



WHAT TIME IS SANTA CLAUS COMING? 2½ year old Nancy Pullen is wondering, as her brother "Skipper", 10, reads a Christmas story. Ricky, 5½, is eager for Santa too but is still in a listening mood. The youngsters are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Pullen of Alfred. Ray is chief clerk in the Purchasing Department, General Office Building, Portland.

## Dragon Cement's 100 Ton Capacity Fleet On MeC

Ten of Dragon Cement Company's fleet of new large-volume cars moved over the Maine Central Railroad from its Thomaston plant November 17th, bound for the Wilmington, Massachusetts cement terminal.

Martin Marietta Corporation, parent company of Dragon Cement, said acquisition of 27 pressure-flow cars to replace the conventional hopper-type units is part of its \$17.6 million plant construction-expansion program.

Terminal capacity has been increased from 9,000 to 25,000 barrels to accommodate the cars, each holding 100 tons of cement. The cars feature a completely sealed system to eliminate dust and prevent contamination and waste, the firm said.

The railcar acquisition and transportation program is under the direction of Vernon L. Everngam, New York, director of transportation for Martin Marietta's Cement and Lime Division. Everngam noted the cars have been arriving at the Thomaston site in small shipments since late July.

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## Your Gift To The United Fund Drive Means A Lot

A tabulation of reports on United Fund giving on the system indicates we are near the \$8,600 goal.

Concerted efforts by the many volunteers working to assure a "fair share" from Maine Central Railroad-Portland Terminal Co. personnel for the good work of the United Fund continues.

Chairman Eric P. Smith reports he is hopeful that a final accounting of pledges will bring good news for the many agencies who depend on this type of community giving to assist the elderly, the needy and those with burdens of illness.

Perhaps it's a little early to think of next year, but wouldn't a generous gift to the United Fund be a good way to say a silent "Merry Christmas" to someone you'll never meet who needs help from you.

## Track Foremen Hold Meetings

Nearly one hundred Maine Central Railroad foremen, supervisors and machinists attended track foremen's meetings held in

recent weeks throughout the system.

Division No. 1 meeting was held at Holiday Inn, Auburn; Division No. 2 at the Jefferson, Waterville and Division No. 3 at the Oronoka Restaurant in Orono.

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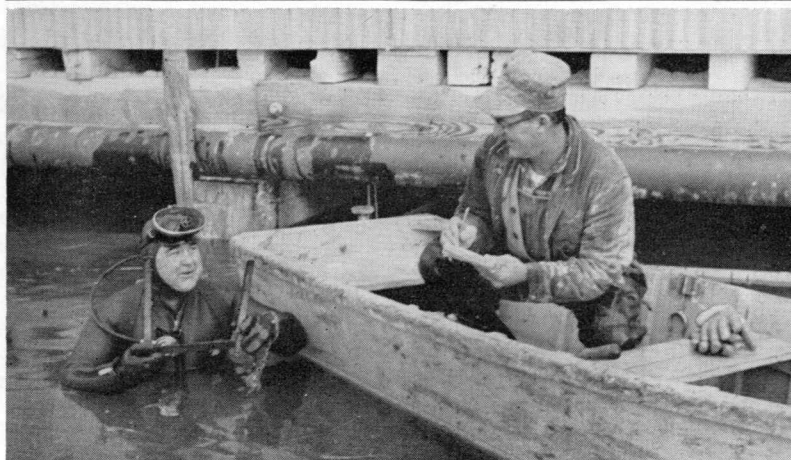
## New England Railroad Club Hears E.S. Miller

President E. S. Miller was the featured speaker at the Executive Night session of the New England Railroad Club November 11th at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston.

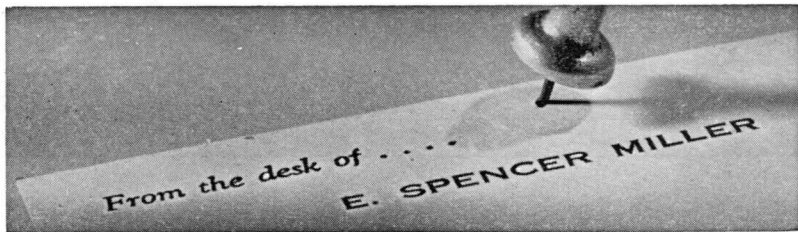
Chief officers of several eastern railroads attended the dinner meeting.

Mechanical - Purchases - Stores Night will be held January 13, 1970 at the Sheraton Plaza, according to New England Railroad Club President R. F. Dole.

Speaker for the January session will be H. W. Hayward, Chief of Motive Power and Rolling Stock, Canadian Pacific Railway Company.



REPORT FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA—Donald Sinclair, carpenter, Portland Terminal Company, gets the facts from scuba diver Fred MacDonald during a periodic inspection of the pilings at Wharf No. 3 on the Portland waterfront. The special gear is needed for underwater work which includes measuring the size of the piling at the mudline to determine any amount of reduction caused by marine borers. All Terminal Company wharves are checked periodically for this purpose.



Illustrating this point and closing on an Hellenistic theme, it is appropriate to tell again the following story:

The ablest of Alexander's generals was Antipater, who ruled Macedonia and Greece. One day Antipater heard a multitude cheering in the street and inquired what they were cheering about. On being informed that they were praising him, the cynical old soldier responded: "What have I done amiss?"

TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE IS DANGEROUS

On the back page of a recent publication by a well known financial service appeared the following:

"When the world seems to be going to Hades in a hand-basket, it is often reassuring to see that it did not appear much better at other moments in history. Consider this comment:



'Today the world is in a state of confusion. The poor citizens have captured the Government and voted the property of the rich into the coffers of the State for redistribution among the voters. Politicians have strained their ingenuity to discover new sources of public revenue; they have doubled the indirect taxes such as customs due on imports and exports; they have continued the extraordinary taxes of war time into peace time; they have broadened perilously the field of income tax as well as the property tax. When I was a boy, wealth was regarded as secure and admirable—but now a man has to defend himself against being rich as if it were the worst crimes. Athletics have become professionalized; young citizens who once belonged to the playground or the gymnasium now exert themselves by witnessing professional exhibitions. Philosophy has struggled to find in civic loyalty or in a national ethics some substitute for the divine commandments.'

