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## AND EVEN BIGGER....

### Data Processing Promotions Listed

Promotion of three Data Processing department employees has been announced by Ralph H. Gordon, auditor data processing and systems manager. They include:

Clyde W. Luce, Jr., from systems analyst to assistant to auditor, data processing.

Gary H. Bondeson, from programmer analyst to system analyst.

William J. Trefethen, from machine operator to programmer analyst.

Luce, a native of Oakland, was graduated from Thomas College, Waterville, in 1950. He joined Maine Central as a clerk in the Waterville freight office in the same year, and was transferred to Portland as a machine operator in 1957. He was made supervisor, data processing, in 1961 and systems analyst in 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Luce, the former Barbara Huntington of Oakland, live at 74 Dorothy Street, Portland, with their four youngsters.

Bondeson, a Presque Isle native, is a graduate of South Portland High School and received an Associate in Arts degree from the University of Maine in Portland in 1959. He is currently studying for his Bachelor's degree at UMP.

Bondeson joined Maine Central in 1963 as a yard clerk at Rigby, operating IBM equipment in the yard office. He became a programmer in the Data Processing department, Portland, in 1968.

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TANK CARS for movement of heating oil for industries and homes and gasoline for family automobiles graduated into the jumbo class last month when new 23,000 gallon and 20,000 gallon cars began regular runs on our system. Larger of the jumbo tankers (photo at right) are now moving Bunker C heating oil in regular service between the plant of the Paragon Oil Division of Texaco, South Portland, and the paper mills of Brown Company in Berlin, New Hampshire. In photo Supt. A. J. Flaherty (left) and Asst. Supt. C. E. Farnham of Texaco are shown with Texaco employees M. J. Foley and C. L. Taylor atop the car. The king-size 20,000 gallon cars are moving from the Portland plant to Gulf Oil Corporation and the terminal of the Maine Central's Mountain Sub-Division at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Shown with the 20,000 gallon tanker are John L. Currier (left) Manager—Chemicals-Clay-Fuel of the Maine Central's marketing force, and Richard F. Sewall, Plant Supervisor of the Gulf Oil Company.

### Jean Gilpatrick Becomes Nation's Only Rail Freight Service Saleswoman

A Portland woman who's been "working on the railroad" since her high school days became Maine Central's and the nation's only carload freight saleswoman this month.

Jean E. Gilpatrick will be dealing with the traffic departments of several northern New England industries in her new job as Regional Sales and Service Manager. She will begin personal contacts with firms and individuals that have been familiar to her for years, but only as names on way-bills. She has been a clerk in the Portland accounting departments of the Boston and Maine and Maine Central since 1952. Before that, as a teen-ager, Miss Gilpatrick worked in the snack bar and newsstand of the old Portland Union Station.

Unusual job for a woman? Certainly . . . but Jean Gilpatrick is taking it in stride, in full realization that she must not only prove herself, but her sex, in the hard, cold world of transportation sales. She's starting right, learning the requirements and meeting people with whom she will be daily con-

tact, the present and potential customers for Maine Central's rail freight service.

Merton C. Olsen, sales manager, regional markets, is her immediate superior and is conducting her training program under the supervision of Herman E. Buchheim, director of sales, and



Jean E. Gilpatrick

George H. Ellis, assistant vice president, marketing. Ellis termed Miss Gilpatrick's appointment "another modern step in our sales and marketing program, and acknowledgment that women have a definite place in present-day railroad sales promotion."

Miss Gilpatrick is a Medford, Mass., native who came to Portland with her family in 1934. She attended Portland schools and Deering High, graduating in 1947. Then came classes at Northeastern in accounting, business subjects and machine operation. She joined the Boston and Maine at Portland in 1952 as a comptometer operator, and transferred to Maine Central in 1955 as a clerk in the office of the auditor of passenger receipts. She has been a divisions clerk in the Auditor Revenue office, Portland, since 1966.

Miss Gilpatrick is a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, and for several years has served as a member of the Supervisory Committee of the Railroad Workers' Credit Union.

A check with Frances Krinnel, Washington, Director of Women's Activities, Association of American Railroads, and Martha McManus, Boston, field secretary, New England Shippers' Advisory Board, revealed that Miss Gilpatrick is the only woman now serving as a carload freight sales representative on any of the nation's railroads.

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**I**wish all of you, and your families - a most joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

*Essex Miller*





Luce

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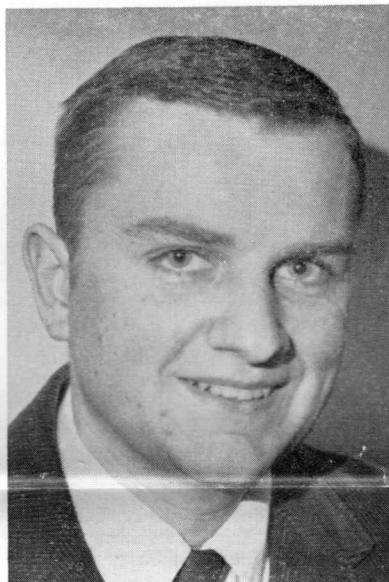
He and his wife, the former Janice Gartman of Freeport, Ill., reside at 145 Dawson Street, South Portland. They have one child.

