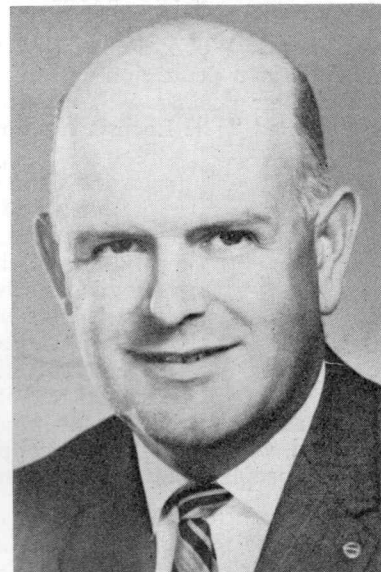


**MAINE GUIDE CANDIDATE**—Some fishermen wait a lifetime for a salmon this size; others have beginner's luck. Steven Goodin, six-year-old son of Conductor and Mrs. Leo J. Goodin, hooked and landed the 5½ pound salmon his first time out at Branch Lake in Ellsworth. The beauty was 25½ inches long. Steven's father is Conductor of Switcher No. 3, Bangor Yard.

## A. M. Knowles And G. H. Ellis Elected Vice Presidents



KNOWLES



ELLIS

Election of Archibald M. Knowles as corporate Vice President and George H. Ellis as Vice President - Traffic and Marketing, Maine Central Railroad, was announced following a meeting of the board of directors July 30 in Portland.

Knowles has been general counsel since 1952 and a member of the board of directors of both Maine Central and Portland Terminal Company since 1968. He will continue to head the railroad's legal department. As corporate Vice President, he succeeds Vice President Sumner S. Clark of Portland, who has retired for health reasons.

A member of the Maine and Massachusetts Bar Associations, Knowles is a member of Maine Masonic bodies, past president of the Portland Lions Club and is a former chairman of the Falmouth Town Council.

Ellis served ten years in the accounting department of the Boston and Maine Railroad before joining Maine Central in 1955. He was named Assistant Vice President of the Marketing Department in March 1967 after serving as Freight Traffic Manager since June, 1966.

A Waltham, Mass. native, Ellis has been active in Portland civic affairs and served as President of

Portland YMCA. He is a past president and past district governor of Lions International.

Clark's resignation closes a railroad career with Maine Central which commenced in 1946 with his appointment to the legal department. He was named general attorney in 1952 and assistant to the president of Maine Central and Portland Terminal Company in 1955.

A graduate of Thornton Academy in 1936, the University of Maine in 1940 and Harvard Law School in 1943, Clark served in World War II as a Navy lieutenant with combat duty in the Atlantic and Pacific war theaters. Elected to the Portland City Council in 1956, he was reelected for a second term in 1959. He is president of the board of trustees of Waynflete School; trustee, Thornton Academy, Saco; and a director of Maine Savings and Loan Association and the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Clark is a member of the American, Maine and Cumberland County Bar Associations, the Masonic bodies, State Street Congregational Church and is a former director of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce.

## New Electronic Calculators Speed Work

A pair of electronic calculators, small as a childhood pencilbox, and nearly as modern as moon walks are now providing increased efficiency in Maine Central offices.

One of the two desk-top keyboard units has been installed in the Office of Car Accounting and Statistics; the other will be used on a shared time basis in the Freight Revenue Office, to increase efficiency and speed in connection with abstract work, and in the Statistical Studies and Cost Research Department, in relation with special studies and actuarial computations.

The Wang calculators are

named for their inventor Dr. An Wang, a brilliant scientist who came to the U.S. in 1945 on a scholarship to earn his doctorate at Harvard.

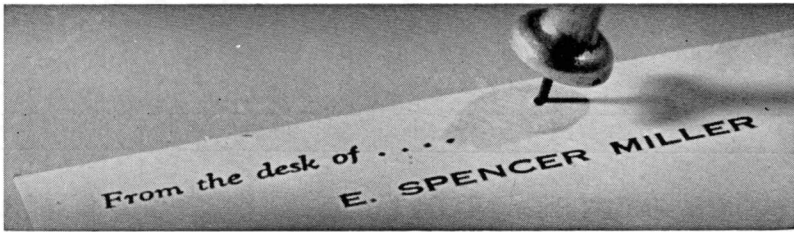
The calculators are as easy to use as a 10-key adding machine and can add, subtract, store and recall data at rapid speeds without error.

The solid-state units operate in conjunction with a central processor, installed in a room free from moisture and temperature change. The central calculator unit can handle four desk keyboards for continuous fulltime, independent operations or eight desk keyboards on a shared-time basis. Attractive features of the calculators are their portability, high speed and the variety of jobs they can do.

There is also a wide range of supplementary equipment which can be added to the initial system, providing great savings since

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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

**The Locusts Find Their King**

Thomas Wolfe, the great American novelist, wrote a book during the American depression entitled "You Can't Go Home Again" and one chapter dealing with unfortunate victims of economic collapse was entitled "The Locusts Have no King." It was a sad story of the



aimless and hopeless lives of people in the cheap tenement districts of South Brooklyn caught up in a disaster not of their making. Despite the hopelessness of the time, America was basically great, strong and vital and, as we all know, made a tremendous economic comeback, raising standards of living for all to heights which the world had never before witnessed. Contributing to the astounding revival was the recognition that labor is an essential partner of capital and its management and entitled to fair rewards for its contributions. This recognition led to increased wages and a relative purchasing power far greater than laboring people possessed in the prosperous days of the Twenties.

It is unfortunate that politicians in the democratic system undertook to exploit this progress of labor for their own personal gains and to write it into successful election campaigns, encouraging labor to believe that all it had to do was insist on higher wages to be better off. In recent years, because all segments of labor have received across the board more and more dollars in compensation without more and more hours of hard work and productivity, the inevitable has happened, namely that as wages have gone up, costs of living have gone up even more because all of the factors of such costs have naturally increased too, and so the great segment of the American public finds itself actually worse off financially with the passing of each month.

