



Messenger

Annual Report Cover Photo Is Picture Postcard

The pictorial cover of the Maine Central's 1968 Annual Report, which already is adorning many walls throughout the country as a result of requests for one of the 3,000 reprints the railroad gave away, will have additional distribution this Spring and Summer.

The photo has been made into a picture postcard by the Eastern Illustrating Company, New London, N. H. and is now for sale in postcard racks in stores throughout the White Mountains area.

The postcard's caption reads: "Crawford Notch, N. H. . . . Maine Central Railroad Train RY-2 with five diesel locomotives hauling 100 cars through Crawford Notch in New Hampshire's White Mountains on its run between Portland, Me. and St. Johnsbury, Vt. This roadbed, carved into the side of the mountains, affords a view of some of New England's most spectacular scenery. The Mountain subdivision is Maine Central's connecting link for freight to and from the West and South."



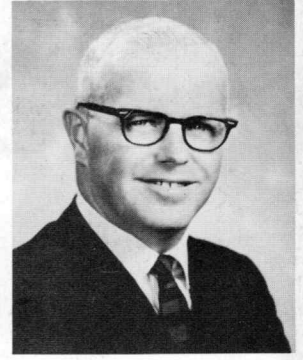
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New FM Radios On MeC

Maine Central's FM radio equipment was augmented recently by the purchase of 14 new Motorola handie talkie units to be used by head end brakemen in setting off and picking up cars.

The radios are completely transistorized, have a loop antenna and rechargeable batteries and weigh only 21 oz., a far cry from the 13 lb. radios first purchased by Maine Central back in 1953. The originals had 1/4 watt power. The new ones have an output of 1.8 watts and can operate on yard and road frequency.

Carried in a chest pack, the radios are designed for the user to speak directly into the unit without picking it up. The

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Four Promotions Announced Following Directors' Meeting

Election of Horace N. Foster as Vice President-Finance and Accounting; John F. Gerity, Comptroller; Horace M. Budd, Treasurer and Stanley W. Watson, Assistant Comptroller was announced April 22, following a meeting of the Directors of the Maine Central Railroad and Portland Terminal Company.

At the same time it was announced that Robert G. Fairburn, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Keyes Fibre Company was elected to the Board of Directors of Maine Central and Kenneth T. Burr, a member of the Maine Central board also was elected a director of the Portland Terminal Company.

Archibald M. Knowles, corporate vice president, was elected to the Executive Committee of the MeC board of directors.

Foster had been Comptroller and Treasurer of the railroad and its subsidiary since April 1955. A graduate of Arlington (Mass.) High School and Boston University, Foster received his BS in Education in 1934. In 1935 he became clerk at the Second National Bank of Boston, resigning in 1942 to become freight accounting clerk for the Boston and Maine Railroad. After a series of successive promotions he was named Assistant to Vice President — Passenger Department of the Boston and Maine in 1955. In the same year Foster became Assistant to the Comptroller of the Maine Central Railroad.

Foster is a director of the Casco Bank and Trust Company; Federal Loan & Building Association; Center Parking Corporation and Maine Heart Association.

Foster is a member of the Lion's Club, State Street Congregational Church, Portland YMCA, New England Railroad Club; Accounting and Treasury Division Association of

American Railroads; Railway Systems & Management Association. Last year he received the third highest honor in the field of railroad accounting when he was elected Second Vice Chairman of the Accounting Division of the AAR's Economics and Finance Department.

Gerity, who is also Clerk of Corporation of the Maine Central and Portland Terminal Company, had been Assistant Comptroller since 1957. After attending school in Newton (Mass.) and at Boston University he started his railroad career with the Boston and Maine Railroad in 1941 in the Bureau of Statistics. Gerity came to the Maine Central in May 1955 as Assistant to the Comptroller. He presently serves as Chairman of the Association of American Railroad's statistics committee. His wife is a former employee of the Boston and Maine.

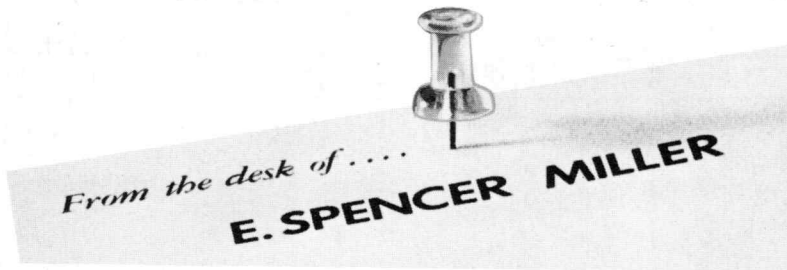
Budd, a graduate of Deering High School, commenced

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Chief Engineer James O. Born, left, checks out with Signal Engineer J. F. Stanford one of the fourteen new "handie-talkie" FM radios just received on the system for use by head end brakemen. The railroad now owns a total of 60 of the compact and effort-saving radios. At right is the battery-charger unit where the radios are stored when not in use.

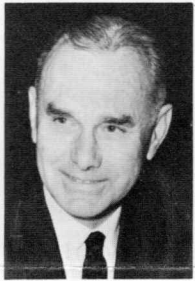
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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

MOLLUSKS and MEN

In the March MESSENGER we had something to say on the subjects of industrial development, pollution potential and the proper and practical approach to the problem. It was pointed out that the objective is not to prevent pollution through maintaining Maine or any part of it as an economic backwater, but rather to foster the type of industrial development which makes economic sense for Maine and to use the tools of technology, which we have, to minimize and eliminate the daily output of pollutants and to prevent the possibility of petroleum spills, explosions or other remotely possible catastrophes.