Trefethen is a Bangor native and graduate of Bangor High. He joined Maine Central in 1966 after four years in the U.S. Air Force as a personnel clerk. He has served as a machine operator in Data Processing since that time.

His wife is the former Nancy Libby, daughter of Car Agent and Mrs. Ralph Libby. They live on Hunnewell Road, Scarborough.



Bondeson



Trefethen

**Briggs To Head Rail Veterans**

John I. Briggs, Portland, retired general office building superintendent, has been nominated to head the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans for 1969. He and other officers will be installed at the December 15 meeting to be held at Howard Johnson's, South Portland.

Also nominated were William H. Coombs, Portland, a retired signalman, first vice president; Herbert E. Jenkins, Portland, retired B&M conductor, second vice president; Harold R. Keniston, Portland, former ticket agent, third vice president; Melville L. Davis, South Portland, head clerk, payroll, secretary and treasurer; and Herbert W. Fogg, South Portland, retired conductor, chaplain.

Nominated as directors for one year were Ralph E. Macomber, Waterville; Robert R. Lewis, Portland; Kenneth E. Reed, Waterville; and Leonard E. King, Sr., South Portland.

For two years: Weston E. Petrie, Portland; John W. McLeod, Lewiston; Theodore H. Cote, Sr., Westbrook; Herbert W. Fogg, South Portland; and Lucien Carignan, South Portland.

For three years: William H. Coombs, Portland; James E. Fay, Portland; Clifford L. Quigley, South Portland; Harold C. Clark, Portland, and Horace F. Knowles, Portland.

Five directors will be named to serve as a board of trustees for 1969.

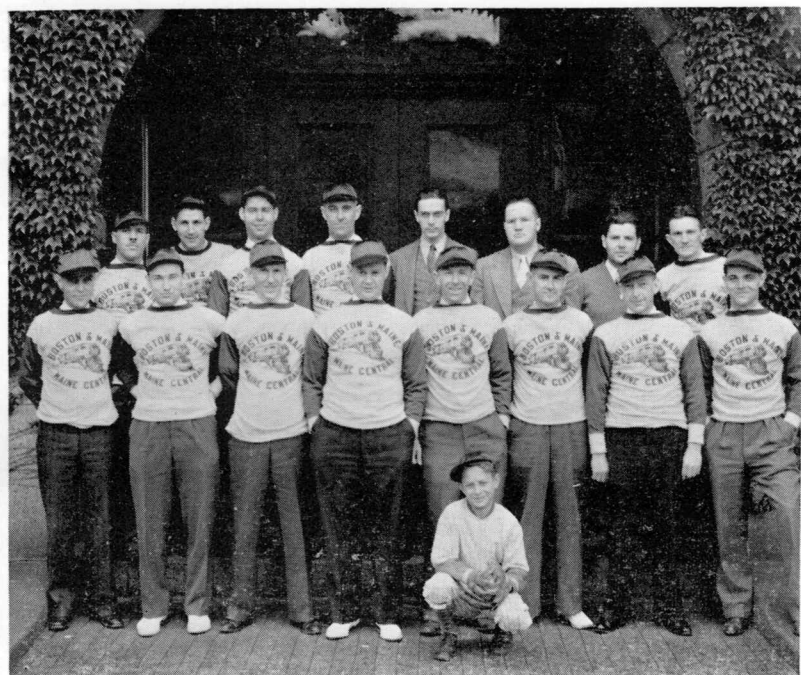
The nominating committee was composed of Weston E. Petrie, William H. Coombs and Harold C. Clark.



**AT LIVERMORE FALLS** — Harold Erickson, spare engineman from Rigby, covering switcher at Livermore Falls on an Indian Summer Saturday.



**TAKE FIVE**—Chris Nielsen, left, engineman, and Walter Zimmont, fireman, take five at Waterville Yard while the head end of their train is reclassified.



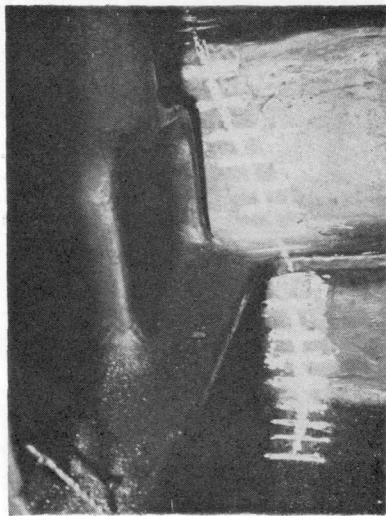
**SOFTBALLERS—29 YEARS AGO**—This was the team that represented Maine Central and Boston and Maine in 1939's Portland Twi-league. First row, Everett K. Goddard, now manager of car accounting and statistics; Mike Kusiak, B&M; Bob Smith, B&M; Dick Parker, operator of a Portland market; Dick Jones, B&M; Bill McCallum, deceased; Bob Tanner, deceased; and Al Foster, B&M. Back row, Les Mills, deceased; Ken Briggs, deceased; Ron Jordan, B&M; Jim Dole, deceased; Stu Herbert, U.S. Navy; Virgil Hawkes, deceased; Merrill Stanley, chief statistician; and Gordon Wilson, assistant to auditor disbursements. The bat boy is Jim Langella, South Portland.