These comments are illustrated by the following tabulation from the Wall Street Journal:

The table below traces recent average weekly earnings of a non-supervisory worker in private industry with three dependents—the worker defined as "typical" in Labor Department studies. The table also traces these weekly earnings expressed in terms of 1957-59 dollars, after Federal income and Social Security tax payments have been subtracted.

	Weekly Pay	Weekly Purchasing Power
September .....	\$110.87	\$79.86
October .....	110.38	79.10
November .....	109.38	78.48
December .....	110.46	78.64
January .....	110.33	77.95
February .....	110.48	77.73
March .....	112.05	78.07
April .....	112.13	77.62

The latest weekly pay figure of \$112.13 is a record and no doubt suggests continuing good times to anyone taking a cursory glance at the nation's economic condition. But the latest purchasing-power figure of \$77.62 not only is \$2.24 below the September total but is below the yearly averages for 1968 (\$78.81), for 1967 (\$78.13), for 1966 (\$78.39) and for 1965 (\$78.53). The new Maine income tax will push labor's purchasing power still lower.

Having exploited labor, the politicians, the radicals (who prefer to call themselves liberals and advocates of a democratic society) and a host of do-gooders, whom collectively we may term "locusts" have in recent years, in the belief that labor is safely on their side, turned to exploitation of the poor, the unfortunate, the unfit, the un-

worthy and the just plain lazy. This they see as a new reservoir of votes and a new power base and so we have had increasing waves of enormous expenditures of money taken from the hardworking, the fit and the able, to support the unfit on an hitherto undreamed of scale in the world and often without rhyme, reason or merit. One of the cruelest results of this situation is the destruction of incentive in the unfortunate to rise above their present situation. America was made great by poor boys who sold newspapers on trains and eventually came to be captains of industry and commerce. That incentive which produced this greatness would be killed in the cradle by such hare-brained schemes as to give every child in Portland's West End an allowance of \$25 a month. Another deeply disturbing phenomenon is the tremendous increase in the number of State, Federal and other governmental employees who make their livings from administering the taking of money from the fit and industrious and the giving of money to the unfit and the lazy. This is another band of locusts, self-perpetuating and increasing, from which politicians hope to draw support to continue themselves in office and which exists as a cloud of parasites draining the lifeblood from a basically healthy America.

It is elementary that a decent standard of living and a happy life, with leisure time, for the great mass of Americans can only be accomplished through a partnership of management and labor which is dedicated and productive and when each obtains a fair return for its industry and intelligent efforts. The passage by the 104th Legislature of an income tax bill is a serious blow to labor which has already seen the purchasing power of its dollar eroded by profligate governmental spending at home and abroad. It is equally destructive to capital and those people managing it and, worst of all, it takes from both labor and the managers of capital, savings which could and would be spent to provide new facilities and new jobs, and wastes them.

The locusts have now found their king and that king is none other than SOCIALISM and Socialism is only a modified form of Communism under which private initiative, personal desire to achieve, ownership of private property, rights to act and think as individuals, would all go down the drain.

*E. Spencer Miller*



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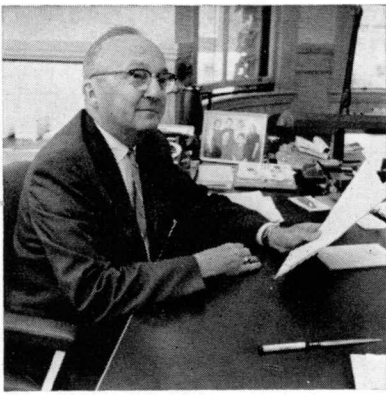
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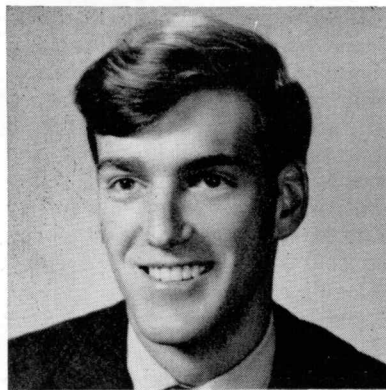


FOSTER

## Horace N. Foster Recieves AAR Post At Annual Session

Third highest honor in the field of railroad accounting came to Maine Central Railroad Comptroller and Treasurer Horace N. Foster with his election as Second Vice Chairman of the Accounting Division of the Association of American Railroads Economics and Finance Department at its annual meeting in St. Paul, Minn. recently.

The election automatically places Foster on the Executive Committee of the Division. By precedent, the Second Vice Chairman usually succeeds, in two years, to the post of Chairman of the Division, heading its executive and general committees, which serve as contact between American railroads and government agencies in matters pertaining to railroad accounting and finance. Foster is the first Maine Central chief accounting officer to be so honored in the 74-years history of the AAR Accounting Division.



PREP SCHOOL GRAD—Michael J. Bouchard, son of McC Conductor and Mrs. J. Edgar Bouchard, was graduated from St. John's Prep School, Danvers, Mass. and has been accepted at St. Francis College, Biddeford.

## Engineer's Sons Keen Competitors In Soap Box Derby

There's one redeeming feature about losing . . . in any competition. If you can sort out fact from emotion, recognize strengths and weaknesses, you've got a better than average chance of landing at the top next time out.

And 14 year old Kurt Nielsen is not giving up.

In June, the Lyman Moore Jr. High ninth grader went into the Soap Box Derby pretty sure he would win. Always interested in cars of all types, Kurt had his heart set on coming out on top at the first clinics, sponsored by Chevrolet, to teach 11 to 15 year olds how to construct a car and compete.

Inspired by Kurt, 12 year old Lief of Lyseth School followed suit.