This article is written in the light of two interesting and significant developments. Last week a leader of one of the so-called conservation groups which apparently are interested in preserving Maine in its natural state, announced that opposition would continue to an oil refinery and chemical complex in Washington County but would not develop with respect to similar industrial installations in the Greater Portland area. This remarkable pronouncement seems to illuminate the thinking of these people and to show up the real objectives for what they are.

Let us now go back and see what the main thrust against pollution has been. The dangers to people have constituted the primary emphasis but in view of the statement just referred to, no such danger motivates the anti-pollution activists here in Maine. It is apparent that they are relatively unconcerned about the effect of any potential pollution so far as men are concerned since a refinery in the Greater Portland area would exist at the center of a semi-circle fifty miles in diameter in which almost one-half of the population of this state resides. Opposition is voiced vigorously with respect to the location of such a refinery near Machiasport where Maine's population is least dense. It, therefore, is seen beyond a doubt that anti-pollution do-gooder groups are really not much interested in the physical and economic well being of men but are vitally concerned with any potential hazard to a carrion-eating lobster on the bottom of the sea, a coot, or a clam in the mud. In other words, the welfare of the mollusk overrides that of the human.

The second significant event above alluded to is the result of the plebiscite in certain Washington County towns sponsored by Mr. Robert A. G. Monks and Atlantic World Terminals. This morning's newspapers show that the good sense of the American public has again prevailed despite the most virulent and misleading propaganda. The Downeast Yankee has an abundance of this most valuable quality of judgment and the people of Washington County have renounced the arguments of unreasoning opponents and voted in favor of an oil refinery in the Machiasport area. They realize, of course, that its economic benefits can be simply dynamic for them and only lesser in degree for their fellow Maine citizens. They unquestionably recognize, as we do, that Atlantic World Ports or any of the other promoters or developers will see to it that there is no significant pollution of air or water and that the peril of spills or other disasters is held to a minimum.

Meanwhile we do not wish to be understood as in any way casting any doubt upon the technical feasibility, the economic desirability and the very real possibility of another refinery and industrial complex in the Portland area. This State simply has to increase the earning power of its people and its economic and tax bases if the high standards of living evident in the more prosperous areas of the nation can be attained.

The plebiscite of yesterday gives all of us who are more concerned with the welfare of men than of mollusks a great deal of preliminary hope.

E. Spencer Miller



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SMILING SQUARE DANCE GRADS — These railroaders can swing their partners with the best of them now. L. to r. are Sumner Thompson, clerk, Marketing Department; Gordon L. "Tug" Wilson, asst. to Auditor Disbursements—Payroll Bureau; Mrs. Irene Kelsea, head clerk, Revision and Interline Bureau, Auditor Revenue office; and Gerald "Gerry" Roy, Canadian Pacific Railroad. The four and their spouses recently received diplomas following a twenty-eight weeks' square dance course.

SWING YOUR PARTNER

There's an old saying that "if you belong to a square dance group, you always have a friend." And the fact that friendliness, skill, a feeling of community and just plain fun are offered in square dancing has made it a popular pastime which has gained the enthusiasm of many railroad personnel.

Newest to join the ranks are four individuals from the General Office Building who, with their spouses, have attended a twenty-eight weeks' course over the past few months.

It was graduation night recently for Irene Kelsea (Auditor Revenue Office) and her husband Tim; Sumner Thompson (Marketing Department) and his wife Ruth; Gordon "Tug" Wilson (Auditor Disbursements Office) and his wife Madeline; and "Gerry" Roy (Canadian Pacific Office) and his wife Simone.

Irene Kelsea says one of the problems many women have is getting hubby to go to the first dance; after that "you couldn't keep 'em away." "Square dancers are great people," she adds, "sometimes you make a mistake, but everyone laughs and you start all over."

Following receipt of their diplomas, the dancers are free to attend higher level dances, where the steps and routines

are more complicated and even greater fun.

The Southern Maine area has three groups... the South Portland Round Squares, Portland's Cumberland County Recreation Council and the EFFENGY'S of Gray which comprise the Tri-Squares.

Irene explains that, though there are literally thousands of terms connected with square dancing, only a certain number of "basics" form the necessary language, which is used by the callers in directing the dancers through endless combinations. The basics comprise all of the major movements in contemporary square dancing. A square is made up of four couples. Those who dance recommend it for fun and meeting a lot of nice people.



L. J. Gallant, left, Yard Conductor, Bangor recently received his 25 year service pin. Presentation was made by General Agent F. C. Corbett, right.

CALLING ALL RAIL PHOTO OWNERS

The Messenger has been asked to cooperate in trying to locate a photo. Here is the background:

Between 1909 and 1910, a 14,500-pound boulder was moved from Bakers Island off Mt. Desert to Manset and then to the Mt. Desert Ferry. From there it was transported by railroad flat car to Bangor where it was placed in Mt. Hope Cemetery as a memorial to the late Frank Hinckley.

Our files have no photo of the boulder on the flat car. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who does.

John F. Johnson Dies Served Railroad Sixty-two Years

John F. Johnson, 78, chief clerk in the Superintendent's office at the Portland Terminal Company, and believed to be the oldest active railroad clerk in the country, died March 14, following a brief illness.

He had served the railroad for 62 years, entering service in May 1909.

Johnson was an active member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks, a member of St. Dominic's Church and the Holy Name Society.

It's Iceboro!

The April mystery picture brought response from several interested railfans including Herbert Fogg, retired MeC conductor, Lawrence E. Brown, Waterville Shops; Philip G. A. Durgin of Portland; E. C. Stetson, retired trainman, Augusta and Kenneth Daggett of Gardiner.

Many possibilities were explored but the consensus is that the spot pictured is Iceboro. Mr. Fogg recalls signing the train order on Engine No. 144, later renumbered to 242, on an extra which ran from Northern Maine Junction to Bangor on February 19, 1910.

