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**PIGGYBACK FLEET ADDITIONS**—S. P. Ruth (left), asst. supt. Car Service and F. W. Alger, Jr., manager Highway Operations inspect some of the new additions to Maine Central's piggy back fleet which offers new low rates for MEC shippers on highway-rail freight piggyback shipments.

## New Piggyback Fleet Ready For Shippers

Two hundred shiny new "Piggyback" trailers, offering new low rates for highway-rail freight shipments to Maine Central shippers have arrived on line and are being put into service.

In announcing acquisition of the trailers, H. E. Buchheim, Maine Central's director of sales, said the move is intended to intensify the railroad's efforts to obtain more patronage of its low-cost door-to-door rail-freight shipments, especially under its "Piggyback" Plan V. "This permits faster direct highway-rail bulk shipments from points in Maine direct to the doors of receivers in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio," he said.

Buchheim said that "Piggyback" loading and unloading ramps are now established at Bangor, Waterville, Portland, Augusta, Lewiston, Machias, Dixfield and Wilton, where the new trailers can be unloaded or loaded for trips by rail at various locations throughout the country. This is the latest effort by Maine Central," Buchheim added, "to provide Maine industries with additional facilities for using the modern and low-cost freight transport plan of 'Piggyback' movement from door-to-door. Initial movement is from the shipper's door to a 'Piggyback' ramp where the 8-foot wide, 40-foot long and 12½-foot high trailer is loaded on a flat car to make the major part of the journey by railroad. Such shipments can be handled at low cost and do not cause any traffic congestion on through highways in the country."

Under the newly established "Plan V", Buchheim concluded,

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## Impossible Dream Comes True



**WHERE THE ACTION WAS**—Russell McCrum, S. D. Warren, left, George Stanley and "Les" Woodbury of Maine Central and Bob Lewis of Canadian Pacific, all set for the opening festivities at the "Indy 500."

Three hundred thousand fans stirred restlessly in their seats early Memorial Day morning, awaiting the start of festivities signaling the opening of the 53rd annual Indianapolis 500 . . . and to four fellows in the crowd, it was the culmination of a dream that called for a lot of planning and saving.

It all began three years ago over a cup of coffee, with a triumvirate of race fans. Railroaders T. L. "Les" Woodbury and George H. Stanley of the Freight Claim Department and pal Russ McCrum of the S. D. Warren Company had teamed from 1947

through 1965 each Father's Day for the Laconia, N. H. cycle races. In 1965, the race format shifted and so did their dream.

Gabbing over coffee, each named the famed Indianapolis 500 as his idea of the thrill of a lifetime. Les went to work on the problem by checking out the first year when Memorial Day would fall on Friday, enabling them to make the trip without taking more than one day off from work. 1969 became the target date.

His pledge was that they could all make Indianapolis in '69 if they would make him banker of

the group. For the next two years, George and Russ gave Les \$2 a month and the past year, \$4 a month, for deposit in the Railroad Workers Credit Union. Bob Lewis gladly joined the club.

Leaving Portland Wednesday evening, May 28th, they drove 17 hours to Ohio, got their night's rest in sleeping bags at the home of Stanley relatives and drove three hours the following day to be on hand at 7:30 a.m. in their \$35 penthouse box seats right on the starting line. Gates opened at 6 a.m. and the colorful parade and pre-race shenanigans began at 9 a.m.

What a thrill to watch as Mario Andretti of Nazareth, Pa. drove Andy Granatelli's STP turbocharged Ford at an average speed of 156 mph around the famed "brickyard's" 2½ mile course two hundred times for a win in three hours and 17 minutes!

A man-sized breakfast each morning, some "sandwich on the run" type meals and one night in a motel plus good restaurant meals were on the agenda and within the budget. They enjoyed

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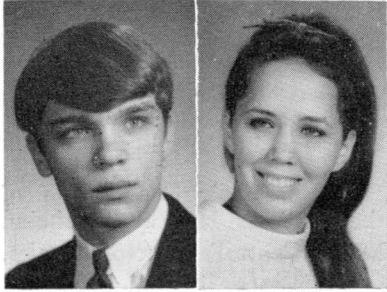
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**MeC Graduates: Part II**

**Diplomas, Honors Go To Dozens Of Railroad Sons And Daughters**

Hearty wishes for a pleasant summer and a bright future go to the young men and women of Maine Central Railroad families who were graduated in June from high schools and colleges throughout the State.

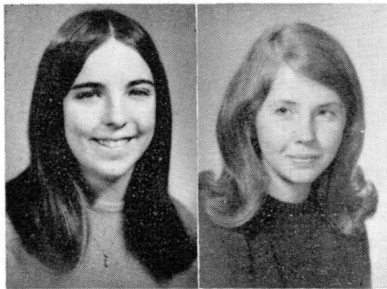
Last month we were happy to print graduation news and future plans of a large group; this month we continue the plaudits.



**Booker Cartwright**

Judith Ann Cartwright, daughter of Machinist and Mrs. Percy Cartwright, was a June graduate of Bangor High School. An honor student, Judith plans to attend the University of Maine in September.

Another Bangor High School graduate was David B. Booker, son of Machinist and Mrs. Donald H. Booker. Active in baseball, football and basketball, David plans to attend the University of Maine, majoring in History.

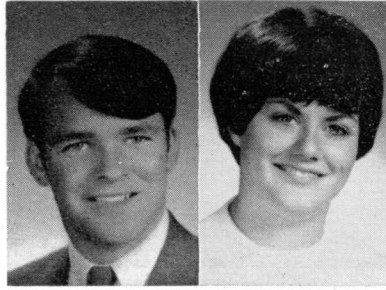


**Harris Allen**

Susan Ann Harris, daughter of Portland Terminal Company Superintendent W. L. Harris, was graduated from Winslow High School where she served as Class President during her Freshman and Senior Years. She will enter Plymouth State College, Plymouth, N. H., in September, majoring in Business Administration.

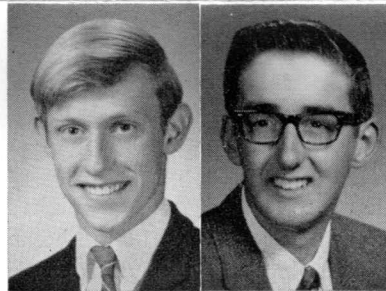
Donna Leigh Allen, daughter of Electrician and Mrs. Shapleigh C. Allen, was a June graduate of Bangor High School. A member of the All-State Music Festival Chorus in 1969, she plans to enter the Northern Conservatory of Music in Bangor in September.

