IRVING A. TURNER
senior engineman, entered the service as fireman, May, 1877, promoted to engineman, Nov. 1, 1881. Now running on trains Nos. 102 and 1, between Portland and Bangor.

ROBERT STURGEON
entered the service as fireman July, 1895, promoted to engineman July, 1899. Now running Main Line Passenger Trains.

TIMOTHY F. COWAN
entered the service as fireman Sept., 1884, promoted to engineman Jan., 1890. Now running on trains Nos. 21-14 and extra freight between Waterville and Skowhegan.

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Improvements on Bridge Between

By WALTER BACHRACH

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In 1902, the middle span of the old covered wooden bridge located just below the railroad bridge and nearest to Union Station, was carried out by the high waters of the flood. During this freshet two spans and one granite pier of the railroad bridge were also washed away but new spans were erected in record time.

By the recent change made in the Bangor-Brewer bridge a fourth track under the bridge, very desirable for switching purposes, was made possible. The two truss spans were replaced by three plate girders of much greater carrying capacity. The weight of the combined three plate girder spans is 425,435 lbs. and have a total length of 206 feet. The Shoemaker Bridge Co. of Pottstown, Pa., fabricated and
erected the steel and the work on the concrete piers and bridge seats was done by our masonry crews.

In order to be ready for the traffic over the new spans and to avoid any interruption to traffic during the time of construction, it was necessary for the Bridge and Building Department to frame the ties many weeks before the steel arrived on the site. There are in all 195 ties on the three new steel girders each one framed differently either in notching or beveling because the bridge is on a grade and curved as well as a skew, with stringers at varying spaces. Much care had to be taken that each tie should fit perfectly when placed as the intervals between trains was not long enough to permit any change after a tie had been laid. The work of the Bridge and Building Department was creditably done. The plans from the Bridge Engineer’s office were correctly followed and each tie was framed in accordance with calculations. The job was completed without interruption to traffic during the two months of construction.

It is interesting to note the changes that have taken place in the vicinity of this bridge in the last 50 years. The photograph showing a bird’s-eye view of the waterfront of Bangor and Brewer is in direct contrast with the transportation facilities of the present day. In the olden days the greater part of the transportation in and out of Bangor was by boat. The Maine Central Station was a short time on the west side of the Kennebec Stream where the freight house is now located. This is designated as No. 12 in the accompanying map. The location of this European and North America terminus shown by numeral No. 13, it was absorbed by the Maine Central and is on the site of the present Station. The foot of Exchange Street and the Aroostook Railroad tracks jointly by the Maine Central and Bangor & Aroostook Railroads.

Bird’s-eye view of Waterfront from Station (No. 12)—old Bridge site

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Most of the wharves shown in the picture are no longer used and many have been demolished. Three new freight houses occupy the land once used by the Bangor Planing Mill (No. 32) and the main office is located at the corner of Main and Railroad Streets.

Long ago the old covered railroad bridge shown in the picture over Kenduskeag Stream was replaced by a modern steel double tracked bridge with electrically operated draw. At the present time a new highway bridge is being built a short distance above the railroad bridge.

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Selling Railroad Tickets

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By M. L. HARRIS, General Passenger Agent

In our last talk we defined salesmanship—as the art of understanding, appreciating and influencing other people for mutual benefit. You as an agent might ask this question, How can we do any more to sell our wares than at present? There is much truth in the old saying, that there is nothing new under the sun but often-times a new thought on an old question produces big results. Let us consider for a moment certain definite selling factors:

Friendliness between the buyer and the seller is probably one of our greatest assets in selling transporta-
tion, our individual contacts with the public in a way measures our service and there is probably no closer contact with the public than through a ticket window.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS that an Agent can develop new business. In these days it is no longer a curiosity for the average person to come down to the station and "watch the evening train pull in," and incidentally hear about the advantages of patronizing our various excursions, week-end fares and what we call "travel bargains."

If we should take the attitude of the average insurance agent, with all due respect to the different representatives that come into my office frequently, I sincerely believe more tickets would be sold. Their policy is to keep hammering away at the prospect with the hope in mind that this day will be the opportune time for him to buy more insurance. In other words, getting right down to cases, the public should be told what we have to offer and all concerned cooperate to that end.