Mr. Daggett's detailed findings convinced Harry Treat that Iceboro was indeed the location. He said "the trains are meeting a short way east of the old Iceboro Station crossing with No. 28 on the main line and probably part of train 41 in front of the station and on the crossing. Daggett has walked the curve of the track and even knew the number of telephone poles from the switch location. Daggett noted that his dad, Will Daggett, worked there as agent before he was born and that he himself had searched for years around the area before locating the actual site of a similar photo in his collection.

Iceboro was a village created as a direct result of the ice harvesting industry which lasted half a century in the area. Giant ice houses lined the Kennebec River and stores, rooming houses and general business activity sprang up to take advantage of the thriving business, a great boon to ship owners and tow boat operators. Railroads were there serving industry, as they do today.

NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to express a most sincere thanks to my many friends all over the building who made possible the nicest Sunshine Shower anyone could have and anxiously await the day when I can really be up and at 'em again.

George Lowell



MeC Model Railroaders

Model railroad fans and Maine Central boosters in particular had a recent opportunity to see some of their favorite pieces of equipment on display in the window of Central Maine Power Company's Rockland office.

The space was offered to members of the Maine Central Model Railroad Club in observance of National Model Railroad Club week.

The club was organized in November, 1969, after a group of 35 men met to watch some pretty fascinating steam films shown by MeC Rockland Agent Wendell Lewis.

It has five active members with a world of enthusiasm for railroading. They are: Wendell Blanchard, Cushing, President; Eric Harjula, Thomaston, Vice President; Ralph Wendelaar, Spruce Head, Secretary; John Parker, St. George, Treasurer; and Charles McLain, MeC Engineer, Rockland.

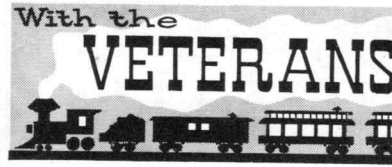
The popular window show-piece featured "O" gauge equipment, "HO" gauge, which is the club's gauge, and a few pieces of "N" gauge. Of special significance were "HO" models of MeC box cars and three MeC cabooses. Also in the "O" gauge was a scale model of MeC caboose #614, loaned for this display by MeC Conductor John J. Keating, Jr. It was built by Wendelaar and presented to Conductor Keating at an earlier date. Other items displayed were various pieces of MeC equipment such as lanterns, switch stand lights, publicity photos, maps, decals and rule books, as well as a Morse telegraph key and sounder loaned by Lewis.

Pride and joy of the club members is their model railroad, which includes at least 150 pieces, has both single and double track sections and a reverse loop set up on a platform four feet wide and sixteen feet long.

"It even looks like the Rockland Branch," says Wendelaar. There is a turntable, roundhouse, yard, coaling station and water tank and the idea is to recapture the railroad scene of the late 1940's. This gives diesel and steam fans both a chance to display their equipment.



50 YEAR PIN — is received by Engineer Ralph F. Sorenson, right, from M. L. Charity, Road Foreman-Engines. Sorenson came to work on Maine Central in July, 1918 as a wiper and became a fireman in 1920. He was promoted to an engineer's position on January 11, 1945, holding that job since that time.



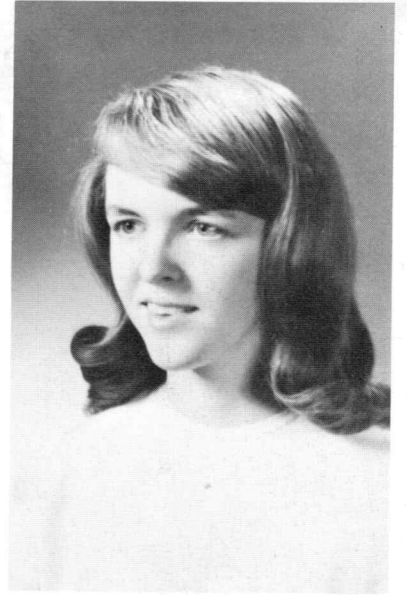
By Harold R. Keniston

Our last regular meeting was held March 25 at Howard Johnson's in Thornton Heights, South Portland with 52 members present. There were four new members voted into membership. Also, 17 gifts were exchanged among the members.

We were glad to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. William Robbins of Congress Street. They attended our meeting after spending the winter in Florida.

Our next meeting will be on May 24 at our usual meeting place. May I suggest a new application for any of our members.

If any of the male members of the Railroad Vets are interested in joining a bowling summer league, please call the following number: 775-1244.



MeC Daughter Honored

Donna Marie Berry, senior at Catherine McAuley High School and daughter of Mrs. Margaret Berry, stenographer in the Engineering Department, has been selected as the nominee of the Kiwanis Club of Portland for the 1970 New England District Scholarship Competition.

As the candidate of the Portland club, she has received one hundred dollars and her credentials will now be presented before Southern Maine area Kiwanians for statewide judging. If successful there, she could be eligible for New England awards.