It could be contemporary, but these impassioned lines were uttered by a member of the Athenian "establishment" 350 years before Christ. Obviously, man's condition has changed little in 23 centuries even though his technological capabilities have soared. But somehow or other he has always muddled through.

We trust he'll continue to do so!"

Nothing could be more misleading. It is stated that this warning of a member of the Athenian "establishment", pointing out evils in his society so parallel to ours, was given in the year 350 B.C. The conclusion seems to be that the warning was that of a calamity crier and that mankind went happily on despite the disloyalty, the corruption, the demagoguery and the division which marked Athens in that year. Let us see what really happened.

As a matter of fact a scant 12 years later the combined forces of Athens and Thebes were defeated by King Philip and his Macedonian "barbarians" at Chaeronea and the glory of Greece had come to an end. Fortunately for the world of that time Philip and his great son, Alexander, admired the culture and the institutions of Greece and spread them over the eastern world, but nevertheless Hellenic civilization had terminated and the leadership of Athens and the prosperity of her citizens were destroyed forever.

I dare say that the interest of each patriotic and clear thinking American today is not primarily with the state of mankind 2500 years hence, but with our situation and that of our children, immediately and over the next several decades. It behooves us to take warning from what took place in Athens and not to be persuaded that all of the evils in this society of ours may not carry us to a similar disaster and probably one much more terrible, since the "barbarians" of the present day have nothing but complete contempt for those ideals which we hold most high.

Just as in the latter days of Athens, an excess of democracy, or rather demagoguery, in which politicians try to outdo each other by promising the electorate more and more in exchange for votes, exists in America today and is one of the major weaknesses which may cause collapse.

MAY THE TRUE JOY

OF CHRISTMAS

BE YOURS DURING

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

AND THROUGHOUT

THE NEW YEAR



*E. Spencer Miller*



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# The Grapevine

## EASTERN SUB-DIVISION



The wedding of Daniel B. Coombs, son of retired Laborer and Mrs. Bernard Coombs, 25 Cross Street, Brewer, Maine, to Miss Donna Lynn Sury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Sury of Houston, Texas, took place in Houston. Danny attended Brewer High School and Seton Hall University, S. Orange, New Jersey. He is now a major league baseball player with the Houston Astros. The young couple will make their home in Houston.

Thursday night, September 25th ended Sears Jackpot drawing. The lucky winner of the \$500 Cash was Conductor A. E. Richards, Switcher No. 2, Bangor Yard.

H. W. Pomeroy, cashier, Bangor Freight Office has been on a week's vacation.

Charles Dunifer, conductor Bangor-Bucksport & Return Extra is a surgical patient at the Eastern Maine Medical Center. Get well soon, Charlie.

Charles Hamel, Road Trainman, Bangor, is now on the road to recovery following surgery. Charlie is expected to return to duty this month.

United Fund Campaign in the Bangor area was conducted for Maine Central Railroad this year by R. L. Spaulding and D. P. Looby, Co-Chairmen. They were assisted by Harry Bowen and Barbara Spaulding, Freight Office and Yard Office; Larry Severance, Engine House; James Pope, Car Shop; Sheila Dempsey, Engineering Dept.

Harris Southard, Southard Inc., at Bangor, located now at the Shopping Plaza of the Site of the former Union Station at Bangor is collecting, framing and posting at the entrance of his establishment memorabilia of the former Union Station at Bangor. If any of our Maine Central friends have either original photos that he can copy or reprints that you could furnish, he would be most grateful and they would occupy a nice spot where many people would observe them.

General Agent Francis C. Corbett has recently been on one week's vacation.

Douglas F. Higgins, Brakeman BC-1/CB-2 was taken ill recently and hospitalized. Doug is now home and feeling much better.

Robert E. Burnham, Conductor, hit the "daily-double"—a broken toe caused by a home improvement project accident. Accident occurred just a few days before entering the Eastern Maine Medical Center for surgery. Bob is home now and will be back to work soon.

A new face at Great Works Station is Kenneth E. DeBeck. Ken is learning the duties of an agent-operator, is presently a student, under the direction of Agent F. J. Ronco. Nice to have you with us, Ken.

Stephen E. Packard, who has been a Student Agent-Operator at various stations on the Eastern Sub-Division, is now a qualified Agent-Operator and is presently covering the agency at Calais.

W. E. Strout, Agent, Calais is on vacation for one week. J. J. Farwell, Switchtender at Bangor has been on vacation. C. L. McDonald (Mike), Switchtender has been on vacation.

We were unable to get a picture of "Les" Woodbury, Head Traveling Auditor, and his deer as it was already packaged in his freezer when we learned about it.

Herbie Higgins (Disbursements Office) will be moving into a new home on Springwood Road, South Portland.

The Auditor Disbursements Office has several new car owners among whom are Reggie Roy (1970 VW Bus), Leonard Sanborn (1969 Plymouth Sport Fury) and Charlie Anderson with a coral colored Chrysler convertible.

Frank Cameron's new home, presently under construction in Cape Elizabeth, is nearing completion.

Bill Welch recently attended a wedding in East Hartford, Connecticut and also paid a visit to his daughter and family in Norwell, Mass.

Charlie Anderson (Disbursements Office) will be flying to Presque Isle for a concert with the Portland Symphony Orchestra and also to Fredericktown, New Brunswick and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Jerry Shea of Car Accounting and his wife and two boys drove to Hammond, Indiana, for the wedding of his son Dennis G. to Jacqueline Stok in early November. The young couple toured Maine on their wedding trip for the bride's first look at the "Pine Tree State" and will make their home in the Hammond area where Dennis is employed in data processing.

Also from Car Accounting, Cliff Clifford and his wife went to Hanover, N. H., to attend the Dartmouth-Cornell game and to join their son Chuck in celebrating his birthday in November.

Lawrence O'Bryon, Father of Donna O'Bryon, General Supt's office, and a former general office worker himself, is at the Mercy Hos-

## GENERAL OFFICES

Elinor Shuman, stenographer in the Industrial Development Office, was co-chairman and a model for a fashion show put on by the Cheverus Mothers Club recently. Her daughter Julie modeled junior fashions and another model was Anne Gross of McC's Marketing Department. Elinor has also been seen modeling on television some Sunday afternoons this fall.