Attending Husson College in Bangor this fall will be James K. Spellman, son of Yard Conductor and Mrs. John H. Spellman. James was a June graduate of John Bapst High School.



**Spellman Foster**

Miss Pamela Jean Foster, daughter of Clerk and Mrs. Albert T. Foster of Great Works was graduated from Old Town High School June 12th. Miss Foster plans to attend college this fall.

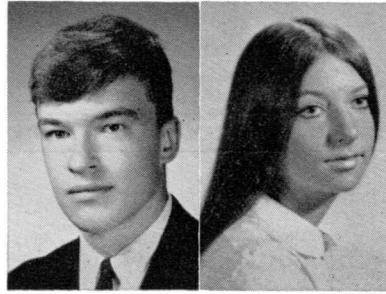


**Jipson King**

David Jipson, son of spare yard master and brakeman Mrs. Russell Jipson, is a member of the graduating class of Portland High School. Dave will be attending Andover Institute in the fall where he will be majoring in IBM & data processing.

Thomas R. King, son of towerman and Mrs. Leonard E. King, Jr., grandson of retired conductor and Mrs. Leonard E. King, Sr., grandson of retired section foreman and Mrs. Gerald E. Coggins, is a member of the graduating class of South Portland High School. Thomas has been accepted at SMVTI and will be starting this fall.

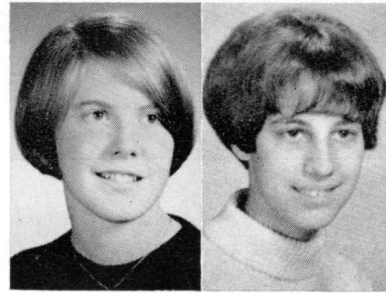
William G. Clark, son of operator/towerman and Mrs. Ernest G. Clark, was a member of the graduating class of Cheverus High School. Bill intends to further his future in IBM computer



**Clark Braasch**

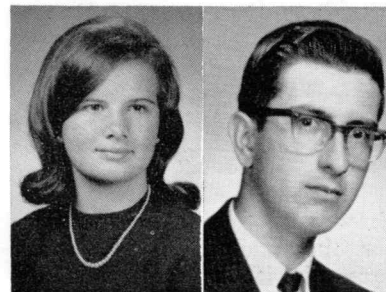
and data processing at New Hampshire College in Manchester this fall.

Barbara Anne, daughter of Benjamin Braasch, asst. to Auditor Freight Claims, and Anne, was graduated from Deering High School. Barbara was a member of the Studio Art Club and looks forward to becoming an art teacher. She will attend University of Maine-Portland in the fall.



**Wetmore Caiazzo**

Two granddaughters of Retired Welder Albert Wetmore, Sr., received their diplomas from Greater Portland schools. Cynthia J. Caiazzo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke E. Caiazzo, was a member of the 1969 Westbrook High School graduating class. Roberta A. Wetmore, daughter of Electrician and Mrs. Albert B. Wetmore, Jr., was graduated from Portland High School.

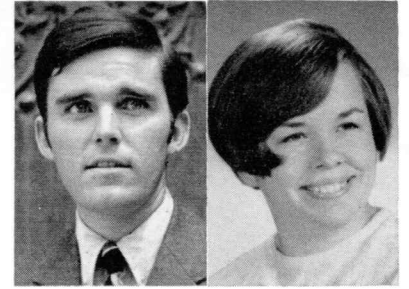


**Luce Demers**

Barbara S. Luce, daughter of Assistant to Auditor, Data Processing, Clyde W. Luce and Mrs. Luce was a Deering High School graduate. Barbara plans to enter Seton Hospital School of Practical Nursing in Waterville for training.

Laurent P. Demers, son of Retired Machinist Rosario J. Demers of Auburn, received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in

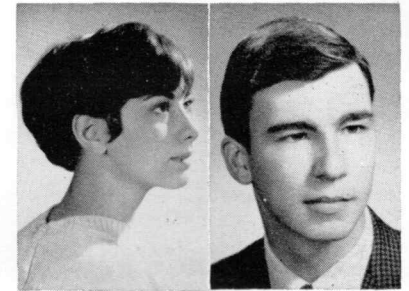
French in June from LaSalle College in Philadelphia. He plans to join the Peace Corps with hopes to return to Maine and enter the teaching profession following his Corps experience.



**Greenlaw McManus**

Peter Greenlaw, nephew of Mary Mingo of Marketing Department, is graduating this month from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Peter's future plans include returning to school to study for his Masters Degree.

Diane M. McManus, daughter of Electrician and Mrs. F. J. McManus, was graduated from John Bapst High School, Bangor, June 6. Member of the National Honor Society, Diane also received the Maine Teachers Association Award in English and Total Achievement and is listed among Outstanding Teenagers of America. She will attend the University of Maine College of Arts and Sciences this fall.

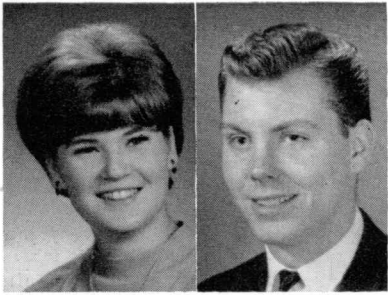


**Harding Bryant**

Marilyn L. Harding is a June graduate of Deering High School and has been accepted at Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, Grand Rapids Michigan, where she will major in Christian Education. She is the daughter of Evaluation Statistician and Mrs. Lawrence E. Harding.

Wayne Bryant, son of clerk Athleen Bryant of Kents Hill and late baggage and mail handler Wilbur Bryant of Scarborough, was graduated this June from Kents Hill School. Wayne has been accepted at the University of Maine College of Liberal Arts where he plans to major in journalism.

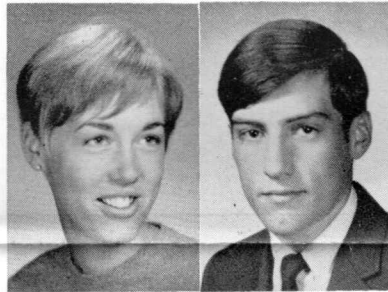




**Carroll Lewis**

Linda Carroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carroll, (Linda's mother 'Winnie' holds the position of Car Clerk at the Bangor Freight Office), will graduate from Bangor High School in June. Linda's plans are to become an air line stewardess.