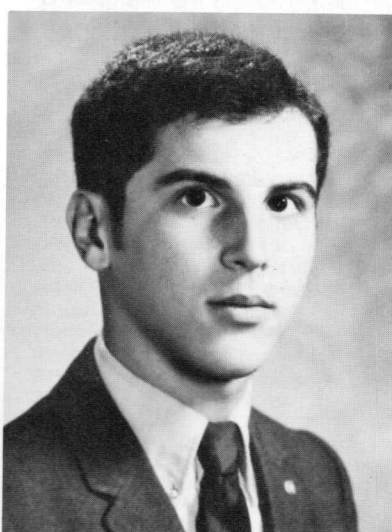
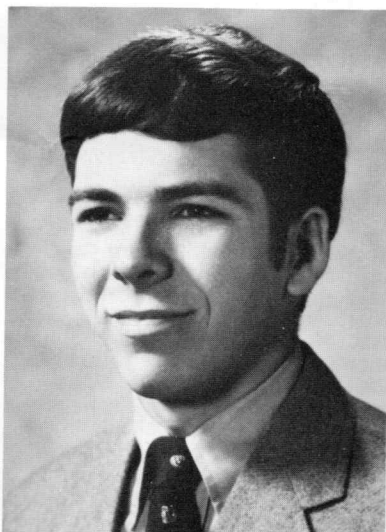
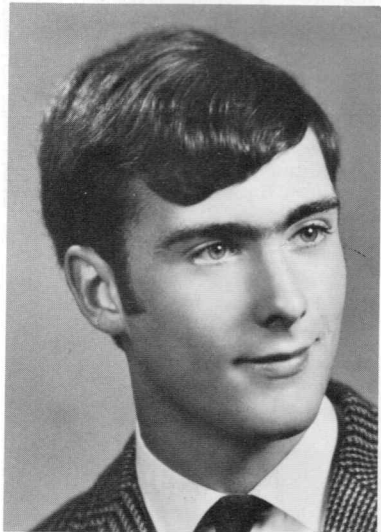
A member of the National Honor Society, Donna Marie has maintained a scholastic average of 92.5 and received many achievement awards. Editor in chief of the yearbook and active in dramatics and various school clubs, she has been on the honor roll all four years. She hopes to enter Boston College and study medicine.

A widow, Mrs. Berry has three other children in school — a daughter, Theresa, who is a freshman at the University of Maine, Mary, a freshman at McAuley High School and George "Ricky," a junior at Cheverus High School.

NOTE OF THANKS

Roland S. Bonney, Agent at Leeds, wishes to thank those who contributed toward a generous purse during his recent illness.

The Grapevine



The three young men pictured here graduate in June from Waterville High School. Left is Karl Finnemore, son of Waterville Shops Superintendent Alden Finnemore and Mrs. Finnemore; center is Paul Boudreau, son of Brakeman and Mrs. Joseph Boudreau; and right, Bruce Giroux, son of Carman and Mrs. Roland Giroux. Karl has been manager of the baseball team as well as the gymnastics group, and has been president of his Methodist Youth group. He has been accepted at the Maine Maritime Academy. Special honors have come to Paul, who was a center on the Waterville hockey team which took the state championship this year. Paul won awards as most valuable player and highest scorer and the best news of all is that he has been awarded a full scholarship by the University of New Hampshire. He will begin his studies there next fall. Bruce has been active in Key Club, soccer, ski activity and Band. He plans to enter the University of Maine majoring in music education. His paternal grandfather is a retired MeC shop painter.

WATERVILLE SHOPS

Retired Millman Clarence Blackmon died recently at his home in Connecticut. He was 81 years old and had been retired some 6 years. He had worked at the Shops some 43 years.

Former Yard Crane Operator Rocco Risbarra has recently visited at the Shops. He is living in Cumberland Mills, enjoying good health and is associated with a son in the contracting business in Portland.

Machinist Don Rines has a new Pontiac.

Retired Painter Charlie Lowry slipped on his front steps recently and suffered a broken arm.

Laborer Lincoln Nye has recently resigned and has accepted employment as an inspector for a state department.

Mrs. Gloria LaLiberte has a new Tempest.

Laborer Doug Hall expects to be inducted into the Navy for a two year hitch in the near future.

Carman Helper Ken Richardson has recently purchased a new Jeep. He had driven it 73 miles when someone clobbered the vehicle causing some \$150 damage to the body.

Painter Helper Phil Clement has a new Pontiac.

Retired Blacksmith 'Big Pete' Gagnon fell on his front steps causing cuts and bruises on his head and face requiring 14 stitches; he also broke two ribs.

An 8 lb. 11 oz. daughter was born to Machinist and Mrs. Wayne Ladd at Thayer recently. She was christened Terri-Ann.



SOME CYCLE — Yard Conductor A. P. York, Bangor Yard, is looking forward to spring weather to resume his hobby of motorcycle riding on this 1969 Harley Davidson machine. Last year Mr. and Mrs. York enjoyed a week end at Laconia, N. H. where all motorcycle enthusiasts meet each summer. Yorkie's machine was among the best looking cycles at that meeting.

BANGOR

SP4 John DeGrasse, son of Trainman and Mrs. Edwin R. DeGrasse, Bangor, has graduated from the Army Aviation School's helicopter door gunner qualification course at Fort Rucker, Ala. and received his promotion to Specialist 4. He received instruction in environmental and gunnery training and specific maintenance instruction on the "Iroquois" helicopter. John spent a short furlough with his parents and is now being assigned to an Army Aviation unit.

Yard Clerk Chick Bannon has returned from a two week vacation and is looking forward to his retirement date this summer.

Light Tender Don McInnis still off duty on account of illness; best wishes for a speedy return.

Section Foreman Maurice D. Blanchard is off duty on account of illness. Moppy spent a week in the hospital and is expected back on duty soon.

Brakeman Arthur Sloat has been released from the hospital and is convalescing at home.

The Sixty-four Dollar Question in Bangor — "Where was Sheila when the lights went out?" — Inquire of Miss Sheila F. Dempsey, stenographer in Division Engineer's office.

L. R. Bligh, Agent Bucksport has been elected and installed as Exalted Ruler, Bangor Lodge #244, B.P.O.E. Congratulations, Bob.

RIGBY SHOPS

Engine House Foreman, 2nd Trick, Maurice Weeks and his brother Hermon, a native of the state of Oregon who is visiting him, toured the state of Maine while on a week's vacation.