THERE ARE A HUNDRED AND ONE WAYS in which we can better our service, for example, if John Smith calls on the phone asking for train information, consider the problem from his standpoint. Explain to him in as clear a manner as possible the information he desires. Do not take it for granted that everybody can read a Railroad timetable.

DO YOUR BEST TO SATISFY the patron when he asks for Pullman reservations. It is part of our service to secure desired reservations and we should leave no stones unturned to please them. Our method of procedure in this important phase of work is in many cases a barometer of the service we sell.

TRAIN CONNECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT. If a patron is traveling to a distant point where train connections are rather vague to him, do what you can to help him out. Do not throw him a timetable and tell him that he can find such and such a train on page so and so. Look it up for him and check the train he is to travel on. He will appreciate it.

LONG DISTANCE TICKETS should be sold whenever possible. It may mean a little more work on your part but the satisfaction that his transportation is taken care of means much to the average traveler. Furnish all the information at your command.

OUR DINING CAR SERVICE should be emphasized. Tell them what delicious meals may be had on the "Flying Yankee." What comfortable accommodations are available on "The Gull," or other through trains. How delightful a trip would be on the "Pine Tree Limited." Mention the names of trains to passengers. It has a psychological effect that should not be underestimated.

Ask the passenger if he noticed the advertising of such and such an excursion or the advertisement of a particular service. It will get him interested. It will offer you an opportunity to sell our special tickets such as 12 ride commutation tickets, group tickets for parties traveling together, etc. Do everything possible to "sell the service." Let us all cooperate to "Get More Business."
An Interesting Trip to Mexico City

By M. F. DUNN, Train Rules Examiner

It was my privilege to attend the 36th annual meeting of the American Association of Railroad Superintendents, held in Mexico City, and an account of the trip should be of interest to the readers of the Magazine.

The membership of this association consists of about two thousand officials of the Operating Department of the different railroads in the United States, Canada and Mexico, and includes General Managers, General Superintendents, Superintendents and other operating officials. A convention is held each year and problems relating to various phases of railroad operation are discussed.

The delegates and members of their families, 625 in number, assembled at St. Louis, Mo., where a special train to handle the party was provided through the courtesy of the Missouri Pacific, Texas & Pacific and National Railways of Mexico. This train, which it was necessary to run in two sections of 16 and 17 cars respectively, was operated through to Mexico City and return without change. There were two engines on each section and on some parts of the trip a third engine was attached to assist the train over heavy grades. There is a gradual rise in altitude from 459 feet at Laredo to 7434 feet at Mexico City, a distance of 803 miles.

The party started from St. Louis and on the trip south traveled via San Antonio, Texas, where a stop of several hours was made. We crossed the Rio Grande and our first glimpse of Old Mexico was at Monterey. A reception was tendered the delegates at that point and the party had an opportunity to see the various places of interest. We reached Mexico City the next afternoon.

As the trip was made soon after the
revolution ended, an escort of armed soldiers met our train at the border and accompanied it to destination and the government provided military protection for our party while we were in the country.

The Mexican hotels are small and inferior to those in the United States, and as there was also a large party of Rotarians visiting the city during the same week a number of our party were unable to secure desirable accommodations and were obliged to stay in the Pullman sleepers which were parked for their use at one of the stations.

The business meeting was opened with an address of welcome by the Mexican Minister of Communications and sessions were held daily with a good attendance present. These meetings were held in the National Palace at the invitation of President Portes Gil, who tendered a reception to the delegates at the close of the final session. The National Palace is a historic building used for governmental purposes similar to the capitol in Washington.

The party was entertained at various social affairs during the week including a reception at Chapultepee Castle, the Mexican White House, a lunch at San Angel Inn, a beautiful place which was formerly a Carmelite Monastery, a reception at the American Embassy, arranged by Ambassador Morrow, and a lunch given by the Mayor of the city.

The Pyramids of San Juan Teotihuacan and the floating gardens of Xochimilco were visited, both very interesting trips. The pyramids, which are about thirty miles from Mexico City are similar to those in Egypt and were built before the Christian era by a people whose name and history have been forgotten.