One of the toughest problems was constructing the car. The floorboard is the basic part, then there are bulkheads for body shape, steering wheel, axles, wheels, brake, and last to go on, the body covering. Kurt's real waterloo was getting the brake right. In an initial test, he discovered there was not enough pressure, so he had to go to a different type. It took three tries to get it just the way he wanted it.

Spurring both boys on was the opportunity for a \$500. scholarship given in Portland and the chance to go to Akron, Ohio to vie for \$7,500 worth of scholarships.

Dad and Mom supplied plenty of encouragement and interest, but the boys had to do the job on their own, a lesson in itself.

Final touch for Kurt was the application of paint, gold and green—the MEC colors.

The course was at Westcott Road, South Portland and the derby competitions ran from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The youngsters were placed in A, B & C categories according to age and size.

Lief held his own in the Class B championships; Kurt did well but was eliminated up near the finals in Class C. The rules say the soap box entry can weigh 250 lbs. including the weight of the driver. Kurt's weight was 201 lbs. and the winner had a total weight of 250 lbs. His Dad believes Kurt could win next year



READY FOR ACTION—Lief, left, and Kurt, sons of MEC Engineer and Mrs. Christian C. Nielsen, 285 Allen Ave., Portland are set to go in the spanking new soap box cars each made. Kurt placed fourth in his class as Maine Central entry in the anual Southern Maine Soap Box Derby in June, sponsored by the Westbrook Jaycees.

if he brings the weight of the car up. And he says it was good experience for both youngsters. The boys are too busy swim-

ming, playing ball and camping out to think about next year, but chances are they'll be in there with everything they've got.

### RETIREMENTS

- Emery, Walter O., Electrician, Portland, July 2.
- Holbrook, Gertrude C., Secretary, Portland, June 18.
- Scott, Herman A., Tel. Car Dist., Portland, May 31.
- Shaw, R. M., Engineer, Bangor, June 30.
- Stevens, Ralph L., Foreman, Belgrade, May 31.

### DEATHS

- Coates, Ernest A., Carman, Portland, June 27.
- Miller, Elmer L., Yard Brake-man, Portland Terminal, May 30.
- Snell, John E., Chief Clerk of Payroll Dept., July 17.
- Urann, Asa W., Section Foreman, Ellsworth, May 9.

*Formerly Harold Foster's Secretary*



PRETTY PEGGY IS MISS DERBY DAY—Peggy McAleer, left, daughter of Machinist and Mrs. J. E. McAleer of Waterville, was chosen from ten contestants as Miss Derby Day at the annual Sigma Chi Derby Day at the University of Maine, Orono. A member of Phi Mu Sorority, Peggy received a floral tribute and silver bowl as she was crowned by a sorority sister, last year's queen, Miss Bonnie Hill.

## Meet The Voice



From time to time in the future The Messenger will present photos of some of the women and men with whom many of Maine Central's family converse, frequently, but never have seen. This offers a timely introduction of Sonia Pease, new secretary in the Public Relations Department, who took over the job June 25. Sonia was graduated from Bonny Eagle High School in Standish. She was employed for three years at the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, leaving to take her present post.



The Messenger staff and editor welcome this month a new Veterans column writer, Harold R. Keniston, replacing Harold C. Clark to bring us news of the retired employees.

There will be no meeting of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans during August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 28.

Robert H. Jenkins, grandson of Herbert E. Jenkins of Falmouth, graduated from University of Maine, Portland, on June 7 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He majored in Mathematics and minored in History. He is married to the former Miss Karen M. Hall of Portland and they have a daughter, Judith Marie.

On July 1, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Jenkins of Falmouth celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary with a dinner party at

the Stowe House, Brunswick. Attending were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Jenkins of Falmouth, their granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Mestetsky of Easton, Pa., and their grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Jenkins of Portland, and their great grandchildren, Elisa and Edmund Mestetsky and Judith Jenkins.

Albert E. Parent, retired conductor from Lancaster, N. H. was in Portland for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. King, Jr., and family are spending weekends at their camp in Bucksport.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Healey celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on June 29.

Voted into membership at the recent meeting of Railroad Veterans were Alice M. Jenkins, longtime stenographer at Waterville and in the general office building, Portland and Millard L. Storer, former telegraph operator for the B&M.

## Park Receives MeC Promotion

Appointment of Stewart P. Park, Jr. to the post of assistant chief mechanical officer-mechanical engineer has been announced by R. F. Dole, chief mechanical officer.

Park joined the Maine Central in 1962 as assistant mechanical engineer following his graduation from Columbia University and service in the equipment maintenance department of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He was named assistant superintendent at Waterville Shops in March 1965, and became mechanical engineer in Portland in 1966.

Park is married to the former Margaret Staton of Portland. The Parks and their sons, Kevin age

two and one-half, and David, one, reside in New Gloucester.



PARK

## Sitting In Another Chair

As I enter the second month of my new job as Editor of the MESSENGER, my mind is crowded with hundred of impressions, many questions and a few obvious but profound truths. One of these is that the problems of management and labor do not differ so greatly at all. At the risk of over-simplifying, I have come to see that each of us on the railroad is faced with his own set of problems to solve and, for the solutions, must look within himself, keeping in the foreground new possibilities that open daily for doing his job better. Both segments exist to serve; each has valuable contributions to make to the other.

Musing in my own small way on the problems of the "front office," I sense the need for our industry's management to remain unhampered by government restrictions in order to continue to build a secure future for its stockholders and employees. The inequities in government handling also have been brought into focus in new ways to me.

A case in point is Federal spending on one of the newer forms of transportation—the aviation industry. At present, 70 percent of government outlay in this category comes out of general tax revenues—the income taxes that you and I pay out of private incomes and taxes which the railroads pay. In recent years we have been paying for modernized airways and bigger airports.

By contrast, the nation's railroads were built through the efforts of creative and courageous men who risked life and fortune to span the country by rail. Railroads are still paying their own way and courage as well as business acumen is still required to make the needed thrust into the 21st century.

