



Waterville-Area Youths Receive First Grants From Rail Veterans' Association

Two Waterville-area youths, sons of Maine Central employees, have received \$100 grants from the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans to assist them with higher education expenses.

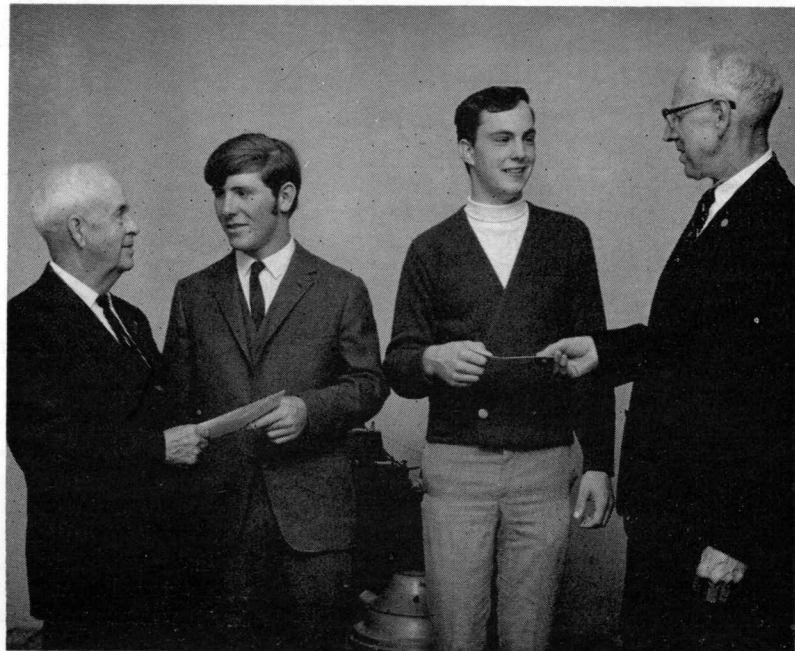
Clare L. Stinson, 18, and Duane E. Wheeler, 17, were presented the checks August 18 by Herbert E. Jenkins, Portland, Scholarship Committee Chairman for the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, and Kenneth E. Reed, Waterville area chairman. Their names were drawn by lot from a list of 27 high-ranking and deserving students submitted to the Veterans' organization by Waterville-area High school principals.

Stinson, son of Locomotive Engineer and Mrs. Harold Stinson, Clinton, will enter the Hobart Trade School in Troy, Ohio, this month. He is a June graduate of Lawrence High School, Fairfield, where he was a member of the bowling and ski clubs, and a delegate to Boys' State in 1967. In addition to his regular class work at Lawrence High, he has been enrolled for the past two years in a machine tool course at Waterville High School.

Wheeler, who has been accepted at High Point College, No. Carolina, is the son of Conductor and Mrs. Galen Wheeler of Waterville. A June graduate

of Waterville High School, he was a member of the soccer team, a library aide, the W Club and president of his Freshman class. He was selected to study in England, France, Italy and Switzerland last July between his junior and senior years in High School.

The grants are the first to be presented by the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, whose members are considering a similar project on an annual basis. Chairman Jenkins said the Waterville area was chosen for the first grants because of its high concentration of railroad employees, and because of the great increase in Veterans' memberships from the area in the past year.



RECEIVE VETERANS' GRANTS—Herbert E. Jenkins, left, of Portland, scholarship committee chairman of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, presents check to Duane E. Wheeler, Waterville, as Kenneth E. Reed, right, Waterville area chairman for the Veterans' group, presents a similar check to Clare L. Stinson of Clinton.

Campers Leave, Summer's Over

Maine Central Railroad conductors shouted "All Aboard" late in August to signal the end of the 1968 sun season for more than 800 summer campers.

The youngsters were passengers on two special trains Saturday, August 24, and Sunday, August 25, from Waterville and Winthrop respectively. They were heading for home—and school—

after one of the best Maine summer camping seasons on record.

The Saturday train consisted of 16 sleeping cars, and left Waterville at 4:30 p.m. with stops for more campers at North Belgrade and Winthrop. The Sunday train, with 15 sleepers, loaded at Winthrop at 6:15 p.m., and was non-stop to Portland. Both trains were interchanged with the Boston and Maine Railroad at Portland, and ran via the New Haven Railroad to Pennsylvania Station, New York City.

Robie, Woodbury, Svenson Promoted To Auditor Posts

Three promotions were announced by C. P. Hawkes, Jr., auditor revenue and freight claims, in August.

Chesley E. Robie was named assistant to auditor revenue; Thurlow L. Woodbury named head freight claim representative and traveling auditor; and Donald H. Svenson named freight claim representative and traveling auditor. All three promotions were effective August 1.

Robie is a native of North Stratford, N. H., where he was educated in local schools. He served as a clerk for the Canadian National Railways at Groveton, N. H., before joining Maine Central in 1955 as revision clerk in Portland. He was named head clerk, daily and miscellaneous bureau, in 1957, and revenue statistician in 1962.

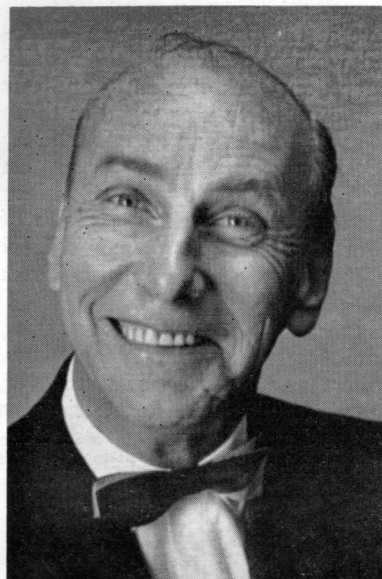
A member of the South Portland Lions Club, Robie has been active in the Greater Portland United Fund and Catholic Charities campaigns of the past several years.



Robie



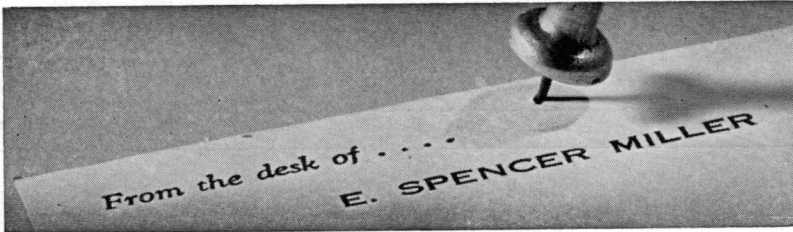
Woodbury



Svenson

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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

"Ops And Non-Ops"

This noon at the Cumberland Club a Portland businessman said: "I always hear you railroad fellows talking about 'OPS' and 'NON-OPS.' What in tarnation do those terms mean?" It occurred to me that an answer to this question and some explanation of the various categories of railroad employees might be interesting to Maine Central friends, and even informative to those of us who work on the railroad.