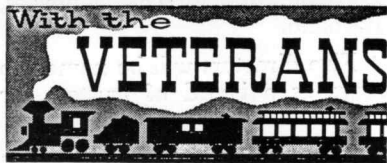
**OVER THE TOP**—Maine Central employees in the Waterville area were commended locally again this fall for exceeding their pledge quota for the Waterville Community Chest. Railroaders pledged a total of \$1,920. From left, above, Diamond B. Sherrard, assistant shop superintendent; Mrs. Gloria Laliberte, secretary; Roland A. Giroux, assistant foreman; and Cornelius J. Begin, clerk.



**ATTEND PURCHASING AND STORES MEETING**—Purchasing and Stores staffers met with representatives of several departments in November to discuss mutual problems and requirements. Seated, from left, R. F. Dole, chief mechanical officer; John Michaels, auditor disbursements; Fred Peterson, clerk, Purchasing and Stores; Hugh F. Flynn, general storekeeper; and Steven Conley, general systems analyst. Standing, Lindy Burgess, clerk, Purchasing and Stores; Earl Russell, purchasing agent; Kenneth W. Phillips, manager, purchasing and stores; Rodney Pooler, clerk, Waterville stores; Carroll Stevens, clerk, Waterville stores; Wes Martin, engineer of track; Maurice Allaire, storekeeper, Portland; Joseph Cosgrove, traveling storekeeper, Waterville; Alden Finnimore, superintendent, Waterville Shops; and Arnold Dow, storekeeper, Waterville.



**EXPENSE SAVER**—Rather than dismantle PT diesel 1057 and replace its cracked crankcase, pockets were drilled and "Metalock" bars tamped in to mend the crack and reinforce the area. The job was done at Rigby Engine House, and is similar to repairs made to PT diesel 1053 in 1956. The 1953 is still running, and George P. Silva, superintendent of locomotive maintenance, expects 1057 to do as well. Silva, who made the picture, marked the mended area in chalk.



By Harold C. Clark

There were 52 members wives and friends present at the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans meeting which was held Sunday, October 17 at Howard Johnson's restaurant, Thornton Heights. Following the dinner a business meeting and interesting program took place.

Due to the illness of President Ray W. Farley, Vice President John I. Briggs presided. Out-of-town members and guests included Mrs. Gladys Wansky, and Walter Thompson and his brother "Russell" from Somerville, Mass.

Mrs. Robert Lewis, was celebrating her birthday. Leonard E. King, program chairman, presented a humorous reading.

Wedding anniversaries celebrated in October were: Mr. and

Mrs. William Coombs, 51 years; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Davis, 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. Weston Petrie, 49 years.

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Briggs, recently spent a few days in Boston. They attended the performance of the musical, "Promises, Promises" at the Colonial Theatre.

Mrs. Harold C. Clark has returned home after spending a week as the guest of her sister and husband: Col. and Mrs. John R. W. Hall, Waterbury, Vt.

President Ray W. Farley, has returned to his home on the Buxton Road, Saco, from the Webber hospital, Biddeford.

Harold M. Card, a patient in the Maine Medical Center, is improved and expects to leave soon to enter a nursing home. Edmund J. Landry is a patient in the Mercy Hospital.

Lodge 82, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, are entertaining the ladies at a Banquet December 14 at Westcustago Inn, Yarmouth.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the Railroad Veterans and their friends to attend the December 15 meeting at which time new officers will be inducted for the year 1969. The Annual Christmas Party with a Christmas Tree and exchange of gifts will be held, and there will be a floor show and general good time.

Walter S. Murray, retired Maine Central police Lieutenant, was hospitalized in late October, and at last report was convalescing satisfactorily.

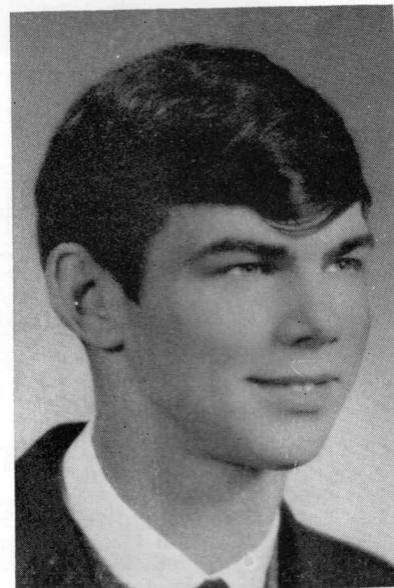
We misplaced a comma last month in reporting the address of John Lyden, retired assistant superintendent. We made it 17 Oak Ridge Drive, West Brockton, Mass., but it should have read: 17 Oak Ridge Drive West, Brockton, Mass. He would appreciate hearing from old friends.

## William E. Rumery Awarded AAR Grant

William E. Rumery, 19, second oldest of the five boys in the family of Electrician and Mrs. Gordon Sears, Saco, has received a \$4,000 scholarship from the Mechanical Division, Association of American Railroads.