"Mike" Campbell has bid off the Car Shop welding job vacated by Edgar Dunham who is now leading man at the dump track.

Frank H. Low, Jr., 78, died on March 13. He retired in 1948 after 31 years service on the Portland Terminal as an engineer. He died at the home of his son, Gordon, himself an engineer and former fireman.

Car Shop Millman Merle Cook and family visited Florida late last month. While there, he attended the event "State of Maine Day" at Gulfport, Florida near St. Petersburg. Cumberland and York counties were well represented. There were over 700 Maine people in attendance.

Those who knew John Keating at the engine house as a Past Chaplain of the Railroad Veterans' Association and for many years a Maine Central Conductor with fifty years service in various capacities as a Trainman, regret to learn of his death recently. He was 83 years old.

Carman Howard Harriman is breaking in on the outside Airbrake and Equipment job. His fellow workers declare he has passed the 100 mile mark for mileage for the first week on the job. "Boy! what a walker."

Electrician Francis DeGruchy has had his "baptism of fire," having served as a foreman on the second trick, while Foreman Weeks was taking a week of his vacation.

The usual Spring clean-up at the engine house has begun under the supervision of General Foreman "Don" Russell. Painting, window washing, and many other items which are all for the betterment of general appearances around the premises.

Machinist Harry Lawrence believes in the motto "slow but sure" as he has proven. He has produced a tool-box at last to hold his shop tools and personal items and it is a good one, a credit to his skill even though it took several weeks of spare time labor and planning to complete it.

Iver Nielson, Sr., 79, died after a brief illness. He was a retired Engineer, with employment running up to 43 years on the Maine Central Railroad.

Chief clerk, Rigby Engine House, "Frankie" Garland announces he will be sending out a first call for Spring practice to his Freeport little leaguers any time now for tryouts for various positions for this year's team.

The Rigby garden enthusiasts, both retired and working, are making their usual plans for Spring planting. In fact, although the month of April was a little on the cold and wet side of the picture, some have planted green peas of the early variety.

Terminal Electrician "Jim" Small of Cornish was the first of the railroad "Isaak Waltons" to report a catch. A 15 inch brown trout was taken from a stream near his home after work one afternoon.

A new face appears in the office force of Rigby Stores Department;



MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED — Rhonda T. Knight, daughter of Carman and Mrs. Howard Knight of Rome was married February 7th to Reginald L. Hastings at Farmingdale. The couple are both graduates of Williams High School in Oakland.

Raymond Fortin, who is breaking in as a clerk, was tutored by Clerk Francis Haldane. "Ray's" dad, Dominique Fortin, is a clerk working in the General Foreman's office.

Signalman Walter Furbush originally of the Wiscasset crew is now working out of Rigby in Leadingman Charlie Chamberlain's crew.

The Rigby Bowling team consisting of Chief Clerk Frank Garland, Carpenter George Beckwith, Stanley Yankowski and Bridge and Building Crew Leadingman "Dude" Babbidge participated in the recent Bangor bowling tournament and banquet.

Retired Leading Carman, John T. Cook, formerly of the Thompson Point Car Shops, and Union Station, 90, died after a long illness. A floral tribute was contributed by the carmen.

Rigby employee Elmer Andrews is prepared for the coming summer days ahead. He has recently purchased a 14 foot "Starcraft" all-aluminum power boat.

Two carmen have undergone surgery recently. "Les" Hamel had eye surgery and "Pete" Griffin had a kidney operation. Both men are reported doing well.

"Suzzie," the Car Department mascot, proudly parades her litter of recently born kittens who are admired by the men on the premises.

Stores department employee "Charlie" and Mrs. Guptill were recently notified that their daughter, Tina, who resides in Meriden, Connecticut was rushed to Hartford General Hospital for an emergency operation of a very serious nature. We hope that she will soon be well again.

On Sunday, April 5, Stores Department Clerk, Frank Kane and several members of the Cheverus Council, Knight of Columbus made their regular annual trip to visit the Veterans Administration Hospital at Togus. Serving on the wheelchair brigade, as usual, each member escorted a veteran to the chapel for church services of both Catholic and Protestant faiths.

GENERAL OFFICES

W. (Duke) Lazette, Car Distributor, Car Service Office, on vacation and is anticipating catching some "whoppers" on his fishing trip. Temporarily replacing him is George Melvin.

Dennis K. Lennon, Ass't Car Distributor, Car Service Office, and his wife, Louise, had a most enjoyable and relaxing vacation traveling to Cleveland, Ohio and Montreal. They were most impressed with the cleanliness of Montreal. While there they visited many shops and boutiques on the famous St. Catherine St.

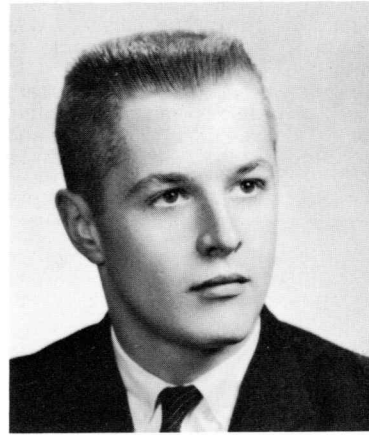
Reg Roy of Auditor Disbursements Office shared 1,755 miles of driving (in three days, April 1-2-3) with his sister Carmeline so that she could join her husband Airman Jeffery (Pop) Jones attending communication school at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. Reg was given a tour of the Biloxi and Gulf Port area that was destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969 and says it will be years before the damage can all be repaired. He flew back via New Orleans and arrived Sunday morning, April 5th.