In general, the phrase "OPS" refers to men engaged in operating the railroad, although the word "operating" must be further defined to comprehend merely the movement of trains and their cargoes. Strictly speaking the "OPS" include only four categories of Maine Central employees, namely, enginemen, firemen, conductors and trainmen; the latter two classifications being broken down into road conductors and trainmen, and yard conductors and trainmen. After this explanation someone always says: "Well, why aren't dispatchers, under whose orders trains are put into motion and actually move, not included in operating personnel? Are they not primarily responsible for all train movements and all transportation on the railroad?" The answer is, I suppose, an historical one and closely tied up with labor agreements.

By the time of termination of railroad ownership by the United States after the first World War and return of the carriers to private operation, we had formulae for the computation of wages and had imported factors peculiar to those crafts operating the trains. These included a full day's pay for runs involving a certain number of miles, or a certain number of hours, whichever produced the greater amount, and a very complicated set of rules grew up around compensation of enginemen relating to extra pay for heavier weight on drivers: i.e., the operation of heavier units of power, etc. It is clear from this brief explanation that such factors could be applied only to those of our personnel actually operating locomotives and trains and so, by process of elimination, we reached a clear definition of those men constituting "OPS."

The railroad executive does not do his duty and does not "know his book" unless he is a student of the complicated reporting to the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Public Utilities Commissions supplied in a sizable volume each year and known as "Form A." A perusal of this mass of statistics brings out the surprising fact that on the Maine Central there are 128 different job classifications and most of these fall into the category of "NON-OPS." Of these, 278 non-operating employees work in the general office building, 222-242 St. John Street. To be specific we have at the present moment something of the order of 2,047 men and women dedicating their daily efforts to making our form of transportation work efficiently and our Company succeed financially. Only one out of five is engaged in those endeavors which are defined strictly as operating, and so four-fifths fall into the category of "NON-OPS." It is impossible to say that an operating job is more important than a non-operating job. Consider for instance the essentiality of maintenance by engineering crews of track, bridges and signal systems, or the intelligent and careful functioning of the train dispatcher who has in his mind and his hands the lives and property of so many.

Every employee in the 128 job classifications, including secretaries, clerks, cooks, painters, carpenters, plumbers, machinists, truck drivers, blacksmiths, metal workers, telegraphers and last of all, executives, has his role to play and each, through his dedicated effort during his working hours, contributes importantly and essentially to the functioning of the railroad as a living organism and an efficient machine.

E. Spencer Miller

**DON'T
GAMBLE
WITH
YOUR
SAFETY**



**You can't win 'em all-
Why risk the danger
of losing?**



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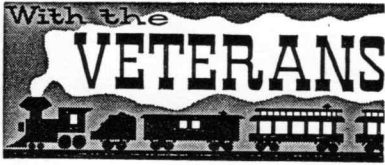
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By Harold C. Clark

The Maine Association of Railroad Veterans will hold its first fall meeting September 22 at Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Thornton Heights. Our Program Chairman, Leonard E. King has promised a very interesting film on railroad operations by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, which will be of interest to all railroaders.

The United Association of Railroad Veterans will hold its 38th annual convention September 13-15, 1968, at the Pittsburgh Hilton Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. The rates are single rooms \$11.00, twin rooms \$15.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Goodwin of Lawrence, Mass. are spending their annual vacation at Old Orchard Beach. They would like to be remembered to all their friends.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of retired Railroad Conductor James E. Kelley who passed away after a long illness at the Veteran's Hospital, Togus.

Mr. Kelley, was a Veteran of World War I, serving with the U. S. Army in France. He was a member of the Harold T. Andrews Post, American Legion, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

We are hoping for a large attendance at our first fall meeting. All members of the Railroad Veterans family are cordially invited to join us for dinner and a sociable time. These meetings present a wonderful opportunity

to meet old members and greet new members for a pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Note Of Thanks

Cliff Ball, transportation assistant, general offices, who retired in July, wishes to thank all his friends who contributed to his retirement gift and who sent him cards.

Thinking Safety

By Laurence W. Sparrow
Safety Supervisor

Safety, or more precisely, safety awareness, should be cultivated until it becomes a habit. No other personal achievement will stand you better in time of need.

The man who habitually practices on-the-job safety will find that this carries over to work and play at home or on vacation.

The average person's thinking on safety might run something like this: "Oh yes, safety. Don't leave things lying around to harm or trip people. Wear safety goggles and safety shoes. Don't step on rails while crossing tracks."

These of course are correct, but they don't get to the heart of the problem.

The secret of safety is Y-O-U.

On the job, there is no substitute for awareness. YOU need to watch every movement and to make every day a battle for safety. YOU must be alert for hazards in even the most familiar jobs. Make it a code to—STOP ACCIDENTS BEFORE ONE STOPS YOU.



MAURICE THORNE RETIRES—Maurice S. Thorne, right, track supervisor at Waterville, was honored at a Waterville reception on his retirement August 9. From left, Dick Fecteau and Ruth Brochu, who arranged the event, James W. Wiggins, vice president, Engineering and Transportation, signing the guest book, Mrs. Thorne and the guest of honor.

Veteran Track Supervisor Thorne Honored At Retirement Reception

Maurice S. Thorne, Maine Central Railroad track supervisor at Waterville since 1954, was honored by nearly 100 friends, associates and fellow railroaders August 9 at a retirement reception in the Waterville American Legion hall.

Several members of Thorne's family also were in attendance.

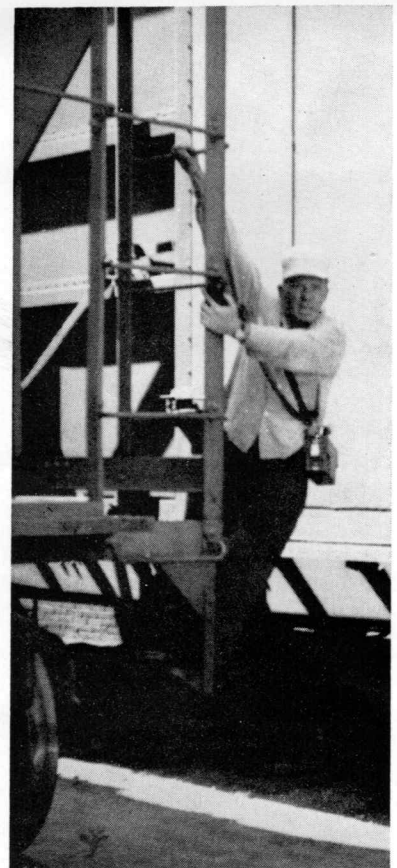
Thorne rounded out 45 years of Maine Central service on the day of his retirement.

