

## Railroad Industrial Park Attracts Maine Developers

The new 14 acre Railroad Industrial Park constructed by the Portland Terminal Company in the City of Westbrook has drawn the interest of several Maine industry representatives, according to C. G. Rivers, Maine Central Railroad's Manager of Industrial Development, Real Estate and Taxation.

Richard F. Wagner, Jr., president of the Industrial Development Council of Maine recently toured the area with Rivers. Also seeking information is Col. Robert E. Cleaves of the Area Development Council.

Located off Maine Street in Westbrook between Blue Rock Quarry and Saunders Bros., and adjacent to the so-called Westbrook Connector route, the new facility features four graded industrial lots, varying in size from two to four acres.

Each lot is served by its own spur track, constructed for that purpose off the PTCO. Mountain Sub-division main line.

Air view of the modern 14-acre industrial area which Portland Terminal Company has constructed in Westbrook. Spur tracks for four lots are shown at right of the photo. Dotted line in center of picture represents an access road, to be built by the State next spring, linking the park with Main Street and Interstate I-295.

## Keyes Fibre Co. Traffic Manager At MeC Session

A hard-hitting talk on communications between a traffic manager and the railroad marketing representative highlighted the quarterly meeting of the staff of the Maine Central Railroad Marketing Department October 20.

Featured speaker was Donald G. Leach, traffic and distribution manager for Keyes Fibre Company.

Citing similarities in the responsibilities of those in sales of transportation services and those charged with traffic management, Leach stressed the need to know the problems facing the customer in advance of any encounter with him.

"You must sell a belief that your company can do the job a customer needs", Leach declared, adding that "the customer should see in you an honest striving to fill his needs."

He advised that marketing representatives must keep abreast of changing market conditions which influence the user as well as developments in ocean and

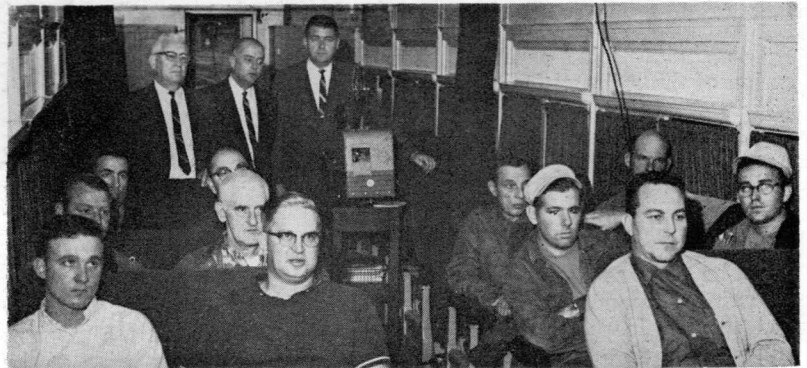
airline transportation and containerization progress.

He urged the marketing men to keep their company informed of the customers' problems and be experts on company policy with regard to plant sites and the railroad's best ways of serving the individual customer.

## Car Handling Classes Held In Nine Locales

A series of meetings on careful car handling and safety were conducted throughout the Maine Central system and the Portland Terminal Company area in October, in conjunction with national observance of Careful Car Handling Month, as designated by the Association of American Railroads.

The sessions featured presentation of a twenty-minute film "Our Big Stake" and reports by George H. Stanley, Loss and Damage Prevention Agent and L. W. Sparrow, Safety Supervisor. General discussions on car handling and employee safety followed.



CAREFUL CAR HANDLING CLASS—A class aboard the MEC instruction car at Bangor Yards gets set for some "schooling" on careful car handling from, left to right standing: L. W. Sparrow, Safety Supervisor; Francis C. Corbett, General Agent, Bangor; and George H. Stanley, Loss and Damage Prevention Agent.

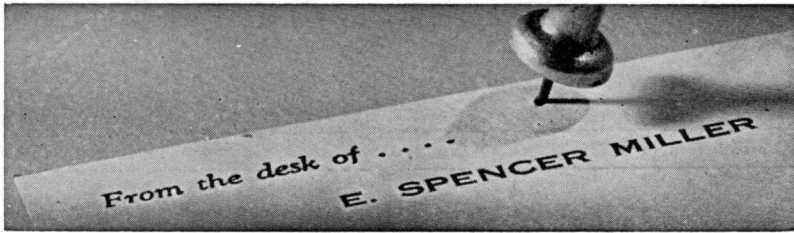
Operating Department personnel including supervisors and yard and road personnel attended.

MeC points at which the meetings were conducted included Waterville, Augusta, Lewiston, Livermore Falls, Rumford, Bangor, Calais and Rockland.

The Maine Central instruction car was used at Bangor and Waterville, with station and terminal facilities utilized in other locations.

One man's thoughts on careful car handling seem appropriate in connection with special emphasis:

- When switching is not right, someone stops shipping,
- When someone stops shipping, someone stops selling,
- When someone stops selling, someone stops making,
- When someone stops making, someone stops earning,
- When someone stops earning, we all lose.



### TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

It is always gratifying to see progress in the State of Maine. It is even more satisfying to see the efforts of men from diverse spheres of interest harmoniously combined to achieve tangible results which can substantially benefit a great number of people.



A new and modern 14 acre Railroad Industrial Park in Westbrook is a project with roots in just such a combination of talent and teamwork, namely that of the Maine State Highway Commission, the City of Westbrook and the Maine Central Railroad.

In the interest of providing additional highway facilities in the City of Westbrook and in cooperation with the State Highway Commission and its able chairman, David H. Stevens, Portland Terminal Company agreed in 1968 to retire its tracks from Stroudwater Street to the Westbrook-Gorham line and convey the right of way to the State of Maine to insure construction of a projected Main Street Relief Route, which will tie in with the Westbrook Arterial and connect with the new Interstate 295.