The party started on its homeward trip returning via Tampico and Brownsville, Texas. The branch line from San Luis Potosi to Tampico is a wonderful piece of railroad construction and the scenery through the Tamasopo Canon ranks with the finest on the continent. The train traverses a series of tunnels, curves and loops and makes a descent of 2,700 feet in going a distance of 31 miles. The curves were so sharp and the Pullman cars so long that it was necessary to handle each train down the grade in two parts. Engines of the Mallet type are used on this branch.

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The trip back to St. Louis was through the Magic Valley of a very productive region which has rapidly developed. Approximately 7,000 miles was covered on the trip in eighteen days.

There were many places of interest in and around Mexico City which were unable to see owing to the limited time at our disposal. The weather in the city was very comfortable due to the high elevation, of about one-half miles above sea level and 1,100 feet higher than the summit of Pikes Peak.

Two Special Trains

UNION STATION, Portland, was thronged with parties of color and music Friday evening January 31st, as 380 members of the snowshoe clubs in Maine and Massachusetts, N. H., stopped for a short while en route to Ottawa to participate in the snowshoe carnival held in that city February 1st and 2nd. Two special trains were operated via the Maine Central and Canadian Pacific to accommodate the party. One special comprised of Leverett, Auburn, Rumford, Livermore and Northfield clubs left Lewiston Upper Station at 7:15 the night of the 31st. This train was made up of five Canadian Pacific combination cars to which was added a special Pullman and one coach. The second train was made up of coaches and left Portland close behind the first section at 8:15 p.m. At Newport, Vt., the two trains were consolidated into one and continued on over the C. P. rails to Ottawa.
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We found the people with whom we came in contact very courteous and hospitable and eager to do all in their power to make our visit a pleasant one. The official language of Mexico is Spanish and all railroad communications including train orders and instructions relating to train movement are issued in that language.

The Mexican railroads are well constructed, well equipped and well operated and compare favorably with those of the United States. The efficiency and dispatch with which our trains were handled and the many courtesies extended the party during the trip were the subject of much favorable comment.

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Other clubs from Biddeford, Brunswick, and Manchester, N. H., joined the special train party at Portland. At Montreal more than 12 special trains carried the Canadian snowshoers to the big carnival in Ottawa.

It was an interesting sight to see both men and women garbed in the tunic form of uniforms, the colors ranging from pure white to deep orange with red predominating. Most of the snowshoers wore tassel caps and in many cases the head piece attached to the suits was utilized as a receptacle for bugles or cornets.

Traveling Passenger Agent S. W. Hapgood was in charge of the specials and deserves much credit for the great amount of work put in and his efforts to induce the snowshoers to travel by our Mountain Road.

After a two days’ carnival, the snowshoers left Ottawa the night of the 2nd by special train and arrived at Portland at 11 o’clock the next morning.
overcharge or undercharge, every exception reported is a discourtesy. Let each employee think about his part in rendering courteous service.

And last but not least, let us be courteous to ourselves. If we could look into the mirror and always see a courteous booster for Maine Central service, we are on the road to success.

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The Station Agent
By WALT MASON

Have you ever sat and waited for a railroad train belated?

Have you hung around the depot half a day?

Then you've marked the angry pageant marching round the Station Agent

And have ceased to wonder greatly that he's gray.

All the rubes line up before him

And denounce him and implore him

And they ask the same old thing a million times

And the agent still politely gives the information rightly

In an effort to deserve his meagre dimes

Forty million times he answers

All the snotters and the prancers

And he never groans nor whimpers o'er his task.

There are fat and fussy strangers

There are sour bewhiskered grangers

And they all have silly questions they would ask.

There are women with their babies

There are gentle who have the rabies

And they gather round the agent in a ring.

There are jays of all descriptions

Throwing fits they call carriages

And they all have fool conundrums they would spring—

But he answers each one plainly

Answers patiently and sanely

I admire the station agent for his pluck.

In his place I'd rise in dudgeon

Seize the nearest wet elm bludgeon

And among the questions springers run amuck.

COURTESY

COURTESY is as free as air. It is so plentiful that perhaps we do not realize its great value. Neither in business nor social life is there another medium or commodity that so readily obtains an introduction, maintains an acquaintance or continues a friendship.