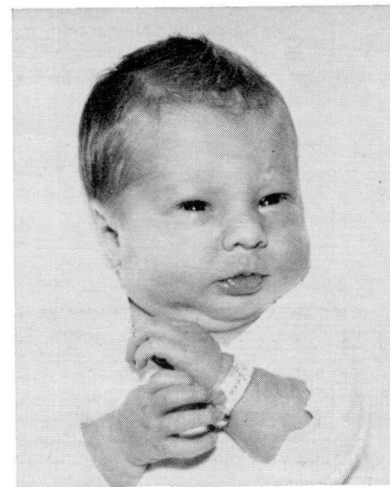
Harrison Elliott, Clerk in the Revenue Office, will be absent for several weeks, having undergone surgery at the Maine Medical Center.



"SHE'S A JOLLY GOOD GAL"—Myrtle Neilson beams as she is surrounded by associates at her office retirement party. Gifts and goodies and lots of fine fellowship marked the day October 31st. A week later 110 railroad friends helped Myrt celebrate at the Paddock, with good food, live dance music by the Paul Landry aggregation and plenty of hijinks, providing fun for all. A money tree was presented to Myrt, who has served as secretary to the Auditor Disbursements since coming to work at Maine Central in December of 1955. Shown in the picture are front row, left to right: Bob Rounds, John Michaels, Auditor Disbursements; Myrt, Bill Welch, Dick Luce, Charlie Anderson and Walter Provencher. Back row, left to right: Reggie Libby, Bill Woods, Herbie Higgins and Karen Regan, new Messenger associate editor.

pital convalescing from surgery. Larry extends his thanks to all of those who remembered him with calls and cards.

It's good to see Dottie Smith back after being out several days with a virus.



THEIR PRIDE AND JOY—is what the family of Donald H. Svenson, Freight Claim Representative and Traveling Auditor, say about young Miss Melora Doris Miller, born October 7 at St. Joseph's Hospital Tampa, Florida. Weighing in at 7 pounds and 2 oz. Melora is the delight of her mom and dad, Judith and Daniel Miller. Don and his wife Catherine lost no time in driving to Florida to see their first grandchild, presented by daughter Judy.

Betty MacDonald, Stenographer, certainly had an outstanding vacation trip to Europe. Phil Lentz and family entertained her by showing her as much of Germany as possible, including the Black Forest, Baden-Baden, Frankfurt, etc. Betty and Phil's wife Glenda took the fast train to Gay Paree' for three days, touring the city and seeing the Follies Bergere. They flew back to Frankfurt before they decided to stay forever. Betty flew home via TWA by the way of London.

Mrs. Helen Baker, stenographer, substituted for Betty.

Marion Faibisy, Clerk-Stenographer, has a new 1969 Beige Plymouth 4-door Signet, with red interior. Very nice, Marion.

Well, we just guess the Richard Aylwards are a musical family! Stephen, who is a Sophomore at Deering High School, is a member of the Pep Band, a branch of the full Deering High Band. The Pep Band has about 25 members, and features Pop Music. The band played at a concert for the Parent-Teachers Club, and for the Portland Lion's Club, Nov. 25th, at their regular luncheon at the Lafayette Hotel. Steve plays trombone. Debbie Aylward, is in the eighth grade at Lincoln Jr. and plays the french horn in their band and orchestra. They marched in the Veteran's Day Parade, and also played at the Open House Meeting for the Parent-Teachers Club.

They say that Bill Hayward got an eleven point deer. Well, Bill just looks innocent—and who knows—for sure?

C. D. Prentice, retired Chief Engineer, came in for a visit while on his way to Boston to the New England Railroad Club Executive Night Meeting and Dinner, on Nov. 12th, with the Engineering Department men. Sure looks great!

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Martin's son Robert, wife Linda, and two children Debbie and Denise, combined business with pleasure and visited for two

weeks while on a business trip for the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company at the University of Maine.

J. F. Stanford's family are a busy group! Mrs. J. F. flew to visit with daughter Joan, (Robert Chase) and family.

Daughter Carole and husband Milton Davis and two children are busy moving into a new colonial California style home in Modesto, California, which they had built recently.

Lieut-Comm. David Stanford is off for a seven months tour in the West Pacific as a Navigation Officer aboard a submarine, from San Diego.

Horace Foster, Comptroller and Treasurer, and Mrs. Foster enjoyed a late vacation trip flying to New Orleans to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John J. McGinnis. While there Mr. Foster revisited the sites of some of his army training for WW II and found an industrial development and a new state university campus on the locations. John and Betsey are transferring to Newport, R. I. where John will be stationed on a destroyer escort.

Assistant Treasurer Horace Budd has returned to his desk after recuperating from surgery.

Charles G. Rivers, Manager Industrial Development, and Mrs. Rivers have a new grandson, Fred A. Clough IV, born October 15 to their daughter Carol at the Air Force Base in South Ruislip, England. Mr. and Mrs. Rivers spent Thanksgiving with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rivers, Jr. and their 2-year-old son in Wilmington, Delaware.

## WATERVILLE SHOPS

Hunting season has produced a few lucky hunters hereabouts. Employees reporting kills are Basil Thompson, Ernest Laliberte, Bob Vashon and Chester Craig.

Machinist Rick Chamberlain has returned to work after a long absence, starting from a ski accident last February.

Supt. and Mrs. Alden Finimore have been recent visitors in Boston where he attended the fall meeting of the New England Railroad club.



**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**—Bert N. Jewett, retired recently from Waterville Shop, and Mrs. Jewett were guests of honor at a Golden wedding anniversary party arranged by their children at the Jewetts' West Bath summer home. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Wheeler (Doris Jewett) and family of Sherburn, Mass. and their son-in-law David Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert N. Jewett Jr. and family, South Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Ted S. Jewett and family, Oakland. Several guests from out of state were on hand for the happy occasion.

Carman Ernest Taylor has traded a '65 Chev for a new one. The trade-in had 106,000 miles; Taylor says the mileage was accrued visiting his grandchildren. . . .