Completed negotiations in this cooperative endeavor cleared the way for construction of a new railroad-oriented industrial park adjacent to our Mountain Sub-Division main line in the City of Westbrook at the Westbrook-Portland boundary.

The new facility features four graded industrial sites from two to four acres in size, served by separate railroad spur tracks. Other attractive features of the development are available water and sewer facilities, and highway access both to Main Street and to I-295.

As a result of railroad and Highway Department cooperation, the City of Westbrook will derive great benefit from better highway facilities and will profit by the presence of new industries.

A similar joint effort beneficial to all concerned was the relocation of the railroad facilities and construction of new highway facilities in the City of Waterville in October, 1963.

Work at that point involved relocation of the main lines and approaches to the Waterville freight yards from Augusta and Lewiston, construction of an over-pass bridge and a new railroad headquarters building and signal tower.

The two and a half million dollar highway-railroad project, including a modern traffic layout with depressed two-lane highway and turning loops, provided Waterville with a safer, more efficient and considerably more attractive entrance from the east side of the city. The present facilities there would not have been possible without state, city and Maine Central officary working harmoniously and objectively together.

The ultimate development of our state and its resources is dependent upon the vision of leaders in all areas of endeavor. Maine Central is committed to such development. The railroad maintains an active Industrial Development and Real Estate Department working in cooperation with state and community officials, to that end.

We will continue to initiate plans for progress and assist in industrial development efforts throughout our state, and we are heartened to find such thorough cooperation in Augusta.

*E. Spencer Miller*

### A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank thee for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope with which we expect the morrow; for the health, the work, the food and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth, and our friendly helpers.

Robert Louis Stevenson



### DANGER IS FOR THE BIRDS

Safety is our best defense.  
Let's work with it and make  
it a part of our heritage.



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# The Grapevine



**THE BRIDE AND GROOM HONORED**—left to right, Herbert J. Whitmore, Head Clerk Auditor Revenue Office, Mrs. Lillian D. Smith, Keypunch Operator, John R. Conroy, Messenger and Mrs. Conroy (the former Mary Nugent) and Mrs. Marie O'Connell, Keypunch Operator are all smiles at a pre-nuptial party for John and Mary held at the Ralph D. Caldwell American Legion Post, Portland. Herbie, Lil and Marie planned the dinner event, attended by 105 friends of the couple. Electric fire logs and a purse of money were presented to them by Toastmaster Hugh F. Flynn. Office friends of both John and Mary decorated their desks and provided small gifts for the occasion. The couple were married October 11 at St. Dominic's Church in Portland.

## GENERAL OFFICES

Mrs. Alice Eliason, File Clerk, with grandson Larry, age 9, motored to Florida with sister Gertrude Kilbride, stopping at Washington, D. C. on the way to show Larry the points of interest, including the Capitol, White House, Pentagon, and Arlington Cemetery. In Florida, they visited Marineland and Cape Canaveral where they saw Apollo 12 already for launching. It took three and one half days to go down and three and one half hours to return—by jet!

Betty "Boop" MacDonald, Stenographer, took off into the wild blue yonder Oct. 14 in the direction of Frankfurt, Germany, for vacation, where she will visit Phil Lentz and family, and see the country.

Becky Jackson, 13, daughter of Charles and Irene, and a student at Lincoln Jr. High, started on her 4-H Club Project at Skyline Riding Stables, North Yarmouth to learn the fundamentals of caring for horses, horsebackriding, and care of the stables.

Charles, Jr., entered the United States Army Air Craft Maintenance Corps at Fort Dix, New Jersey, Sept. 29.

Certainly was glad for the rabbits that there was no strike! Some mighty mean hunters were thinking about chasing them if they had the time off!

Madeleine Bowdoin (Disbursements Office) and husband Stuart, Gordon Williams (Asst. Treasurer's office) and wife and Horace Budd (Asst. Treasurer) and his wife attended the annual Kiwanis convention held at the Mt. Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, N. H. in September.

Al Chapman of Disbursements Office has returned to work after a leave of absence due to an operation on his knee.

Louise Scannell of the Disbursements Office had an enjoyable fall trip

visiting Washington, D. C. and going on to Williamsburg, Virginia for a tour of the buildings and museums. Due to a mixup in booking, for accommodations at their hotel in Washington, Louise and her friend enjoyed staying in a deluxe suite where the plaque on the door read "Bob Hope (Hubert Humphrey and others) slept here."

Peter Libby, son of General Bookkeeper and Mrs. Erroll Libby, is a graduate student at the University of New Hampshire this fall studying for his master's degree.

Marty Holmes, Assistant to the Comptroller, made a trip to Kingfield during a recent vacation to inspect the house trailer and lot purchased by his son Michael recently as a base for skiing at Sugarloaf Mountain.

Stan Watson and his wife Toni traveled over the "Skyline Drive" in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia en route to visit Toni's sister in Atlanta, Georgia, the latter part of October.

Some interesting post cards have been received from Law Department Secretary Arlyn Whitney on her October vacation in Florida.

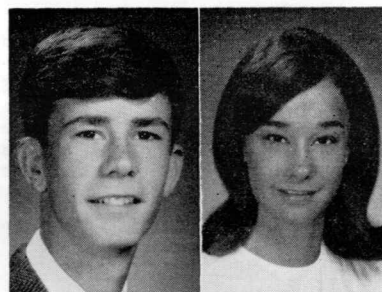
The new man to wear the title of "Home Route Clerk" in the Car Accounting Office is Thomas C. Perry of Cape Elizabeth.