Although life is so short, there is always time for courtesy, for courtesy takes no time. Used as a substitute for affected dignity, for formality in personal meetings or business, for stock phrases, or rhetoric in correspondence, it is a time saver worth trying.

And the returns, should we figure them in dollars and cents, would prove that courtesy is a better investment than all others combined.

What is courtesy?

"Politeness originating in kindliness and exercised habitually, courteously; graciousness. An act of good breeding."

Take an inventory of your stock of courtesy today.

Take another one a year from now. No matter how much of this great counterfeit of good manners, good breeding you may have, I am sure you will be able to record an increase at the end of the year.

Courtesy is not a friendship affair. It is a public proposition. Every late passenger train, every delayed car of freight, every
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Mt. Desert Ferry

Marjorie, daughter of Fred E. Grant,
isher on Steamer Pemaquid between Bar
Harbor and Mt. Desert Ferry, was recently
taken to the Hurley Hospital in Ellsworth
for an emergency appendicitis operation.
Although the case was very serious she is
improving at the present time.

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When an automobile stops along the road in
daylight, that’s trouble. When it stops
at night, it’s romance.—Patton’s Monthly.

Worm Drives

“Does your car have a worm drive, Mrs.
Blook?”

“Yes, but I tell him where to drive.”—
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Letter From a Reader

The Third of Series of Letters.

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Dear Kenneth:

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and has made some; and that you're too many of 'em, and that they are not fool mistakes.

I judge from your letter that you may switch under your caboose and don't find all you don't say so directly you're under suspension and about to take part in your first inspection. I've got just one thing to say in the way of advice: tell the truth, you won't be under oath, but you'll be under honor.

It may be that by lying you can avoid the consequences of your fault, possibly you can make the Trainmen believe your lie; but you can't fool your conscience. You may avoid a few days on your record, but you'll make a mark on your soul that you can't shake.

I never liked that old saw about being the best policy. I don't want to be honest just because it is expedient or policy—but because it is the most sensible thing to follow. When it's a matter of right or wrong, policy doesn't enter it. You've got to live with yourself for many years; you want an honest old live with.

As a matter of fact, son, the Trainmen and the Super aren't fooled as some of the boys may think. The hard-headed old geezers, trained in school of practical experience, are, I know about all there is in the book, might put up a story that would...
Believe It

The sweet young thing entered the office fashionable dog kennels and tripped the handsome young man at the desk. "Want a pet," she cooed.

"Love to," he answered sadly, "but Jesus is mighty strict."

Up to the Guide

Drunk: Shay, quit followin' me.

Drunk: I can't. I'm goin' shame you are.

Drunk: Where?

Drunk: I dunno! Thash why I'm on you.

Fare Enough

ductor: Ticket please.

enger: Can't I ride on my face?

ductor: Sure, but I'll have to punch

Backward Child

w old are you, my little man?"

rened if I know, mister. Mother was six when I was born but now she's twenty-four."

Negro was trying to saddle a restless

es that mule ever kick you, Pete?"

y a bystander.

"Sub," said Pete, "but he sometimes where I's jist been."


Letter From a Retired Conductor to His Son

The Third of Series of Letters written especially for the Magazine containing some real horse sense.—Editor's Note.

(From John Gordon to his son Kenneth. Kenneth has been suspended pending investigation into an accident.)

Dear Kenneth:

Nearly every railroad man gets into trouble at some time in his career; I didn't expect that you would be immune. The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything. You probably have made mistakes and will make more; just look out that you don't make too many of 'em, and that they aren't damfool mistakes.

I judge from your letter that you threw a switch under your caboose and derailed it, although you don't say so directly. Anyway, you're under suspension and you're about to take part in your first investigation. I've got just one thing to say to you in the way of advice: tell the truth. You won't be under oath, but you'll be on your honor.

It may be that by lying you can escape the consequences of your fault, and possibly you can make the Trainmaster believe your lie; but you can't fool your own conscience. You may avoid a few "marks" on your record, but you'll make a big black mark on your soul that you can't rub out.

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As a matter of fact, son, the Trainmaster and the Super aren't fooled as much as some of the boys may think. They are hard-headed old geezers, trained in the school of practical experience, and they know about all there is in the book. You might put up a story that would get you by merely because there was no way to refute it, but the boss is no babe in the woods, and you don't want to congratulate yourself on having covered him up with leaves.