A native of Portland, Thorne began his railroad career in 1923 as a trackman at Rigby, South Portland. He served as a trackman, foreman and assistant foreman of track in the huge Rigby yards until 1942, when he became a leading clerk in the Division Engineer's Office, Portland.

He became assistant track supervisor, Portland Terminal Company in 1944; track supervisor in Bangor in 1952; and track supervisor at Waterville in 1954.

The affair was arranged by Mrs. Ruth Brochu and Richard Fecteau, clerks in Thorne's Waterville office. Mrs. Gloria LaLiberty, secretary to the superintendent of the Waterville Shops, circulated the guest book. Wesley M. Martin, Portland, Maine Central engineer of track, served as master of ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorne reside at China Lake.



ON THE MOVE—This is Conductor of DR 2, John Feeney, on the move to make the hitch on this train at Livermore Falls.



ANOTHER SAFE DAY—Painter Chester Craig, Waterville Shops, chalks up another day without a lost-time accident for the Paint Shop. The total was 3,157 days when the picture was made.



BY JERRY SHEA

A Waterville railroader—new small-bore rifle champion of Maine—is the sharpest sharpshooter in the Pine Tree State.

He's Ed King, a carman at the Waterville Shops, who for the past 20 years has been devoting his off-time to what is probably the most rarified of all shooting sports, precision small-bore marksmanship. And last month, at the Lincoln County Rifle range in Damariscotta, Ed fired 116 bull's eyes to win trophies in both the 50 and 100-yard events and the Maine Small-bore Rifle Championship.

It's the second time in the past four years that Ed has held the Maine small-bore title, one of the most hotly-contested honors in competitive marksmanship.

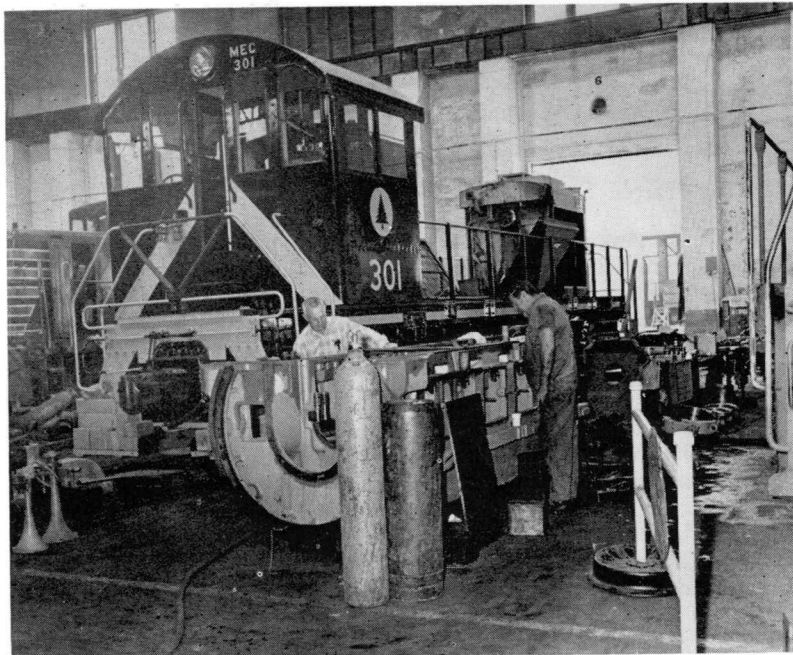
The Portland Couple's Bowling League will start Sept. 12 at 6.30

p.m. at West-Port Lanes. This year's Commissioners, Herb Whitmore and Ed Montgomery, say they will give the couples who bowled last year first preference, but they feel that there will be some openings for a few newcomers. So, if you haven't bowled in this fun league and want to take your hard-working wife out for a night of fun and enjoyment, you had better contact either Herbie or Eddie at once.

The Men's Bowling League's new Commissioners, Henry Kenny, Clerk, Cumberland Mills, and Charlie Ferris, Auditor Disbursements' office, said they hope to get started Sept. 22. They have announced that they need a few more fellows to line up the teams. The men bowl at West-Port Alleys on Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

The girls of the General Office Bowling League will be starting about the middle of September at West-Port Alleys on Wednesday nights at 7:30.

Those interested please get in touch with Mary Berry, Credit Union, or Julie Breggi.



SWITCHER GETS MAJOR OVERHAUL—Foreman Lewelyn Ifill, left, and Byron Fletcher at work on the Waterville motive power which will soon be at work in the Yard again.

Annual Golf Tournament Scheduled For Sept. 28 At Fairlawn, Poland

The Annual Maine Central Railroad Golf Tournament will be held at the Fairlawn Country Club, East Poland, Maine (just off Route No. 122), on Saturday, September 28.

This is the same course where we have held the event the last couple of years. Every year we have been having a record high entry, and this year will be no exception. Therefore, get your entries in early, and be sure to fill in the time you plan to arrive at the golf course and with whom you wish to play. The Owner-Pro, Frank Bartasuis, wants us to start between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

The players will be split up into three equal groups, and trophies will be awarded to first gross and first net in each class, with the big prize being the E. Spencer Miller Trophy, which will be awarded the lowest net of

the tournament. In case of ties for prizes, the winner will be decided by a match of cards.

Green fees are \$3 per person, payable at the course on the day of play. In order to purchase the trophies and other prizes, \$1 must be remitted with each entry blank. The deadline for entries is September 23, and no refunds can be made after September 26.

Further information may be obtained by calling Jerry Shea, Car Accounting, Ext. 394, Larry Severance, Engine House, Bangor, or Bob Clukey, BAR, Bangor, Ext. 68.

The final results of the Portland Terminal and Maine Central General Office Golf League could not be reported in this issue because fifteen matches had to be made up by August 26th. Therefore, the winners of prizes will be reported in our October "Messenger."



MAINE'S TOP SMALL-BORE MARKSMAN—Ed King, a carman at the Waterville Shops, who last month won the Maine small-bore marksmanship title in matches at Damariscotta.

ENTRY FORM

Name Starting Time
Railroad Location
Handicap: State Club or Average
League

Enclose \$1.00 Entry Fee—Not returnable after September 26th.

Mail To: Jerry Shea Or: Larry Severance
Car Accounting Maine Central Railroad
Maine Central Railroad Bangor Engine House
General Office Building Dutton Street
232 St. John Street Bangor, Maine
Portland, Maine 04102

NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 23rd !!!