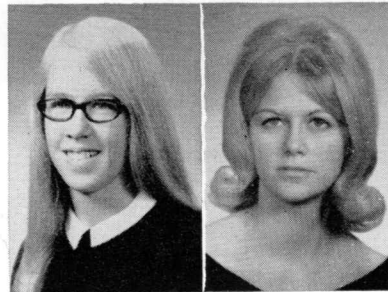
Graduating this month from Glen Cove Bible School was Kenneth C. Lewis, son of Agent and Mrs. Wendell B. Lewis of Rockland. Ken has been lead tenor in the school quartet and choir, touring New England and the Maritimes. He plans further studies in music.



**Beckwith Michaels**

Cindy Lee Beckwith, daughter of Assistant Supervisor B & B and Mrs. Clarence Beckwith, was graduated this month from South Portland High School. She plans to attend the University of Maine in Portland and will major in history. While attending South Portland Miss Beckwith was active in American Field Service, Keyettes, Pep Club, senior class play and the year book.

Robert Michaels, son of Auditor Disbursements John Michaels, was graduated this June from Deering High School.

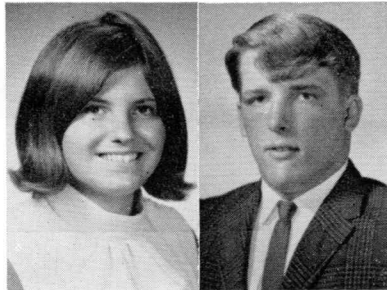


**McFarlane Lowell**

Linda McFarlane, daughter of Assistant to the Chief Engineer and Mrs. James McFarlane, was graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School this month. An honor student, she plans to attend the University of Vermont. She

was a member of the Cape Dramatics Club, A.F.S., yearbook staff, and an officer of the Pep Squad.

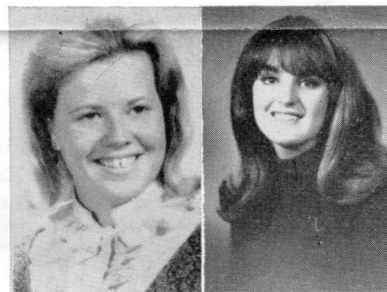
Mary I. Lowell was graduated from the University of Maine, Orono, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Sociology. She plans a career of social work. She is the daughter of Portland Terminal Bookkeeper and Mrs. George R. Lowell of South Portland.



**Powers Otis**

Patricia Powers, daughter of Tower One Operator and Mrs. Roger Powers, was graduated from Portland High School in June. Active in band and orchestra, Patricia was a member of the Sr. Executive Board and 7-11 Club Council.

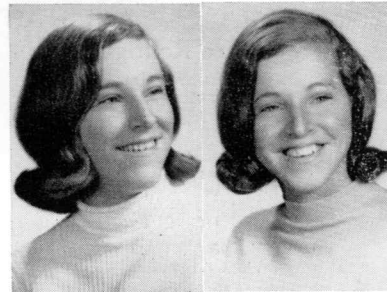
Daniel Otis, son of Painter and Mrs. Merle C. Otis, was graduated from Lawrence High School, Fairfield in June.



**Underwood LaPlante**

Terry Underwood, daughter of Carman and Mrs. Warren Underwood of Fairfield, was graduated from Lawrence High School also.

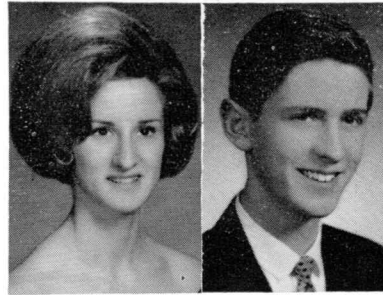
Germain LaPlante, daughter of Carman-Welder Maurice LaPlante in Waterville Freight department, was graduated from Winslow High School.



**Sally Sandra**

Sally and Sandra Fletcher, daughters of Sheet Metal Worker and Mrs. Byron Fletcher, were graduated from Lawrence High School. Honor students all four

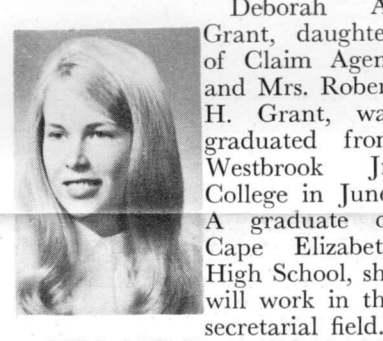
years, the sisters were active in chorus.



**Susan Peter**

Peter B. Libby received a Bachelor of Arts degree on June 8 at Nason College, Springvale, and hopes to continue studying in the fall for his Master's. He is the son of General Bookkeeper and Mrs. Erroll L. Libby of Scarborough.

On the same date the Libbys attended the graduation of their daughter, Susan B., with an Associate in Arts degree from Westbrook Junior College, Portland. Susan will be working with the Small Business Administration in Augusta.



Deborah A. Grant, daughter of Claim Agent and Mrs. Robert H. Grant, was graduated from Westbrook Jr. College in June. A graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, she will work in the secretarial field.



By Jerry Shea

Bill Martin, Maine Central-Bangor Engine House, won the low gross award for the second

year in a row at the Bangor and Aroostook Golf Tournament, which was held this year at the Bangor Municipal Golf Course on June 7. Bill had tied with Jerry Shea, Maine Central General Office, after identical 39-40-79 scores for eighteen holes, but won the big W. Jerome Strout Trophy on the first extra hole in sudden death play-off.

Hack Spellman, Maine Central-Bangor, won a trophy for low net in Class "A" with 85-18-67. Other winners in the eighty-eight man field were as follows: In Class "A", 1 to 20 handicap players: Bill Houston-BAR, third gross 81. Bob Clukey-BAR, 2nd net-8-14-68. Ed DeGrasse-MEC, third net-87-19-68.

In Class "B", 21 to 30 handicaps: Keith Greenlaw-BAR, won low gross with an 88. Second gross was Dale Greenlaw-BAR, 90. And third gross was won by Ralph Gordon-MEC, with 91. The net awards in this class went to the following: Bernal Clark, BAR, 92-26-66. Second to Lenny Forest-P.T.Co., 93-24-69. Third to George McCausland, MEC, 93-24-69.