While making home repairs Carman Walt McCaslin dropped a pipe. He broke a toe.

The Madison American Legion Rifle Team competing in the central Maine area, in the Gayton Rifle League, and comprised of seven teams won the championship. During the '68-'69 season the Legion team won 11 of 12 matches for first place. Members of the team include Carmen Eddie King and Ernest Taylor along with Painter Chester Craig. King received a medal for individual high score for the season.

Clerk Joe Dessent, while leaving Allen Street to turn on College Ave. on signal from the traffic officer, had his Ford side-swiped by a car proceeding along the Avenue. Dessent was taken to a local hospital and was released after examination and returned to work the next day. The car was a wreck.

Former Carman Percy and Mrs. Johnston have recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They are parents of six children and one son Lead Blacksmith Clayton is employed at the shops. The elder Johnston retired some 15 years ago.

Carman and Mrs. Clarence Pomeroy recently suffered the total loss of their home by fire. A substantial subscription was raised among employees and presented to the Pomeroyes.

Employees recently hospitalized are Carman Sam Merrow, Clerk Arthur Grenier, Carman Roland Giroux and Win Reynolds.

Machinist John Larracey has recently attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the I.A.M. in New Haven Conn.

Sympathy is extended to Foreman Wallace Jewell and family upon the death of his mother Mrs. Stella Jewell Oct. 26 aged 87. She was the widow of former Carman Ed Jewell.

## WATERVILLE STATION

Announcing the arrival of a new baby girl, "Kristina Lynn", are Yard Brakeman and Mrs. Robert Kerschner. Also announcing another new addition are Clerk and Mrs. Joe Dessent, the count now being two and two. Incidentally, we also hear that Clerk Basil Higgins is now a great-grandfather.

Recent visitors at the Engineering Department Office included Maurice Thorne, Ralph Snow, Gid Veilleux, and Jimmy Cameron.

Assistant Track Supervisor Wally Pooler is sporting a new 1969 Comet.

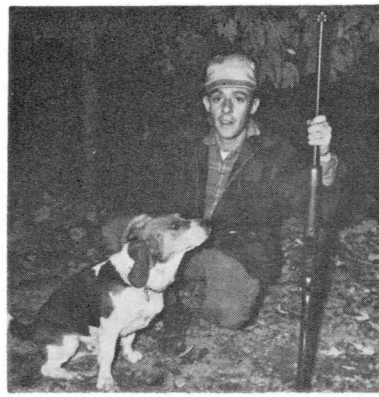
Alan Powers, has returned to the billrack, a position he once held before leaving for the Store's Department.

Clerk Robert Esty spent a week vacationing, hunting in Canada. It was a rainy week and nothing to bring home.

Also vacationing this past month were General Agent, Calvin Clark, and Clerk Larry Ridley.

In Division Two, Track Department, Trackman, Henry J. LaChance, No. Leeds has taken his disability pension after 30 years of service, as well as Trackman, Manville R. Howell, Hartland with 22 years service.

Section Foreman, Warren T. Bessey, North Anson retired after 45 years of service, most of which was served on the Bingham Branch.



Gerry Dessent, spare yardman and roadman with his dog "Nicky", all ready to go hunting. "Nicky", four years old is a natural born hunter, and is always ready for a day in the woods.

## WATERVILLE YARDS

We extend our sympathy to the family of Conductor Bill Hill whose wife passed away recently.

Our old friend, Telegraph Operator and Agent at Madison Ernest White, informs us that it's only a matter of counting the days now. Ernest is anticipating a long awaited retirement. He says Dec. 31 is the date. We wish you all our best, Ernie.

Roger Veilleux of Relief Switcher No. 1 says that during World War II, he knew an engineer that, because of the shortage of meat, would eat horse meat. Not that it mattered too much to Roger, but rather than using hand motions Roger had to holler the motions, such as "whoa" for stop and "Gidap" for go ahead. A rather new engineer wants to know, "How about deer meat, Roger?"

Spare Brakeman and Conductor, L. K. Powers, took one big step forward recently, and from what we hear, it was indeed a big one. Seems L. K. was working on his new home and the cellar steps haven't been installed yet. — Ouch — He's well and back to work, so things are a little brighter now. Just a slight limp, as a reminder, to remember to fix the steps next.

We hear that Charles Parkhurst, our coffee drinking night hawk, has taken his pension. Here's wishing you our best, Charlie, and drop into see us in your spare time.

Engineer of WS-1 and SW-2, Al Higgins was at it again—poem writing. No one could describe it better than he:

### BENNETT'S LAMENT

One night in Skowhegan to the store  
Frank he did go,  
And put his new light on the foot-  
board below.

There were two young boys who had  
hid in the grass  
And took his new light and fled  
like a flash.

When he returned, he said with a  
sob, please call the cops for  
you know I've been robbed!

But there's no sense to stutter or  
stammer,  
Next time, hook it down with a  
hammer.

We welcome back to work after many months of convalescing, Vic Tardiff, who bunted Relief Switcher No. 2, and Al Thiboutot, who bunted Relief Switcher No. 1.

Believe it or not, no other than P. L. "Speedy" Messier was sitting in the big green chair recently.

Who is the joker who wrote on Ralph Moffatt's flat tire—"Flat Here with an arrow pointing the flat areas and the top parts which look all right "OK Here"?

Mark Michaud of Switcher No. 9 is the first to get his deer this year. The old stories of if, buts, almost etc., still linger on and on, same as fish stories.

Vacationers recently: A. C. Ladd, H. L. Higgins, C. F. Mason, W. W. Hill, M. E. Michaud, R. Roy, C. K. Trask; Road—R. S. Bickford, M. M. Pratt, W. F. Welsh, E. Y. Morris, S. A. Cookson; Enginemen—C. G. Kimball, M. W. Miles, C. A. Clark, R. V. Adams, E. L. Leighton, S. O. Corson.

## RIGBY SHOPS

October had it's usual World Series event, featured by the Knights of Columbus baseball pool. Stores Department Clerk "Frank" Mathew Kane, although on vacation at that time, operated it as usual at the engine house.