GENERAL OFFICES

Fred Harris of Marketing Department began a week's vacation at Little Sebago Lake with intentions of completely relaxing, but instead he spent most of that week and the ensuing one at Maine Medical Center as a result of a stroke which he suffered within hours after his arrival at the lake. Fred has now returned to his home from the hospital for recuperation. We wish Fred the speediest return to good health and when the Doctor gives Fred the green light it will be delightful to have him back.

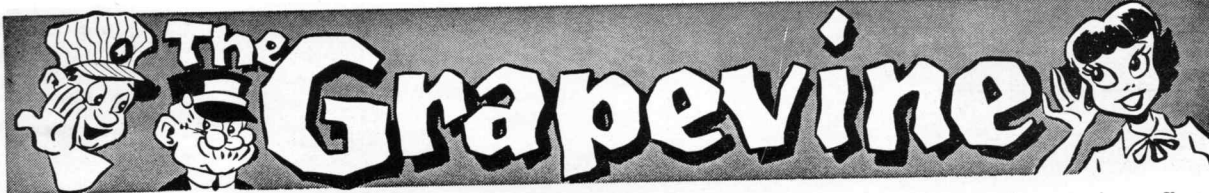
H. E. Buchheim and his wife are on a tour of our Southland. This tour should take Bucky into the Tennessee-Kentucky mountain districts where with a little caution and a lot of "know-how" one can still see (and maybe sample) that "ole monuntain-dew" a-brewing.

Arthur Edwards, wife Jean and their four children are on a camping trip to the top of Nova Scotia at Cape Breton for two weeks provided Arthur's money and patience hold out. This is also a very scenic and interesting trip involving roughly 2,500 miles round trip. They expect to encamp and spend time fishing, relaxing and touring the countryside.

Earlier this Summer, Frank Alger, Jr., attended the 25th reunion of his Class at Bowdoin College. Now when Frank returned from this week-end wing ding, he extolled the grand and glorious event, but when memories of the celebration faded, realities of being an alumnus of 25 years standing set in.

The cure: buy a new car. . . swap the mundane, mouse-gray and slightly elderly Volkswagen for something sportier, snazzier. So Frank did. . . traded for a sleek and shiny black model, with all the extras, jazzy wheel covers and red racing stripes. Mercedes-Benz? . . . Nope, a Volkswagen . . . the fanciest bug in Maine.

A few mornings ago we were having some "before work" coffee at a local spot and sitting next to us were two gentlemen from the Senior Citizen Set and as the conversation wore on they



JOE DESJARDINS HONORED—Friends in the Engineering Department, Portland, recently honored Joe Desjardins, clerk-typist, Brunswick, as he retired after 46 years of Maine Central service. From left, Carol Bragdon, Joe Coombs, Dee Stanley, Ray Jackson, John Corcoran, Joe Desjardins, Horace Ames, Dick Aylward and Bob Brewster.

got around to the subject of Winter weather. They claim we are in for a "tough" Winter with lots of snow real early in the season, and very cold. According to the sages, there are two reasons for this: 1. We are at about the right cycle for such a Winter and 2. Its an unusually early Labor Day!

But before Winter, comes our glorious New England Autumn and the return to school. Several Marketing Department personnel have children entering the higher halls. Fred Harris' son Richard enters University of Maine at Orono to begin a five-year course in Engineering; John Libby, a June graduate of Cheverus and son of "Big Ed" Libby, has enrolled at Bryant and Stratten in Boston, while Ed's eldest son "Skip" returns to St. Anselm's in Manchester for his sophomore year. Joe DiMauro, Roy Cote and Anne Gross all have sons entering high school. Joey DiMauro will enter South Portland High School; Paul Cote embarks at Westbrook High School and Jay Gross begins his high school career at Cheverus.

Fashion note: We notice hem lines are holding at the present length in local stores, but in catalogues and brochures, coats, suits, dresses, skirts are being offered in both short and midi lengths. One item which isn't offering too much of a choice in the fashions centers is the heel of the shoe. This will be even chunkier, and those who are still holding the line against wide, low heels will be further out this Fall and Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Royden Cote have entertained numerous friends and relatives this summer. Among their most recent guests are Mr. and Mrs. John Sawaska and children of Bethlehem, Pa., where Mr. Sawaska is associated with Bethlehem Steel.

Susan J. Snelling, Accounting Department stenographer, became the bride of Lawrence A. Curry in a ceremony August 16 at the Pine Point Congregational Church. Mrs. Curry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger P. Snelling of Seaview Avenue, Scarborough, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Curry, Winnock's Neck Road, Scarborough. They will reside on King Street, Pine Point.

Sympathy is extended to Joe Gallant on the recent death of his father.

Charlie Anderson spent a vacation painting his home—at least this time he had the weather with him and got the job done.

Herbie Higgins has returned from a trip to Springfield, Ohio, where he was at camp with the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. Interesting highlight was the flight out and back.

Dick Greene and his family went on a two-week camping trip.

Reg Roy has the camping bug and purchased a tent this summer to enjoy weekends and vacation at camp sites in Skowhegan and Waterville.

Bob Rounds spent a week of his vacation confined to his home with a sprained ligament in his leg. At least he enjoyed the first week, visiting in New Jersey.

Dick Luce and family took a week to go camping and visit his parents at Waterville.

Paul Landry spent a vacation at home catching up on various chores such as painting the house.

Louise Scannell recently returned from a week of vacation.

"Tug" Wilson who brushed up on his game at Willowdale Golf Club during his leave.

Fred Wilson and wife Pauline plan a motor trip down through Cape Cod

and points south, stopping off to visit their son and family at South Dartmouth, Mass. His son is being transferred to Thailand in October for a year's duty there, in the Air Force.

"Pete" Maxfield was on vacation and had a great time fishing.

Ralph W. Libby, Car Service Office, and his wife had a most enjoyable trip to Niagara Falls on their vacation.

Dotti Proctor, daughter of George and Dorothy Proctor, was guest of honor at a dinner party at Little Sebago Lake for her birthday and attended Brunswick Summer Theatre to see "West Side Story."

Nat Alward, Transportation Department, enjoyed a camping trip and a side trip to Boothbay Harbor and attended a Summer Theatre.

Tom Foley, Transportation Department, and family had a most enjoyable trip to the Catskill Mountains.

Eleanor Shuman, Real Estate office, vacationed in August.

Dick Esty and family spent two weeks vacationing in the Belgrade Lakes area.

Larry Caret and his family vacationed at China Lake near Waterville.

Marion Faibisy and son John spent their vacation at Cahoon's Island, Nova Scotia.

The new face in the Engineering Department is that of Bill Wilcox. Bill, his wife and three children live at 38 Cushman Street, Portland. Before coming to the Maine Central, Bill worked for Soule Glass and Paint Company.

