's" careful inspection of Engine 574, while preparing this unit for NJ-2, revealed a badly cracked right front wheel, which if allowed to continue in service would have probably been disastrous. A relief crane and crew from Waterville under Wreckmaster Nubert Estabrook changed out the trucks and hauled Unit 574 to Waterville shop for wheel change. A well deserved letter of commendation from the Company was sent to Jake by G. P. Silva, Superintendent of Locomotive Maintenance.

**WATERVILLE STATION**

The annual District No. 4 Track Foremen's meeting was held April 30 at the Roosevelt Motor Lodge, Waterville.

Track Supervisor Maurice Thorne has returned from two weeks vacation, working at camp and visiting his daughter in New Hampshire.

Also vacationing this past month was Bev Cook from the freight office, and Basil Higgins, yard office.

We hear that Clerk Ken Snow saw Smokey the Bear recently.

Supervisor, Work Equipment Ray Coulombre was in Milwaukee Wisc., for a few days inspecting equipment. He also attended the New England RR Club meeting in Boston May 9.

Tommy Huard, son of Carroll Huard, freight office, has been home on leave from the Navy, returning to Norfolk, Va.

Denise Belanger is back on her job following a sick leave of three weeks.

**WATERVILLE SHOPS**

Foreman Nubert Estabrook has recently sold his chicken ranch and is now building a new ranch type home in Oakland.

Retired Carman Emery Hall died recently at the age of 73. He had been retired some ten years and had worked for the Maine Central for 26 years. Among survivors is a son, Carman Kenneth Hall.

Machinist Stanley Young has been a patient at the Maine Medical Center in Portland and, as of this writing, is convalescing after major surgery in a local hospital.

Clerk Rod Looler has been called to active service in the Air National Guard and is stationed at Dow Air Force Base in Bangor for a period.

Supt. and Mrs. Alden Finnimore and Foreman and Mrs. Floyd Case have been recent visitors in Boston. The men attended the Annual meeting of the New England Railroad Club.

In the spring a young man's fancy (and an old man's too) lightly turns to thoughts of . . . new cars. Here's the list: Clerk Connie Begin, a Mercury Montego; Foreman Wade Richardson, a Ford Galaxy; Foreman Dick Delano and Glenn McCarrison, new Plymouth Furies; Carman Al Wentworth, a Ford Fairlane; Machinist John Eames, a Toyota sedan; Machinist Bill Trafton, a Chevy pick-up; Laborer Tiny Gibbs, a Ford pick-up and Foreman Chick Pooler, a Pontiac.

Returned from National Guard training at Camp Drum, N.Y. are Captain Roland Boulette, Electrician Helper Pvt. Dick Eames, Machine Apprentice, Pvt. Bob Crowell and Carman, Pvt. Richie Michaud.

Major and Mrs. Bill Niles, USAF, and family have been visiting his parents, Millman and Mrs. Cecil Niles. He has recently been assigned to Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio, for Advanced Space Studies.

Machinist Bill Trafton is back in the Machine Shop after a two-year hitch in the Army.

Foreman Wallace Jewell has returned from a hitch as inspector for car rebuilding in Atlanta Ga. He has been replaced by Foreman Chick Pooler, who by now is renewing old acquaintances, watching the Atlanta Braves, livin' high off the hog and generally enjoying a vacation from the Belgrade Lakes area.

Millman and Mrs. Newman Taber have been recent visitors with their daughter in Seattle Wash., for two weeks. They made a flying trip.

**WATERVILLE YARDS**

We extend our sympathy to the family of John Goodale, who passed away this past month. Before retirement, Mr. Goodale worked on switcher No. 3 on Westbound.

Another of our boys has made the

grade. Paul Barrows was elected president of the Myrtle Street P.T.A.

Cliff Clark, engineer on WS-1—SW-2, is sporting a new Chevy.

Congratulations and many good wishes for retired Yardmaster and Mrs. Carl Proctor, who celebrated their 50th Anniversary recently. A party was held by the family at Candlelight Inn.

Billy Gordon, Trainman, caught a yard switcher doing yard spare work.

Welcome back to Jake Hanson, Car Inspector. He has been convalescing from an operation.