The Thornton Academy graduate is a freshman student at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N.J. Last summer, he worked on the cleanout track at Rigby before leaving to start his four-year study of chemical engineering.

Under terms of the AAR study grant, Rumery will receive \$1,000 annually for four years.



Rumery



By Jerry Shea

Dave Gardner, Conductor, PTCo., started to hit them real good after we went to press last month and is holding on to all the individual records of both the couples and the men's bowling leagues. On October 17th he hit strings of 151-115-136 for a 402 total in the Couple's League. The 151 is high single, and of course, the 402 is high three. He was sporting a 115 average until the last couple of weeks, but slipped to a mere 113.

But with all Dave's good bowling, his team is still tied for fourth place because of the high handicap they have to give other teams. Ed Montgomery and Jay Welch and their wives are leading all other teams by nine points with their 52 won and 20 lost record. Jan Calder and George Phillips along with Hazel and Leo Davidson are one point ahead of Bill and Ann Welch and Ray and Connie Davis.

High team single is held by Bill and Barb Glen and Warren and Jo Smith with a 427. High team three was taken over by the Montgomerys and Welchs. Marge Corbeau still holds high average for the women with her 95 and high three of 322, while Lil Smyth, Data Processing, took over high single with her 127.

Dave Gardner continued his perfect bowling in the Men's League on Monday nights, hitting over the 360's for the last five times out. His 160 single string total topped Lenny Forrest's high of 143. Dave's average is staying at 114 and climbing.

Everyone is wondering why we haven't seen Dave on the TV bowling matches on Saturday afternoon. As a member of Team No. 10 with the help of Warren Smith, Tommy Campbell and Rabbit Berrick, they are leading the league with a 38 won and 12 lost record. Smith has a 104 average, Campbell an even 100, and Berrick a 91, and the least pin handicap they have to give to any other team is 31.

Bill Brownell, Everett Spires, Paul Crawford and Henry Kenney make up the second place team at the present. Steve Magyar, Charlie Redstone, George Phillips and Lindy Burgess are only a couple of points behind the leaders in third spot.



**STRIKE COMING UP**—Three of Maine Central's feminine bowlers take their pick—and hope it's a strike ball—at Westport Lanes. From left, Eleanor Shuman, Margaret Foley and Mary Nugent, all of the General Offices, Portland.

In the Maine Central Women's Bowling League, the "Slim Ones," composed of R. Foley, J. Breggia, J. Finley and P. Russo, are only two points up on their nearest rivals, "The Happenings" and "Pink Panthers."

K. Ramsey has high single with a 125, and B. Crawford holds high three with 324. J. Lindsey, S. O'Brien, D. London and P. Breggia, as members of "The Happenings," hold high team

single with a 381, while "The Slim Ones" have high three string total with 1070. B. Crawford has high individual average with 96, followed by K. Ramsey's 91, D. London's 90 and B. Waterman's 90.

Haven't heard of many deer bagged by Maine Central workers. If you were lucky, why not send in a picture and a note telling name, place of employment and all the details.

## Thinking Safety

By Lawrence W. Sparrow  
Safety Supervisor

We are now entering the winter season and all railroad employees should be extremely cautious of the existing dangers of cold weather, snow and ice. Railroad employees, especially trainmen and trackmen, are exposed to these hazards and discomforts more than most employees in other industries.

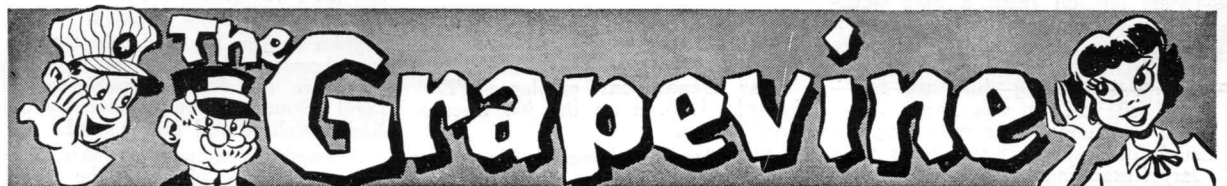
An employee must never get so intent on his work that he forgets his own personal safety. Remember, "Safety is of the first importance in the discharge of duty."

An employee wearing heavy clothing, which restricts his movement, and earflaps which impair his hearing, must be constantly on the alert for the dangers of moving equipment. Modern equipment, equipped with roller bearings, moves easily and silently.

With the observance of a few basic safety precautions, most winter hazards can be avoided:

- (1) Avoid standing between the rails.
- (2) Watch your footing when getting on or off moving equipment.
- (3) Remind yourself that heavy winter clothing hampers your normal freedom of movement. You can't move as fast if an emergency arises. own personal safety is

Let's make the winter 1968-69 a safe winter.



**WED 42 YEARS**—Tower X operator and Mrs. Joseph E. Pouliot, Portland, recently observed their 42nd wedding anniversary. Joe rounded out 50 years of railroad service last summer, split between Maine Central and Canadian National employment.