The Bridge and Building Crew were busy during the month putting a new roof on the building, housing the Wash and Locker rooms, as well as other minor repairs around the property.

Steam Fitter William, "Bill" Grace, and his efficient helper "Al" Huff have been busy installing oil burners in various locations around the Terminal, thus doing away with all coal burning outfits.

Daniel Sullivan, 75, a retired clerk since 1959 died after a long illness. Many of the men who knew him send their condolences to his family during their bereavement.

On October 16, Car Department Clerk "Pat" Conley celebrated a double occasion. It was his birthday and his wedding anniversary. "Pat" states, "I didn't do much of anything, but had an awful good time doing it, anyway."

Two Car Department men, Foreman "Bob" Mulherne, and Carman "Les" Hamel were hospitalized during the month for a short period of time.

Stores Department employee, "Sam" Napolitano covered Clerk "Bob" Grimmer's position while he was on vacation. "Bob" took in quite a part of Canada, the Gaspé Peninsula, etc. during the first week. The remainder of the time was spent in modernizing his kitchen, stainless sink and other equipment.



**FAMILY TRIO** — Patricia, Kathleen and Howard, children of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Burnham of Peabody, Mass. Burnham is a Boston and Maine engineer. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Burnham of Craigie Street, Portland. Howard Burnham is a retired B&M engineer and a member of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans.



Stores Department employee "Phil" Cook is on the sick list again. This time with an injured foot, in which several small bones were broken when a metal casting dropped on it.

General Foreman "Don" Russell has just returned from his vacation, spending some of the time in New Hampshire, as well as other places of interest.

Stephen A. Messer, 89, died after a short illness. He retired as a carman, 17 years ago. He was famous as a pastry chef having worked in many noted summer, and hotel resorts for some time. Machinist Robert Messer, one of our younger employees is his son. A floral tribute was sent to the funeral from the shop Flower Fund.

Former Electrician Harry Marden, now retired is making his permanent home in Seminole, Florida, near Clearwater. He is well and even though the past summer was the warmest on record, he says, "I loved it". He plans on making a visit up this way soon to see the boys at various points in the Terminal.

The men on the Relief Train Car Department were kept quite busy for a period of time during the month due to car derailments at Leed's Junction vicinity. This job was "Ray" Palmer's "baptism of fire" as his first big assignment after being awarded the Wreckmasters position, due to the retirement of "Don" MacVane.

Foreman, 2nd trick, "Johnnie" Weeks has been out sick for some time, x-rays and tests are being taken from time to time in trying to diagnose his case. Electrician John Connors has been covering his position as foreman.

Foreman, 3rd trick, Waverly Hammond has resigned, and is taking up his former position as an electrician. James Brice, Jr. has been assigned as a foreman.

Machinist Milton Coombs reports that Mrs. Comb's dad is quite seriously ill. He is confined at the Mercy Hospital undergoing treatment.

Margaret Trecarten, granddaughter of retired Rigby Engine House and Bartlett, New Hampshire Foreman, Walter, and Mrs. Trecarten of Bartlett was given a bridal shower by friends at the home of Mrs. Everett Tebbets; Everett was a clerk at the Bartlett Station. The bridegroom is Russell Fish, a Viet Nam veteran of one years service.

Martin A. Flaherty, 60, died suddenly at a local hospital. He served as a Yardman at Rigby for 32 years. He was also a member of the Brotherhood of Clerks.

Chief Clerk Frank Garland, a selectman for the town of Freeport and advisory member of the School Board there, has assisted in making a recommendation for funds for a new high school. He reports the school now has double sessions to accommodate its enrollment.

Incidentally, Frank shot a 155 lb. four point buck at East Kennebago recently.

Foreman Charles Tetreault, first trick, is on vacation, and will get in some time hunting in the northern part of the state.

Arnold Chenney, a retired stationary engineer at the Rigby Power Plant visited the shop recently, and marveled at the changes in recent years at his former habitat, especially from coal to oil fired boilers.

Mrs. Harry Cousins, wife of former Sheet metal worker Harry Cousins, now retired, was Chairman of the annual auction committee of the Fox Class of the Woodfords Congregational Church.

Engine Dispatcher, and Mrs. Arthur

Mills announce the betrothal of their daughter Barbara Ann Mills to Airman 1st Class Gary Robert Daigle, stationed at Homestead Air Base, Miami, Florida. Barbara is a student at Gorham Teachers' College.

The members of the Goodwin Mills Fire Department of which Machinist Paul Curran is a member, served as a search party when a hunter was lost in that area. As it happened Car Department employee, Elmer Andrews located the lost man who was none the worse for his ordeal.

Rigby Car Department Blacksmith, "Brownie" Tatarcauk was taken ill while he was on vacation and was confined to the hospital for a brief stay in order to make tests.

We have a new face appearing on the scene, an employee at the engine house, Lawrence Blake, Albion Road, South Windham, Maine.

In regards to the deer hunters and their escapades. "Phil" Small, son of Electrician "Jim" Small bagged a 120 lb. doe at Cornish on the morning of the first day of the season. Retired Electrician Walter Emery shot a nice doe, near his hunting camp at Moose Pond. Walter and Mrs. Emery are returning to the Portland area for the winter soon.

Electrician "Ray" Ryder is taking the last two weeks of his vacation and plans to put in some hunting, the weather permitting.

Several Car Department employees are on the hunt-trail.



IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN—but it looks as if Joe and Kay Gallant left, caught Karen and Ken Austin right, in a scoring error, while bowling at West-Port Lanes. Joe and Ken are this year's Commissioners for the General Office Couple's League.



By Jerry Shea

In the General Office Couple's Bowling League on Thursday nights at the West-Port Lanes in Westbrook, some of the new faces and the Departments in which they work are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Casey (Rigby Engine House), Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Bondeson (Data Processing), Mr. and Mrs. Bob Trefethen (Data Processing), Mr. and Mrs. Larry Caret (Signal), Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Redstone (Dispatcher), Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gallant (Executive), Eleanor Shuman (Real Estate), and Bob Brewster (Engineering), Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carter (Mechanical),

Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Libby (Auditor Disbursements), Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox (Engineering), Mr. and Mrs. Steve Magyar (Penn Central Sales), and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brownell (Executive).

