



Miss Alward Named In Public Relations Department Shift

Miss Nathalie J. Alward, who has been a secretary in the Operating Department for the past three years will, on June 16, become Director of Public Relations of Maine Central Railroad and Portland Terminal Company. Joseph H. Cobb, who has served in the post since February 1958 has resigned to become Director of Public Relations for Maine Medical Center on July 1.

Miss Alward is a graduate of Deering High School, Portland, and from Westbrook Junior College, where she majored in journalism, in the class of 1946.

Following graduation from Westbrook she became a news writer for Radio Station WGAN, Portland. After 7 years in that post and in the news room of the Portland Press Herald and the Evening Express, she was associated in 1953 with Portland's first TV Station WPMT. She later handled a series of sales campaigns for the frozen food industries and spent some time as a political writer for former Governor John H. Reed. Before taking employment with Maine Central she also acted as promotion director for the March of Dimes.

A native of Portland, Air Force

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BIG JOB FOR MAINE CENTRAL—Maine Central—with an assist from the Portland Terminal Company—moved the largest generator ever built by the General Electric plant, South Portland, last month. The big, close-clearance unit required a special car and supervision during its trip from Maine to a southern city.

GE's Biggest-Ever Generator Moves Over MeC Routes

The largest generator ever built at the South Portland plant of General Electric Company moved out May 20 on the Maine Central Railroad.

Destined for the plant of a southeastern utility company where it will be a part of a steam turbine generating plant, the huge machine — because of its size — travelled a circuitous route of 1,556 miles of railroad instead of the regular route of 876 miles, in order to clear bridges and buildings adjacent to railroad tracks.

It took 6½ hours for the special train carrying the generator to make the trip from Rigby to St. Johnsbury, Vt., over Maine Central's Mountain Division. Representatives of the railroad's operating and engineering departments "nursemaided" the trip, stopping several times to make sure it was not necessary to use an ingenious device which had been installed on the 6-axle specially-depressed flat car. With the device the "nursemaids" could have moved the 12-foot wide, 17-foot tall, 100-ton machine several inches to the right or left so that its overhang would clear any object too close to its width or height.

Richard F. Dole, MeC Mechanical Chief, Heads N.E. Railroad Club

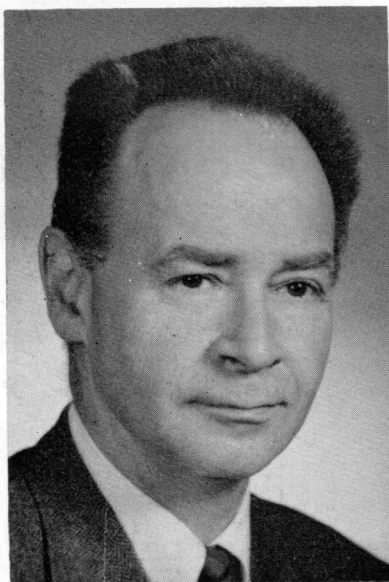
Richard F. Dole, South Portland, Maine Central's chief mechanical officer, was elected president of the New England Railroad Club at the organization's annual meeting in Boston May 8.

Dole succeeds Palmer H. Swales, Bangor, vice president, operations and maintenance, Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, as president of the group.

A railroadman for nearly 44 years, Dole first served on the Boston and Maine Railroad, and came to Maine as general foreman of the Rigby Car Shops of the Portland Terminal Company. He later served as assistant superintendent of Maine Central's Waterville Shops, and was appointed mechanical engineer in 1955. He has been chief mechanical officer for the company since 1966.

An active researcher and transport historian, Dole is a member of several historical groups in Maine and Massachusetts, and has published articles on early railroads and steamships.

Mr. and Mrs. Dole reside at 492 Cottage Road, South Portland.

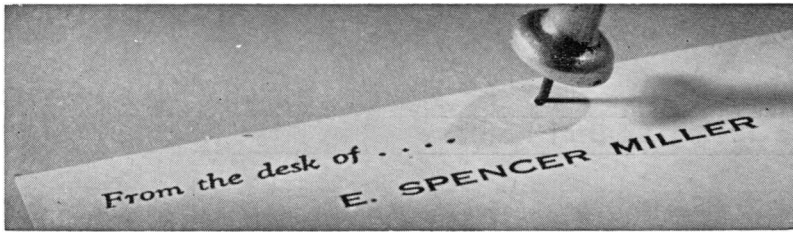


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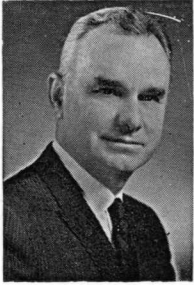
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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

It was my privilege, last month, to be among the twelve thousand people—railroad officers, high officials of federal and state governments, railroad history fans and the general public—who witnessed the driving of a golden spike in re-enactment of the moment 100 years ago when the first trans-continental railroad was completed. The ceremony took place at Promontory Point, Utah, where the original golden spike was driven, in ceremonies dedicating the Golden Spike National Historic Site.



To those of us associated closely with the railroad industry of today, the Promontory Point ceremonies were far more than a mere re-enactment of a significant historic event. The driving of the original golden spike symbolized the long-awaited joining of America's east and west and the beginning of trans-continental rail transportation. Last month's Centennial observance of this event had equal importance as a symbol of the railroad industry's new vitality and increasingly important role in the transportation of the Nation's goods.

It was Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe, former Governor of Massachusetts, who stressed this point in the highlight address of the program at Promontory Point.

"The railroads," he said, "are just beginning to roll. Piggyback service now accounts for a hard-won four per cent of total carloadings and could very well double in the next six years.

"Seven years ago, the railroads carried less than ten per cent of new automobiles to market. Now, with double and triple deck cars, rails carry more than half of such automobiles.

"Five years after their appearance, unit trains carry one-third of all railborne coal. Containers, used in conjunction with the widely touted land bridge, will carry this line of advance even further.