While railroaders were hard at it in recent weeks, audible howls went up from all quarters in the airline industry in protest of the Nixon Administration's \$5-million improvement program. Aviation lobbyists representing the airlines, private pilots, large aircraft manufacturers and airport operators were uniquely in accord and on record against the President's plan. Largest irritation in the ten-year program from their standpoint is the way aviation funds would be spent. The administration insists that the Government's investment responsibilities include control towers and runways but that Uncle Sam will not pay for waiting rooms, cocktail lounges, baggage counters and ticket offices, all of which produce substantial revenues for the operator.

The railroad industry, meanwhile, seeks to chart a course making use of the most effective tools at its disposal without risking the danger of losing precious freedom.

In a democracy, each individual and group forged together to meet common goals, be it family or industrial complex, must contribute to the costs of remaining free, but the times and the taxpayers are demanding a closer look at the way our money is being spent—including subsidy for our competition with our tax dollars.

Nathalie J. Alward



# The Grapevine



**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT J. HAWKES**—The marriage of Miss Patricia Nobert to Robert J. Hawkes, son of Auditor Revenue and Freight Claims and Mrs. Clifford Hawkes, Bayview Estates, Raymond, was solemnized June 21 at St. Ignatius Church, Sanford, Maine. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard E. Nobert of Sanford. A graduate of Sanford High School and the University of Maine, Mrs. Hawkes will begin an assistant professorship at Orono in the fall and study for a Master's Degree. Hawkes, a graduate of Deering High School, is a senior at the University of Maine. Following a wedding trip to Bar Harbor, the newlyweds moved to their Bangor residence.

## GENERAL OFFICES

Margaret Foley, stenographer, of the Mechanical Department, and husband, had a most enjoyable and relaxing vacation in Bermuda. Beautiful weather, moderate temperature and fine hospitality featured their stay of eight days at the Bermudiana Hotel on this Cinderella Island.

The visit coincided with the arrival of the famous summer flowers. The oleander and the hibiscus were just coming into full bloom and blanketed the island with their beauty and delicate fragrance.

Nature and British ingenuity have continued to make this island a picture book paradise. Modern airconditioned shops, hotels, night spots, popular golf courses, villages steeped in tradition and flower bedecked rustic areas constitute a package designed to accommodate the many and divergent tastes of the tourists.

Lou Davis and his wife, Marcella, on a summer vacation and expect to tour into western Mass. where they can look at cut glass articles. Marcella has a lovely collection and likes to keep adding to it.

Reg Libby and wife recently returned from a motor trip to Montreal, Canada.

Bob Clarke on vacation attending summer camp at Fort Meade, Virginia.

Lennie Sanborn also on vacation—getting caught up on chores around the house.

Mert Neilson has sold her home on Stevens Avenue and is now residing at her summer camp at Little Sebago Lake. Directions to it on request.

Lil and Larry Smyth on vacation—doing the beaches and chores around the house. Also visiting in Mass. where their daughter resides.

PT Bookkeeper and Mrs. George R. Lowell of South Portland visited in July their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ian B. Lindsey in Kingston, New York to become acquainted with their first granddaughter, Jennifer Ann, born June 25.

Eric Smith, Director Statistical Studies, is on a 3-weeks trip to Italy where he plans to visit Rome, Naples, Pompeii and Paestum (where there are Greek Temples of pre-Roman age). He plans to see the ruins of classic Rome and the great structures of the modern city including St. Peter's.

Stan Watson, Office Assistant to the Comptroller, and his wife Toni spent the last two weeks of July leisurely cruising the coast of Maine in their boat.

Assistant Treasurer and Mrs. Horace M. Budd recently attended the Kiwanis Convention at Miami, Florida and then spent 4 very pleasant days at Freeport in the Bahamas.

Mrs. Carol Bragdon dropped in for a call and to resign from her position as stenographer, Eng. Dept., which Helen Baker has been filling while Carol has been on leave. Best wishes, Carol!

Mrs. Helen Baker, stenographer, having finished her six months fill-in for Carol, also resigned. We will miss them.

Signal Supervisor Herb Sullivan and wife Charlotte had a cottage at Sebago for their two week's vacation.

Also on vacation with their families are J. O. Born, R. M. Aylward, H. A. Ames, R. A. Jackson, Dick Estey, Charlie Jackson, J. Emmons Lancaster, Robert Brewster, Wendell Quimby, Larry Caret, Eddie Davis, Stan Jordan and Alice Eliason.

John Stanford, Signal Engineer, recently won about \$20 on three 2-ball golf contests at Willowdale. And he hasn't been playing very long, either.

Dottie Proctor and husband George entertained their daughter and son-in-law for the weekend and enjoyed "Music in the Air" at the Brunswick Music Theatre.

Percy Maxfield, Auditor Revenue's office, has been on vacation and spent some time at his camp.



**GONE FISHIN'**—After 25 years of service with the Maine Central Railroad as a fireman, and then as an electrician for the Portland Terminal, Walter O. Emery retired July 2. His many friends contributed toward a purse of money, which J. F. Stanford, signal engineer, presented to him, along with a Twenty-five year pin. Members of the Signal Dept. are pictured with him at this event. Left to right, Mary Morse, J. F. Stanford, J. P. Small, Walter himself, Ray Ryder, W. O. Quimby, A. B. Wetmore, Jr. and H. D. Sullivan. Walter and Mrs. Walter have a hunting and fishing lodge near Greenville, Maine where they intend to spend a good part of their time. Good luck, Walter!

Walter Provencer, assistant Auditor Disbursement, recently was a patient at the Maine Medical Center having undergone minor surgery.

Bob Rounds of Disbursements spent a weekend in June at Madawaska attending the American Legion State of Maine Convention.