After eight weeks of bowling, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Walls (Supervisor-Employees Group Insurance) along with their partners, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Austin (Comptroller's Office), are leading the eighteen team league by five points. Their 47 won and 17 lost record is five points better than Team No. 16. The latter team consists of Ann and Bill Welch (Auditor Disbursements) and Connie and Ray Davis (Car Accounting). High team three is held by Team No. 10 made up of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Greene (Auditor Disbursements) and their partners, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Corbeau. High team single is held by Mr. and Mrs. William Brownell and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith (Yard Master-Rigby). Kay Greene and her team partner, Marge Corbeau, are tied for high individual single for the women with 119's. High three is held by Kay Wilcox. "Big" Bill Brownell holds both high single and high three for the men with 156 and 353, respectively. Bill also has high average with 106, following by Paul Corbeau, 105, and there are three tied at 101—Warren Smith, Dave Gardner and Leon Ross.

After seven weeks in the Maine Central-Portland Terminal Men's League, the team of G. O. Dispatchers have a two point lead over the rest of the eleven teams.

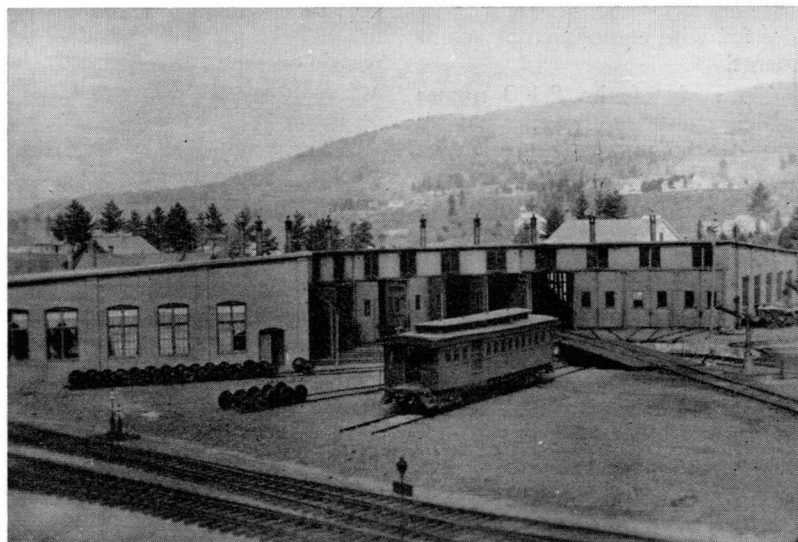
**SAFETY CREED**

The Association of American Railroads Safety News Bulletin notes that "every man bears the unalterable responsibility for keeping out of harm's way . . . this he owes himself, his family, his fellows and his job, too."

One key to accident prevention is personal responsibility, a philosophy which is an essential part of our American way of life.

"Voluntary cooperation and individual initiative, based on a strong sense of personal responsibility", says the bulletin, "are far more effective in getting results than force, compulsion or fear."

Freedom from harm is not a privilege but a goal to be achieved and perpetuated, by each man and woman.



A HINT IN THE HILLS—this one looks tough but look at the backdrop and it should be easier to guess where and when.

# Jean Gilpatrick Addresses RR Women

A report to the National Association of Railway Businesswomen on her post as Regional Manager, Sales and Service for Maine Central Railroad was a recent assignment for Miss Jean E. Gilpatrick, who rounds out a year on her present job this month.

Addressing the group in Richmond, Virginia, Jean shared some of the highlights of her railroad sales career thus far.

She drives some 1,800 to 2,000 miles per month calling on customers in her assigned territory in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, with an occasional trip to Quebec.

Jean told the railroad women that plant tours are a fascinating part of her job. "I have watched paper roll off a machine at 3,600 feet per minute and seen white hot steel hammered into shape by a drop forge," she said.

Learning car requirements, loading and unloading facilities needed for bulk commodities, switching times and many other concepts in railroading have been part of her "homework."

MeC's lady sales representative has found pretty wide acceptance of women in the marketing fields; in fact, her roster of calls includes three women traffic managers, one a Vice President of her company.

Jean considers herself fortunate to be employed by a company whose top executives are receptive to the fact that a woman can be effective in a field previously dominated by men. This led to her present job after 17 years in other MeC departments.

Along with her busy days and evenings on the job, she is enrolled in the Continuing Education Division of the University of Maine in Portland.

Noting that, at nearly every college placement office today, women graduates are routinely getting posts closed to their predecessors a decade ago, Jean cited the words of Calvin Coolidge that "nothing in the world can take the place of persistence."