## GENERAL OFFICES

Eric Smith, Director of Statistical Studies, has acquired a 1966 Pontiac Bonneville convertible. We understand he tested it traveling to Brunswick where he was invited to dinner at the Bowdoin Senior Center, which he says affords a splendid view of the countryside.

Bob Nurse of Car Accounting and Sam Ruth of Car Service had a venison dinner in mind for Thanksgiving when they headed out on a recent hunting trip in the Dead River region.

Cliff Clifford of Car Accounting is at this writing a patient in the Maine Medical Center. We wish him a speedy recovery.

John Williams, son of Cashier Gordon Williams and his wife Kay, has been given a special grant to attend an advanced chemistry course at the University of Florida for a month's study away from Case-Western Re-

serve University where he is studying for his doctorate. Gordon and Kay had their daughter and family with them from Connecticut for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

General Counsel A. M. Knowles and Mrs. Knowles flew to Dayton, Ohio, to spend Thanksgiving with their son, Mark, and his family.

Louise Scannell, MDO in Aud. Disb. office, has returned from a two-week visit with Dr. and Mrs. Edward F. Sullivan at Longmont, Colo. Mrs. Sullivan will be remembered as Madeline Thibeault, a former employee of the Maine Central. Louise is godmother of their daughter, Ann. The trip was made by jet.

Hunters we have in the Disbursements office—Herbie Higgins' trip was to no avail as was Dick Luce's. Charlie Anderson is at present on a hunting vacation, so no report is available at this printing, but confidentially Charlie is too soft-hearted to bring down those brown eyed beauties. We did wish him luck, however.



**FOR LONG SERVICE**—Harold J. Connors, Portland, PtCo. engineman, was presented an inscribed billfold from President Miller in November in recognition of his 50 years of railroad service. Making the presentation is George P. Silva, superintendent of locomotive maintenance.

Red Murray is on an extended late vacation—visiting in Massachusetts and New York.

Mert Neilson spent a long weekend in Bermuda recently—was a guest at Harmony Hall, flying down on TWA and Pam Am. Coming back was another thing—just ask her—she'll tell you. It was lovely there, warm and humid—the swimming was delightful and the night clubs were "very interesting." There were three couples on the trip all named Neilson and we had some fun with that. The boys played golf at Belmont Country Club and Castle Harbour, but really did not care for either course.

## RIGBY

Reports on the deer kill have started to come in, and among the first was that of Electrician "Jim" Small and his son Philip who bagged a nice deer at Deer Pond in the first two days of the season. A 200 pound buck was shot by Spare Messenger and Dispatcher Paul Ward. This animal qualified Paul for the "Biggest Bucks Club." "Tim" Flaherty, son of Foreman "Marty" Flaherty of Bulk-head 53 was another lucky hunter.

Speaking of Bulk-head No. 53, a former employee at that point, Martin Flaherty, 75, died recently after a long illness. He was a member of the Harold T. Andrews Post, and served in Europe in World War I.

Car Department Clerk "Tom" Foley returned to work after taking the remaining two weeks of his vacation.

Hostler Joe Tierney, who has had eye surgery, says he can see better than ever with his new special glasses.

Car Department employee "Ed" Murphy is back on the job after a brief lay-off.

Clerk James Quincannon is covering Chief Clerk Frank Garland's job while Frank recovers from his illness.

The retirement of Machinist Lawrence Lanciault created a job opening for Machinist Robert Casey. Machinist Albert Stiveltti took Casey's position.

There are new parking restrictions at the Car Department due to fire department regulations.

Chief Clerk "Joe" Malloy is back on the job again after at least 6 weeks illness.

Car Department employee Roland Gildard has bid off the Janitor's job in that area.

Former Machinist Russell Hammond recently returned from a lengthy tour from Maine to California. Enroute he stopped at his brother's home in Utah. While in that state he visited a small town called Parowin and observed the panning of gold from the mountain stream that runs through the town.

Former Telephone Operator Winifred Strout, the sister of Former Turntable Operator, Thomas Mohan and half-sister of Stores Department em-

ployee Philip Cook, died in November. A tribute was sent to the funeral from the Rigby Welfare and Flower Fund.

Former Machinists Lou Carignan, Ted Cote, Bill Brume, and Russell Hammond visited Rigby to view the Canadian National steam engine mentioned in our last magazine issue.

Car Department Clerk and Mrs. "Bob" Grimmer are back in town after their jet trip to California.

November's frosts ended the flower season, but Janitor Charles Ready still tends to the daily raising of the Flag at Rigby.

Electrician "Ray" Ryder, injured some time ago, is slowly progressing on the road to health.

Electrician Walter Emery is spending considerable time at his hunting camp at Moose Pond, but there's no report of any deer yet.

Mrs. Merle Cook, wife of Carman Merle Cook, and Mrs. Allen Ridley observed "open house" at their respective homes on November 16, for work-shops in preparation for the fair at the Thornton Heights Methodist Church.

Engine House employee Asa Worcester was busy with the Stevens Avenue Congregational Church annual roast beef supper and the Christmas Fair.

Foreman Charles Tetreault started on the 8th of November for his annual deer hunting trip for two weeks. Mrs. Tetreault will visit relatives in the interim.