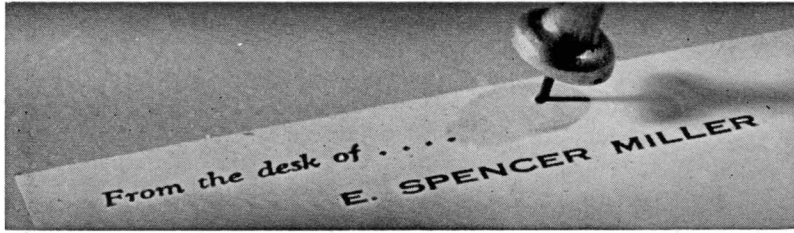
Al Edwards, MEC, had low gross in Class "C", 30 and over handicap, with an even 100. Bob Benn, BAR, was second with a 106, and Bob Brooks, Penn Central, won third with 107. Low net of 103-35-68 was shot by Millard Grant, MEC. Second net prize was taken by Dave Merrill, BAR, with 114-45-69. And third net went to Basil Higgins, MEC, with his 107-35-72.

John Broderick, P.T.Co., had the longest drive off the first tee with a mighty 30 yard smash right down the middle of the fairway. Other winners of cigarette lighters donated by the Maine

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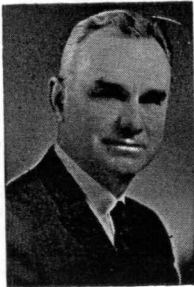
**TOURNEY WINNERS**—Leaders in Railroad Golf Tournament in June. Front row, left to right, Hack Spellman, MEC; Bill Martin, MEC and Bob Clukey, BAR. Back row: Ralph Gordon, MEC; Lenny Forest, P.T.Co.; Jerry Shea; Edwin DeGrasse, BAR; Robert Benn, BAR and John Broderick, MEC.



TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

### "The Business We Give You"

In previous MESSENGER editorials we have pointed out change in railroading from monopoly control of long haul freight transportation to the highly competitive struggle of today. We have exhorted our people in all contacts with shippers to bear in mind that the customer is right and that his needs and his point of view must be uppermost in our thinking if we are to succeed in getting the maximum of profitable freight onto the rails. The problem of shipper satisfaction is not one for the salesman alone but particularly for those of us engaged in actual transportation, that is movement of the freight and at all levels from the Vice President of Transportation to operating crews, agents and clerks. Those who ship freight in any volume need the railroad and the railroad needs these shippers. Neither can prosper without the other and neither can afford to ignore the other's point of view.



Car supply can be tremendously increased by redoubled efforts on the part of our transportation people to see to it that cars are moved correctly, that cars are switched in and out of industries and moved to and from destinations and connecting lines as efficiently as possible. The shipper can play a role and an equally important role in increasing car availability by seeing to it that cars are billed out when loaded and that cars are unloaded immediately at destination. The importance of this has come home to me sharply during this last week when I noticed one of our most modern box cars sitting in one location for five days and upon inquiry found that it was under constructive placement waiting for unloading by the shipper. When this sort of thing goes on the shipping public is in bad grace to lay total blame for inadequate car supply upon the carriers.

Since we have emphasized so strongly in the past a proper attitude and cooperation of railroad people toward the shipper, it is only fair to point out to those shippers who may read this column that it is a two-way street and that they have obligations also. The matter of shipper responsibility and proper shipper attitude came home to me with a jolt about two weeks ago in the course of dealing with one of the major manufacturers in our territory. It was concerned with the acquisition of valuable property, and in the course of trading, the remark was made to me that you ought to be willing to do so and so in view of "the business we give you." I daresay railroad men have heard this false argument until they are sick and tired of it but have seldom thought about its lack of truth and even less frequently pointed out the facts. Shippers do not "give" the railroad any business. They pay the railroad for performing a very valuable and sometimes invaluable service. That payment is too frequently far below the charge by the railroad's competition and invariably it is a fair payment in accord with duly published tariffs by the regulatory authorities. Neither does the railroad "give" any transportation to a shipper. It furnishes a valuable transportation service for monetary return presumed to be duly compensatory.

The foregoing remarks highlight, it seems to us, in a slightly different way the partnership which binds the fortunes of railroad men and major shippers so closely together that it is apparent that each has his responsibilities toward the other and each has the right to expect the other's deepest sympathy and fullest cooperation.

Maine Central management expects that its employees in every department and on every level will not merely cooperate and merely understand the problems of our customers, but will be aggressive in this cooperation and this understanding. Only by such action and such attitude can the shipping public in this area be best served and the tonnage on our rails approximate the maximum potential.

*E. Spencer Miller*

### It's Your Messenger

I am very proud this month to become editor of The Maine Central Messenger. As a railroad employee I know how much it means to be able to learn, through its pages, what our fellow workers all over the system are doing.

I shall continue to make it YOUR publication. Suggestions as to what you like about it, how you would suggest we improve it, or just plain "tips" on stories about Maine Central people will be welcomed.

Nathalie J. Alward



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# The Grapevine



**HAPPY DAYS, ELTA**—There were smiles all around and lots of good cheer when nearly fifty friends of Elta M. Benner gathered at the home of Myrtle and John Neilson for Elta's retirement party. The beautiful cake was only one of the lovely and visible tokens of the affection of her co-workers. After dinner, Elta opened packages containing a beaded white and floral pocketbook, professional hairdryer and a set of black onyx earrings and bracelet. There were also flowers for her. With a great deal of poise and natural charm, Elta thanked everyone and noted how much she has enjoyed her job in the Auditor Disbursements office over the past twenty-six years. Elta has no travel plans at present but says now it seems wonderful to be on her own schedule and adds she is looking forward to a pleasant summer and the good feeling of snuggling back under the blankets when the icy winds blow next winter. Myrt Neilson (left) with the guest of honor and Dot Hollywood (right).

## GENERAL OFFICES

Fred Wilson of the Disbursements Office was recently honored for his 25 years of service with the International Association of Reserve Police. He was awarded a medal and certificate by the Chief of Portland Police Douglas Steele at a dinner when the Portland Police Relief Association held their annual meeting and election of officers.

Bill and Ann Welch had an enjoyable week of vacation at Cape Cod. Bill visited the various golf courses and Ann took in all the gift shops. They were accompanied by Ann's brother and sister-in-law.

Paul Landry is on an early summer vacation doing necessary chores around the house.

Walter Provencher and family spent a week at Annapolis, Md. attending the graduation of son Michael from the Naval Academy. Many activities were planned for the parents of the graduates, and the Provenchers toured Washington on their return trip.