"My departmental experts now forecast that by 1975 a trillion ton-miles of freight will be transported by road in this country—up 25 per cent in nine years in spite of extremely vigorous competition. With system-wide innovation, consolidation and integration, this figure could prove conservative.

"The railroads can play a major part in the modernized and completely balanced transportation system that we must build if this country is not to be gripped in complete paralysis. The railroads also have an unrecognized potential as instruments of long-range environmental planning. They can help us to relieve congestion, reduce pollution, and exercise a more responsible stewardship for our dwindling natural resources.

"Railroads," he said, "can help to restore the good life for millions of our citizens."

I could not help but draw a parallel between the Golden Spike ceremony at Promontory Point and our own Centennial, just seven years ago this Fall. In October, 1962, we looked back on 100 years of service, and resolved that in our second century, Maine Central would be an even greater force in the economic development of the area we serve.

We are well started on the road toward that goal, and already have made dramatic improvements. New locomotives, new cars of many types and a new approach to the marketing of our freight transportation service have been features of our program to improve and innovate. More and more of our accounting and car utilization procedures are performed with amazing speed and efficiency by electronic computers and space-age communications methods.

These advances—all made since our own Centennial—are only hints of what lies ahead for Maine Central, and only a start on the road toward a new and broader role for railroads in the second century after the Golden Spike joined East and West.

E. Spencer Miller

IMPACT

MAY HAVE ITS PLACE, BUT



NOT IN FREIGHT CARS



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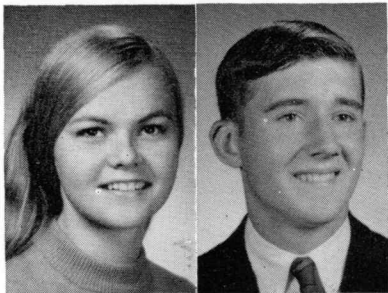
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Diploma Time

Railroad Sons, Daughters, Donning Caps, Gowns For June Graduations

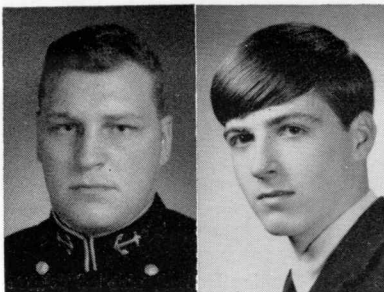
It's June again, time for caps, gowns and diplomas. To these and other graduating railroad sons and daughters go our congratulations for their attainments and our best wishes for their continued success.



Shuman Shea

Nancy Ann Shuman, daughter of the late MeC and PTCO. Telegrapher Arnold L. Shuman, and Elinor Shuman, stenographer in the Industrial Development Department, Portland, will graduate from Portland High School. She has been accepted for training in the Radiologic Technology course at Maine Medical Center.

William P. Shea, son of W. G. Shea, car accounting, Portland, also is a member of the graduating class at Portland High School. He has been accepted at the U. of M., Portland, and will major in business administration. He received a national math award this year, and was captain of the PHS golf team.

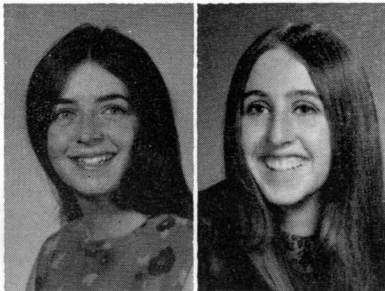


Provencher Harris

Midshipman Michael J. Provencher, son of assistant auditor, disbursements, and Mrs. Walter J. Provencher, Portland, will receive his B.S. degree at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., June 11. He will be commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Navy and has been assigned to a Destroyer-Escort out of Newport, Rhode Island.

Carl Harris, son of Fred L. Harris, Office Assistant to the Director of Sales, Marketing Department, and Mrs. Harris, is a June graduate of Portland High School. He will continue his studies at the Portland Campus of the University of Maine.

Paula Jean, daughter of Revisions Clerk and Mrs. Sumner Thompson, will graduate from South Portland High School. She's been a member of the Pre-Med Club, Theta Delta Phi Sorority and has served as a Candy Striper at Maine Medical Center. She plans to enter University of Maine in Portland.

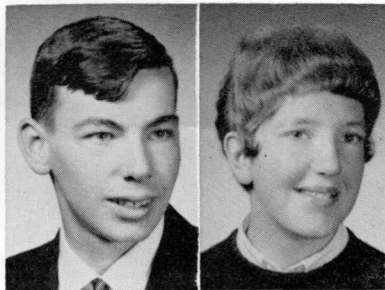


P. Thompson D. Thompson

Paula's sister Donna-Lee also is a South Portland High Senior. Active in American Field Service, the Art Club and the Year book staff, Donna plans to attend Boston School of Art.

Edward J. Gingras, Jr., son of Edward J., Sr., Clerk in the Revenue Office, and Mrs. Gingras, is a member of the graduating class at Deering High School. While at Deering he was a student in the College Course, and participated in outdoor and indoor track for three years. He will enter the U. S. Air Force August 1.

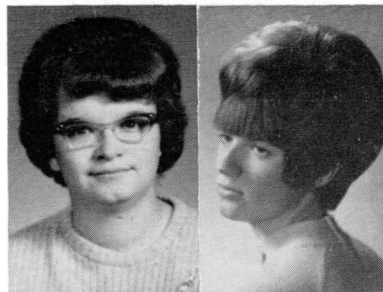
Elaine Patrice, daughter of Herbert and Helen Whitmore, is a June graduate of Portland High School. Herb is a Head



Gingras Whitmore

Clerk in the Revenue Office. Elaine has participated in swimming and field hockey. She is to attend Gorham State Teachers' College.