Stores Department Clerk "Frank" Kane wound up his vacation for 1968 and is now ready for business.

Former Machinist Ralph McKelvey is using some of his spare time to build a real steam driven locomotive in miniature. This model is approximately four feet in length, and most of the working parts are imported from England.

Albert McCann, Jr., son of Shop Welder "Al" McCann, a University of Maine, Portland, track team member, participated in a dual meet with Maine Maritime Academy, and Saint Francis College. Although young "Al" was on the losing team, he was the individual winner in the nine-mile run. His time was 22 minutes, 47 seconds. There were 28 men running.

John Parker, 35, died recently at a local hospital. He was a part-time employee in the Stores Department. A floral tribute was contributed by the Rigby Welfare and flower fund.

Sympathy is extended to John Johnson, Clerk, yard office, on the recent death of his wife.

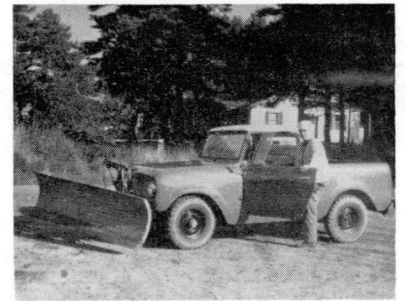
## BRUNSWICK - BATH

Car Inspector and Mrs. Donald Oates have moved into their new home at North Yarmouth. In order to make sure that the winter snows would not delay him, Don has purchased an International Scout with 4-wheel drive, locking hubs and all that stuff, equipped with a snow plow.

At this writing we have already had plenty of snow, so it looks as though Don will be a busy boy keeping the way plowed to the Brunswick Car Shop.

Cashier J. M. Callan is on vacation. Understand he has gone hunting up country. He is being relieved by spare clerk Nate Hawkes.

Second trick operator Nelson Soule moved into his new home at South Freeport last month and then took off for a week of vacation in Florida where he visited his father, Retired Agent Les Soule.



**DON'S READY**—Car Inspector Donald Oates, Brunswick, is ready for whatever Winter brings with this new Scout and its snowplow.

## AUGUSTA

Former Agent Ralph Tracy is convalescing at home after eye surgery and also a fractured leg. Ralph is getting around well on a walking cast. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Track maintainer Henry Lessard recently underwent surgery and is now at home recuperating.

Fall vacationers were trainman Leonard and Mrs. Luttrell who spent most of their vacation camping and enjoying the foliage.

Signal Maintainer Allerton Hutchins also had a fall vacation. Al spent a good part of it working around the house.

Signal Maintainer Helper Roy Moody recently married at Portland. Roy and Dot purchased a new mobile home and now reside at Lee's Trailer Park, Augusta.

Section Foreman Millard Tracy's crew and surrounding crews have recently raised and resurfaced the Bridge Street crossing.

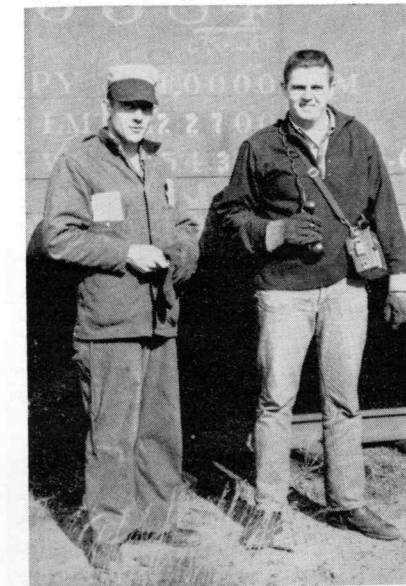
Engineer Roy Adams of the Augusta switcher has returned to work after being on sick leave.

Trainman Stanley Karnes has left the Augusta switcher for the local WK-2.

Agent Operator and Mrs. Doug Thomson has purchased a new home on Linwood Avenue, Augusta.

Trackman Ivan Chambers of So. Gardiner has bid in on the Augusta Section.

Hunters taking to the woods in November at this station are Section Foreman Millard Tracy, Conductor Marshall Pratt, Clerk Athleen Bryant and Horace L. Rodrigue, Cashier.



**John Watson, left, and Warren Whitney at Livermore Falls recently with DR-2.**



**WED 55 YEARS**—Retired Conductor and Mrs. Albert J. Parent of Lancaster, N.H., observed their 55th wedding anniversary recently. Mr. Parent, who retired nine years ago, is a veteran conductor of the Mountain trains, and served the railroad for 53 years.

## ROCKLAND

Recent visitors of Agent and Mrs. Wendell Lewis were former BAR retired Operator and Mrs. Hervey Robbins from St. Joseph, Mo., who called while vacationing in Maine. Mr. Robbins formerly worked at Northern Maine Jct. before his retirement. Mrs. Robbins is an aunt of Mrs. Lewis.

Your correspondent was a recent caller on Retired Cashier Fred "Father" Snowman who is looking well and putting the miles on the car. The ash tray must be getting nearly full making it time to trade and we are constantly expecting to see a new variety of the "pickles" to show up on the highway. Father wants to advise Chairman Cote of the Clam Committee that he has a standing invitation to join Father for a breakfast of clams the next time Roy is in town.