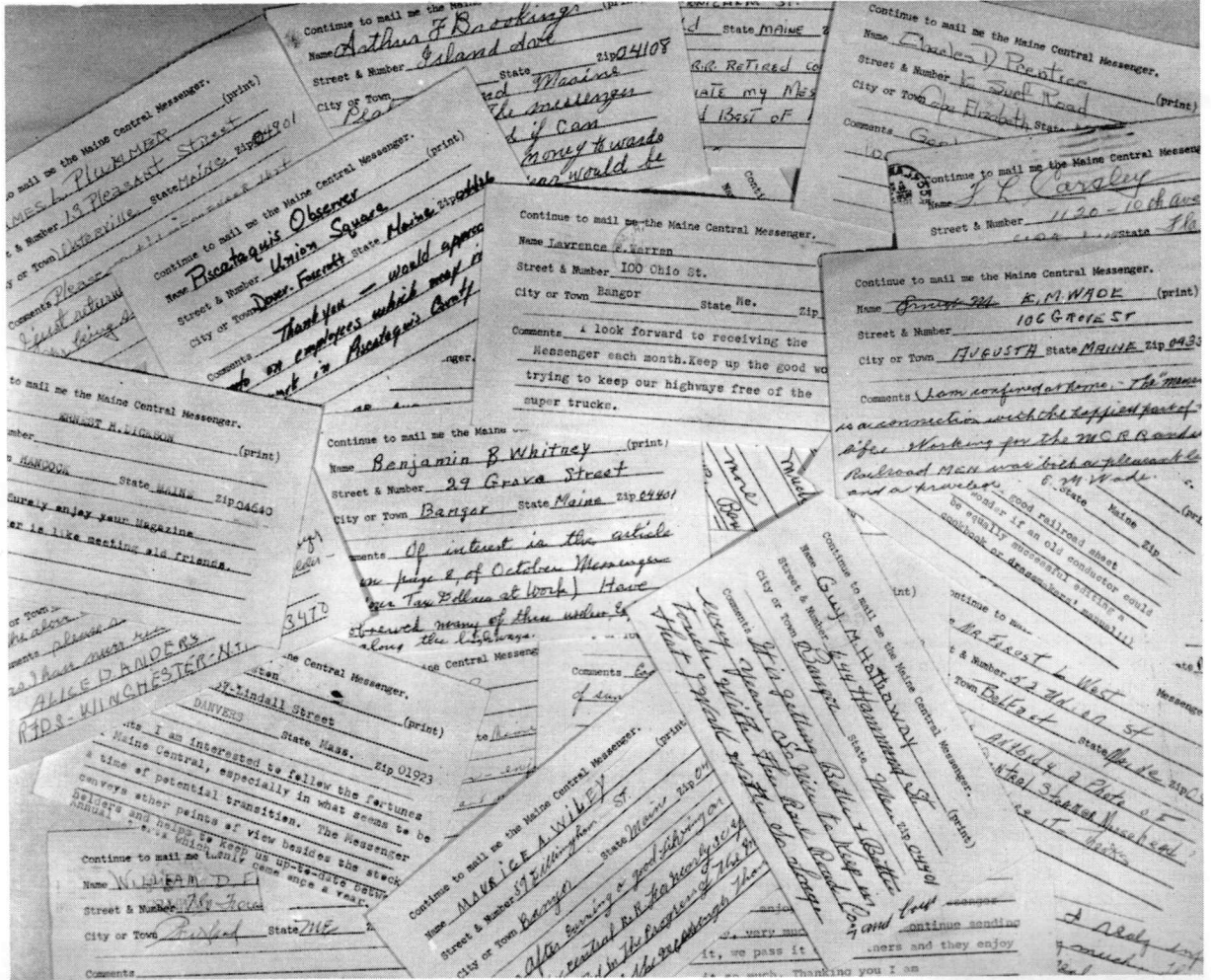
### NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all the many business associates and friends for the wonderful gift and retirement parties in September.

I am enjoying my retirement and will always remember my many years of association with my Maine Central co-workers and business associates.

I want to wish you all a most Happy Holiday Season.

E. D. Wescott



## Praise From Readers As Messenger Mailing Lists Gets Regular Five-Year Checkup

Praise for the efforts of the nineteen editors of the Maine Central Messenger came from points coast to coast in November.

Conducting its regular five-year checkup of the addresses by which some 2,100 copies are mailed each month to friends of the railroad as well as retired railroad men and women, the Messenger's headquarters was flooded with complimentary comments.

To each of the 2,100 names which comprise the Messenger's mailing list, exclusive of active employees, a postal card was mailed, with the return portion designed for address corrections and comments.

Almost without exception readers took the time to write comments.

Shutins among the railroad's pensioners termed The Messenger a "monthly ray of sunshine which keeps us informed about our old friends still working."

One wrote: "It is getting better every year. So nice to keep in touch with the railroad boys with whom I worked so long"

and "after earning a good living on MeC for nearly 50 years, I'm interested in its progress".

Traffic Managers and other executives of railroad customers wrote such comments as "please be sure The Messenger keeps coming. I look forward to it each month and it is also circulated among our people here."

A prominent paper company executive said "This personal touch helps us feel closer to the people on the Maine Central who are so much a part of our daily business life".

A representative of the Association of American Railroads said "the Messenger is helpful in my work. Thank you."

A New York executive wrote "the content and format of the Messenger make it one of the more interesting and useful publications in the rail house organ field.

A Bangor man asked "Keep up the good work of trying to keep our highways free of the super trucks".

President Miller's column came in for special mention by a great many of those writing in. An

Oregon college history professor commended the "president's page" and expressed hearty agreement with "his assessment of the railroad problems as viewed by management"; an Upper Montclair, N. J. man said "I like your President's vision, diligence and determination. One man added "Especially enjoy President Miller's comments a pity his most sensible comments . . . can't reach a wider audience" Another comment "a real newsy railroad magazine, with special commendation to the letters from President Miller which appear each month".

ANNUAL MEETING  
Railroad Workers'  
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January 26, 7:30 p.m.  
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# Meet the VOICE



**SHE'S EVERYBODY'S FRIEND**—Mrs. Catherine M. "Kay" Jameson, secretary in the Assistant Superintendent's office, Bangor, is not only efficient and good natured but well nigh indispensable, according to her co-workers. In addition to keeping matters ship-shape in the office, Kay is a friendly dispenser of aspirin, and paker hankies and can be counted on for a "listening ear" and good advice, if requested. A Lowell, Massachusetts native, Kay went to work for Maine Central in 1946 on her present assignment and has served under five assistant superintendents. Married to Bangor Police Department dispatcher Philip Jameson, Kay's favorite home pastime is cooking and lobster dishes her specialty. The couple has two daughters.

## November Mystery Picture Stirs Favorite Memories

The November mystery picture drew more mail than any photo in a long time, and brought pleasant memories to many of those identifying Royal Junction.

Among those correctly naming the location were: A. P. Wyman, Skowhegan, Tim Zimont, Yarmouth, and Maine Central railroad men R. L. Baker, police chief; J. F. Stanford, signal engineer; Herbert Fogg, South Portland, Y. C. Neilson, Brunswick, Lloyd F. Brean, Ogunquit, Erving Babcock, Portland and Philip L. Gardner, Yarmouth, who put in thirty-odd years in the tower, beginning in 1911. Also a correspondent was State Representative George V. Hunter, Freeport, who some years ago shared the morning trick with the Messenger editor at a local radio station, when he was known as the "big man from Freeport". Wrote George: "This just has to be Royal Junction; when I went to

Gray's Business College forty years ago, I went in on No. 44 and back on No. 25.