Linda Sherrard, daughter of Asst. Supt. and Mrs. Diamond Sherrard of the Waterville Shops,

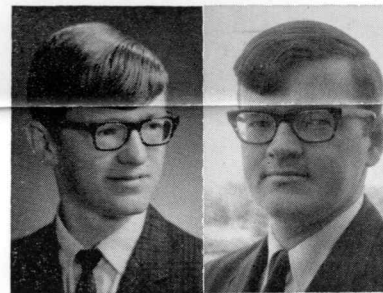


L. Sherrard C. Sherrard

who will graduate, Cum Laude, from Farmington State College June 1. Linda, a member of Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Society, plans to teach.

Cynthia Sherrard, daughter of Asst. Supt. and Mrs. Diamond Sherrard of Fairfield, will graduate from Lawrence High School in June. Third Honor Essayist of her class, Cynthia has been active in Band and Chorus, National Honor Society, Tri-hi-Y, Future Teachers Club and many other activities. She plans to attend Gordon College, Wenham, Mass.

Brothers graduating, Steven and Christopher Thing, sons of General Agent and Mrs. Robert S. Thing of Brunswick are graduating this June. Steven, a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor



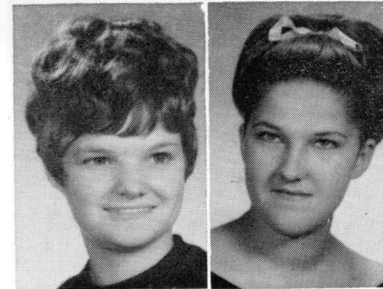
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Society, will receive a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Maine, Portland, where he majored in Accounting. Steven has been accepted at University of Maine Law School.

Christopher will graduate from Brunswick High School where he is an honor student. Chris has been accepted at University of Maine.

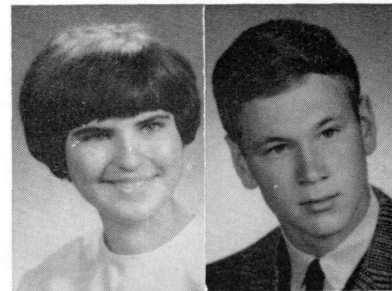
Donna MacDonald, daughter of Machinist and Mrs. J. D. MacDonald, will graduate from Bangor High School in June. Donna plans to attend Hair Styling School.

Jeanne C. McTigue, daughter



MacDonald McTigue

of Machinist and Mrs. John T. McTigue, graduated from John Bapst High School in 1965, and graduated from the University of Maine, June 6. Jeanne received a B.S. Degree from College of Education where she majored in Elementary Education. Her academic major was English. Beginning school year in September, 1969 she will be teaching second grade at Mary Snow School in Bangor.

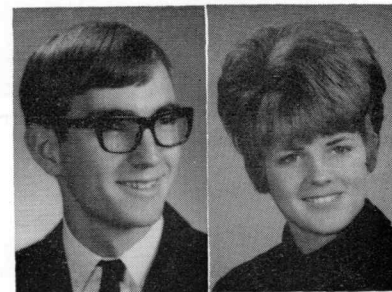


R. McTigue Ericson

Miss R. Anne McTigue, daughter of Machinist and Mrs. John T. McTigue, graduated from John Bapst High School June 6. Anne plans to attend the University of Maine, beginning in September, where she hopes to study Home Economics.

Stephen Ericson, son of Boilermaker and Mrs. Robert Ericson, graduated from Bangor High School in June. Stephen will commence training August 17 at the Maine Maritime Academy in the Mechanical Engineering Course for training to become a future rated officer in the Maritime Service.

Douglas J. Gaudette, 18, son of Machinist and Mrs. Walter C. Gaudette, will graduate June 13th from Bangor High School. Doug plans to enter the Navy in the late fall.



Gaudette Pomeroy

Nancy Ellen Pomeroy, daughter of Cashier and Mrs. Harrison Pomeroy, will graduate from Brewer High School in June. Nancy plans a trip to Utah for about five weeks. When Nancy returns home she will be employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Bangor.

(More Next Month)

Maine Railroad Veterans Attend Annual Spring Get-Together



Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Douglass, Yarmouth; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Reynolds, Cumberland Center.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nason, Newport; and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jewett, Benton Station.



Mrs. Owen Thompson, Mr. Thompson, Waterville; Arnold Dow, Waterville; and Robert Lewis, Portland.



Mr. and Mrs. Alden Finnimore, Waterville, greet Stanley Dorval, also of Waterville.



Andrew W. Gavett, Winslow; Kenneth Reed, Waterville, banquet chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Karnes, Waterville; and Millard Murray, Fairfield.



Part of the group in Benton Grand hall as the meal was served. It was, as usual, a fine affair combining good food and good fellowship.

The Grapevine



A SEND-OFF FOR BUSH—Fellow employes gathered in the Superintendent's office May 1 to wish J. Edmund Bouchard well as he began his retirement. The group, from left, includes Bill Maloy, Linwood Lamson, James O. Born, John Oberg, E. A. Waterfield, Charles Redstone, Arthur Palmer, J. E. Buzzell, Laurence Sparrow, A. N. Tupper, Mel Charity, Donna O'Bryan, Arnold Travis, J. E. Bouchard, Al Burdwood, Kay Jameson, Eric Smith, George Marcroft, W. E. Pierce, A. C. P. Lennon, J. W. Wiggins, R. C. Wheeler, W. L. Harris and R. C. Williams.

GENERAL OFFICES

Dick Goodie of the Revenue Office is doing some running (not jogging) these days. He ran in the Annual Open Lewiston Road Race and doesn't say how far back in the pack he finished, but got a third place medal in the age 40 or over group. He was timed at 20 minutes and 9 seconds for the 3-mile course. The following day he finished second in his age group in a 4½ miler at Deering Oaks course in Portland.