Others on vacation recently were Stan Jordan, Alice Eliason, Lin Lamson, Larry Harding and Carol Bragdon.

General Counsel A. M. Knowles and Mrs. Knowles flew to Bozeman, Montana, to visit their daughter and family.

Scott Scully, General Attorney, flew to Scotland in July and enjoyed some golf along with other points of interest in the land where the game originated.

Eric Smith, Director of Statistical Studies, relaxed in the rustic life of a vacation retreat at Katahdin Iron Works in northern Maine.

Ruth Hakins, secretary in the Office of Statistical Studies, went to Nova Scotia via the ferry "Bluenose" in early August, and upon her return John Dresser of the same office and his wife also went to Nova Scotia with their Volkswagen camper.

Jerry Shea of the Car Accounting Office and his family vacationed recently at Little Sebago Lake.

George Lowell, Portland Terminal bookkeeper, and his wife motored to New Paltz, N. Y. to visit their daughter and her husband and also toured Niagara Falls and Saratoga Springs.

Mrs. Colleen Bimpson, stenographer on leave from the Comptroller's Office, had a baby girl on July 25 who was named Tamara Faye. Colleen and her husband have moved to 38 Veranda Street, Portland.

John J. McGinnis who has been working for the summer in the Payroll Deductions Bureau was graduated with a B.A. degree from the University of Maine in commencement exercises held August 16 at Orono.



AUGUST BRIDE—Miss Kathleen L. Irving, daughter of Mrs. Ramond L. Davis, Car Accounting, Portland, and the late Moroon C. Irving, became the bride of Paul F. Ragusa of Brooklyn, N. Y., in ceremonies August 11 at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Falmouth. Both are employed in New York City.



SEND-OFF AT RIGBY—Clerk John R. Stanton, who retired last month after 58 years of MeC/PTCo. service, received a purse and the good wishes of fellow workers at the Rigby Yard Office. From left, Charles Talbot, Agent Paul V. Bourque, Christine Heskett, Frances LaRose, Alice McLaughlin, Patrick O'Toole, Edward Stanton, John Stanton, James Keegan, Eleanor Flaherty, Mary Norton, Joan Green, Donald Ellis, Howard Scott and Superintendent A. N. Tupper.

Bill Hayward's son Bob will shortly assume new duties as Director of Courses at the Dominico-Americano Cultural Institute in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He is presently Asst. Director of Courses at the Bi National Cultural Institute in Bogota, Columbia. Bill's other son, Dick, was employed for the summer by W. H. Hinman Construction Company. He will return to Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, in the Fall for his junior year. He is a member of Theta XI Fraternity.

Sympathy is extended to Betty MacDonald on the recent deaths of her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Brophy.

RIGBY

The coming of the late summer means vacations are over for most employees, but some reserve theirs for fall hunting.

Jay Welch, Terminal employee, is the owner of a 1966 Oldsmobile.

"Tommy" McCafferty, truck-driver for the Stores Department for many years, as well as working in other capacities within the terminal, died on July 26th at age 65. He had retired on disability, but only lived to receive three pension checks. His illness was of long duration. Members of the Stores Department including Storekeeper, Maurice Allaire, Stores Clerk, "Frank" Kane, and Traveling Storekeeper Hugh Flynn, attended the funeral. A floral tribute was sent by the Rigby Welfare and Flower Fund.

Turn-table Operator "Al" Meade has retired after long service.

Members of the Electrical Maintenance Crew, "Al" Strout, Ray Ryder, James Small, and "Bert" Wetmore, took their vacations during the month of July and part of August.

Deborah Ann Fontaine, daughter of Shop Electrician and Mrs. "Joe" Fontaine was married recently to Donald Everett Nickerson at St. Joseph's Church. Bridesmaid was Jody Lee Fontaine, sister of bride, and the best man was David Fontaine, brother of the bride. The bride and groom are both graduates of the University of Maine, Portland. Deborah is employed at the Maine Medical Center, and Mr. Nickerson is the Credit Sales Manager for the Good Year Rubber Company, Portland.

Mrs. Anna Lesniewski, wife of the late engine house employee Walter Lesniewski, died recently. Two sons Henry and Chester are employees.

Electrician Frank Blair has announced the marriage of his daughter on July 14th.

"Ray" Holmes, Set-up Machinist is covering vacations at the Beecher Falls Engine House.

Former Engineer Ray and Mrs. Forbus attended the recent Forbus family reunion in Vermont. There were 33 members, young and old, in attendance.

Carman Earle Jones, Chairman of the Carmen's Local union, and Mrs. Jones attended the National Convention of Carmen at Miami, Florida, from August 11-26. They made the trip by jet airliner, their first attempt at flying.

Machinist John Nally's son John is a Senior at the University of Maine, Orono. His second son Edward is in Korea, and his sister, a registered nurse, is serving in Viet Nam as a volunteer in the Nurses Army Corps.

Former Boiler-makers Helper and Machinist Helper Harold Belfontaine, is now retired and living in a little town called Chezzetcook, Canada, near Dartmouth and Halifax. He has been married for three years, and has built a new home. Leo Belfontaine, retired Chief Clerk, lives in the same area during the summer months, and spends winters in Florida.

Crane Operator "Joie" Martell, Car Department, and Mrs. Martell celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in July. A party given by a friend, Mrs. Walter Judd, was held in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, South Portland.

Set-up Machinist Helper Murray Brown was injured recently when his hand was badly jammed, but is now recovering rapidly.

"Dude" and Mrs. Babbidge recently visited their daughter Patricia while on their vacation in Connecticut, near Hartford.

Mrs. Weeks, wife of Foreman "John" Weeks, spent some time on a visit to Pennsylvania to visit relatives. While she was away "Johnnie" had his time taken up in a legal battle with the natural gas pipe-line people who were attempting to cross one of the fields on his farm. Of course the pipe-line was laid, but John did receive certain concessions such as restoring fences and grading off and reseeding the field.

Hostler Joe Tierney underwent the

second case of surgery for an eye ailment. He is now back on the job.

Engine Dispatcher Arthur Mills and family spent their vacations at Greenville and got in some fishing.

Hostler Arthur Thorne, retired, died August 8 at his home. Arthur, aged 59, retired in 1965 on disability. He was survived by four brothers, three of whom are employed on the railroad: Edward, a Rigby engine house employee; Maurice, who just retired as Track Supervisor at Waterville; and Boyle, a Carpenter for the Bridge and Building Crew until he retired recently. A floral tribute was sent to the funeral from the Rigby Flower Fund.

Stephen Rounds, son of Carman Helper Gilmore Rounds and grandson of retired Carman Chief Clerk Elmer Rounds, underwent surgery recently but is now on the road to recovery.