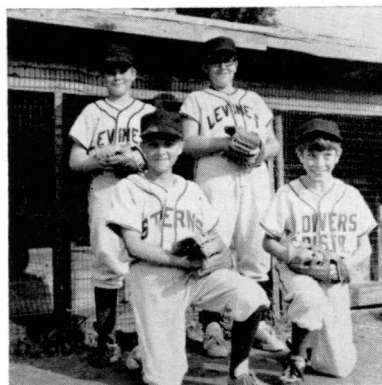
"Tug" Wilson was at summer camp at Camp Drum, New York, with the Hospital Division of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Paul M. Stanley, son of Chief Statistician and Mrs. Merrill B. Stanley, was graduated from Rhode Island School of Design in Providence recently. His art work has been seen and admired by several General Office employees.

Delores and George Stanley recently motored to visit relatives in Ohio, and among other activities attended the horse races. Dee is very partial to horses.

Wes Martin's home has suddenly quieted down this summer. Daughter Beth, while taking a nursing course at Westbrook Jr. College, has been taking summer training at Togus Hospital. Daughter Diane, has been visiting her brother Robert and family, in Cumberland, Maryland.

Phil and Glenda Lentz dropped in for a visit while home from Germany for a month's vacation, with their four children. They have signed up for two more years. Phil was formerly with the Signal Dept. in the Drafting Room.



**ALL-STARS**—Four boys of Waterville Yard employees, chosen as Little League All-Stars in the Waterville National League. Left to right, kneeling, David Doucette, son of Yard Brakeman A. L. Doucette, Michael Columbre, son of Ray Columbre, Engineering Department, back row, left to right, Robert Knight, son of Bob Knight, Car Cleaner and Janitor, Waterville Yard, and Ricky Harding, son of Richard Harding, Waterville Section.

The men who help the Boy Scouts deserve a lot of credit! To help the Boy Scouts in Troop 39 from Scarborough, pass their Railroad Merit Badge Course J. E. Lancaster, Jr., Supv'r. B&B, Richard Greene, Clerk Time Keeper, Payroll Dept., and Judson A. Brown, Jr., Machine Operator in the Track Dept., conducted a tour of our Rigby facilities, and a demonstration of Lanc's Model Railroad at his home in West Falmouth. The seven boys included Leon Skillings, David Hews, David Brown, Jimmy Perry, Jimmy Hodges, Douglas Greene (son of Dick Green) and Tim Brown (son of Judson Brown, Jr.).

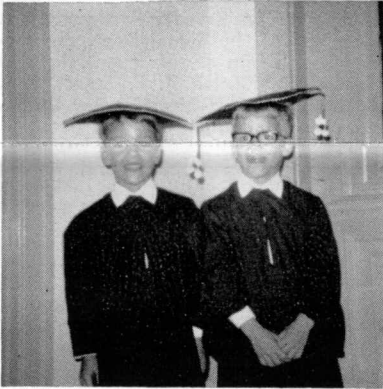
Mrs. John Stanford flew to Virginia recently for three weeks to visit daughter Joan and family. And the golf course got a lot of visiting from Stan.

Fay and George Marcroft (Supt's. office) celebrated their Silver Anniversary on May 14th with an open house at their home on Neal Street, Bramhall Hill, Portland. A dinner followed at Dominic Mareno's Roma Cafe, George and Dominic renewing a friendship of over forty-five years. Numerous cards and gifts were received. Congratulations to Fay and George!

Betty McDonald, Engineering Department, worked in the Transportation office recently for a few weeks.

By the grapevine we hear that Donna Roderick is the proud owner of two adorable Siamese kittens.

Ralph Libby, Car Service Agent, on vacation.



**CAPS AND GOWNS**—Were the order of the day for the grandsons of Clerk and Mrs. Richard Fecteau, Engineering Dept., Waterville. Left, Scott, age 5 and Stephen, age 6. The picture was taken in Lynn, Mass. where the boys graduated from a local nursery school.

Randall J. Thurrell, Reaudit Examiner, Revenue Office, attended his 55th reunion and the 137th Commencement of Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn. from June 5 to 9.

The events included his Fraternity annual meeting, alumni receptions, parade and luncheon, President's reception, and Class Reunion Baccalaureate Service.

Randy says his class of 1915 had 95 graduates; there are 44 living, and 13 were present at this year's festivities. All are looking forward to 1974 and their 60th anniversary.

## AUGUSTA

Maintenance of Way foreman Edmund Veillieux and crew are in Augusta repairing and tamping road bed in this area.

Trackman Henry Lessard has bid off a trackman position in Waterville.

Section Foreman Millard Tracy is off on sick leave. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Agent-Operator Doug Thomson recently enjoyed two weeks vacation. Doug claims he got a good start painting his home.

Signal Maintainer Helper Roy Moody is on vacation. Roy will spend some time in his home town of Kingman, Maine.

Bridge and Building Engineer J. E. Lancaster and crew recently repaired the piggyback ramp at Augusta. The wooden bulkhead was replaced with concrete.

Sporting a new red Chevelle Station Wagon is Trainman Leonard Luttrell.

Yard Checker Burleigh Foster and Mrs. Foster spent some of their vacation in Cape Cod, Mass. and also traveled in the Maritime Provinces.



**ROSY RETIRES**—The gentleman with the big smile is Machinist Rosario J. Demers of Auburn on the occasion of his recent retirement from railroad service. He is pictured here being presented a purse of money by Lewiston's General Agent, Richard Achorn, representing Rosy's many friends from the Lewiston-Auburn area.

## WATERVILLE

The Robert Estys are the owners of a new Ford.

Mrs. Robert (Lorraine) Esty has been a surgical patient at the Thayer Hospital recently. We all join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Asst. Cashier Carroll Huard and family are enjoying a two week vacation at their China Lake cottage.

Clerk Typist Lucette Huard and her family motored to the White Mountains during her vacation, visiting Santa's Village and Storyland along the way.

From the appearance of the office of our Asst. Supt., C. P. Lennon, Waterville Station, we would believe he is quite the "Charlie Brown" fan. And we like you too, *Charlie Brown*.