We hear that Engineer Christian Nielsen and his wife Arlene celebrated their 30th anniversary and his birthday on September 26th. A happy day for a happy couple.

George and Fay Marcroft with friends Fred Greenwood and the Emile Thibeaults enjoyed a glorious two day foliage tour early in October, traveling from Waterville up through Maine to Jackman and St. George, Quebec. Their 300 mile tour on the finest weatherwise days they could order presented "every spectrum of

the rainbow in the brilliant foliage", George says.

Ginny Wallace, of Data Processing, and her husband John recently entertained at their Summer home on Long Island prior to closing it up for the Winter. Included were a group of former railroad gals whom some of the readers may remember: Winnie Smith Doolin of Needham, Mass.; Vera McAllan Gately of Norwood, Mass.; Ruth Haley Casey of Beverly, Mass.; and Phyllis Haley of Lynn, Mass. who is still with B&MRR. Also in the group were Anne Norton Frederick of South Portland and Beulah Pooler Zaimes of Portland.



Stephen Kathryn

**Stephen and Kathryn Lesneski, twin youngsters of Conductor Chester Lesneski and Mrs. Lesneski were graduates of the class of 1969 at South Portland High School. Kathryn entered the University of Maine in Orono this fall and plans to major in psychology. She won a scholarship from the University and from a Dollars for Scholars group. Stephen attends St. Michaels' in Winooski, Vermont.**

## RIGBY YARDS



Engineer Howard Ireland has acquired a new "Shasta" house trailer, which he has named "The Irelander". He has made several trips with his family, to the mountains, etc. Just returned from a trip to the St. Johnsbury area.

The auxiliary motor which operates the turnable when emergencies occur, is being replaced by another gasoline-driven engine, taken from an International truck. The work connected with the changeover is being performed jointly by Machinist Paul Curran, Welder Albert McCann, and Electrician Francis DeGruchy.

Electrician "Bill" Danforth has returned from his vacation. He spent some time in Aroostook County visiting Mrs. Danforth's former home town of Monticello. Your associate editor, just returned from a tour of the potato country, from Mars Hill



**"Even though my mother appears to be napping, I'VE GOT MY EYE ON YOU! I was born Aug. 27 and weighed 7 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces, and my name is Daniel Jason Goyette. My mother, Daniel Jason Goyette. My mother, Mrs. John Goyette, wife of Engineering Aide, Drafting Room, seems happy about the whole thing, and my daddy is, for sure!"**

to Fort Kent swapped experiences with "Bill" of their trips in that area.

Engine House employee Donald Moody has returned to work after having a facial operation.

Martin J. Feeney, 67, a retired longshoreman, formerly employed by the Jarka Corporation at the Portland Terminal Wharves, died after a short illness. He will be remembered by the Terminal employees working out of Rigby.

Clerk, General Foreman's office, "Dom", and Mrs. Fortin were presented with a grandson by their daughter. The baby is named Stephen. His dad, John Arsenaault, is a Boston and Maine trainman.

Mrs. Martin Welch, (Mary Conley), 73 years old, died on September 28, after a long illness. She was the mother of Mrs. Emil Casey, the wife of Carman Emil Casey.

A new washing machine has appeared in the washroom, purchased by the employees by popular subscription to launder their dirty uniforms used in the process of various duties. Also another type of washing machine, although not new is doing a good job at cleaning machine parts in connection with air-brake equipment, using a solvent for a cleaning agent, operated by "Bob" Casey, Air Brake Machinist.

Former Machinist Arthur Shaw, retired, was a visitor during the month. He is preparing to leave for Florida soon, where he spends the winter months in a trailer.

Engine House employee Roland Gildad is on the sick list undergoing tests of various types to determine his trouble.

The conversation concerning snowmobiles is becoming quite prevalent as winter approaches, especially those living in outside areas. Machinist Paul Curran, Goodwin Mills, has an 18 horse power "Ski-doo", and just can't wait for the snow to arrive.

Retired Electrician "Chet" Freeman is confined at the Mercy Hospital for tests and further treatment. His friends at the Engine House and other points wish him a quick recovery.

Carmen Donald Andrews, Old Orchard, and "Mike" Prateo, South Portland have moved into their new homes, recently completed.

Retired Engine House employee, John Flaherty, 76 died quite suddenly on September 14. He worked for many years in various capacities, 40 years in all, retiring 11 years ago. A floral donation was sent to the funeral from the Rigby Flower Fund.

Engine House employee James B. Hawkes, one of our newest employees, was married on October 4, to Katharine Morrell, Windham. They will take up residence at 38 Hillside Avenue, West Falmouth.

The annual Fryeburg Fair was the big thing during the latter part of September, and was attended by a good majority of our employees from the Engine House, and the Car Department. The usual good time was enjoyed by all who attended. Topsham Fair also received its usual attention, by the "Rail birds".

Clerk "Johnnie" MacLean, Car Department, while on vacation toured parts of Canada. Also visiting the Sugarloaf Area, and taking a ride with his family on the "Gondola", aerial tramway.

A very impressive wedding ceremony took place at the First Church of the Nazarene, when Phyllis E. Libby, daughter of Carman Linwood R. Libby, was united in marriage to David J. Sparks of Wollaston, Massachusetts. The bridegroom's father, Reverend David E. Sparks officiated at the ceremony, and of course "Lin" gave his daughter away. The couple will reside at Wollaston, where the bridegroom will finish his education at the Eastern Nazarene College, majoring in religion.

Carman "Ray" Palmer has bid off the Wreck Master's position vacated by the retirement of "Don" MacVane who had left it for many years.

Car Department employee Elmer Andrews has changed cars and now owns a Ford-pick-up job, which he intends to use to good advantage.