A story based on a falsehood is structurally weak, and is likely to break down under strain, while the truth will carry any load that is put on it, merely because it is the truth.

Way back when I was a trainman we had a case of a crew running on the time of a superior train, and delaying the flyer while getting in the clear. The crew was called on the carpet, of course, and likely to run against a pretty stiff dose of "marks." So they got together, cooked up as pretty a story as you ever heard, and walked into "court" with their heads and tails up. But the story had a weak spot in it which they couldn't discover—if it was true, then their flagman walked 7 miles in something like ten minutes! And the whole bunch was fired, not for delaying the train, but for lying. And son, I'd rather you lose your job after telling the truth, than to keep it as result of a lie.

I don't really believe that this is necessary, and I think I know you well enough to be confident that you would regard your own peace of mind as more valuable than to escape the consequences of a mistake. But you'll find there are tempters who will suggest to you a cock-and-bull story to fool the Trainmaster. You might get away with it; but you won't be fooling him. And the false friends who whisper in your ear may be hunting jobs while you're climbing the ladder of success.

Keep your head in the air, son; look the Trainmaster square in the eye, answer his questions fearlessly and honestly, and I'm not afraid of the outcome.

Your affectionate father,

JOHN GORDON

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IN MEMORIAM

Perley N. Watson

WITH sorrow we learn of the death on February 10th of Perley N. Watson, at the age of eighty-two and ten months. For a number of years Mr. Watson has had a serious heart trouble but his strong constitution and willpower overcame the attacks and to many people he had the appearance of perfect health. Previous to resigning his position as Superintendent of Bridges and Buildings, November 1, 1927, he sometimes worked when pain would have forced a less determined man to give up and surrender responsibility. He became so used to shouldering responsibility that it was easier to retain it than to lay it aside.

Mr. Watson was born in Randolph, N. H., April 8, 1847. The family homestead is now part of the well known Ravine House. In this home lived Mr. and Mrs. Abel N. Watson, six sons and one daughter, Perley N. being the third child.

At the age of eighteen he began work on the Grand Trunk Railway as bridge carpenter. Here he gained a knowledge of railroad work in the hills and open country, learning conditions to be contended with and difficulties to be overcome. Topography and climate are such important factors of railroad that the experience he gained was of lasting help to him in handling his work of later years.

Leaving the Grand Trunk, he went to work for the Portland and Ogdensburg R.

R. which afterward became part of the Maine Central. For many years he handled all the important bridge and building construction of the entire system from his office at Brunswick, and he was known all over the road as "P. N."

He was a man of strong convictions, with courage to speak them and tenacity to hold them until he was convinced he was wrong. He was naturally a leader because of his strong character and willingness to go ahead without fear of hard work. Being a tireless worker he did not limit himself to eight hours a day. He started early and worked late and gave unreservedly of his time and strength. In spirit he was never old and bore his eighty-three years with the radiance of youth and to the end was "Master of his Fate."

Politics was vital to Mr. Watson. He was a Democrat and held office in the town of Bartlett while living there and in Brunswick when that town became his home. He was urged to represent his district in the last legislature at Augusta and received the nomination but felt obliged to decline the honor on account of the uncertainty of his health.

He was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church of Brunswick, the United Lodge of Masons, the Dunlap Commandary K. T., Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He joined the Maine Central Relief Association in the year 1889.

December 24, 1874, Mr. Watson married Sarah Josephine Miner and to him has been beyond measure cheerful cooperation, sympathy. Interest in his work has been the means of accomplishing more than would have been possible without her helpful management. In 1924 a large gathering of friends celebrated the golden wedding anniversary. To Mrs. Watson we extend our sympathy and the comforting thought her life has been one of helpfulness to the one she held most dear.

Besides his wife he is survived by his son, Ernest, who holds a responsible position in the Signal Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad, a grandson, and three brothers, Laban of Bar N. H., Jerome of St. Petersburg, Fla., William of Gorham, N. H. To them we wish to express our deep regret at this time.

The Masonic funeral service was held at his home on Noble Street, Brunswick, Wednesday, February 12, and he was laid to rest in the family lot at Brunswick cemetery where the loyal guard and the winds murmured requiem through the evergreen while in our hearts lingers the memory of our departed friend and associate.