Bev and Roland Cook entertained at their summer cottage, Lake Windemere, her brothers and their families from Trenton, New Jersey.

Clerk Dick Fecteau and Agent C. T. Clark were also vacationing this past month.

As of this writing we hear that Basil Coggins, Scale Inspector is still a patient at the Seton Hospital where he has been confined for several weeks now.

Division Engineer W. G. Schloth and family have been camping out in the New Hampshire area this past couple of weeks.

## WATERVILLE YARDS

O. J. Bouchard was on vacation recently. He says that he can't remember his vacation last year, but this year he can't seem to find out how his "head got out of round", but he did enjoy himself, and that's what counts, and believe it or not, he's glad to be back.

Morris Roberts and Ken Ireland took one of those rare trips up north. Ken says "what would you do if you were out in the middle of the woods and came across two smoke stacks sticking out like a sore thumb?" Well, to his amazement, after a little investigating, it was two abandoned steam locomotives of the retired Madawaska Railroad formerly owned by the Great Northern Paper Co. Not only was he intrigued, history lover that he is, he would like to know more, so if anyone has valuable information, drop him a line. He's engineer of Switcher No. 4, Waterville Yard.

Leo Bujold took the position of Conductor on Relief Switcher No. 1 with none other than his old buddies Robert and Chester.

"Vic" Tardiff is greatly missed by his buddies at Waterville Yard. "Wonder who's feeding him now," inquired Lee Miller. Vic is convalescing from a knee injury. Also dieting, we hear.

Another convalescing employee in the breaking field is Larry Colford. He is sunning himself and growing a beard.

Engineer "Skip" Houdlette of Switcher No. 2, his wife, daughter and son-in-law were on a fishing trip to the Chamberlain Lake Area. It was his wife's first experience at camping. She liked it so well that already plans are being made for a return trip to explore the northern part of Maine. Skip is prepared and well equipped for any emergencies with camper and all necessary equipment.

Burns Hillman, Yardmaster 2nd trick, heard from Bob Hughes, Jr. At the time, Bob was exploring the northwestern part of the country with the Canadian Mounted Police at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Believe it or not, a deer was seen at the engine house July 1st. Roger Quелlette says "I'll get my shot gun, if someone will share the fine with me."

Congratulations are in order for Fred Morton, Spare Engineer from Portland. Being called to cover RN-1 and NR-2 recently made a discovery as he was going by the Wiscasset Station, that the Agway building was in flame. Being on the alert, he promptly reported by radio, and in a short while, the fire was under control and



**RETIREMENT PARTY FOR GERTRUDE HOLBROOK**—Many friends and co-workers were on hand at Westcustago Inn, Shore Road, Yarmouth to fete Mrs. Holbrook on her retirement from Maine Central. She had worked for the Railroad since 1943. A delicious meal, renewing of friendship with many retired ladies and reading of a poem by Eric P. Smith were highlights of the occasion. Gertrude was very pleased with the gifts, which included a lovely silver and pearl pin and earring set, pewter bowl, white floral beaded handbag and a purse of money. Mrs. Grace Hoglund, above right, made the presentations to the guest of honor.

the station was saved. Thanks for a job well done.

Another new face in our midst. Al Cook, son of retired engineer Ed Cook, who has been striking as an Agent Telegraph operator at Oakland with Harold Dart.

## WATERVILLE SHOPS

We recently saw Al Cochran, who has been retired for some 13 years from the Pipers' Crew. He is 83 years old and says he is in good health and takes care of his lawn and has planted a big garden.

Supt. Alden Finnimore has recently been making extensive repairs to the sea wall at his cottage in Portland Harbor. Brick mason Gene Alley has been masterminding the job with the assistance of Dave and Bruce Alley, Ken Philbrick, Bernard Waning and Bill Macqui.

Claude Crowell of Huntington Beach, Calif., has been a recent visitor with his son, Machinist Otho Crowell, and grandson Machinist Bob Crowell.

Carman Helper Richard Dunphy has recently resigned and has accepted employment in Connecticut. Our loss is someone else's gain.

Major William Niles, USAF, who is attending Aerospace School in Dayton, Ohio, has been a recent visitor with his parents, Carman and Mrs. Cecil Niles.

Carman and Mrs. Newman Taber have been touring in Arizona during the vacation period.

Paint Helper and Mrs. James Sylvester recently had a small fire in their apartment in Waterville. Not much fire damage but smoke damage was extensive.

Electrician Dan Giroux has recently visited retired Electrician Ernest and Mrs. Ware in Augusta. They are in reasonably good health and will observe their 66th wedding anniversary in August. They are 86 years of age.

Response from the Shops employees to the regional blood bank has been very gratifying as 106 men have signed up as donors.

Work Equipment Foreman Sid Brown has recently traded cars and broke in the new one on his annual system-wide inspection of plows and work cars.



## EASTERN SUB-DIVISION

David E. Mahon, Road Trainman, submitted his resignation as Trainman effective June 19, 1969. David is now working in the Motive Power Dept. as a student fireman.

Paul S. Stevens, Yard Brakeman, submitted his resignation as Yard Brakeman effective June 17, 1969. Paul is now working in the Motive Power Dept. as a student fireman.

R. S. McKenzie, Road Brakeman, enjoying a week's vacation.

General Agent, F. C. Corbett, returned home from St. Joseph Hospital where he has been a medical patient for one week.

L. J. Gallant, Yard Brakeman, has returned to work after one month's vacation.

B. E. Spaulding, wife of Yard Conductor, B. O. Spaulding, is covering the Asst. Cashier's position at Bangor Freight Office.

Walter Blanchard, Retired General Agent at Vanceboro was a recent visitor in the Bangor area.

## ROCKLAND

Vacationing during June were Agent and Mrs. Wendell Lewis, making several automobile trips around the state, including one to Cross Creek, N. B., Canada, to attend son Kenneth's wedding. Spare Operator George Melvin covered the Rockland Agency for this vacation.