Two big events in the Disbursements office the same day!!! Elta Benner retired on Wednesday, June 4, and Charlie Anderson leaves for Europe for three weeks on the same date.

Dick Greene and his family spent the long Memorial Holiday weekend camping at Bear Lake, Sunacook, N. H., being joined by other family members.

Ed Libby of Marketing Department is really proving himself patriotic. He is giving one of his son's to Uncle Sam on July 4th!!! John Libby reports to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri on that day for a six month tour of duty as a member of the Army reserves.

Joe DiMauro recently did himself proud by qualifying for the City's Championship Golf Tourney. Joe was required to play a sudden death for 32nd position which completed the championship flight. By the time this sees print, the tourney will have been played, both qualifying rounds and Championship Playoff, and we will hope that Joe captures the trophy!

We wonder if:—

Forrest Ryder will ever complete the remodeling of his kitchen we've all heard so much about the past few months, and if he will hold open house so we may all admire his handiwork! !

Greg Savage will again journey to Boston on a warm Friday night to cheer the Red Sox to victory. Greg's presence at Fenway Park apparently set off a losing streak for that particular weekend. But Greg returned to work Monday morning convinced he was a jinx, especially so, when the Red Sox won their next game. C'est la vie! ! !

John Shaw will continue to mow his lawn in 90 degree temperatures. We have offered to enroll John in the Golden Ager's but John keeps insisting he is too young for that sort of thing.

Fay and George Marcroft, Bramhall Hill, had as a recent house guest for a week, George's brother, Karl from San Diego, California. Karl flew in from the eWst for reunion of his Class of 1943 at Dean Junior College in Franklin, Massachusetts. He says

one more sign of the ever changing times is the growth of the graduating class from 43 in 1943 to 1000 in 1949.

Arthur Palmer, his mother, and Fay and George Marcroft had a very pleasant trip to Cape Breton, N. S., through Maine and New Brunswick. George advises, for a beautiful ride, try the Cabot Trail and enjoy the hospitality of the owners of many luxurious motels and dining rooms in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. On their trip, George read road maps for Arthur . . . just ask Arthur, says George!

Eric Smith, Director Statistical Studies, recently attended a wedding in the Great Choir of Washington Cathedral, which he says was almost like a scene from a movie. He is looking forward to summertime visits to Katahdin Iron Works and Deer Isle. Bill Brownell, Manager of Cost Studies, is on vacation at this writing.

John Dresser, Marketing Analyst, and his wife have already spent a weekend camping in the White Mountains with their VW campmobile and are anticipating more trips.

Everett Goddard, Manager Car Accounting, and Eddie Westcott, Manager Car Utilization, along with others including retiree Carl Bruns, traveled to Seboomook at the upper end of Moosehead Lake on a fishing trip. They had an enjoyable trip and "pretty good luck."

Axel and Polly Hansen and Bob and Connie Grant went to Cape Cod over a weekend and had a wonderful time, sightseeing, eating and shopping in some nice places. Axel is in the Car Accounting Office and Bob is Claim Agent.

Sue and Larry Curry also spent a recent weekend at Cape Cod taking in the sights of Hyannisport while staying at Dennis. Sue works in Payroll Deductions. They traveled in their new navy blue Pontiac GTO convertible, really driving in style!



Mary and Vinnie Morse spent one week of their two weeks of vacation in Bermuda, everything being just perfect. They stayed at the Bermudiana Hotel in Hamilton, and did all the usual things that tourists do, including riding the motor-bikes around the Islands. The weather, food, service, and friendly people, are reason enough to enjoy it, without mentioning golfing, the night life, beautiful merchandise from all over the world in the stores, swimming, sightseeing, a photographer's paradise, and just listening to the many frogs and night birds in the evening. And a small but mighty sign—"LADIES! PLEASE—NO HAIR CURLERS!" When riding the motor bikes, there's one thought that occurs a good many times, "Good gosh! They're on the wrong side!"

## RIGBY YARDS



**FAREWELL TO FAY**—A friendly voice, familiar to brokers, stevedoring concern officials and many others along Portland's waterfront will be missed. Mrs. Fay Marcroft retired in June from her position as Marine Clerk of the Portland Terminal Company.

For the past ten years, Fay has handled import and export accounts and was held in high esteem by those she served so well. The name "Mrs. Marcroft" had become a watchword along "the Street" and ports on the Atlantic Coast.

Before entering the employ of the PTC., she was employed by Maine Central Railroad's late Director Blin Page, banker, lumberman and theater owner in Skowhegan.

A final bit of tribute to Fay was the letter she received from Paul A. Stearns, local manager of Jarka Corporation of New England, Complimenting her on the job she has done for all.

Head Clerk, Alice McLaughlin enjoyed a weekend at Eastport visiting her brother. During her stay she attended the graduation of her nephew James Archibald who graduated from Washington State College at Machias.

Billing Clerk, James Keegan visited Brooklyn, New York a couple of weeks back. Jim was catching up on some of his relatives.

Sympathy is expressed to Bob Presnell, Yard Master, West Yard, on the recent deaths of both his parents.

Yard Conductor Dick Curry's enjoying a week's vacation.

Junior McCarthy, Yard Conductor for relief crew No. 4 will be off for a while with a back injury.

Sympathy also is extended to the Caler brothers on the death of their father.

Morris Deering, Yard Master, West Yard, is on two week's vacation fishing at Deering Lake.

IBM Machine Operator, Arthur Liscomb had a week's vacation. Arthur finally got his chance to paint his apartment house.

Yard Conductor Johnny Broderick is vacationing. Johnny can be found at the Willowdale golf course, showing everyone how to drive a "long ball". Johnny how about a little reciting of "Caddy give me my driver".

George Bean, Jr. and Warren G. are off on a fishing trip. More fishermen are Leo Lamontage, Ernie Weymouth, and Gordon "Gordy" Densmore.

Yard Conductor Dave Gardner is off for a while with a bad shoulder.

## RIGBY

As this issue goes to press, many of our Rigby garden fans are enjoying the first results of their efforts, fresh garden peas.

Early vacationists are the following members of the Car Department: Carmen E. P. Murphy, Phillip Gilikson, William Harrigan, Gilbert Rounds, Linwood Libby, Michael Campbell, Raymond Harriman, George Colton, Phillip Sampson, Wayne Twombly, John Bennett, Edgar Dunham, and last but not least is Herbert Sampson, who vacationed in the Seboomie area, where he is building a hunting camp at North Bay, in readiness for fall hunting trips, with Carpenter Merle Cook's help.