Harry Gibbs, retired Conductor, now residing in Florida year round, told Galen Wheeler, Conductor of WS-1—SW-2, that he still goes out dancing two or three nights a week, which helps him keep in shape.

Nice to see our young Bill Rack clerk, Roger St. Amand, filling in for Lt. Joe Dessent, who is training with the National Guard.

Don Bartlett, spare conductor—brakeman, has returned from his trip to Iowa. By the looks of things, according to the newspaper, tornadoes struck that state pretty hard. Could it be that he was such in a hurry that he created the tornado. Anyway, he said he made it in 36 hours the first run and 40 hours on his return.

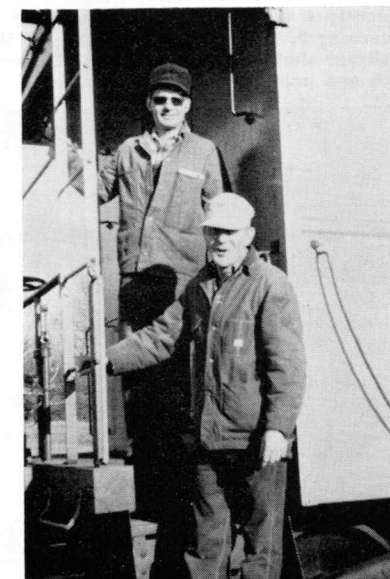
Larry St. Amand, Trainman on WH-2—HW-1, is having quite a time making the grade as a farmer so he says. He has been feeding the mice with De-con, his chickens got hold of it, so now he's out of business.

Guy Coro, Brakeman, Switcher No. 4, says that George Buck, Car Inspector is an "old buck", because his son who works as a Janitor, Car Cleaner, on 3rd trick, is the young buck.

We saw Charley Harper recently on B-11. So he's well, and that's good. Glad to have you back, Charley.

A newcomer in the clerk field—Bob Silvius, formerly of Yarmouth, has been busy filling in these past two weeks for Connie Mason, who made a trip south visiting relatives and friends.

On vacation last month were: D. Bartlett, L. P. Donahue, R. J. Veilleux, C. E. Mason, R. E. Camic, G. E. Coro, L. M. Miller and R. J. Moffatt, all from the yard; J. R. Tardiff and J. H. McCommic, road; M. W. Miles, C. E. Richardson, and V. L. Buck, enginemen.

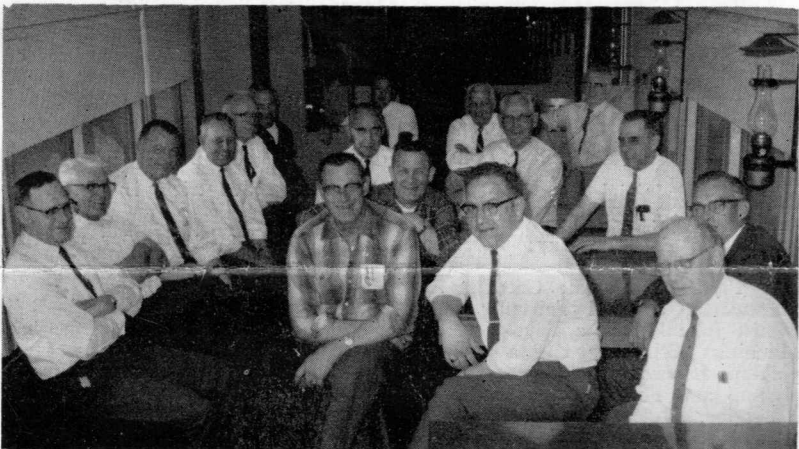


**IN THE CLEAR**—Mark Michaud Conductor, Switcher No. 2, with glasses, and Ken Fitton in the clear at Waterville Yard.

## The Messenger Camera...



**AT RIGBY YARD**—Portland Terminal Company mechanical supervisors met recently in the instruction car at Rigby. Left to right are: M. Weeks, engine house foreman; M. Moore, leading draftsman; P. R. Tomlin, car foreman; C. H. Sears, general foreman, engine house; J. E. Buzzell, superintendent car maintenance; E. M. Montgomery, general car foreman; W. Hammond, engine house foreman; L. W. Sparrow, safety and fire protection; W. E. Maloy, mechanical instructor and rules examiner; W. L. Bean, car foreman; R. E. Baker, vice president, special projects, C. Tetreault, engine house foreman; H. A. Thompson, car foreman; and R. F. Dole, chief mechanical officer, whose birthday was duly noted.