Another interesting note, from Alfred M. Wynne of Amherst, Mass., said "well and happily do I remember the years 1948-50 when I spent a good bit of time working as an operator at Royal Junction. One 'legend' which comes to mind concerns Charlie Innes, the regular second trick operator for many years. It seems that one evening at dusk when it was nearly time for the arrival of the Flying Yankee, Charlie spotted what appeared to be a cow near the section house shown in the far left background of the picture in the Messenger. Being conscientious, Charlie set out to get the poor thing off the tracks but, when he got eyeball to eyeball with the creature, realized that what he thought was a cow was actually a bull moose. Fortunately, his nerves of steel served him well and, after staring the moose down, he made it back to the tower safely."

## Crawford Notch RR Plans Move Ahead

Plans for further land acquisition are progressing in connection with the operation of the Crawford Notch Steam Railroad Inc., according to its president, George E. McAvoy.

McAvoy also reports he has been contacted by several bus firms interested in the possibility of tours to the area, when the steam passenger train which CNSR intends to operate between Bartlett and Fabyan, New Hampshire over Maine Central Railroad lines, begins service.

Following recent New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission approval for operation of the train, officers of the corporation were announced as follows: McAvoy, president; Douglas A. Philbrook Gorham, N. H., vice president; Edward M. Clark, Lincoln, N. H., treasurer; James T. McFate, Hanover, N. H., clerk. Ambassador Robert C. Hill is chairman of the board of the corporation.



Rebecca J. Pickard, machine operator, Auditor Revenue and Freight Claims Office, comes to Maine Central from Strong, Maine where she graduated from High School in June, with hubby, David J., Rebecca lives in South Freeport and enjoys riding and snowmobile racing in winter and horseback riding all year 'round. Glad to have you with us.

Thomas Perry, new home route clerk, Car Accounting and Statistical Office, lives at 163 Katahdin Road, Cape Elizabeth and is a graduate of North Yarmouth Academy. His brother, Stephen, 18 is a freshman at Dartmouth College. Tommy enjoys skiing, bowling and golf. Welcome to Maine Central, Tommy.



**Bridge and Building crewmen install bridge lifting cable at Carlton Bridge, Bath.** The photo was taken from the drawbridge deck approximately 200 feet above the water level. Crewmen are installing pin which holds cable to top of the tower. Large cables to the left are counterweight cables. Four cables were changed at this location in recent months. Work was performed by W. L. Morang's carpenter crew and R. R. Grant's paint crew, working under the direction of B&B Supervisor J. E. Lancaster. In the picture, upper left, John Kaine, Vanceboro, carpenter; right Lawrence Parlin, Augusta, painter; lower left, Foreman Ralph Grant, Portland and lower right, Lionelle Morrissette, Winslow, truck driver.



**BEST WISHES ON YOUR 90TH**—John Briggs, president of the Association of Railroad Veterans, right, tells Herbert W. Fogg, who resigned the past month as the organization's longtime chaplain. Wearing the handsome Pendleton jacket which the veterans gave him recently, Fogg observed his 90th birthday on November 22nd. His plans to move to a Camden nursing home, noted in the November Messenger, had to be changed suddenly when his son died recently; but the elderly gentleman adjusted well and is pleased with the rooms he has at a South Portland rest home. He says it's so close to the home he lived in until recently that, if he had his old pitching arm, he could throw a rock between them. A clue to the reason for the esteem in which he is held by so many railroad men and women is revealed in what is of value to Mr. Fogg. He mailed in a train order which he received after being qualified as a conductor; it has been in his family Bible nearly 70 years.



By Harold R. Keniston

Our October monthly meeting was held on Sunday, October 26th at Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Thornton Heights. Forty-six Veterans were present including new members.

Fourteen gifts donated by members were awarded.

After the regular meeting, entertainment was furnished by Carl R. Laughrige, retired General Motors Executive—a slide presentation "The Majestic Alps, Austria and Switzerland." It was one of the most interesting programs to date.

New railroad veterans voted into membership are: Richard M. Choate of Hallowell; Kenneth H. Farrar of South Portland; and George F. Dole of St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

A moment of silence was held in respect of member Norton Pratt who died October 1st.

Our Christmas party will be held at our regular meeting place on Sunday, December 21. This is one week earlier than our usual meeting date.

Mr. Wallace C. Peabbles, a former car inspector, is a patient in the Osteopathic Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston E. Petrie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 11, and were given a surprise party by the Cornerstone Lodge of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Dorothy Fein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Petrie, and their two grandchildren will spend Thanksgiving with them.

It has been our sad duty to report from time to time the names of departed members from this membership. It has been suggested that each active member bring in new applications for membership. Readers must know some former railroad employee who would like to become affiliated.



**MOVE 'EM OUT**—John Staples, left, Packing and Shipping Supervisor for Dragon Cement Company and Russell Kelley, Assistant Plant Manager at the Thomaston plant, join MeC Sales and Service Representative Jean Kilpatrick in the yard as the first shipment of cement in the firm's new large volume cars moves out.

## DEATHS

Adams, Frank H., Carman, No. Maine Jct., October 10, 1969.

Flaherty, Martin A., Yard Laborer, Portland, October 25, 1969.

Larkin, Thomas W., Locomotive Engineer, Bangor, October 25, 1969.

## RETIREMENTS

Begin, Cornelius J., Clerk, Waterville, October 13, 1969.

Duplisea, Clayton R., Policeman, Portland, October 14, 1969.

Bessey, Warren T., Section Foreman, No. Anson, October 15, 1969.

Neilson, Myrtle W., Secretary, Portland, October 31, 1969.

Smith, Forrest R., Electrician, Bangor, October 14, 1969.

Stetson, Elmer C., Trainman, Bangor, October 29, 1969.

## Fleet—(from page 1)

All elements of the Dragon Cement program are progressing on schedule, according to Edward W. Medbery, division president. The new Thomaston plant now under construction will combine modern industrial construction features with advanced air pollution prevention equipment, officials added.

## Meetings—(from page 1)

W. E. Maloy, Mechanical Instructor-Train Rules Examiner discussed train rules and safety at the sessions.

Division engineers briefed those attending on maintenance procedures and ordering various types of tools and plans for the remainder of 1969.

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