Joseph Madjerac, a former Electrician at the engine house and now employed by the Fairchild Semiconductor Corp. has just completed his first year of study at the University of Maine Portland as a technician under the auspices of that company.

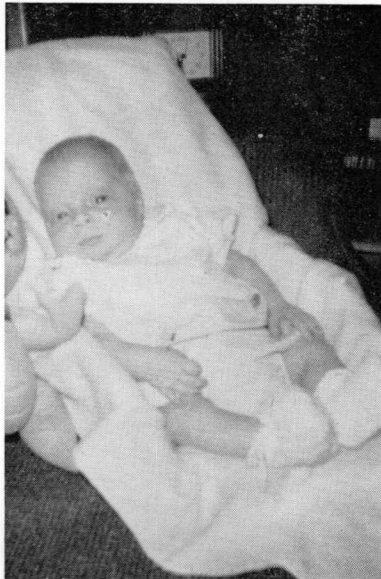
Former Machinist Helper Cyprien Dionne, one of our war-time employees whom many of the men at the engine house will remember, is employed at the Mercy Hospital, Portland, as an attendant. He has been there for 19 years.

The Wheel Chair Brigade, representing the Knights of Columbus of South Portland of which Stores Clerk "Frank" Kane is a member, paid their semi-annual visit recently to the Veteran's Hospital at Togus. The purpose was to escort veterans confined to wheel chairs to mass or church services.

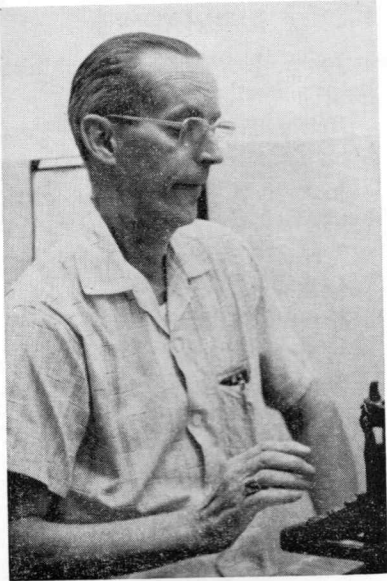
A stubborn blaze was extinguished recently at the Car Department when a carload of telephone poles was ignited, and due to creosote and other chemicals was hard to control. No great damage was done.

Mrs. Wallace Sawyer, sister of "Al" Hansen Stores Department employee, was hospitalized during the month, but is now home and doing very well in her recovery.

Chief Clerk Frank Garland is on vacation, and "Jim" Quincannon is covering.



GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER —Jennifer, two months, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Pearl of Long Beach, Calif., and great granddaughter of retired Yard Conductor and Mrs. Erving M. Babcock of Portland.



This is W. S. Pike from Dryden, Clerk at Livermore Falls, busy at his typewriter. He is also an active photographer during his spare time.

WATERVILLE YARDS

L. K. Powers recently went on a deep-sea fishing trip and got his fill of salt water fish. He saw a whale, a school of sharks and a couple of porpoises to boot. He said that the trip really fulfilled his urge for deep sea fishing for a while.

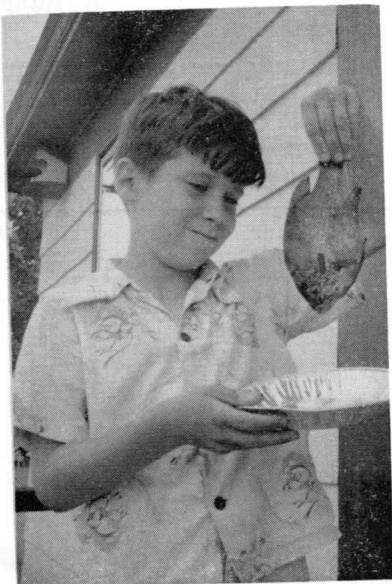
L. J. Bujold took his family to Quebec on his vacation. They went to the zoo while in Canada.

It's good to see our old buddy, Al Higgins, back to work. As usual, he chose to do spare work. Incidentally, Al trimmed himself down to a comfortable 100 plus while convalescing.

The Fox saw some quite interesting people recently while working the day trick. They included John Robinson, our former Trainmaster, now in Canada, and Clyde Hayes, originally from Waterville, but now in Bangor.

Ralph LaLiberte spent his vacation baby sitting, which he enjoyed very much. He only regrets that he doesn't have the energy the kids have.

Roger St. Amand, spare bill rack clerk, is taking a couple of days off to go to Montreal before school starts.



FIRST FISH—John Doucette, son of Yardconductor A. L. Doucette, Waterville, holding the first fish he ever caught—a big flat sunfish.

Incidentally, Roger made the Dean's List at Thomas College, and was Secretary of his local Chapter, and national 2nd Vice-President of Kappa Delta Phi.

Congratulations to the family of Joe Boudreau. It's a girl.

Dick Goldrup bought himself a motorcycle. He said it came in handy recently when he hurt his leg. He said he felt like he's flying, with his required astronaut helmet.

Our Leader, P. L. Messier, Conductor, Relief Switcher No. 2, missed his clambake recently, due to circumstances beyond his crew's control, but he did get home in time for milk crackers and milk and the sight of clam shells and a smoldering fire. Leo says he should make his plans in secret.

A new face at the Yard Office this summer was Al Althenn, Jr. from China. He's the son of Mr. Althenn, Sr., the shipping foreman at Scott Paper Co.

On vacations last month were: J. D. Begin, B. C. Hillman, O. J. Bouchard, A. L. Doucette, R. J. LaLiberte, J. R. B. Theriault, R. G. Cook, L. C. Joler, C. K. Trask, L. J. Boudreau, E. Y. Hanscom, J. C. Levesque, J. E. White, P. J. Davidson, M. E. Michaud, J. N. Vigue, R. C. Sweet, G. E. Gagnon and K. A. Fitton, all from the yard; R. A. Green, E. P. Morris, D. A. Giberson, W. F. Welch, C. N. Harper and J. E. Gallant, road; E. A. Joseph, R. P. Hooper, A. C. Miles, C. G. Kimball and E. H. Miles, enginemen.

WATERVILLE SHOPS

Electrician John Beeh has returned to work after being ill for four months.

The engagement of Miss Maureen Bickford of Fairfield and Paint Helper James Sylvester was announced recently.

Machinist and Mrs. George Beesley have recently returned from a three-week visit in California.

As this is read, probably, Foreman and Mrs. Nubert Esterbrook will be living in their new house in Oakland.

Carman Jimmy Steeves has the foundation poured for a new home.

Machinist Foreman Lou Ifill takes a dim view of all stinging insects, mosquitos, bees and especially wasps.