The South Portland Recreation Center recently was the scene of an open house for displaying articles made by the folks attending the Ceramics classes, etc. Delores Stanley, Stenog. Eng. Dept. attended these classes for about 20 weeks during the winter months and received a red ribbon for her emerald green candy dish, which is really beautiful. During the classes she made several ash trays, a stein, and a television lamp.

Sympathy is extended to Betty MacDonald and family in the death of her husband, Edwin.

Helen Baker, Stenographer, and husband entertained their daughter-in-law, Sonja during April. Sonja resides in Columbus, Georgia and originally came from Mannheim, Germany.

Who was that that just whizzed by? Well, it could have been Lin Lamson, Office Asst., in his shiny new 1969 beige Ambassador!

Or, it could be Alice Eliason, File Clerk, in her new 1969 turquoise Chevrolet Impala!

Rosemary McDonough of Data

Processing along with husband, Marty, spent a week in Virginia and Washington D. C. where they visited their son and his family, and enjoyed the Cherry Blossom Festival and parade.

Two distaff members of the Mechanical Department aren't ones to let their bosses get ahead of them. Both Peg Foley and Gloria McCullough have recently acquired new cars. Gloria's is a new Caprice and Peg's (and Peg's husband's, naturally!) is a Chevelle. The girls stuck to Maine Central RR colors.

Marketing Department is breaking out in the "new car rash" as well. Mary Mingo has a new Chevelle too, and Greg Savage, has a new Datsun.

Vacations are coming up pretty soon, that is to say, the time of the year when the majority of vacations are taken, the June, July and August Summer days. Not to plug a "competitor", but that Man from Marketing, Arthur Edwards, has his camper already for renting for trips by the day, week or week-end. Arthur's too busy making the rounds of the Golf courses to use it himself, besides he can't afford his rental charges!!!!

Mr. and Mrs. F. Joseph Foley (Margaret C. Foley-stenographer in Mechanical Dept.) recently attended the graduation ceremonies at Boston University when their daughter, Kathleen, received a Bachelor of Science Degree. They were accompanied by their daughter, Virginia A. Foley, a sophomore at the University of Maine in Orono. While in Boston, the family was registered at the Fenway.

Elta Benner has returned to work

after a stay at the hospital and at home. Welcome back Elta!

Dorothy and George Proctor entertained their family at Little Sebago Lake on Mother's Day.

Sam Ruth, Car Service, has a new LaSabre Buick.

Shirley Wilson, Ass't Treasurer's office, is the proud owner of a new Oldsmobile.

Mollie Fehlau of the Operating Dept., husband Martin and son Rickey, spent the April school vacation week traveling in their Volkswagen Campmobile, camping in a delightful spot on the James River, Jamestown, Va. and visiting Williamsburg and other historic spots in the area. Williamsburg was beautiful, its formal gardens in full bloom and in themselves worth the trip. Forests were alive with flocks of cardinals and mocking birds. The Fehlau's stopped in Washington, D. C. on the way home, visiting the Capitol.

Susan Marie Shuman, daughter of Industrial Development Steno Elinor Shuman, is the winner of the Cathedral scholarship to the new Catherine McAuley High School, Portland.

C. G. Rivers, Manager of the Industrial Development and Real Estate Dept., and Mrs. Rivers have been visiting their daughter and son-in-law in London and doing some sightseeing in the British Isles and Europe. Postcards indicate a delightful trip.

Lil and Larry Smyth recently week-ended in Massachusetts where they visited Lil's daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Tommy Wells, in Norfolk, where the Wells have recently moved into their new home.

RIGBY ENGINE HOUSE

The usual event of "Spring Planting", among our employees, both active and retired, is progressing on schedule. Garden peas are showing above the ground.

This month appears to be a period of visitations at the various points including "Phil" Bonang, a former machinist, now living in Saint Johnsbury, Vermont; a former Boiler-maker "Bill" Petipaw, now 89, retired Machinist Helper Milfred Godwin and Former Carman Walter Peables.

Welder "Al" McCann's son, "Al", Junior has enhanced his reputation on the oval track by annexing the 880 yard, and the mile runs as well as the triple jump titles in competition with the State of Maine's best trackmen. Mrs. Albert McCann was re-elected President of the Catholic Womens' Council, Peaks Island.

A recent article printed by the Bath Times, serving the Town of Freeport and vicinity, commented on the showing made by the Freeport High School band while in Washington, D. C. at Cherry Blossom Festival, and the final rating awarded that band as 244 points out of a possible 300, which gave them 7th place in standing. Also making mention of Frank Garland, IV, son of Chief Clerk Frank Garland, who will tour all the principal cities of Europe, as a trumpeter, with the Band of America.

Former Machinist Sylvio Demers, 59, died May 6. He was stricken while playing golf. Sylvio, or "Zip" as he was known to his friends was transferred to the Boston and Maine Railroad shops at Billerica, Mass. in 1959, and was located at that point until his death. He was the brother of Rosario Demers, Machinist at Lewiston engine house.

Retired Carman "Marty" Norton is living at a nursing home in South Portland, and sends his best regards to his friends at Rigby.

The Square Dance Clubs converged on Portland to convene for their annual convention, or "Hoe-down", as they like to have it called. Retired General Foreman Frederick Lombard was in attendance, no doubt accompanied by Mrs. Lombard as both are "square-dance" enthusiasts.

Mrs. Helen Dubowick, 84, wife of former Turntable Operator, Adam Dubowick died April 27.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bean, 77, Gorham died after a short illness. She was the mother of Foreman William Bean, and Carman Leonard Bean. Sympathies to both are extended.

Carman "Perce" Akeley is covering Ivan Perkin's job at Cumberland Mills. Ivan is on a 60 day leave of absence.

Engine Dispatcher and Mrs. Arthur Mills attended a wedding at Worcester, Mass. It was a Greek Orthodox ceremony, the first they had witnessed.

Car Department employee Albert Hanson has returned to his job after a 4 week lay-off due to a recurring back injury.