Rockland Switcher Conductor "Mike" Mitchell was on vacation. His job was covered by J. E. White, and "Whitey's" job was covered by C. E. Trask and G. H. Ware from the Waterville board.

Agent D. W. Smith of Waldoboro was on vacation chasing the elusive deer. His job was covered by spare Operators George Melvin and M. L. Salley.

Section foreman E. I. Miller and trackman R. S. Bonney were both on vacation. Trackmen John Bodman and Leland Boggs covered Miller's job.

Bath Flotilla 1-205 U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary received the unique distinction of qualifying and re-qualifying all its members as courtesy motorboat examiners. The first flotilla in the United States to ever achieve this objective is under the guidance of Maine Central Agent Irving C. Varney of Wiscasset, who is its commander.

## WATERVILLE STATION

A frequent visitor around the station these days is Retired Track Supervisor Maurice Thorne, looking very well and really enjoying his retirement. Maurice brought along the

newest addition to his household, a French poodle, he calls "Missy."

Bob Esty, Freight Office, recently spent a week hunting at the Northern Canadian Border, returning home with a small deer.

Denise, John Belanger, and son Jimmy traveled to Montreal recently spending the weekend at the Expo enjoying the sights.

Vacationing this past month were Calvin Clark, Denise Belanger, Larry Ridley and Bob Esty.

Allan Powers has bid off second trick billrack Clerk, Waterville yard office.

John, son of Lawrence and Connie Ridley, is home from the U.S. Navy, on a 20-day leave.

## WATERVILLE SHOPS

Millman and Mrs. Newman Taber have recently spent some time in Florida vacationing.

Carman Wallace Rousseau has recently applied for the pension. He has been employed since 1920.

Paint Helper James Sylvester and Miss Maureen Bickford of Fairfield were united in marriage recently. They are residing in Waterville.

Electrician Fred Gaunce has been a recent surgical patient in a local hospital and is reported as making good recovery.

Miss Mary Jewell, daughter of Foreman and Mrs. Wallace Jewell, has recently been installed as an officer in the Rainbow Girls in the Fairfield lodge.

Recent 'Old Timers' who have visited with us have included Charlie Lowry, Ralph Patterson, Chester Knights and Archie Smith.

Foreman Nubert Estabrook has returned to work after a lengthy illness.

There have been several lucky deer hunters during the present deer hunting season among shop employees.

Carman Ervin Emery has been confined to a local hospital and has been having a slow recovery.

Linda M. Grenier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Grenier of Winslow,



**MISS WHITE RETIRES**—Lillian G. White, who had served the Maine Central Railroad as a clerk-stenographer at Lewiston for 52 years, stepped into retirement last month. She is shown as she received a purse from fellow employees, presented by General Agent Richard Achorn.

and David A. Verzoni, a Shops employee, were married Nov. 16 at St. John the Baptist Church, Winslow. Verzoni is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Verzoni of Waterville. They will reside at Countryside Trailer Park, Waterville.

## WATERVILLE YARDS

In the hunting corner of the Yard: So far, we report 3 catches—Gerry Dessent, Dick Goldrup, and Ken Ireland, Jr., with a very nice doe. Ken Sr.'s is still on the run.

Don Giberson was on vacation recently, and through the grapevine, as told to Howard Kennedy, Don saw 50,000 trees, but no deer.

Lee Peaslee, engineer of DWX-1—WDX-2, is going on vacation in the near future and his aim is also to the woods—and if a catch is had—he wants everybody to see it by giving it a ride (round trip) on the hood of his engine. Incidentally, he almost had that chance recently when he and his head brakeman spotted 3 nice doe on the way back to Rumford.

We understand Maurice Roberts, machinist, got himself a nine-point buck at his camp at Lobster Lake.

Spare Engineer Ken Farrar mentioned something in the way of a record. He says his is the only camp within 65 miles whose out-back facility has a wall-to-wall carpet.

O. J. "Butch" Bouchard says he sees a lot of TV shows. His favorite is "Captain Kangaroo."

A sectionman says one of our switchers has a Tarreyton crew—they'd rather fight than switch.

Recently on the sick list were Ike Stowell and Larry St. Amand. We hope that by the next printing, these boys will be back to work. Best of luck fellows, and hurry back.

Bill Hill was sitting at the big green chair recently while Ralph LaLiberte was convalescing from surgery.

On vacations in November were: K. A. Fitton, L. J. Boudreau, M. E. Michaud, G. A. Dessent, R. F. Blair, R. Roy, W. W. Hill, H. F. Crandlemire, B. C. Hillman and D. L. Mitchell, yard. A. D. Hunt, D. A. Giberson, W. F. Welsh and W. V. Gordon, road. C. A. Clark, K. F. Ireland and S. O. Corson, enginemen.

## EASTERN SUB-DIVISION

Deane B. Hayden, Telegrapher, Bangor, has submitted his resignation from the service of the Maine Central Railroad Co. Deane is heading for the West Coast.