**AT WATERVILLE SHOPS**—Supervisors met in Waterville in the cook car of the relief train. This group—photographed by R. E. Baker, vice president, special projects—includes R. F. Dole, chief mechanical officer; S. J. Brown, car foreman; W. Richardson, air brake and wheel room foreman; D. B. Sherrard, engine house and machine shop foreman; G. P. McCarrison, car foreman; A. H. Finnimore, shops superintendent; G. P. Silva, superintendent, locomotive maintenance; N. B. Estabrook, freight foreman; T. S. Jewett, mechanical car inspector; J. E. Buzzell, superintendent, car maintenance; B. Thompson, car foreman; F. R. Case, car foreman; E. W. Pooler, car foreman; D. K. Russell, assistant shop superintendent; A. E. Nelson, electrical foreman; G. K. Stevens, mill and paint foreman; and L. I. Ifill, diesel foreman.



**"RAILROADING" AT LEWISTON**—General Agent Richard L. Achorn, Lewiston, shows literature used in the current Maine Central Merit Badge Course in Lewiston to three of the nearly 200 boys enrolled in the 7th annual course. From left, the Scouts are Gary Harriman, Ron Jalbert and Donald Jalbert.

## RETIREMENTS

Ernest E. Bean, locomotive engineer, Portland, April 18.

Irvin A. Furrow, engine house foreman, Bangor, April 11.

Thomas M. McCafferty, truck driver, Portland, April 17.

Melvin S. Pratt, machinist, Portland, March 1.

Ralph F. Tracy, agent, Augusta, April 30.

Disability retirements: Joseph E. Gallant, yard conductor, Rumford, April 18; Osborne C. Heath, janitor-watchman, Bangor, Mar. 20; Alfred J. Lebreque, road hostler, Portland, April 16.

## DEATHS

Frank L. Holmes, section foreman, East Machias, March 29.

Raymond L. Noble, section foreman, Hiram, May 1.



By Harold C. Clark

The last meeting of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans was held April 28 at the Grange Hall, Fairfield Center, with 230 members in attendance. A roast beef dinner was served at 1 p.m. followed by a business meeting and an enjoyable entertainment furnished by the students of Waterville High School.

The affair was capably handled by the Waterville Committee under the supervision of their Chairman Kenneth Reed. They deserve a vote of thanks for a fine job well done and greatly appreciated by the membership. It was probably one of the best times ever to be promoted by the Railroad Veterans.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Herbert P.

Wells in the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, Boston. Mr. Wells was our oldest member and was also a Past President of the United Association of Railroad Veterans. Cards and a floral tribute were sent by the Association. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Wells.

James Kelley, a retired Maine Central Freight Conductor and a patient at Veterans Hospital, Togus, is comfortable and was pleased with the cards that came after our request in the Messenger.

Mrs. Ernest T. Biladeau, a patient in the Laconia General Hospital, Laconia, N. H., is improving and hopes to be home soon.

Wallace L. Allen, 100, a retired Maine Central locomotive engineer, died in April at St. Petersburg, Florida, where he had spent winters for many years.

A summer resident of Oakland, Maine, Mr. Allen was a native of Canton. He began his railroad career in 1888 on the Rumford Falls and Buckfield and later became a Maine Central engineman. He retired on May 31, 1937 after a railroad career of almost 50 years.

He had been a winter resident of St. Petersburg since his retirement, and was active among the city's senior citizens. On his 100th birthday, last November, St. Petersburg Mayor Don James proclaimed "Wallace L. Allen Day."

## Thanks!

Mrs. Ellen Lyden, with long service as a PBX operator in the General Offices, Portland, retired recently. She wishes to thank the many fellow employees and other friends who provided a retirement purse.

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