"Don" Sinclair, Carpenter, General Office Building, representing the Iona Chapter, O.E.S., served on the Credential and Transportation committees for the 77th annual O.E.S. event, held at the Exposition Building recently.

Machinist, and Spare Foreman "Bob" Casey, is out on the golf course but his score seems to be a mystery, so he is the victim of considerable kidding.

Brakeman Dennis Wetmore had a spell of "double trouble" recently. His automobile was in a Rumford garage, undergoing minor repairs necessitated by an accident, when the garage was destroyed by fire. His car was a total loss.

Retired Section Foreman, Carlton Pooler paid us a visit during the month to see some of his old friends around Rigby.

"Music In Maine" was the theme, when the Deering High School Band played at an exchange concert in Machias, held at Washington State College. The band was represented by several employees' children.

Carman "Dick" Downes is looking for reasonable priced transportation these days. He is commuting to and from the job on a recently acquired motorcycle.

Carman Helper "Joe" Martell is looking forward to retirement, which will take place before this issue of the Messenger is distributed to the railroad people. "Joe" has over 40 years of service.

Carman Merle Cook, Jr. underwent surgery during the month, at a local hospital. He however is recuperating satisfactorily at this date.

The Portland High School band played an exchange engagement as the guests of band members of Orleans, Vermont High School. Many of our railroad employees' children participated.

Electrician "Bill" Danforth spent a few hours in a Boston hospital for observation; he is, however, back on the job at present.

Many of the Rigby group who have heard Paul Landry, General office, perform on the "Maine Line" radio program, playing his banjo, and electric guitar would like to congratulate him on his performance, and would like to hear more of the same.

Car Department mascot cat "Suzie" produced a litter of 3 kittens, admired by all animal-loving employees at that point.

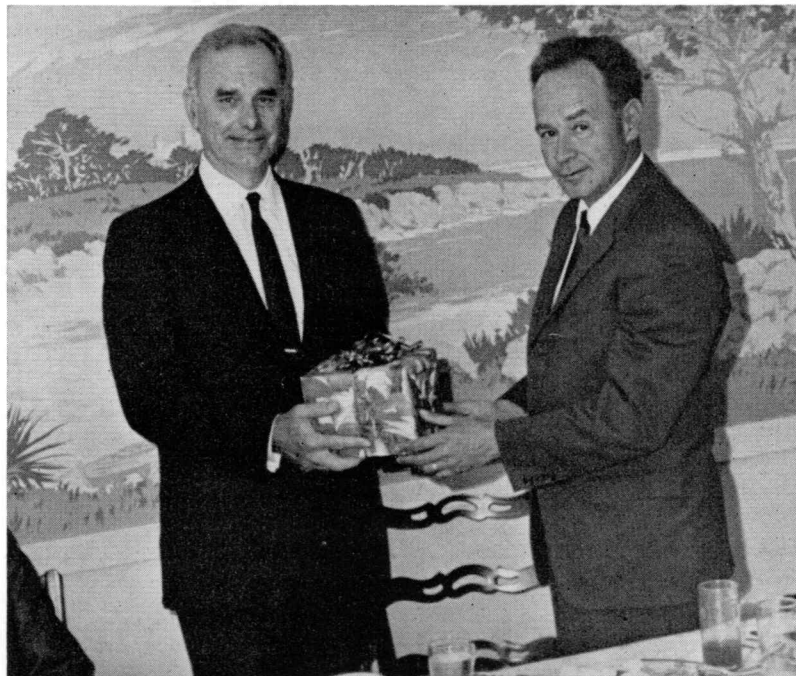
Former Engineer Leon Caler, 81, died after a long illness. He had been employed for 50 years on the railroad up to the time of his retirement. He was a member of Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers, serving as an officer in that organization.

Several of our "Isaac Walton" fans have had their fling at salmon fishing with fairly good luck, catching fish averaging 2½-5 pounds.

Foreman and Mrs. Charles Tetreault attended the graduation of their grandson, Eric Skoog, at the University of Maine, Orono. He was also a member of R.O.T.C., and was one of 40 students to be commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants.

Engine Dispatcher Charles Whitten is on vacation.

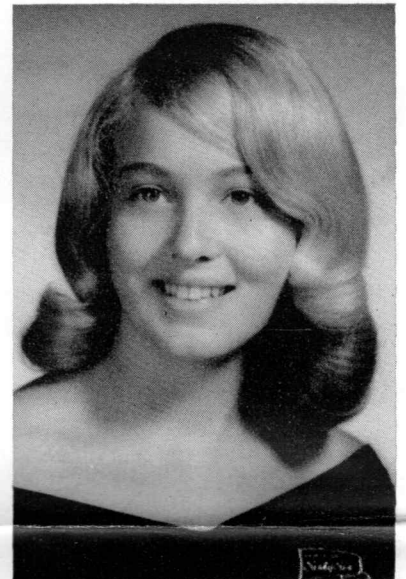
Chief Clerk Frank Garland says his Little Leaguers of Freeport are going "great guns" after a poor start, having won their last 4 games without too much trouble.



**BEST WISHES, JOE**—President E. S. Miller hands outgoing Director of Public Relations Joseph H. Cobb a gift as company officials honored him at a Cumberland Club luncheon. Presentation of a prized Canon camera and a colorful tribute written by Eric Smith were highlights of the occasion. Joe assumed his new post as Director of Public Relations for the Maine Medical Center on July 1st.

Charles Ready, Janitor and Custodian of the United States flag, which he raises every weekday, has purchased a new 1969 Ford "Fairlane". He has formerly been a Chevrolet fan.

Mrs. Caroline F. Garignan, 82, died at her home after a brief illness. She was survived by her husband, retired Engine Hostler, "Archie" Carignon, two sons Lucien, and Albert Carignon, both former railroad employees, as well as two daughters, 15 grandchildren, and 39 great grandchildren. A floral tribute was donated at the funeral services.

EASTERN  
SUB-DIVISION

**ENGAGED**—Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. McAllian of Bucksport have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann, to James Byron Wheelden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wheelden of Hampden Highlands.

Miss McAllian is a 1966 graduate of Bucksport High School. She is employed by Sylvania Electric Products Inc., of Bangor.

Mr. Wheelden is a 1967 graduate of Brewer High School, and is employed by the Maine Central Railroad.