George E. Buchanan, Road Trainman, submitted his resignation as a Road Trainman at Bangor and is now working in the Motive Power Dept. training as a Fireman.

Francis C. Corbett, Road Conductor Trains BV-1/VB-2 worked his last assignment on Train VB-2 Oct. 29. Francis resigned to accept his pension.

R. E. Burnham has bid in the flagman's job on Trains BV-1/VB-2.

R. F. Higgins has bid in the Brake-man's job on Trains BC-1/CB-2.

J. W. Costain, Yard Conductor, Bangor Yard, has been ill since the middle of October. A speedy recovery, John.

M. R. Russell has bid in the Agent's position at Enfield, and covered his assignment starting Nov. 11.



**Ralph Moffatt lining up for B-11 to set off at east end of Waterville Yard.**

L. A. Durant, Yard Brakeman, Bangor Yard, has been ill since the middle of October. A speedy recovery, LeRoy.

John Shaughnessy, Retired Cashier, Bangor Freight Office, and his wife Winnie are leaving the last of this month for Florida. They plan on staying in the sunny south until April.

Phil Jameson, husband of Kay Jameson, Clerk-Stenographer Asst. Supt.'s Office, Bangor, shot a 140 lb. doe the first day of the hunting season.

Enjoying vacations in the Bangor Area are: L. E. Crocker, Yardmaster; N. M. Violette, Yard Clerk; J. F. Bradley, Crossing-tender; L. J. Goodin, Jr., Yard Brakeman; L. L. Currie, Road Conductor; V. F. Hamel, Road Conductor; R. S. McKenzie, Road Brakeman; E. M. MacDonald, Road Conductor; and at Calais, F. I. Martin, Road Conductor. Most of these boys are deer hunting.

Sympathy is extended to the family of General Agent W. L. Blanchard on the recent death of Mrs. Blanchard at Vanceboro.

Mrs. W. S. Carroll, Car Clerk, Bangor Freight Office, and her husband Ed and party are at the Carroll Camp, deer hunting.

F. C. Corbett, General Agent, Bangor, was on vacation the first week of November. Francis went deer hunting, but no luck.



**RETURNS TO DUTY**—Boiler Maker Third Class Linwood J. Conners, Jr., son of Carman and Mrs. Linwood J. Conners, Sr., Bangor has been home on furlough after tour of duty in the far East, and has now returned to duty aboard the U.S.S. Pictor in San Francisco.

## Eastport Shipper Has New Siding, Improved Fish Meal Loading System

Maine Marine Products Inc., of Eastport, manufacturers of fish meal, believe they have a better idea for loading their product for shipment by rail.

Recently, Maine Central work crews finished laying approximately 360 feet of track to Maine Marine's storage and grinding plant at Sea Street. This work involved digging up and removing a considerable amount of asphalt, where the new siding crosses Sea Street, and the old top soil in the path of the new road bed. A back hoe and dump trucks were employed for this and for hauling in suitable gravel for the new road bed.

MEC Crane No. 165, operated by W. F. Smithwick, was also used in removing an old siding and for lifting and placing rails. The work of laying the new siding was done by Herbert Featherson and Henry Quinn of the Eastport Section, Bernard Antone and Billy Sturk of the Pembroke Section, Grant Ross and Charles Hatton of the Ayers Jct. Section, Guy Carter and Russell Saddler of the Charlotte Section, and Track Repairman Ray Brooks of Cherryfield,

who did the cutting and welding on the rails.

The job was under the supervision of F. B. Perkins, Track Supervisor, of Bangor.

The new siding will let covered hopper cars be placed close enough to Maine Marine's plant to allow loading by closed conveyers, thus eliminating the old method of loading by hand out in the open, a practice that was often hampered by bad weather.

### ANNUAL MEETING

### Railroad Workers' Credit Union

Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Lafayette Town House  
Portland



**VERSATILE VEHICLE**—A new addition to the rolling stock of the Maine Central is this Chevy Sports Van, which will see action on the road as well as on the rails as it is equipped with high rail attachment. It is assigned to "Will" Schloth of Division III Engineering Department, Waterville. Posing is W. R. Pooler, assistant track supervisor, Waterville.

### RETIREMENTS

Ralph M. Ames, trackman, Danville Junction, October 25.

Edward A. Bolduc, section foreman, Cumberland Center, November 4.

Francis C. Corbett, conductor, Bangor, October 31.

Olan D. Green, watchman, Waterville, September 18.

Clayton W. Handy, train dispatcher, Portland, October 31.

Lawrence M. Lancialut, I.C.C. Inspector, South Portland, October 9.

George R. Mountfort, machinist helper, Waterville, October 14.

### DEATHS

Philip J. O'Donnell, clerk, Portland, October 31.

Edward S. Runnells, tower operator, Portland, August 24.

## R.R.B. Describes Student Benefits

Children of deceased railroad workers are entitled to special benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board if they are full-time students.

Edward W. Drane, district manager of the RRB in Portland, said students 18 to 21 are entitled to weekly benefits if they are full-time students at a high school, vocational school, college or university.

Further information is available at the Railroad Retirement Board District Office, Room 913, Post Office Building, Boston, or at 470 Forest Ave., Portland.

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