Several new cars appear in our midst during April, this move made to beat out the impending sales tax on turn-in value of cars. Truck Driver Russell Proctor a new "Catalina" Pontiac, Mill-man Merle Cook, a "Belair" Chevrolet, "Sam" Napolitano, a 1968 "Impala" Chevrolet, Carman "Mike" Pratico, a 1958, "Mustang", Ford, Carman "Put Put" Palmer, a 1967 Pontiac, and Car

Department employee "Dusty" Greenlaw, a 1963 "Catalina", Pontiac.

Engine house employee Asa Worcester has purchased a new arc welding machine. He plans to make extensive repairs on his blue berry harvesting equipment at Columbia Falls, in Washington County, on the old homestead farm.

Hostler Roger Dudley has been awarded his 25-year service button.

Electrician Walter Emery is making extensive repairs and changes on his camp at Rockwood, on Moose River.

The annual Mercy Hospital Honor Night dinner was held recently at which the Rt. Reverend Msgr. Vincent A. Tatarczuk, Chancellor of the diocese of Portland, and member of the Board of Directors of the hospital, presented 38 employees with awards of faithful service. Vincent is the cousin of Blacksmith "Brownie" Tatarczuk and son of former Machinist William Tatarczuk.

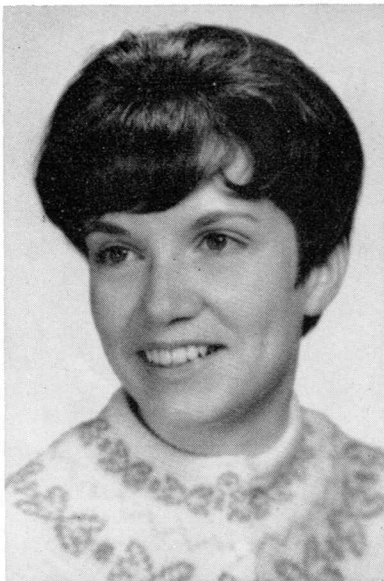
General Foreman Donald Russell, and Foreman Charles Tetreault attended the convention of the New England Railroad Club, held in Boston, at which Richard Dole, Chief Mechanical officer of the Maine Central was elected President for 1969.

Former Machinist Percy Brume, 72, of Buxton died May 10 at the Veterans' Hospital, Togus. He was one of our Machinists during the World War II period, and the brother of the recently deceased Machinist William Brume. A floral tribute was donated.

Electrician "Ray" Ryder has purchased a long desired, or cherished item, a fiber-glass canoe, to be transported on the top of his recently acquired Volkswagen, for fishing trips.

Thomas A. Benson, (known as "Benny" to his former workers) age 68, died on May 10, after a brief illness. He retired in 1966 after many years of service as a Clerk-Telegrapher, more recently an assistant car distributor.

Electrician "Jim" Small is renovating the family home at Cornish,



GRADUATE TO WED—Mr. and Mrs. F. Joseph Foley (Mrs. Foley is Margaret, mechanical department stenographer) are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Dudley Bennett, a student at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Missouri. An August wedding is planned.

Miss Foley is a recent magna cum laude graduate of Boston University School of Nursing.

which was partially destroyed by fire last winter. It will be remodeled for a summer home.

Foreman, "Marty" Flaherty is back on the job after his injuries due to a fall. He announces a brand new granddaughter, (not named as yet). Also that his son Dennis who was wounded in Viet Nam has recovered from his disability and is reporting for further duty.

RIGBY YARDS

Stenographer Jeanette Beckwith is sporting a new '69 Oldsmobile wagon. Jeanette figures it must be like driving a tank it's so darn big.

Chris Heskett and family should have a great time this summer up at Highland Lake. The Heskett's just purchased a new 15' M.F.G. outboard. Good luck Chris, that is if your son Bobby lets you use it.

Horace "Frosty" Frost is one of our vacationers. Frosty's more than likely making all the bowling tournaments and banquets while he's off.

Yard No. 8 Yard Master Bob Chenevent is on a week's vacation. Bet everyone misses that sweet "hello" they get just after three o'clock.

Yard Conductor Wayne Deering will be off for awhile, nursing a broken ankle.

Crew Dispatcher Eddie Bolduc's golf game is improving this spring, but it seems the tenth hole is the only one he's up to par on.

Yard Brakeman Louie Atripaldi decided to take a week's vacation. Says he is gonna do some painting.

'Mac' McDonald Yard Conductor is on vacation. The fellas say he's resting up from the "hard winter".

Congratulations are a little late in coming for Yard Brakeman Eddie McDonough and his wife on the birth of their new son Edward F. McDonough III. The McDonough's also have a pretty little daughter, Kimberly who visits the freight office once in awhile.

Conductor, Bobby Boyle is on a

week's vacation. Stories have it that Bob's getting his boat and water skis in shape for that speed record he's gonna set this summer at Panther Pond.

Ralph Brown Jr., Spare Brakeman, has been enjoying a week's vacation.

Conductor Ken Forbes is vacationing. "Four weeks of wheeling and dealing."

Congratulations for Bill Bickford on his promotion as Trainmaster. Bill's been putting his brawn to good use at Camp Drum, New York on war maneuvers.

First trick Telegrapher Bill Graham is on three weeks vacation, one of them attending union business in Chicago.

Yard Clerk Bob Crockett spent a week of nothing but pure leisure.

Retired Yard Conductor Erving Babcock and his wife will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary May 24th. Best wishes to the both of them.

Brakeman R. D. Thompson is off on two weeks vacation.

AUGUSTA

Clerk Athleen Bryant has traded automobiles and is now the owner of a new Saab.

Athleen Bryant also vacationed for two weeks and was relieved by Clerk Lillian Ayer of Canton.

P. G. Lawrence, Signal Crew, has moved to Portland. Phil and crew have been working in the Augusta, Hallowell area since early winter replacing poles and lines.