Carman "Billie" White has a surplus of good used out-board motors; in fact, 3 in number of various horsepower ratings. He wishes to sell same.

Bridge and Building crew Carpenter George Beckwith experienced rather an unusual accident recently when his automobile caught fire and was destroyed while he was in the process of welding it. The cause was a faulty ground wire or connection. This in turn created a spark of static electricity during the welding job which traveled back to the gasoline tank, igniting the contents. George was, however, able to drive the car out of the garage before the tank exploded, but received minor burns about the arms and wrists. He replaced his loss with a 1967 Plymouth, "Fury".

Car Department Millman, Merle Cook is a new granddad; a grandson arrived on September 25, weighing 9 pounds 9 ounces, the 3rd child born to Carman and Mrs. Merle Cook, Jr.

## WATERVILLE STATION

One of our fellow workers came to work one day after a few real chilly mornings with a bad cold. The reason for this, as quoted by him, was due to the fact his bald head got cold. It is now time to put on a hat.

Bob Esty, rate clerk, was off duty for a week. During this time he gave his daughter away in marriage. "Young Bobby" was also home from the service.

As of this writing we are sorry to hear Denis Chamberlain is paying another visit to the local hospital. We hope it is just a short stay this time.

Ruth Brochu, Engineering Department, has been lending a helping hand at the Band Parents Shack during the Saturday afternoon football games this fall season.



**A STROLL IN THE PARK**—This "living doll" is Tammy Bimpson, 15-month-old daughter of Accounting Department Stenographer Coolleen Bimpson, snapped while feeding the pigeons. Tammy must have had quite a tale to chatter about regarding this new experience.

## WATERVILLE SHOPS

The Plymouth Fury, owned by Clerk Arthur Grenier was recently stolen from his camp parking area and was found in Benton astride a hydrant.

Laborer Johnnie Jewell has recently joined the Army and is receiving basic training at Fort Dix, N. J.

Sympathy is extended to Yard Laborer and Mrs. Harold Marquis, whose son David 18, recently died in a traffic accident.

Carman and Mrs. Archie Sears are recent parents of an 8½ pound son.

Lumberman Al Cuningham got his deer early this year and proved rather expensive meat. The deer collided with Al's pick-up and caused some \$100. damage to the vehicle.

Clerk Leonard Boucher has recently completed a course in locksmithing and is prepared to make keys and repair all types of locks.

Retired Boilermaker Gid Veilleux died recently in Waterville at the age of 74.

Retired Blacksmith Foreman Owen Thompson is a surgical patient at the Thayer.

Carman Helper and Mrs. Lyn Fletcher are parents of a son, John Lyn, born at the Thayer and weighing 7 lbs.-14 oz.

Recent 'old timers' who have been visitors at the Shops are Bill Otis, Chris Carstensen, Alec Handley, Archie Smith and Aimee Laliberte.

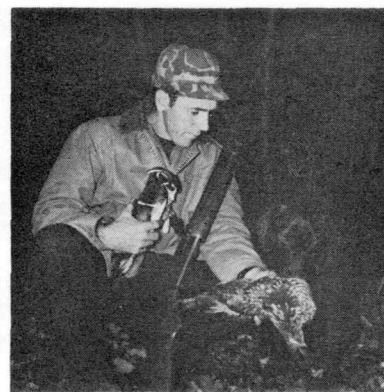
Machinist John Larracey has recently been elected to the Executive Board Of the I A M for the New England District No. 18 and will represent Machinists of the state of Maine.

Machinist and Mrs. Ronald Wood are recent parents of a girl born at the Seabastcook Hospital in Pittsfield.

Supt. Alden Finnimore and Foreman Nubert Estabrook recently spent a few days at the Erie Lackawana Shops in Meadville Penna, observing car repair shop practices there.

Clerk 'Connie' Begin retired on Oct. 13 after 46 years of service in various clerical positions at the Shops. The Clerks Union tendered Connie and Mrs. Begin, along with retired Clerk Wilfred Binnett a farewell party at the Legion Hall, Oct. 22.

Carman and Mrs. Eddie King are parents of their 9th child, born Oct. 3 at the Seton, weighing in at 8 lbs. 8 oz. and named Mark.



**Joe E. A. Boudreau of Switcher No. 2, Waterville, with "Dutchess" with part of a catch, wood duck and a partridge. She's only a little over a year old, and she has 40 ducks to her credit, to date—she hasn't lost one as yet, says her trainer.**

## WATERVILLE YARDS

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Merle Plummer, who passed away this past month. Merle was well known in these parts on the through jobs, as well as his sportsmanship as a guide in the Maine woods.

Gerry Gagnon has started a collection for the restoration of the 470. Anyone wishing to contribute may see Gerry personally or mail his or her donation to him.

We are happy to see our little friend back to work after many months absence, and that is Lucette Huard. We certainly hope she has fully recovered from her illness.

"Flash" Gordon is back on Switcher No. 6 with Conductor Reid Camic.

Conductor Paul Boudreau says he's beginning to feel like a rubber ball due to a shortage of conductors in Bangor. Seems like every other week he travels that way to cover Switcher No. 4 at Bangor and the following week Switcher No. 1 in Waterville with Conductor J. J. Peaslee.

Our congratulations to Billrack Clerk Joe Dessent whose wife had a bouncing baby girl.

Guy Coro took a step to a swing day job with Conductor Roland Cook



**Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gravel**  
Phyllis Pelletier, daughter of Mrs. Omelia Pelletier and John A. Gravel, son of Carman and Mrs. Frank Gravel, Waterville Shops were married September 6 at Sacred Heart Church, Waterville.