Madeleine Bowdoin, Auditor Disbursements Office, and her husband Stuart have just returned from two weeks' vacation in Phoenix, Arizona, where they visited with Stuart's sister. The weather was beautiful — 70's and 80's — reports Madeleine. They visited many scenic spots and took a trip to Tucson.

"Tug" Wilson, Assistant to the Auditor Disbursements, and Mrs. Wilson spent a week at Majorca, off the coast of Spain. They toured the island, visiting Manacor and the Caves of Drach, Formentor and Valledmosa. Interesting highlights of the trip were visits to the leather, glass and pearl factories. They toured through Gothic cathedrals and Roman ruins, ancient castles and palaces. While Mrs. Wilson elected to take a side trip to Africa, Tug decided to investigate the local golf course.

We have been privileged to have an advance report on Expo 70 in Japan from Johnny Kearns, Merchant Marine, son of super-annuated PTCO. Yard Conductor "Tody" Kearns and a brother to erstwhile golfer, Jimmy Kearns, PTCO. Yard Conductor. Johnny was on a ship making a delivery to Saigon, then on to Hong Kong to turn the ship over. The crew then got a week in Japan and a preview of Expo 70 and its 915 acres of wonders the first week in March. Many interesting items and souvenirs were brought back by Johnny including some pretty nifty menus from over 100 restaurants on Expo 70 grounds including Old Heidelberg, also on Japan Air Lines on which Johnny flew from Hong Kong to Vancouver via Tokyo and Osaka. Then via TWA — Vancouver to New York via San Francisco and International Airport in Los Angeles. Johnny had a memorable trip and was probably the first Mainer to get a look at Japan's Expo 70. Many thanks for Johnny's thoughtfulness on Expo 70 items from Fay and George Marcfort.

Carl W. Baldwin, retired Asst. Auditor Revenue, and wife Shirley joined members of Kora Temple for a week at Freeport in the Bahamas.



George W. Proctor III, son of George and Dotti Proctor, has been promoted to Sales Manager for six different cities in New York State and parts of New England, for Cutter Laboratories in Natick, Massachusetts. He recently flew to Oakland, California for a three week sales program and was thrilled with his helicopter ride from 'Frisco to Oakland.

Richard Morrison, son of Grace Thompson of the Revenue Office, has received his discharge from the U.S. Army and is at home after spending the last year in Germany.

Edward, Jr., son of Edward and Pearl Gingras, has returned to Fort Monmouth, N. J. after spending several days leave at home. He has received high rank and will attend a U.S.A.F. Tech School.

Well, we will have to wait until Alice Eliason returns from her two weeks vacation in Florida visiting her sister, Mrs. Gerald Kilbride, to hear all the activities they enjoyed. It's a lot easier since Alice can take the jets direct from Portland now.

We all wish Horace Ames, Track Supervisor, a speedy recovery, and will be glad to see him return to work.

John Stanford, Sig. Engr. was one of the few who got out the first of April on the golf course.

AUGUSTA

Brakeman Leonard Luttrell is now at home recuperating following surgery. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Clerk Athleen Bryant is back to work after being on sick leave for several weeks.

Spare clerk Lillian Ayers of Canton filled in during "Athie's" absence.

Crinkle fender honors this past winter have to go to Clerk Lillian Ayer and Cashier H. L. Rodrigue.

Switching crews that now perform the Augusta work are WG-crew conductor Maurice Johnson, brakeman Russell Bickford and Alan Hunt. Also WK-2 crew conductor Bill Welch, brakeman Stan Karnes and E. Morris.

Former Agent Ralph Tracy has returned home following a stay in the Augusta General Hospital of several weeks.

Gardiner, Me. Agent Ray Bishop recently enjoyed two weeks vacation and was relieved by spare operator Robert Bourgoin.

WATERVILLE STATION

We welcome Bob Esty back to the rate clerk's desk, looking especially well with that added look of about twenty pounds.

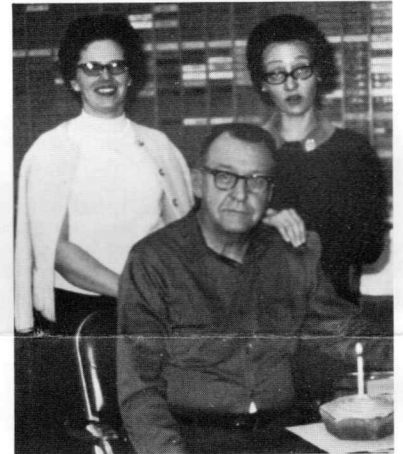
We see Arthur Lennon, Assistant Superintendent, with a new little car these days. He says it's his wife's car; he has to break it in for her.

Div. Crew Foreman Ed Veilleux has a new Chrysler 300.

Raymond Coulombre, Supervisor Work Equipment, and Alvin Worcester, Work Equipment Maintainer, attended a week of class instruction at Montreal on the new electric tampers.

Shirley Proctor, truck driver for the Engineering department, has a new Starcraft Camper Trailer.

Lucette Huard, Clerk Freight office, is confined to her home once again. Let's hope all her aches will soon be gone.



The girls from the freight office Waterville presented Basil Higgins, Clerk at the yard office with a cake on his birthday recently. With Basil are left, Jeanette Perro and Denise Belanger.

ENGINE & TRAIN CREWS

Bangor Yardmaster Ed DeGrass has given up the big chair and bid off the lead brakeman of BE-1 and EB-2 with Engineer Ed Elliott.

Conductor Leo Goodin has given up SW 4 of Bangor and has bid off the yardmaster's job. We wish him good luck in his new position.

Bangor hostler Nelson Dexter is still working at Waterville pending the return of hostler Buck.

E. E. Morse, operator at M.D. tower, unfortunately had a fire and lost his home and all personal belongings.

Engineer Don Garnett is a patient at Osteopathic Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Engineer Kenny Farran, is out for an operation.