A most enjoyable vacation was experienced by Trainman and Mrs. Leonard Luttrell. A visit to Hawaii with son Jim and family tempted Lennie to leave our State of Maine for the beautiful climate of Hawaii. Upon returning state side they visited in California with son Leonard and family.

Agent Doug Thomson has the car fever but at this writing has not released the grasp on his wallet.

Augusta Switcher conductor Marshall Pratt has cured his car fever by ordering a new Chevrolet station wagon.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Trainman Leonard and Mrs. Luttrell on the loss of their son Bruce who died as a result of wounds received in Vietnam.

Gardiner Agent Ray Bishop recently vacationed for two weeks and was relieved by spare operator George Melvin.

Gardiner Agent Ray Bishop is tutoring a new student, Gregory Christy of Portland. Gregory is a graduate of South Portland High School and also spent three years in the service.

ROCKLAND

Yard Brakeman J. E. White has returned to work on the Rockland Switcher. "Whitey's" job covered by Waterville Yardmen Boudreau, Donahue and Ouelette, before being bid off by "Russ" Willey. "Whitey" displaced Maurice Johnson, who had bid off the summer job on the yard switcher and Maurice displaced Russ Willey, who took the Conductor's job on the Northern Maine Switcher.

Section foreman Earl Miller returned to his job after being off several months and Russell Pennell moved over to the Brunswick section.



Richard L. Wentworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wentworth, married Jean A. Rodrigue in a recent ceremony at Notre Dame Church, Waterville. The father of Richard is a Carman at M.C.R.R.

Section man John Bodman slowly regaining his strength and is able to get out around and looking better.

"Mike" Spencer and his spare crew along with Leland Boggs and Bill Heath of the Warren section, as well as members of the Rockland section, are busy laying new ties, rail and hot top, rebuilding the grade crossings at New County Road and South Main Street at Rockland. Others assisting are Israel Racine, Walter Machino, Frank Coffin and crew.

Have seen several Rocklander's back from the Sunny South, reporting having visited with retired General Agent Frank Carsley. Summer can't be too far behind and expect to see Frank back before many days have past, getting the fishing gear and the golf clubs out for the season.

Engineman Charlie McLain off one day account of birthday holiday. His job covered by Engineman Walter Zimont from the Rigby board.

WATERVILLE STATION

On April 23rd, a group of boys from E.A. Bogert School from Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, toured the Waterville Shops with Diamond Sherrard, Asst. Supt. as guide. They also toured the Waterville Station



New faces at Waterville Freight Office: L-R Marilyn Stubbart and Jeannette Perro.



WED 50 YEARS—Mr. and Mrs. Erving M. Babcock of Brighton Ave., Portland, observed their 50th wedding anniversary May 24. Mr. Babcock retired six years ago as a Yard Conductor. Mrs. Babcock was employed by New England Telephone Co. for 20 years. They have one daughter, Mrs. F. E. (Madeline) McCarthy of Reidsville, N. C., six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mrs. Babcock has been a member of Rebekah Lodge No. 14 for 54 years and he is a 50-year member of White Mountain Lodge, Concord.



O. J. "Butch" Bouchard had the expression of a hole in one at the Country Club. Is that what it was, Butch?

Building with Lucette Huard, Clerk-Typist, as guide.

Asst. Cashier Carroll Huard, Freight Office has purchased a 1969 Pontiac, "Bonneville".

Young Bob Esty (son of Rate Clerk and Mrs. Robert Esty) has returned to his Air Force Base, Grand Forks, N.D. after spending a few days leave at home. Bobby made the return trip with his new Ford.

Trackman Eugene Wallace, Skowhegan, will be out for some time account of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Division Engineer W.G. Schloth and Supvr. Work Equip. R.A. Coultombre attended the New England Railroad Club meeting in Boston May 8th.

Section Foreman Jacob Rogers, Jr., Winthrop and Trackman Henry Lachance, Leeds Jct. have reported off sick.

Caleb Mitchell, Brunswick Work Equipment Maintainer has returned from sick leave.

Mrs. Donn Wolfe has been a patient at the Thayer Hospital.

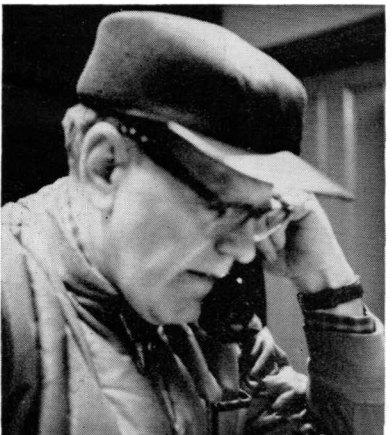
Lydon McCormic, Trackman, Winslow claims to have had the perfect cribbage hand, the 29 we cribbage players seldom ever get.

WATERVILLE YARDS

Among W. L. Harris' farewell gifts was excerdin, aspirin, alka-seltzer and a poem written by Lucette Huard giving directions as how to use these gifts at the proper time on his new assignment.

Roger St. Amand was filling in as Bill Rack clerk recently while "Lt. Fuzz" was on maneuvers.

Carl Stevens, Engineer on Switcher No. 3, is back from his vacation. His



Connie Mason, Swing Yard and Bill Rack Clerk on the hot line doing some checking and reporting.

garden has been prepared for his yearly supply of fresh vegetables.

Our congratulations to newcomers, D. Schneider, B. E. Faulkner, R. A. Kerschner and R. A. Albert, who have completed their striking time, and ready for action in time for the vacation season.

An old road man is trying his hand at yard work. It is J. E. Gallant who has left the Northern Maine Switcher for a Yard Switcher.

C. K. Trash has left Switcher No. 4 for Switcher No. 8, with Conductor Ed Palmer and coffee drinking night hawk, L. K. Powers.