**RETIREMENT DINNER**—Members of the Maine Central Railroad Police Department and their wives were guests at a retirement dinner for Patrolman Clayton R. Duplisea at the Carriage Room of the Lafayette Town House, Portland, October 17. Highlight of the occasion was presentation of an engraved bronze spike to Duplisea from his fellow officers and awarding of his 25 year service pin. Born in Island Falls, Maine in 1904, Duplisea came to work for Maine Central in 1944 as a baggage and mail handler, holding that position until October 1965. He was employed in security work until his retirement on October 14. In the picture, left to right are: Richard L. Gay and Mrs. Gay, Mrs. and Mr. Edison B. Hattie, Chief Robert L. Baker, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. and Mr. Gregory Spitzer; Mr. and Mrs. Duplisea are seated.

and Roger Veilleux on Relief Switcher No. 1.

The boys have put away their fishing gear and are preparing their hunting equipment for the season to come. Already many tales are in the air.

The leader of Relief Switcher No. 2 has taken the remainder of his vacation and from what we hear, he's in Canada. Could it be a second honeymoon or just a test run on his red Comet?

Chet Levesque bid off Switcher No. 5 down the hole with his old buddy, Conductor Leo Bujold. In their spare time, they can talk about horses all they want. They can also go to the races together on their days off.

A new face in our midst is Robert L. Bourgoin, now doing his striking time at Tower A, with John Witham as teacher.



**SEPTEMBER BRIDE**—is Mrs. Alan Seymour, only daughter of Clerk and Mrs. Robert Esty of Waterville. Mrs. Seymour was graduated from Waterville High School in 1968. The bridegroom, also a graduate of Waterville High in 1968, is serving with the United States Air Force, stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, where the couple will reside.

## ROCKLAND

Glad to have our Waldoboro Agent Del Smith back after being off quite a spell. Understand he's been itching to get active again.

On vacation during the World Series was Mike Mitchell, C. K. Trask and D. C. Barry from the Waterville board covered while he was off.

Car cleaner Fred LaBranche taking his final week for the year's vacation period, shingling the garage roof, among other varied and sundry activities in the vicinity of Chelsea. Ken Grant looking after the broom, shovel and other chores and activities while Fred is off.

Machinist Jake Walker also off for four weeks vacation, looking after the cats and birds, as well as taking care of the flowers before winter gets here. Don Priest covering while he is off.

Surprise, Surprise! Who showed up here but the chairman of Rockland's clam committee, Roy Cote, checking on the size and price of clams in this area by contacting "Father" Fred Snowman. Understand Roy was on vacation and working outside the office and that is why the long three month interval since his last visit. He informed us that he had taken up lay preaching for Sunday October 19th at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Westbrook. Trust that his message will be "savored with salt."

Retired General Agent Frank Carsley paid us a visit, advising that he was getting ready for a brief hunting spell, then leave for the warm climate of "St. Pete" for the winter. Wish he and the Mrs. a pleasant trip.

Wiscasset Agent Cliff Varney is finishing up his last week of vacation for this year, taking in the foliage and working around the cottage. His job covered by spare operator Tom McDonald, Jr.

## AUGUSTA

Phil Lawrence's signal crew is in Augusta changing over signal equipment.

Yard Checker Burleigh Foster has traded his Buick for a new Oldsmobile.

Agent Doug Thomson is on two weeks vacation and will try to complete painting his house which he started this summer.

Sympathy is extended to the family of C. Norton Pratt. Mr. Pratt was a retired MECRR shovel operator having worked for the company forty three years. He also was a member of the Monmouth, Maine Cochnewan Lodge of Masons for thirty seven years, Railroad Veterans, and Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way. He leaves his widow, four sons, one daughter, seventeen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Signal Maintainer Helper Roy Moody and his wife Dorothy are moving their trailer home from Augusta to Readfield, Me.

We were very pleased to see retired Agent, Ralph Tracy who was a recent caller at this office.

Mrs. Ellis Walker, wife of the late Ellis Walker who was clerk in Augusta freight office and daughter Martitia Walker who also worked as a clerk were recent callers.

Martitia returned home this summer from Laguna, New Mexico to take a summer course at the University of Maine, Augusta.

Martitia commented on experiences she encountered teaching at a U. S. Government sponsored school at Laguna, N. M. for Indian and Mexican children, which was very interesting.

After her studies she will return to teach another year at Laguna, N. M.

Hunting season is just under way and already the hunting stories and bragging have gained momentum from such sportsmen as Track Foreman Millard Tracy, Conductor Marshall Pratt, Clerk Athleen Bryant and Cashier Horace L. Rodrigue.

Spare Operator Dudley Carter is replacing Doug Thomson who is on vacation.

## Railroad Assists Unique Jr. High Teaching Program

Maine Central Railroad was happy to play a part in the growth and learning experiences of a group of seventh graders from Jack Junior High School in Portland recently.

McC Chief Special Agent Robert L. Baker conducted a 75 minute class on railroads in conjunction with a Federally-funded program called EPIC, which means Experimental Program in Curriculum. Designed to help students understand their environment better, the course features

field trips as well as class instruction.

The youngsters really enjoyed their railroad field trip.

Taken by bus to the Rigby Yards, the boys and girls toured the yards and the engine house and even got to board a locomotive and blow the horn. One teacher reports that "the boys really enjoyed it", so there may be some prospective railroad men in the group.

Maine Central's contribution was part of a series of programs dealing with transportation. A visit to Portland International Jetport was also on the agenda.



**"CHILDREN'S HOUR" AT RIGBY**—a unique experience for these youngsters from Portland's Jack Jr. High School was their trip to the Rigby Yards for a first hand look at railroading. Rigby Engine House Machine Inspector Robert Casey was in charge of the youngsters' tour.