Also, Conductor C. Miller and M. F. Tucker of CB-2 and BC-1 are still out sick.

Congratulations are in order for Larry Woods, Bangor yard, and C. K. Trask of Waterville. They are now qualified conductors and both have had a crack at "drumming" Bangor yard.

Engine dispatcher Sam Louder is out sick. We wish him a speedy recovery.



On April 17th, Charlie McCarthy, Clerk, Engineering Department was given a surprise "25th year with the Railroad" coffee-break party, by fellow workers and friends. Dick Aylward right, Chief Clerk presented Charlie with his Maine Central 25 year pin.

Jim Ash has transferred from the trainman field to the student engineer training Eastern Sub-Division. We wish him lots of luck in his training.

Glad to see Engineer George Tenney and Malcolm Buchanan back to work after recovering from their operations.

Engineer Leo J. Higgins' (Eastern Sub-Division) son, Berry, has announced his engagement to Miss Janet Golightly. Berry, a 1966 graduate of John Bapst High School, is also a graduate from Eastern Maine Vocational Technical Institute. At present, he is in the Air Force. A July wedding is planned.

Trainman Doug Higgins of BC-1 and CB-2 is back to work. He was out a couple of months.

Engineer J. Rich is at present still off sick.

WATERVILLE YARDS

We wish to extend our sympathy to the families of B. L. Colford and Henry Douin, whose fathers passed away recently.

Paul Barrows, Engineer Switcher #6, tells us that, by coincidence, his wife was treated by Nurse A. E. Soy-chak, wife of Operator of Danville Junction while at Lost Valley (at Auburn) Ski Resort.

We have a newcomer in our midst, who by this printing will be in action doing plenty of braking in the yard and on the road. That is, Joe Lizotte from Winslow.

New car owners recently are Edmond Veilleux, Section Foreman, Ralph Moffatt, Eastend Yardmaster, and Arthur Lennon, Trainmaster, and we hear that K. A. Clark is also shopping around for a swap.

A hardship case of the month — it could very well be called this —

is that of Louis Donahue. Seems Louis bid off two road jobs and was awarded them, but was unable to work either one at call time. So Louis came back doing yard spare work and waited for another change. Finally he got a bid off road job and from what we hear he finally made it. He's now holding DL-2 — LD-1 at Livermore Falls. Here's our luck and sympathy, Louis.

Charles Hersey Jr., formerly of Switcher #7 has left us for a Road Job, the wood job now coming out of Waterville Yard.

Charles Kimble left Switcher #2 for Shop Switcher #9.

Our famous golfer is back from a month's vacation that was spent down south where he got a little warming up for the coming season. That is M. H. Grant, Engineer of WG-2 — GW-1.

One of our boys is doing very well and is to be congratulated for doing such a nice job at it. Ed Palmer of Switcher #8 has lost over 41 pounds at this writing. Isn't that wonderful or should we ask, can anyone top this?

We are thankful to have such a wonderful person as Connie Mason from Augusta way. He brings us, this time, good news of one of our fellow workers who is now retired, Vern Hutchison, Operator. He worked for many years at the old yard office. Connie tells us he's opened a Coffee Shop in Monmouth — something, he says, to keep him out of mischief. We all wish him well and maybe during our summer traveling, if we are in that area, we'll just stop in to say hello and have a good cup of coffee.

Engineman Clyde Haynes is fighting an awful battle these days. He keeps a lot of celery on hand to do so, and that's his diet. Someone thought he was fattening up an Easter bunny!



RIGBY "A" Team which won the E. Spencer Miller Bowling Tournament in Bangor in April. Front row, l. to r., Ed Peterson, high total scorer, and John Tracy. Back row, l. to r. Jim Campbell, John Broderick and Glenn Strout. Arthur York, Bangor Yard conductor, won high single.

Rigby "A's" Tops

The E. Spencer Miller Bowling Tournament was won by the Rigby "A" Team at Bangor on April 11.

Thirteen five-man teams from Bangor, Waterville and the Greater Portland area competed for individual and team trophies donated by the Maine Central Railroad for the 25th consecutive year.

Led by Ed Peterson's 585 and Glenn Strout's 584, Rigby "A" breezed to their second victory over the last seven years. They had over a hundred pin lead on their nearest rivals going into the last string. The winning team's total of 2,765, which I believe is a record, was made up of the following: Ed Peterson — 585; Glenn Strout — 584; John Tracy — 533; John Broderick — 543; and Jim Campbell — 529.

The second place team made up of four fellows from the Portland Men's League and a railroad worker from the Bangor area were 151 pins behind the winners, with a total of 2,608. Men's #3 consisted of Lenny Frost — 580; Jerry Shea — 538; Bob Casey — 520; Tom Caulfield — 515; and Charlie Adams — 461. Bangor "Alley Cats" came in third with a 2,598 five string total. Men on "Alley Cats" were Art York — 565; Larry Goodin — 551; Larry Severance — 505; Art Dumont

— 490; and Larry Warren — 487.

Other teams and the order in which they finished are as follows: Couples' #1 — 2,584; Waterville #1 — 2,495; Rigby #2 — 2,455; Men's #2 — 2,435; Bangor "Ball Busters" — 2,400; Waterville #2 — 2,292; Men's "Champs" — 2,241; Couples' #2 — 2,226; Bangor "Pin Breakers" — 2,153; and Waterville #3 — 2,135.

Individual trophies were presented to the winning team, plus trophies to Ed Peterson, Main Line Brake-man, Rigby, for the high five string total — 585. Art York, Bangor Yard Conductor, won high single string with his 147 in the first string of the tourney.