Mrs. Earl McCaslin, wife of Painter Earl, recently won the state championship in class B-2 in the Golf tournament held in Gray.

Carman Clyde Brackett is confined to a local hospital.

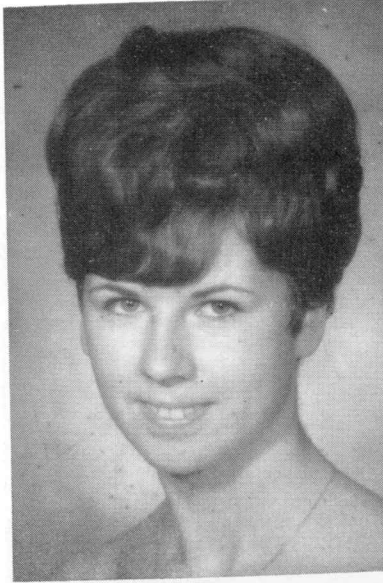
Steve LaLiberte, son of Carman Ernest and Stenog Gloria LaLiberte, has been confined to a local hospital after a car accident. The Volks was a total loss.

Foreman Wade Richardson has been a recent business visitor in Alexandria, Va. He was accompanied by Mrs. Richardson. They made the trip by air.

WATERVILLE STATION

Clerk and Mrs. Lawrence Ridley have purchased a camp at Moosehead Lake. "Larry" really looks forward to Friday night and a chance to get away from it all.

Denis Chamberlain, Freight Office, returned from a fishing trip recently at Rimouski, Canada, with his limit of trout.



ENGAGED—Patricia Hamm of Veazie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hamm and niece of Conductor Herman Berrick, Rigby, is the bride-to-be of Norman E. Beale of Veazie. She's a graduate of Orono High School and D'Lor School of Beauty Culture, Brewer.

New car owners at Waterville Station include Denise Belanger with a "68" Impala, and Basil Higgins a "65" Chrysler.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Maurice Thorne, whose brother passed away recently.

Passing out cigars this past month was Allan Powers, announcing the birth of a new daughter, Tanya Gail.

Vacationing this past month were Ruth Brochu and Wallace Pooler Engineering Dept. Also, Bev. Cook, Carroll Huard and Denis Chamberlain, freight office.

EASTERN SUB-DIVISION

R. C. Bond, Road Conductor BV-1/VB-2, has been off sick with a knee injury since June 22.

R. M. Boothby has been ill since May 16.

P. J. McIver, Clerk, Bucksport, has returned to his job after serving in the Armed Forces.

M. C. McKenzie, former Conductor now on disability pension, was seen at Bangor Yard Office August 8. Mac looks well.

A new face in the Calais Freight Office is Student Agent-Operator D. C. MacKechnie.

F. C. Corbett G. A. Bangor, has been on vacation for one week. He and his brother Ed, a spare crossing-tender at Williamsburg, went to Boston to see the Yankees beat the Red Sox.

Donald Looby, Market Manager, Food Products-Forest Products—Potato, is on vacation for two weeks. Don and his wife Caroline and three sons are planning a trip to Old Orchard Beach.

Ray Spaulding, Regional Manager Sales-Service, has bought a house on Getchell Street, Brewer. While Ray was on vacation he did some carpenter work and plumbing. Ray may turn out to be one of the best carpenters in the city.

Patricia Jameson, daughter of Phillip and Kay Jameson (Kay is

Clerk-Steno in Asst. Supt's. office, Bangor) graduated in June from Brewer High School and now is working as Ticket Clerk at Trans-East Airlines, Bangor.

H. W. Pomeroy, Cashier, Bangor Freight Office, has been on vacation for three weeks.

Budd Spaulding, yard Conductor Switcher No. 1, Bangor Yard, went for a swim in his pool and found the bottom with his head while diving. Budd is now receiving treatment for neck injury and is expected to be back to work soon.

Spare Operator D. B. Hayden, who joined the MeC family earlier this year, is doing vacation work at various ESD stations. Deane trained under Agent G. W. Conlogue at Great Works.

New members of MeC family in train service include: J. B. Wheelden, D. E. Mahon, C. R. Hamel, R. J. Landry, R. K. Ireland, D. G. Goodine, E. K. Melvin, P. R. Murray, D. A. Wilbur, and A. A. Bowden.

H. J. Douin, trainman working out of Bangor, also is new.

G. R. Adams, Engineer, has returned from a convention trip to Texas. "Jimmy" drove part way and then "took to the air."

Maine Central employees have been saddened by the recent passing of old timer, Charles H. Leard, former Chief Clerk in Motive Power at Bangor and correspondent of the Maine Central Magazine.

Yard Conductor P. J. McIver, Vanceboro, is still off duty due to illness but progressing well. Phil visited the offices at Bangor recently.

Keith A. Gray, Operator at Mattawamkeag, has taken on new duties as Agent at Lincoln, replacing Arthur B. Neal, retired.

Retired Conductor Gilbert Karnes is now in a convalescent home in Orono. Gillie can have visitors.

C. E. Beal, Maintenance of Way, Bangor, is off due to illness.

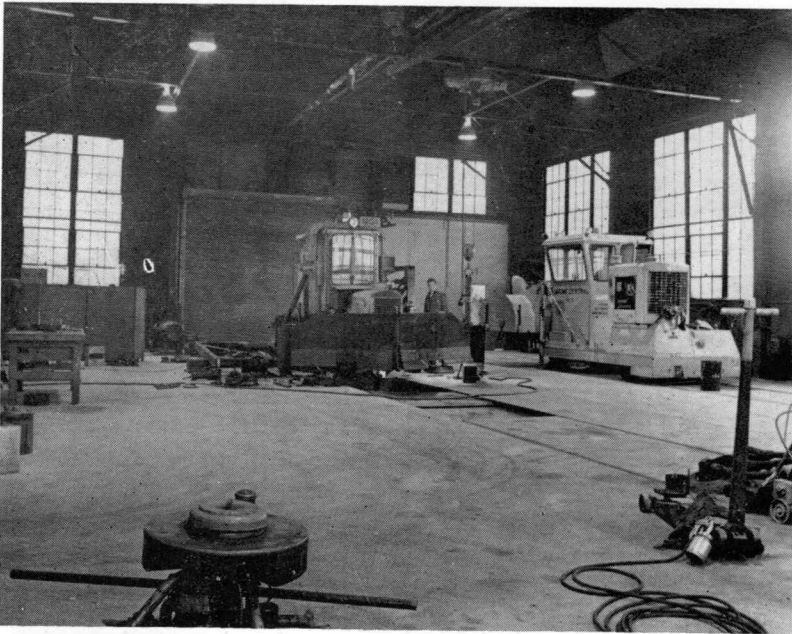
H. A. Bowen, Jr. Rate Clerk, Bangor, used part of his vacation visiting and camping on several of the Islands in Penobscot Bay.