Enjoying vacation during May:

At Bangor: Mrs. A. T. Sullivan, Asst. Cashier, Freight Office; Crossingtender C. C. Jackson; Crossingtender W. H. Golden; Crossingtender H. Teuber; Third Trick Clerk-Telegrapher E. E. Morse; Relief Operator P. F. Wallace; Yardmaster W. E. Keyser; Yardmaster W. P. Moon and Yardmaster L. E. Crocker.

At Vanceboro, Operator R. J. McKinnon; Yard Clerk C. W. Bers.

At Bucksport, Relief Operator G. H. Dumas.

At Columbia Falls, Agent W. I. Leighton.

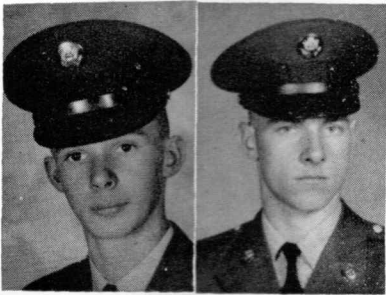
At Dennysville, Agent H. B. Brown, Jr.

Laughton J. Jewett, Rate Clerk, Bangor Freight Office attended Army Reserve Summer Camp for two weeks, at Fort Eustis, Va. Laughton also took a week and planted his vegetable garden, and did some carpenter work around home.

Richard A. Burnham, Road Conductor, attended Army Reserve Summer Camp for two weeks, at Fort Eustis.



Harrison Pomeroy, Cashier, Bangor Freight Office, who injured his knee May 23, has returned from the Eastern Maine General Hospital and now is convalescing at home. A speedy recovery Harrison.



Jim

Maurice

**AIR FORCE BROTHERS**—Friends and relatives of Bangor Yard Section Foreman and Mrs. Maurice D. Blanchard of Herman have cause for celebration this summer. Their son, Air Force Sgt. Jimmy Blanchard, left, was home recently on leave from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he is an instructor in heavy equipment. He has served two tours of duty in Viet Nam since graduation from Herman High School. Due home soon is Jimmy's brother, Maurice, Jr., right, now training and stationed at the same base.



**FINAL "OS" BY BURDWOOD**—General Superintendent A. N. Tupper was on hand as Alfred K. Burdwood, veteran train dispatcher, took his final "on sheet" report prior to retirement early in June following 51 years of railroading. A Gorham native, Burdwood served as agent and telegraph operator at most of the stations on Maine Central's Mountain Sub-division before becoming a dispatcher in the railroad's Portland offices in 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Burdwood live at 36 Thornton Avenue, South Portland.

## WATERVILLE STATION

Section Foreman Ralph L. Stevens, Belgrade, age 68, retired recently after completing 46 years of service. He began as trackman at Readfield, and has been section foreman at Belgrade for the past 25 years.

Trackman Lewis Paradis, Waterville, age 65, retired June 9th, after 17 years of service.

Work Equipment Maintainer Cecil Beal, Bangor, has returned to work.

Asst. to Supvr. Work Equipment, Al Henderson, Waterville, spent two weeks vacation in Canada.

Out account accident injuries are Trackmen Ted Brown, Skowhegan and Dick Palmer, Waterville.

Out sick are Track Foreman Joe Doyon, Oakland, Bob Bennett, Burnham, Ralph Hall, Livermore Falls; Trackman Vic Thompson, Hartland and Scale Inspector Basil Coggins, Waterville.

Former Track Supvr. Maurice Thorne visited the office force recently, after having spent the winter months in Arizona.

Denise and John Belanger motored to Connecticut the long Memorial weekend to attend the wedding of John's brother.

Clerk Larry Ridley and Chief Clerk Denis Chamberlain were first to take summer vacations from the Freight Office. Larry and Connie spent the week at their Moosehead camp. Denis traveled to Canada fishing, returning to his home on the Oakland road, where he can be found building a house-boat.

Basil Higgins, Clerk Yard Office, entered the golf tournament in Bangor the first of June. Basil now admits he is "not as young as he used to be."

## WATERVILLE SHOPS

Foreman Wade Richardson has recently been in Connecticut inspecting machinery for possible shop use.

Carman Ralph Roberts has a new Pontiac Bonneville and will give it the break-in test with a trip to Tennessee on vacation.

Stores Laborer Dave Dulac has recently been in Illinois and Indiana inspecting box cars for possible lease by the Maine Central.

Carman Helper Stanley Mills has a new Chevrolet.

Roger St. Amand has graduated from Thomas College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education, and has accepted a teaching position at Quimby Elementary School in Bingham as a science teacher. During the summer, he's going to fill in on vacations as checker and bill rack clerk. He is presently covering for Basil Higgins, who is on vacation.

We have to date two new trainees in our area. They are E. J. Norman and C. A. Higgins, son of engineer Al Higgins of WS-1 and SW-2.

Jim Merrill, swing operator, was on



**VETERAN CHIEF CLERK RETIRES**—J. E. Buzzell, left, superintendent car maintenance, congratulates Chief Clerk Charles H. Loftus, Bangor, on his retirement. T. S. Jewett, right, general foreman, car department, Bangor, sits in for the occasion.

vacation recently, and none other than our old standby, buddy, Doug Carter, was filling in. "Doug" is quite busy these days filling in for vacations. "Keeps me out of mischief", he says.

Gerry Dessent, former conductor of Switcher No. 3 at Rumford was bunted by P. P. Gallant and is doing road spare work.

R. J. Laliberte, 1st trick yardmaster, had a busy weekend with company. His two daughters, each accompanied by 3 children and husband more than filled the house. He and his wife graciously offered to spend the night in Skowhegan at his sister-in-law's, to add to the available space.

Raleigh Williams, Conductor of Switcher No. 10, says that "Speedy" Messier, Conductor of Relief Switcher No. 2, has driven the Fox out of the green chair so he could take over on Wednesday nights. He likes to hold the reigns too, so he says.

P. L. "Speedy" Messier is taking up a new hobby. His wife bought him a submarine watch for Father's Day.

"Connie" Mason, swing checker and billrack clerk has announced a new addition to his family. It's a boy. The name is "Jeffrey John".

Someone was asking Gene LaLiberte if he had seen the movie "The Longest Day", a war movie. He said no, but he has spent many "Long Days" with P. L. Messier on Relief Switcher No. 2.

Karen Clark was called from Riley to cover a Switcher at Waterville recently due to shortage of engineers.



By Harold C. Clark

Past President and Mrs. Horace A. Knowles, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and celebrated by buying a new Chevrolet. Best wishes for many more happy years.