On vacation during July were Agent and Mrs. D. W. Smith of Waldoboro who made a trip to Prince Edward Island to visit with friends and relatives. Spare Operator T. A. McDonald, Jr., covered for the vacation.

Yardman J. E. White on vacation from the Rockland Switcher. His job covered by Yardman D. L. Mitchell from the Waterville board.

Retired General Agent and Mrs. Frank Carsley on a month's trip by bus, train and boat to the State of Alaska, traveling by way of Montreal to Seattle and thence by boat to Alaska.

Haven't seen "Father" Fred Snowman in some time, so guess he must be enjoying himself clamming, lounging around the beach, swimming and sightseeing. His congenial friend and buddy of the Clam Committee, chairman Roy Cote, now sporting fuzzy sideburns, has been on the missing side too, so guess must be big doings between them in the clam biz.



**JUNE BRIDE**—Miss Linda Mae Meader, daughter of Carman Helper and Mrs. Ralph Meader of Waterville, became the bride of David H. Gibbs in ceremonies at the First Baptist Church in Fairfield on June 28.



**RETIREMENT DAY**—Herman A. "Scotty" Scott removed his headset and squared away his desk on June 27 and, with the warm wishes of associates, ended a railroad career begun as a boy of sixteen. Top man on the Telegraphers' Seniority Roster, Scott took over the third trick as telegraph operator in Calais on October 9, 1917. The veteran telegrapher worked nights for a quarter century at Rigby, becoming assistant telegraphic car distributor in the PX office on November 20, 1960 and car distributor on June 3, 1952. He held that position until retirement. A past master of Hiram Lodge of Masons and presently grand steward in the Grand Lodge of Maine A. F. & A. M., Scott is also head usher at Thornton Heights Methodist Church. His retirement will provide more time for travel and just relaxing with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Scott and their sons Stephen, who enters the University of Maine this fall and Dana, a South Portland High School freshman.

## RIGBY

One of the most outstanding scenes of landscaping is located at the termination of Delaware and Vermont Avenues, Thornton Heights, which is a source of great pride to the neighbors living in that area. Foreman Charles Tetreault is one of the originators and caretakers of this beautiful and picturesque plot of land near his home. The flag pole at the center is the pride of the neighborhood, and "Charley" makes it his business to see that the flag is flown on every fair day. The neighbors participate in the care of the lawn.

The "Ray" Forbuses have recently moved up from Florida, for the summer months, which will be spent at their cottage on Brandy Pond, Naples. In the fall they will return as usual to Florida. "Ray" was formerly of the motive power department.

"Nick" Carter, Engineer who sustained a severe injury to his knee cap due to a fall, is recuperating quite rapidly at this time. His friends wish him the best of luck in that respect.

Retired Machinist Russell Hammond is busy every day "putting around" as they say. At present he is helping a neighbor paint his house. He also spends considerable time at his cottage. He wishes to be remembered to his former buddies at the shop.

Retired Stationary Engineer Arnold Cheney, at Rigby Power Plant and Thompson's Point Shop, wishes to be remembered to all his friends, and would like to have them call on him at their leisure.

Our amateur gardeners, at the Rigby shops have finished their harvesting

of peas and strawberries, which proved to be better than an average crop. They are now looking forward to further results of their venture, such as snap beans, corn, tomatoes, etc.

Carman Welder Edgar Dunham has just returned from three weeks vacation spent in relaxation at the family cottage, as well as some time used for necessary repairs to his property. He says his son Bruce Dunham was recently married to Julie O'Brien, the daughter of Carman "Bob" O'Brien.

"Rickie" Blair, the son of Electrician Frank Blair, and four other Boy Scouts attended the Boy Scout Jamboree held this year at Faragut State Park, Idaho, starting July 5, and continuing until the 27th. Frank is the scoutmaster of the South Portland troop, and his son "Rickie" an eagle scout.

Retired Electrical Worker "Chet" Freeman was a visitor at the engine house during the month. He is feeling pretty good with the exception of an occasional twinge of the rheumatics. His grandson, Chester Robert Freeman, graduated from Bowdoin College in June, as well as being a member of the R.O.T.C. with the rank, upon graduation, of 2nd Lieutenant, and is now stationed in Panama.

Former engine house employee Elmer Andrews has bid off a new position at the car department on the 7 A.M.-3 P.M. trick. His daughter Louise Boivent and son-in-law have just received adoption papers for a baby boy whose name is Scott Richard Boivent.

Carman Earle Jones recently attended the Convention of the Joint Protective Board of the Carmen's Union held at Boston. He was elected

Vice General Chairman of that body, representing jointly the Boston and Maine and Maine Central Railroads. He followed that event up with a week spent in leisure at his cottage located at Highland Lake.

William A. Babb, 42, son of Former Machinist Helper Edward Babb, of World II vintage, died unexpectedly on June 21.

General Foreman Russell and Mrs. Russell spent part of their vacation visiting her mother in the eastern part of the state. Foreman Charlie Tetreault covered his position, and Machinist "Ken" Gillis was acting foreman.

The final tally on the calf increase of Foreman "Johnnie" Week's Hereford herd is 12 calves, two of which died.

Machinists "Ken" Gillis and Milton Coombs receive their 25-year buttons, presented by General Foreman Russell.

Your associate editor Albert Wetmore, Sr. covering this area enjoyed his 71st birthday on June 27th, with the usual family gathering as part of the celebration.

Rules Examiner "Bill" Malloy has recently purchased a new pleasure boat. The craft is suitable for either salt or fresh water use, but is too large for Watchic Lake where he has a cottage.

Machinist Paul Curran, Goodwin's Mills, is a member of the fire department of that town, as well as mechanical and automotive engineer. His duties are to keep all equipment in order ready for instant use when needed.

Retired Machinist "Lou" Carignan paid a short visit to the Mercy Hospital for physical check-up.