The following fellows hit high totals besides Peterson's 585: Glenn Strout — 584; Lenny Forest — 580; Warren Smith — 578; J. Bickford — 573; Art York — 565; Larry Goodin — 551; Jerry Shea — 538; John Broderick — 534; and John Tracy — 533.

The fellows who had the ten highest single strings were: Art York — 147; Warren Smith — 139 and 134; Ed Peterson — 134; L. McCormack — 130; Lenny Forest — 127; Larry Gallant — 126; Stan Yankowsky — 124; Glenn Strout — 124; Bob Casey — 124; and Joe Coombs — 124.

Next year's tournament will be held in Alleys in the Greater Portland area, around the first Saturday after Easter.



HAPPY COUPLE—Sonia L. Pease, secretary in the Public Relations Department, was married May 1 at Clark Memorial Church, Portland to Walter B. Duplessie. Friends and co-workers surprised Sonia with a bridal shower a few days before the wedding. Mr. Duplessie is manager of the Deering Ice Cream Shop at Forest Avenue Plaza, Portland.

From page 1—Elections

work with the Maine Central in 1924 in the Auditor of Disbursements office. Two years later he was promoted to the Auditor of Agencies staff, a post he held for ten years. In 1936 he was again promoted to the Treasurer's office and since 1943 has served as Assistant Treasurer.

Budd is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Portland and is active in Masonic circles.

Watson, the son of the late Clyde W. Watson who served the Maine Central as Chief Dispatcher for many years, is a graduate of Deering High School and New England School of Accounting. He received his BS degree in Business Administration from Portland University (now University of Maine). He started his railroad career in the Car Accounting Department of Maine Central in 1955. He was promoted to Office Assistant to Comptroller in 1956, a position he has held until he was named to his new post.

Watson is a member of Southern Maine Chapter National Association of Accountants and of the Eastern Accounting Conference. He is a member of Portland Kiwanis Club.

Irene Kelsea Promoted to Head Clerk

Appointment of Mrs. Irene Kelsea as Head Clerk, Revision and Interline Bureau, Auditor Revenue office was announced, effective April 20.

Mrs. Kelsea joined Maine Central in November of 1955 as a machine operator and has been employed in the clerical field since 1968, serving most recently as a revision and division clerk.

In her new job, the first supervisory assignment in this department awarded to a woman employee, she will be responsible for a twelve member staff.

She is a graduate of North Stratford, New Hampshire High School and attended Burdett College in Boston.

She and her husband, Tim, reside at Hennessy Drive, Portland.

From page 1—Radios

life expectancy of each radio is 8 to 10 years.

The new supply brings to 60 the number of such radios in use on the system. Headquarters points where the batteries may be recharged are now located at Portland, Bangor and Beecher Falls. Recharging of batteries is accomplished automatically upon inserting the radio in the charger.

All Maine Central freight trains are now equipped with radios. The new headend units will provide communication between the head brakeman, engine, and cabooses.



By Jerry Shea

The third annual BAR Golf Tournament will be held at Bangor Municipal Golf Course on June 6th. Bill Martin of the Maine Central Bangor Engine House has won this event for the past two years. One more lowest gross award for him and he will retire the W. Jerome Strout trophy donated by the president of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad.

Trophies will also be awarded to first and second gross and first and second net in three equal classes of players. Prizes will also be available in each class for the longest drive on the first hole and nearest the pin on the short third hole.

Green fees of \$3.25 per person are payable at the course on the day of play. \$1.00 entry fee must be remitted with each entry blank. The deadline for entries is May 31st.

A special invitation to all railroad workers or retirees is extended in this event. Any further information may be obtained by getting in touch with H. L. Cousins, Jr., Chairman, Marketing Department, BAR, or any one of the following members of the committee:

R. E. Clukey, Manager, Data Processing, BAR; Hugh Goodness, Freight Traffic, BAR; Larry Severance, Bangor Engine House, MeC; Jerry Shea, Car Accounting Department, MeC.

ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Starting Time _____

Railroad _____ Location _____

Handicap: State _____ League _____ Average _____

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Bangor, Maine

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Mechanical Department
Bangor and Aroostook RR
Derby, Maine

NOT LATER THAN MAY 31st! !

Clyde Luce and John Broderick, this year's Maine Central and Portland Terminal golf league commissioners, have had so many of last year's players sign up again that they will only have a few openings for new members. In making up the teams, preference was given to those who played in the league last year and then to any fellow who contacted them before the teams were made up on April 13th. By adding one more man to a team, they accepted as many new applicants as possible. The 48-man league started this year's season with a get-together at the Willowdale Golf Course, Scarborough, on April 29th, with the league officially playing May 6th. You could tell the fellows who have been down to Cape Cod this Spring by the scores they turned in. If you haven't signed up already, you may be out of luck because the league size must be limited in order to complete play before dark.

The General Office Couples' Bowling League held their awards banquet at the Paddock, Westbrook on April 17th and presented the following trophies:

First Place — Team # 11 — Mr. and Mrs. Ken Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Blair Walls.

Second Place — Team #17 — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gallant and E. Shuman - R. Brewster.

Third Place — Team #1 — Mr. and Mrs. John Conroy and Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Burgess.

High Team Single — Team #7 — Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Spires.

High Team Three — Team # 12 — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brownell and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.

Individual awards went to the following:

High Single Men — Bill Brownell, 156.

High Single Women — Ruth Kenny, 120.

High Three Men — Dave Gardner, 357.

High Three Women — Marge Corbeau, 319.

High Three Women — Kay Wilcox, 319.

NOTICE

A new medium for improved communications between the Company's management and its employees and friends is under study. It is hoped that a replacement for The Messenger with new design and format may be announced later this year.

In the meantime, with Issue No. 7, Vol. 10 The Messenger will cease publication.

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