Retired Cashier John T. Shaughnessy, Bangor, is golfing several days per week with retired Track Supervisor B. B. Whitney. John also visited in New Hampshire and Vermont in August.

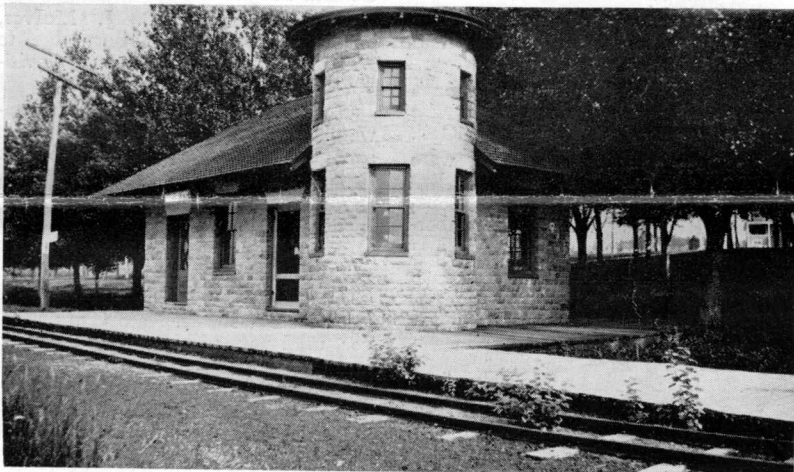


TOP CONDUCTOR—Charles A. Dunifer, Bangor, holds the No. 1 position on the Eastern Sub-division roster, and also holds the First Bucksport Extra. He's shown directing the work in the Bucksport yard.

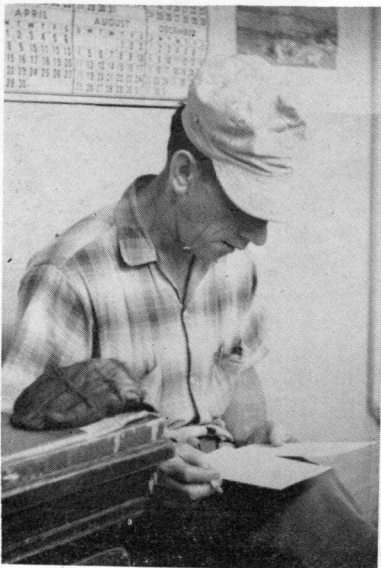
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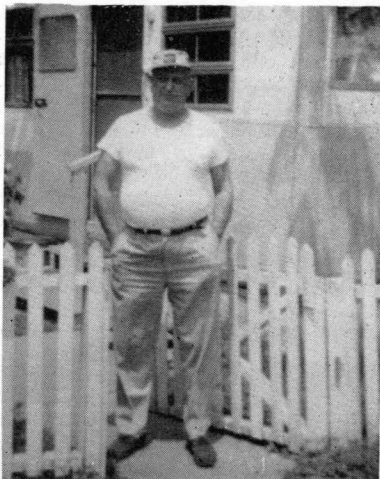
WINTER IN OFFING—At upper right of this photo made in the Maintenance Of Way Room at Waterville shops is a switch snow cleaner being made ready for service. Near it is a ballast maintainer under repair. This room at Waterville was formerly a tube shop when steam locomotives hauled Maine Central trains. A new floor and changes in its fittings transformed it into a repair room for maintenance of way equipment.



AT RANGELEY, 44 YEARS AGO—Here's an oldtimer taken in 1924 by W. S. Pike, Dryden, Maine, presently Clerk at Livermore Falls. It is the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Station "Marbles", Rangeley Lakes.



CHECKING THE LIST—Leo Bujold, Flagman on Relief Switcher No. 2, taking a glance at the switching list at Livermore Falls.



SENDS REGARDS—Larry Eliason, who served as a Maine Central Railroad engineer for 48 years and put the railroad's first Diesel locomotive in service back in '36, says he's "still going strong." Shown at his trailer home in Scarborough, Larry sends his regards to Maine Central friends.

Promoted—(from page 1)

Mr. and Mrs. Robie and their two children reside at 86 Mussey Street, South Portland.

Woodbury, a Portland native, attended Gale Institute, Minneapolis, Minn., for training as a railroad agent and telegrapher after World War II service, joining the Boston and Maine Railroad in Portland in 1952 as a clerk. He was employed by the Maine Central as a clerk in 1955, and became a traveling auditor in 1961. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury, who have three daughters, reside at 199 Summit Street, Portland.

Svenson is a native of Denver, Colo., and was educated in Swampscott, Mass. He was employed as a freight handler and assistant foreman for ten years by the Boston and Maine Railroad, and studied rail traffic for two years in night school before joining Maine Central in 1955. He has been a traveling auditor until his August promotion.

Mr. and Mrs. Svenson reside at 40 Powsland Street, Portland.

Judith Coulombre Gets \$500 Grant

Judith Coulombre, daughter of Work Equipment Supervisor and Mrs. Ray Coulombre, has been named to receive a \$500 grant from the Thayer Hospital Board of Trustees to assist in her education as a nurse.

Miss Coulombre will enter the Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing in Boston this fall.

Funds for the grants are contributed by trustees and friends of Thayer Hospital, Waterville. They are awarded annually to deserving students who agree to work at Thayer for at least a year after graduation. This year's awards were announced in August by Robert A. Marden, trustee president.

Miss Coulombre is a June graduate of Waterville High School.

RETIREMENTS

John J. Ashley, machinist helper, Portland, July 10.

Nelson T. Coe, trackman, Portland, July 17.

Joseph H. Desjardins, clerk, Brunswick, July 24.

Bert N. Jewett, machinist, Waterville, July 5.

Arthur B. Neal, station agent, Lincoln, July 17.

John R. Stanton, clerk, Portland, July 26.

50-Year Veteran Edward Runnells Dies Suddenly

Edward S. Runnells, who in July completed 50 years service with the Maine Central and Portland Terminal Company, died suddenly August 24. Death came at a Portland hospital after a short illness.

Runnells, who was 70 years of age, was born in Hallowell, April 1, 1898, the son of Arthur and Jane Scanlan Runnells. He was graduated from Hallowell High School in 1918.

He served as tower operator at various stations between Bangor and Portland and of late had operated Tower X at Portland. On July 24 Superintendent A. N. Tupper of the Portland Terminal Company visited the tower and, on behalf of President E. Spencer Miller presented Runnells with a suitably inscribed billfold marking completion of his half-century of service.

Runnells was a communicant of St. Peter's Catholic Church, where a Requiem High Mass was sung. Burial was in Hallowell.

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