## Famed "Old 470" May Move Soon

The site of a permanent memorial for "Old 470" on a landscaped site near the Waterville Freight Station is now being readied, according to Mayor Donald H. Marden.

Plans call for painting and general "sprucing up" of the famed locomotive prior to the move from a Waterville Yard track to one constructed especially for the permanent enshrinement on College Avenue.

Meanwhile the Mayor's fund raising continues for the project which has an estimated total cost of \$10,000.

On behalf of all Maine Central railroad men and women in the Waterville area including the

A film called "Railroads, Dangerous Playgrounds" was presented in class and Chief Baker introduced the boys and girls to some of the history of railroading as well as a brief look in Maine Central-Portland Terminal Company operations, the people who work for railroads and the products that are carried.

Colorful booklets were distributed to the youngsters for reading enjoyment at home.

Leon J. Berkowitz, social studies' chairman at Jack Jr. planned the excursion with the railroad.

veterans whom he represents, Kenneth E. Reed recently presented a check for \$557 to Mayor Marden for the campaign.

A highlight of the occasion was the presentation of three jerseys marked Waterville Area 470 Boosters to Mayor Marden's youngsters. The insignia for the shirts was designed by George K. Stevens, Foreman of the Paint Shop at Waterville.

Also on hand for the ceremonies were Alden H. Fimmimore, superintendent, Waterville Shops, and Calvin T. Clark, general agent, Waterville, who conducted the fund raising drive at railroad locations in Waterville.

All service clubs and business and professional groups as well as the citizens of Waterville have been urged to give funds to create a "monument" to railroading in Maine.



**FRIENDS AND WELL WISHERS**—Eddie Westcott's retirement parties pleased him a great deal. L. to R. in the picture at the employee's party, where he was given a color television set and a beautiful cake in honor of the occasion are: front row, l. to r. Percy Campbell, Car Accounting office; Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, Secretary to Mr. Westcott, Eddie, E. K. Goddard, Mgr. Car Accounting and Statistics, Donna H. Roderick, Engineering & Transportation office and Dennis Lennon, Car Utilization office. Back row, l. to r. Robert P. Nurse, Car Service Agent, Ralph W. Libby, Assistant Director, Car Utilization, Jerry Shea, Car Accounting, and Ralph H. Gordon, Auditor Data Processing Manager. Insert, President E. S. Miller presents the company's gift.

## Full Century Of Joint Service By E. D. Westcotts

Eddie and Amy Westcott established what appears to be a unique record on the Maine Central when the former's retirement on October 1 completed over a hundred years service by the couple. Mrs. Westcott retired two years ago after more than 50 years service in the Executive and Operating Departments.

Edward D. Westcott started his railroad career in 1918 as a clerk in the Operating Department. After various promotions he was named, in 1931, General Manager of the railroad's subsidiary, Maine Central Transportation Company. This was the Maine Central's bus operation, with many buses substituting for no longer profitable trains on branch lines. In its hey day the Transportation Company had some 60 buses in service, performing regular schedules in all parts of Maine, except Aroostook County from Portland to Eastport and Bar Harbor.

When the Transportation Company was sold to Greyhound in 1954, Westcott became General Agent of the railroad at Bangor. Late in 1955 he returned to Portland as Assistant Superintendent Car Service. In 1967 he became Manager Car Utilization, the post from which he retired.

Amy Westcott was, for many years, private secretary to the late Dana C. Douglass, Executive Vice President and a director of the railroad. Later she transferred from the Executive Department to Operating, where in 1967, she completed more than fifty years service before she retired.

President E. Spencer Miller held a luncheon at Portland's Cumberland Club on the day before Westcott retired, where a presentation of a gift from the railroad was made. The next day an informal tea planned by Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, Mr. Westcott's secretary was given by Eddie's many friends in the General Office Building. Contributions came from all parts of the railroad and from many of the shippers with whom Westcott was extremely popular. A color television set was presented to him.

Westcott was senior member of the Committee on Car Service of the Association of American Railroads and had also served on many national committees of the industry.

### RETIREMENTS

James A. Bellino, gang leader, Waterville, September 4.

Donald S. MacVane, carman, So. Portland, September 6.

Roland C. Higgins, watchman, Waterville, September 24.

Edward D. Westcott, manager, car utilization, Portland, September 30.



By Jerry Shea

Millard Grant, Waterville Conductor, won the E. Spencer Miller Trophy at the Fairlawn Country Club. This was Grant's first tournament, and he shot a 91-28-63 low net against a record field of ninety-five railroad golfers.

Low gross in Class A was won by Bob Chapman, Rigby Stores Department, with a 75. Larry Gallant, Bangor, came in second with 76, and was followed by Jerry Shea, Car Accounting, with 78. First net in Class A, which included everyone with under 18 handicap, was Ivan Perkins, Rigby Car Shop, with 80-12-68. Jim Campbell, Engineer Main Line, came in second, and Bob Casey, Engine House, won third prize.

Reggie Libby, Auditor of Disbursements' office, shot one of his best rounds and missed winning the E. Spencer Miller award by one shot. Reggie did take home the first trophy in Class B with an 87. Dale Greenlaw, BAR, tied with Dick Perkins for second gross, but Greenlaw took second place by a match of cards. Allen Edwards, Waterville, won first net in the group 19 to 26 handicappers with a 92-26-66. John Currier, Marketing Department, won second, and Bernal Clark, BAR, took home third prize.

Millard Grant, besides winning

the E. Spencer Miller Trophy, also won first gross in Class C with his 91. Roland Loisel, Waterville, beat out Ray Dauphinee, Bangor, for second gross.