Al Higgins was telling Dick Carrier that it's too bad a man Galen Wheeler's age is riding a motorcycle. He also said he knew a feller who used to ride a horse in the middle of the night too. Dick Carrier with a little bit of anxiety in his eye asked "Who"? Without hesitating, Al said "Paul Revere did."

Who's the joker that crossed the K into a H on Trask's dinner pail?

Our den mother "Don Barry" has bid off Switcher No. 6 in the yard with Conductor Reed Camic.

Willie Allen was called off the Rigby Spare Board to cover a Waterville switcher recently. It was his first Waterville Yard Switcher as an engineer.

Our friend Frank "Red" Bennett has left the yard for the Skowhegan job. Better hours he claims.

A young, but old familiar face in Waterville, recently paid us a visit from time off from the Penn Central. He is Bob Hughes Jr.

Vacations for the past month were: Yard. C. K. Parkhurst, L. K. Powers, L. L. LaPierre, J. A. L. LeFebvre, and L. M. Miller.

WATERVILLE SHOPS

Crane Operator Leo Marshall has recently retired after some 36 years of service.

Carman Roland Boulette, Carman Helper Darryl Desveaux, Blacksmith Helper Richard Eames and Carman Helper Richard Michaud have returned to work after two weeks training in the National Guard.

Foreman Wallace Jewell has recently traded cars and has a new Toyota.

Laborer Herb Crommett was recently nabbed for speeding. Hurrying to court he grabbed the only available parking space at City Hall. He paid \$20.00 for the speeding charge and \$2.00 for parking in the Judge's reserved parking spot.

Our hospital list is impressive for the month with Machinists Carroll Carey, Mike Bosko, Stan Young and Otho Crowell, out. Mill man Earl Burgess, Painter Charlie Stubbart and Blacksmith Red Black also either hospitalized or recovering at home.

While driving home from Livermore one night recently Machinist Dewey Clark had a nerve-wracking experience. He swerved to miss a deer in the road and a second deer crashed thru the driver's side window. Clark lost control of the car and landed in a swamp. The car was a near total.

Retirees who have visited during the month have been Bill Otis, Harry McCaslin, Willie Pooler, Ralph Giroux, Frank Bragg and Cliff Bernier.

Mrs. Vernon Hamlin, wife of Machinist 'Sid' has returned from a three weeks vacation in Germany.

The local Kiwanis pancake festi-

val was attended by some of the shops employees.

Former Clerk John St. Peter has been a recent visitor. Last year he and Mrs. St. Peter went to Florida, where they have purchased a permanent home. He says "there is nothing like it".

It recently cost Carman Helper Colin White \$15.00 to learn rudimentary safety procedures in boat operation at a fishing derby. He was instructed by a game warden and the judge. White will impart knowledge learned, free, to his friends and fellow workers.

Recent deaths in the Maine Central 'family' have been retired Engineer 'Ted' McKeil. A survivor is Machinist John. And William Knight of Belgrade. Among survivors are five sons, all employees, Howard, a welder, and laborers Ken, Bob, Irving, and Crane Operator George.

Ronald Moreau, son of Yard Foreman Harmon Moreau was involved in a serious automobile accident when his car went thru a guard rail into Messalonskee stream.



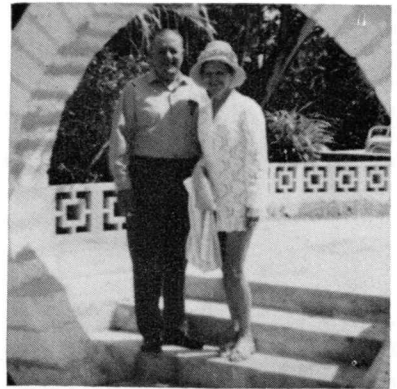
Supervisor Work Equipment Ray Coultombre, was guest of honor recently celebrating another birthday. Unknown to him, a friend hung this sign on his front window, "Today is my Birthday, Come on in."

BANGOR

Eighteen children from Humpy-Dumpty Nursery School of Bangor had a tour of the Maine Central Railroad Yard and Bangor Engine House April 25th. The tour was conducted by General Agent F. C. Corbett and Regional Manager, Sales-Service R. L. Spaulding.

Oscar Derderian, Assistant General Chairman-General Secretary-Treasurer of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks made a social visit to the Maine Central Railroad at Bangor April 25. He visited with members of Bangor Lodge No. 76 and paid a special visit to Charles H. Loftus, Chief Clerk, Bangor Car Shop, who plans to retire in the early summer. Oscar was accompanied on his visit by Local Chairman Ronald J. Chalmers of the Bangor Lodge.

Carolyn A. Looby, wife of Donald Looby, Marketing Manager, Bangor, has returned home from



Guests at The Bermudiana Hotel, Bermuda, for a week in April were Clerk and Mrs. Richard Fecteau, Engineering Dept. Shown under the so-called "Moongate". Dick tells us these Moongates were built by fathers of brides to be who stood under the gates and made their wishes. Dick's sister, Olive Vigue, accompanied them on the trip.

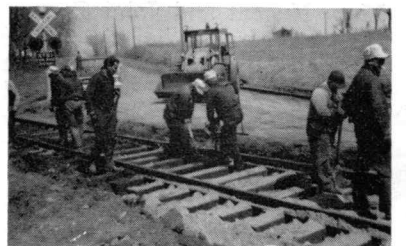
the Eastern Maine General Hospital following minor surgery.

Walter Keyser, Yardmaster, is enjoying a week's vacation.

General Agent F. C. Corbett has been on vacation for one week. Understand Francis did some spring cleaning around his home.