Mrs. Gladys Wansky is pleasantly situated as a resident of The Baptist Hospital, Chestnut Hill, Mass. She is quite contented and has been taking ceramics as a hobby. The Association send their best wishes.

Mr. John Keating, is a patient in the Mercy Hospital, having suffered a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Carignan have been visiting thir daughter, Mrs. Doris Cyr, Southington, Conn.

We were sorry to hear that Mr. Clyde Caswell, retired Maine Central freight conductor, died June 14th at Veterans Hospital, Togus, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Briggs, of Hersey Street have returned from a 10-day vacation at West Palm Beach, Florida. While there they stayed at the Ramada Inn.

This will be my last issue of writing the Veterans column in the Messenger so kindly send future news and notices to: Harold R. Kenniston, 72 Bancroft Street, Portland, Maine. Tel. 775-1244. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

**Piggyback**—from page 1)

"We can now offer faster placement with one of the 200 new 'Piggyback' trailers to most points in Maine. Delivery points have now been established at hundreds of cities and towns in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. We are rapidly progressing extension of the plan to other areas. We also, of course, have other 'Piggyback' plans which have been in operation for some time to most other sections of the country."

**Impossible**—from page 1)

themselves and still came back with \$10 apiece from their savings.

The drive back was planned the same way, a change of drivers every two hours for a round trip totalling 2148 miles.

Colorful programs and stories from the Indianapolis Star are some of their mementos which make interesting reading for fans and non-fans alike. And it all goes to show you can make a dream come true if you want to.

A interesting postscript note is the endurance record set by Bob Lewis.

Arriving in Portland from the trip, Bob changed cars and drove seven hours to Moncton, New Brunswick to attend a Lions International convention there.

**RETIREMENTS**

Elta M. Benner, machine operator, Portland, June 4.

Joseph E. Bouchard, superintendent, Portland, May 1.

Alfred K. Burdwood, dispatcher, Portland, May 31.

Richard F. Calden, locomotive engineer, Portland, May 30.

Rosario J. Demers, machinist, Lewiston, May 28.

Charles H. Loftus, chief clerk, Bangor, June 4.

Fay L. Marcroft, marine clerk, Portland, June 4.

**DEATHS**

David V. Birmingham, cook, Waterville.

**NOTE OF THANKS**

Charles H. Loftus, Chief Clerk, Bangor Car Department, who retired June 4, after more than 45 years service, wishes to thank all his friends who contributed to his retirement gift and who sent him cards.



**MESSENGER EDITORS AT ANNUAL MEETING**—Smith's Farm, West Falmouth was the scene of the regular yearly conference of those responsible for producing the Maine Central Messenger. It was also an opportunity for the newly-appointed Director of Public Relations to meet the staff. From left to right (seated) Mrs. Marion Stevens, auditor of revenues office; Mrs. Anne Cross, marketing secretary; Mrs. Myrtle Neilson, secretary, auditor of disbursements office; Mrs. Beverly Cook, Waterville Freight Offices; Mrs. Mary Morse, signal clerk, Portland; Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, car utilization office; Mrs. Kay Jameson, secretary to assistant superintendent, Bangor; Mrs. Alice Allen, secretary to comptroller and treasurer, Portland. (Standing) Miss Nathalie J. Alward, Director of Public Relations; Wendell B. Lewis, agent, Rockland; G. K. Stevens, parts shop foreman, Waterville; Arthur Doucette, yard brakeman, Waterville, Horace Rodrigue, cashier, Augusta freight office; Robert S. Thing, agent, Brunswick; W. Gerald Shea, assistant to manager, car accounting, Portland; Harold C. Clark, past president Railroad Veterans; Albert B. Wetmore, retired welder, Rigby and Herbert L. Baldwin, public relations consultant, Lincoln, Mass. Mrs. Joan Green, Rigby Yard Office was on vacation

**Many Receive Service Awards**

The following Maine Central and Portland Terminal employees have been presented 25-year service buttons.

C. B. Bannon, yard clerk, Bangor; S. A. Bell, towerman, Clinton; R. S. Bonney, agent, Greene; Robert S. Bonney, trackman, Rockland; Raymond Burke, Jr., section foreman, South Windham; Frank Coffin, Jr., signal maintainer, Brunswick; Milton Coombs, machinist, Portland; P. J. Davidson, clerk, Oakland; Earl H. Dorr, section foreman, Cherryfield; D. A. Dudley, conductor, Bartlett, N. H.; Roger Dudley, road hostler, Portland.

L. A. Durant, yard conductor, Brewer; Arno L. Ellis, signal supervisor, Bangor; Kenneth Gillis, machinist, Portland; Chester Haskell, trackman, Waterville; Elbert Kennedy, track clerk, Portland; M. R. Landry, telegrapher, Bangor; D. P. Looby, market manager, Bangor; Edward McCafferty, section foreman, Winn; Edward McCausland, plumber, Bangor; Wilson McCray, signal maintainer, Lewiston; Mary E. Morse, clerk, Portland.

Richard Nealley, trackman, Sawyers River; H. O. Preble, clerk-operator, Bath; Adelard Provencher, trackman, Lewiston;

R. L. Spaulding, regional manager, Bangor; C. A. Smith, road conductor, Calais; John Sullivan, machinist, Portland; R. S. Thing, general agent, Brunswick; J. N. Vigue, yardmaster, Waterville; F. T. Warren, agent, Hiram; Shirley Wilson, secretary, Portland.

**Scorecard**—from page 3)

Central were Jim Green, BAR, Class "A", for longest drive, and Charley Wilson, Jr., MEC, won Class "B". Nearest the pin on the short second hole-Knight Ashton, BAR, 6' 4", Hugh Goodness, BAR, 10' 9", and in Class "C", Owen Gould, BAR, 22'.

Ben Whitney, retired Maine Central employee from Bangor, won a special prize for being the

oldest contestant, and George Phillips, MEC, Cape Elizabeth, won the award for travelling the farthest distance.

Howard L. Cousins, Jr., Vice-President-Marketing of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, who was in charge of their second Annual Tournament, did an outstanding job along with his Committee. This event, which only had 48 players last year, had 33 BAR employees, 41 MEC, 9 P.T. Co., 2 Penn Central, 1 each from the D&H and CP, for a total of 88.

The E. Spencer Miller Golf Tournament will be held at Fairlawn again this year the latter part of September. Look for date and entry blank in next month's MESSENGER.

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