Jimmy Kearns, P.T. Yard Conductor, won low gross in Class C with a fine 112-45-67. A couple of strokes behind were Paul Barrows, Waterville, and Bob Messer, Rigby Engine House.

Longest drive in Class A was made by Jim Campbell, while Dick Perkins won Class B, and Paul Barrows took home the prize for Class C.

Ed Carroll, BAR, was nearest the pin on the short eleventh hole, with Reggie Libby coming in second, and Tug Wilson, Auditor of Disbursements' office, won third.

Other prizes were given to Dale Anthony, traveling the greatest distance; Ben Whitney, as oldest contestant; Bill Trefethen, highest score; and Gary Bondeson, highest net.

The first tournament next year will be held at Bangor Municipal Golf Course on June 6, 1970. We plan to go back to Fairlawn for the E. Spencer Miller Trophy the 19th of September, 1970.

The Committee of George Wilson, George McCausland, Larry Severence, Bob Brewster, and Jerry Shea, wish to thank the weatherman for having the sun shine on us again this year.

### DEATHS

Jesse M. Hatch, Jr., trackman, Bartlett, N. H., September 6.

Lloyd R. Clemons, section foreman, Hiram, September 19.

Steven A. Doughty, trackman, Cumberland Mills, September 26.



**TROPHY WINNERS IN E. SPENCER MILLER GOLF TOURNAMENT**—left to right, Allen Edwards, Waterville, yard conductor; Reggie Libby, Portland, Auditor Disbursements office; Robert Chapman, Portland, Stores Department; Jerry Shea, Portland, Car Accounting office; Millard Grant, Waterville, yard conductor, E. Spencer Miller Trophy winner; Ivan Perkins, Portland, car inspector; James Kearns, Portland, yard conductor.

## Gift Shop With International Patronage Run By Bucksport Agent And Wife

Furniture making has always been a hobby with Bucksport Agent Louis "Bob" Bligh of Brewer. After hours he always worked away at it from the time he joined Maine Central in 1951 as a student operator.

Friends showed an interest and before long, Bob was making furniture to sell. The business seemed to mushroom and Bob and wife Catherine enjoyed the whole venture until they received an out of state call one day, asking how long before a carload shipment of one furniture item could be made.

Nine years ago they purchased a piece of land on the Bar Harbor road in Brewer 3 miles from Bangor and put up a prefabricated steel building which became a home and gift shop. It was a do-it-yourself project all the way with Bob and Catherine doing the work. The ceilings are a work of art since only kiln dried lumber was used and there's a small wooden button to cover every nail. Bob got a plug cutter for a drill press and produced the size he wanted for the job. At first try, buttons flew in all directions as they came off the press, but Bob devised a system of hooking up a vacuum cleaner bag and the buttons were promptly gathered in for use as the actual nail covering job began.

Today the Towne Lyne Gift Shop attracts customers from all over the country. The large shop with floor space of 60 by 70 feet features articles of interest to everyone. You can purchase fine quality Maine woodware, pewter, glass, bone china, milk glass, pottery, jewelry, lamps, pictures, statuary, souvenirs, reproductions of antiques and hundreds of other items.

In addition to familiar buyers throughout New England, the Blighs have serviced customers from India, Sweden, Germany, England and all over the United States.

The Blighs manage to keep the shop open 364 days a year from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The only day it's closed is Christmas. At one time some of the children were able to lend a helping hand, but their two sons and two daughters are married and away from the area now. One son, Robert, worked for Maine Central at Bucksport and Old Town, prior to being called into the armed forces. He is now a Methodist minister in Cuyler, New York.

A great asset to the firm is its dignified "manager", as he is introduced to customers . . . "kitty cat", a 20 pound orange and white cat who takes the whole affair in stride and adds to the charm of the colorful shop.

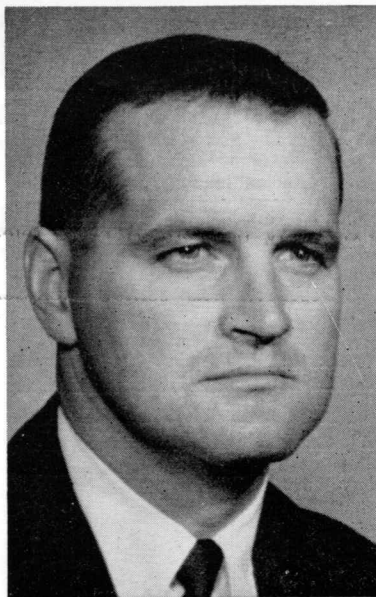


**A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS**—Pewter, glass, reproductions, woodware and lots more is what you'll find at the gift shop operated by Bucksport agent Louis Bligh and wife Catherine. It's hard work, but they thrive on it!



**VOICE OF MAINE CENTRAL**—These are the gals who greet the public and work hard to expedite calls for busy Maine Central--Portland Terminal Company folk day and night. Left to right: Mrs. Marion Timmons, Mrs. Gertrude Fraser; Chief Operator Mrs. Alice Cash; Mrs. Armeda Kimball and Mrs. Joyce Gallant. Answering calls cheerfully and courteously is a byword with these switchboard operators.

## Portland Policeman Joins MeC Staff



**GAY**

Appointment of Portland Police Department Patrolman Richard L. Gay to the staff of the Maine Central Railroad Police has been announced by MeC Chief Special Agent Robert L. Baker.

The 30 year old Portland Patrolman will be assigned to security and investigative duties for the railroad police department, with headquarters at Portland.

A South Paris native, Gay is a graduate of South Paris schools and the Portland Police Academy and has completed training in three FBI schools and a police administrative course.

Married with four children, Gay is a Portland resident.