Jimmy and Maurice Blanchard, Jr., sons of Section Foreman and Mrs. Maurice D. Blanchard, Bangor Yard, both attended Hermon High School. Jimmy is now a Sgt. in the U.S. Army and has served two tours of duty in the Vietnam Theater. He is presently serving as Instructor in Service School on Heavy Equipment. Pvt. E-2 Maurice (Ducky) Blanchard, Jr., entered service earlier this year and is presently assigned at the same base with his brother at Fort Leonard Wood, Md. Mrs. Linda Blanchard Goss, a sister to Jimmy and Ducky, is the wife of Clerk Tommy O. Goss, also of the Maine Central family. Sgt. Jimmy Blanchard married the former Judith Stevenson of Hermon and they have one daughter Michelle Lee.

Asst. Superintendent R. G. Wheeler enjoyed one week's vacation attending meetings of the Masonic Grand Lodge in Portland. Royce also travelled through New Hampshire and Vermont.



Busily rebuilding New County Road crossing at Rockland. From left to right, "Mike" Spencer, Russ Pennell, Robert Bonney, Robert Connell, Bill Heath, Leland Boggs, "Chick" Coultombre, "Izzy" Racine. Machine Operator Walter Machino, is not shown in the picture.



Bickford



Brown

Bickford, Brown Named Trainmasters

William M. Bickford of Scarborough and C. G. Brown of South Portland have been appointed trainmasters, Maine Central Railroad and Portland Terminal Company, with headquarters, respectively, at Portland and Rigby.

Bickford, 43, is a South Portland native and a graduate of SPSHS and attended the University of Virginia and Gorham State College. He has spent a total of eight years on active duty with the U.S. Army in World War II, Korea and during the Berlin crisis, and until recently served as supply control officer with the 286th Supply and Services Battalion, Maine Army National Guard.

Bickford joined Maine Central in March, 1948, and has served

as a yard brakeman, yard conductor and spare yardmaster at Rigby.

Brown, 47, is the son of the late Judson L. Brown, Kingman sectionman, and the brother of four other Maine Central and Portland Terminal employees. His son, Leonard G. Brown, joined Portland Terminal Company in May as a sectionman.

The new Rigby trainmaster was born in Kingman and was educated in Portland, where he joined Maine Central Transportation Company in 1945 after World War II service. He became a brakeman at Rigby in 1951, and has served there ever since as a yard conductor, spare yardmaster and yardmaster.

individual records for the men with 110 average, 402 three, and 151 single string. Again, because of only one prize to an individual, Warren Smith won high three and Russ Proctor took home the high single prize.

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veteran and graduate of the University of Maine, Cobb was a reporter, editor and broadcaster before entering the public relations field. During his railroad service, he has been a member of the American Association of Railroad Editors, the Railroad Public Relations Association, and the Public Relations Advisory Committee of the Association of American Railroads. He also served as Information Committee Chairman of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, and as public relations counsel for the New England Railroad Club, the Maine Traffic Club and the New England Shippers Advisory Board.

He is vice president of Portland Kiwanis and a member of the Woodfords Club.



By Harold C. Clark

The April meeting of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans was held at the Grange Hall in Benton on April 27th where a delicious roast beef dinner was served. There were 190 members in attendance, 60 coming from Portland. The dinner was followed by a very fine musical program. The Waterville Committee deserves a vote of thanks for their wonderful job under the Chairmanship of Kenneth Reed.

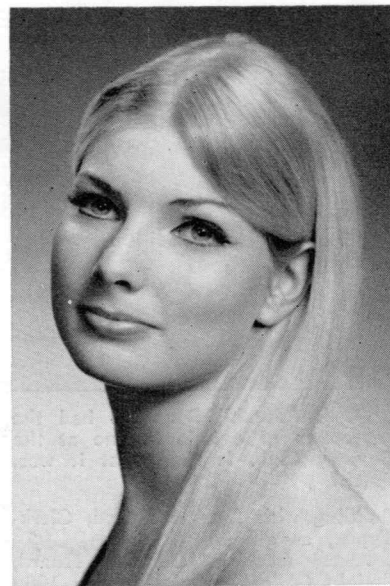
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Coty had as guests over the weekend their daughter, Mrs. Frank Taylor and granddaughter Jackie, of Woburn, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron LaBree were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Robbins, enroute to their home in Bucksport, Maine, after spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Burnham spent Mother's Day with their family at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clemons of Shelburne, Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Foss, retired electrical foreman, has returned home after vacationing in Winterhaven, Florida.

Mrs. Carlene Lauten Nicholson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Lauten of Pine Street, South Portland and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Clark, visited her family recently. Mrs. Nicholson is Marketing Analyst for the Control Data Corporation of Minneapolis. She also attended a seminar at Harvard University during her visit to New England.



ENGAGED—Traveling Auditor and Mrs. Donald H. Svenson, Portland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Debra Margaret Svenson of Brookline, Mass., to Robert Joseph Velevis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Velevis of Kennebunk. The wedding is planned for August.

Miss Svenson was graduated from Deering High School and attended Boston University School of Journalism. She is employed by William Coltin and Co., Inc., Brookline, Mass.

Mr. Velevis is a graduate of Kennebunk High School and Nason College and is studying for his master's degree in education at Boston State College.

Leonard E. King, Sr. has returned to his home on Tremont Street, So. Portland after spending several days in the Medical Center where he underwent surgery.

Note Of Thanks

Superintendent J. Edmund Bouchard has asked us to help him express his appreciation to the many railroad people who contributed to his retirement gift and who wished him well as he entered retirement May 1 after 51 years of railroad service.



By Jerry Shea

The Railroad Couples Bowling League held their awards banquet at Carolyn's, Cape Elizabeth.

First place team prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Welch. Second place was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Burgess and Mary Nugent and John Conroy. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stack and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Spires beat out Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis and Mr. and Mrs. William Welch for the third spot in a roll-off after trying in the regular season.

Team high three and single string was won by Mr. and Mrs. Russ Proctor and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Luce, but as they could only take one prize, the high single was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greene and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Corbeau.

Dave Gardner had all the high

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