Retired Machinist Thurlow Poland, 74, died on June 30 after a long illness. He retired in 1959 and was quite active for many years as a harness racing fan. He was a member of State Harness Racing Association, as well as an owner of a race horse named Irish Direct, a pacer, with a fair track record.

Retired Carman Ernest Coates died recently after a long illness on June 27. He was retired in 1960 on disability. Floral tribute was donated.

At the recent running of the Benoit's Brothers 9-mile road race, "Al" McCann, Jr., son of Welder Al McCann, placed 7th among a field of 50 of the state's top distance runners.

General Foreman "Jim" Ifill, Car Department, had a house warming when he moved into his new home at Cape Elizabeth. The party was attended by many of his fellow workers and friends. He formerly lived in Waterville before being transferred to Rigby Car Department early in 1969.

William Bartlett died at Fort Kent after a long illness. He was the father of "Bill" Bartlett, Jr., an engine house employee. A floral tribute was donated.

Stores Department employee Phillip Cook has a rather severe case of the shingles, but is responding to treatment.

Car Department Clerk John MacLean has two sons in the service, Corporal John MacLean stationed at Vietnam at Cameron Bay, and Allan at Okinawa Island, who will be discharged in August.

## Mayor Marden Asks Funds For "470" Move

Old "470", the famed Maine Central steam locomotive presented to the City of Waterville by President E. S. Miller in 1962, in connection with our Centennial celebration, will soon be placed in her permanent location for public exhibition.

Mayor Donald C. Marden has asked members of railroad organizations, service clubs, civic and fraternal organizations, union members and interested citizens throughout the state for financial contributions to help defray costs to move the last steam locomotive to operate on Maine Central.

470 will be moved in three sections from her present berth on track at Waterville Yard to the City's recreation and picnic grounds in the North Street area.

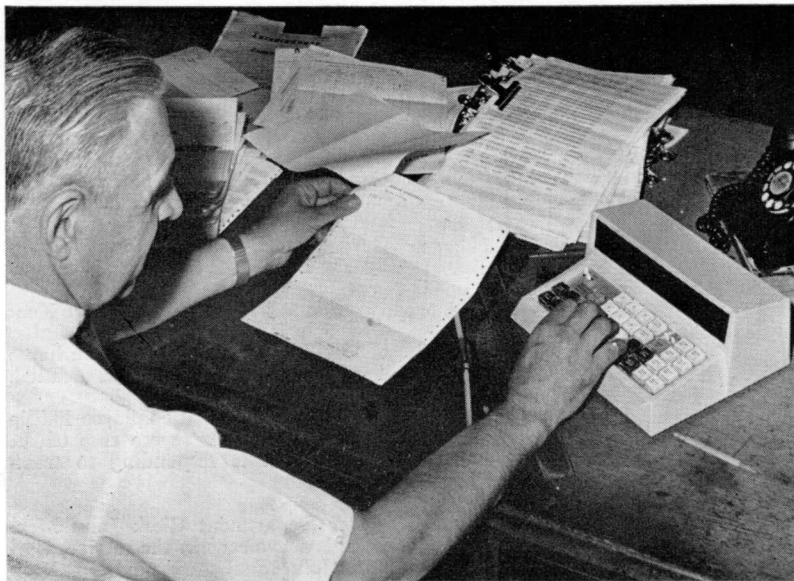
Mayor Marden says he has sent out letters to every Chamber of Commerce office in the country, asking each for a stone to be marked and used as ballast at the final site.

He says Waterville officials are shooting for a mid-August deadline to move "470".

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these units also operate through the central processor.

Available are data storage units and input and output peripheral devices such as typewriters and teletypewriters as well as a high speed printer to obtain a printed copy of results needed for permanent records.



Raymond L. Briggs, Car Accounting and Statistics Office, using the Wang calculator.

## John Snell Passes On At 98

John E. Snell, retired chief clerk of Maine Central's Payroll Department died suddenly on July 17 at his home in Portland at the age of 98.

Snell, who started his career as a Maine Central car inspector in 1891 at Danville Junction worked until May 6, 1964, when he was 93. Until he quit working he continued to drive back and forth to work each day and used the two flights of stairs to his office four times daily.

Snell was a native of Winthrop, the son of Patrick Henry and Helen Pike Snell. He was a member of Temple Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M. of Winthrop.



By Jerry Shea

The Annual E. Spencer Miller and Maine Central Railroad Golf Tournament will be held at the Fairlawn Country Club, East Poland, Maine (just off Route No. 122), on Saturday, September 27, 1969.

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



**CAN YOU GUESS THE TIME AND PLACE?**—A beautiful spot for gracious dining. The meals and service were wonderful and so were the prices, compared to today's.

12:00 noon, but we are trying to work some deal where we will be able to start a few foursomes off the back nine around 8:30.

The players will be split up into three equal groups, and trophies will be awarded to first gross and first net in each class, with the big prize being the E. Spencer Miller Trophy, which will be awarded the lowest net of the tournament. In case of ties for prizes, the winner will be decided by a match of cards.

Green fees are \$3.00 per person, payable at the course on the day of play. In order to purchase the trophies and other prizes, \$1.00 must be remitted with each entry blank. The deadline for entries is September 23, and no refunds can be made after September 26.

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

### Note Of Thanks

This month we say thanks to Harold C. Clark for over ten years' service as the Messenger's editor for the Veterans column.

The retired PTCO. Assistant Yard Master and Yard Conductor, 78, and his wife Minnie, have joined forces to get out the news and encourage folks to join the Railroad Veterans since his retirement ten years ago.

Harold is a trustee and former president of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, has a fifty year membership button from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and is a past commander of WW I veterans. He had 49 years' combined service with MEC and PTCO.

His Messenger replacement is Harold R. Kenniston.

Best wishes to both.

Following are the names of those who have asked us to thank sincerely all who were so kind as they retired from railroad service: Elta M. Benner, Hermon A. Scott, Edward A. Bolduc, Alfred Burdwood, and Walter Emery.

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