### NOTE OF THANKS

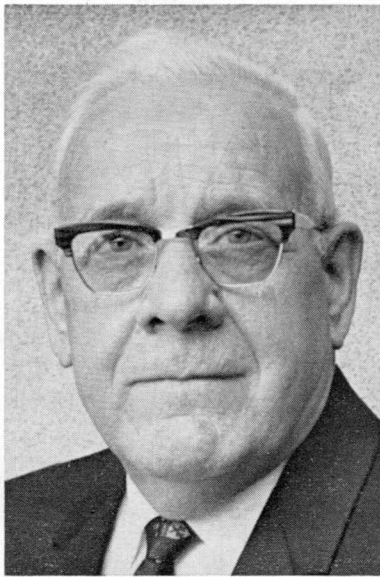
Mr. and Mrs. John Conroy wish to thank their many friends for the wonderful party given for them as well as the beautiful wedding gifts they received. They will always remember and cherish these kindnesses.

Alberta B. Apodaca of 35 Dover Street, Worcester, Massachusetts wishes to thank the many railroad friends for their kindness to her father, retired MeC Engineer Ernest E. Bean, during his long illness and to her after his death.

# Three Promoted In Car Utilization Office



LIBBY



RUTH



NURSE

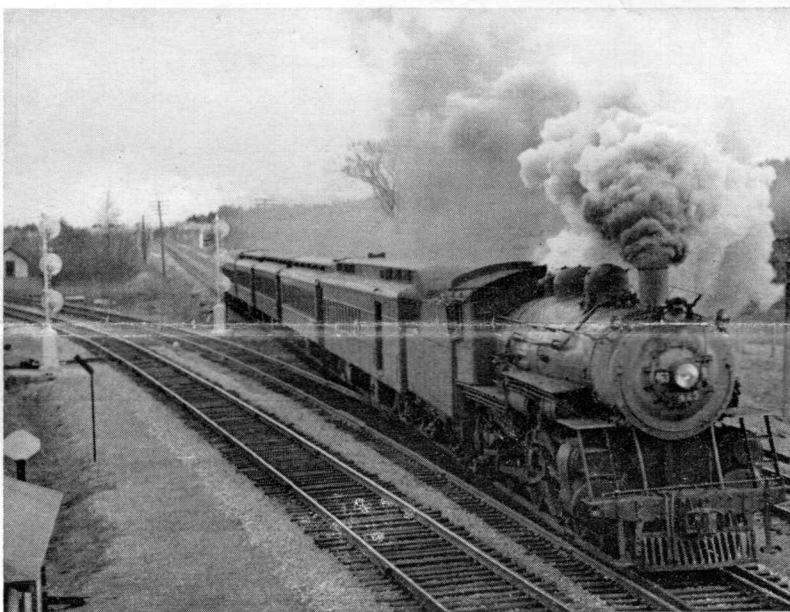
Promotions of three Maine Central officials in the Operating Department, effective October 1, were announced by J. W. Wiggins, Vice President, Engineering and Transportation.

Samuel P. Ruth assumed the post of Director-Car Utilization; Ralph W. Libby became Assistant Director-Car Utilization and Robert P. Nurse was named Car Service Agent.

Ruth, who came to Maine Central from the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad in 1955 as Assistant Manager Car Accounting and Statistics, succeeded to the post left vacant by the retirement of Edward D. Westcott.

Libby, formerly Car Service Agent, began his Maine Central career as a clerk in the offices of the Maine Central Transportation Company in 1939 when the railroad operated a fleet of 60 buses in Maine. In 1955, he was promoted to Consultant to the Auditor of Disbursements and in 1961 was again advanced to Assistant Traffic Engineer.

Nurse has been a clerk in the office of Car Accounting and Statistics since 1956.



A PRETTY SIGHT—is this MEC steam locomotive. See if you can guess where it was when the shutter clicked. Retired High School Principal Charles H. Abbott of Franklin, Maine, correctly identified last month's photo as Bangor Union Station in 1907.

*Royal Jct. looking E.*



By Harold R. Keniston

The first fall meeting was held Sunday, September 28th at Howard Johnson Restaurant, Thornton Heights, South Portland with fifty-five members present. Seventeen gifts were presented to members.

A silent moment was observed out of respect for former members who have passed away since the last meeting was held in June. They are Ralph S. Berry, John J. Faas, Judson W. French, Rupert K. Hathaway, Alonzo M. Trenholm, Margaret Lewis and Mrs. James A. Smith.

Former railroad employees newly elected to membership at the meeting included Mr. Leo MacDonald of South Portland and Karl W. Rapp of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Robbins on their 52nd wedding anniversary October 17, 1969 and to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cote on their anniversary October 4th. The Cotes have been married 47 years.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Mel Davis is gaining after her accident a few weeks ago.

Our Chaplain, Mr. Herbert Fogg, 93 years old, read his resignation to the group effective at the September meeting. A standing vote of thanks was given him for his past services. Mr. Fogg is a good veteran who will reside at a Thomaston, Maine nursing home in the future.

We meet the 4th Sunday in the month and welcome all veterans.



One of Maine Central's newer faces is Mrs. Pauline Frallicciardi, shown with 8 year old son Michael V., a student at Oak Hill Grammar School, Scarborough. A machine operator in the Auditor Revenue and Freight Claims office since January of this year, Pauline is active in the Christian Child Development program and sodality at St. John's Catholic Church and is a trustee of the Portland Eagles Auxiliary. She and Michael enjoy many family activities at the Portland YWCA, including dramatics and dancing classes and a travel



club. Mother and son also are taking guitar lessons. A recent "happening" as far as Michael is concerned was a dinner party he and Pauline attended where Craig Worthing and Dick Fixaris of WGAN were guests.

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