W. H. NOP

ROBERT A. ROUNDS

Robert A. Rounds, 74, of Auburn, died January 27 in that city. Mr. Rounds for thirty years was a conductor on the Railroad. After leaving the Company, he worked for the last twenty-two years in the restaurant and fruit business in Auburn. He was a 32d Degree Mason, member of the Order of Railroad Conductors, the Central Relief Association and the Odd Fellows.

A widow, two daughters and a son survive.

SIMEON ST. ONGE

Simeon St. Onge, for more than 30 years an employee of the Road, died on February 3rd, at the home of his daughter Mrs. Ida Hassan of Rumford, after several years of failing health.
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A widow, two daughters and a sister survive.

SIMEON ST. ONGE

Simeon St. Onge, for more than 30 years an employee of the Road, died on Monday, February 3rd, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ida Hassan of Rumford, following several years of failing health.

Mr. St. Onge was born in St. Croix, Quebec, about 70 years ago, the son of John and Martine Tancerde St. Onge. His early life was spent in Canada, and in 1879 he came to Lewiston to make his home. He entered the employ of the Maine Central in 1898 and for twenty years before his retirement was located at the Lewiston Lower round house.

His wife died about a year ago and about six months ago, on account of his failing health, he went to Rumford to live with his daughter, who survives him, as does two other daughters, Mrs. Alda St. Pierre and Mrs. Marie-Anne St. Pierre, both of Beverly, Mass., and four sons, Joseph of Fall River, Mass., Amedee and Rondald St. Onge, both of Beverly, Mass., and Wilfred St. Onge of New York City. He also leaves four brothers and sixteen grandchildren.

Mr. St. Onge was a member of St. Peter's Church of Lewiston and of several religious and fraternal organizations, as well as the Maine Central Relief Association.

P. J. Hanley.

CARD OF THANKS

Sincere thanks to all members of the Maine Central Family for the beautiful floral tribute sent in the death of my beloved wife.

J. F. BENDLEAU
42 Vesper St.
Portland, Me.
Feb. 19, 1930

An Appreciation

We wish to express through the Magazine our kind appreciation of the many presents recently sent us by Portland office employees.

We also wish to extend our thanks to friends in Vanceboro for their kind remembrances.

All are expressions of good will and are very much appreciated.

Mrs. Albert Russell and Family
Vanceboro, Me., Feb. 8, 1930.
Portland Terminal's Snow Removing Equipment

Top photo shows new two and one-half ton Cletrac (Cleveland Tractor) in action removing snow from Portland Union Station platform.

This tractor with its caterpillar tread can haul a scraper at the rate of 4 miles per hour. Edward Smith is the chauffeur and in the picture can be seen Alfred Guerett and Walter Bell. This tractor was purchased from the Portland Tractor Co.

Bottom photo shows the 5800 lb. McCormick-Deering tractor built by the International Harvester Co. Hamilton Cusack is at the wheel. (Photos taken February 16th.)

They are a great improvement over the horse drawn snow plows formerly used in this kind of work and it is planned to make use of these tractors this summer on the new construction work at Turner's Island.

Noteworthy Notes From

On the evening of January 27th, the Maine Central General Office Lodge 374, conducted a colorful dance at the Ball-room with Jack Gurney's five piece orchestra furnishing the music.

The young ladies in attendance presented the latest fashions with their bow hued gowns. Colored streamers, paper hats lent a carnivalistic atmosphere to the occasion.

An elimination dance was won by Mary Butler and "Bob" Smith. Thanks for standing upon the "lucky spot" to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Elgee.

Such a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present that plans were immediately formulated for a dinner-dance at Grant's Pavilion on the Old Orchard Shore-dinner Pavilion on the Old Orchard road, Tuesday evening, February 2nd.

On Tuesday evening, February 2nd, twenty-two of the fair sex from the Accounts Office assembled at Grant's Pavilion on the Old Orchard road for a shore dinner or whatever the desire of the appetites called for. The party proceeded along merrily with dancing and modern, popular and old-fashioned music and enjoyed themselves. Jennie Grant and Frances Hall were entertained with a nature and close respectively. Prizes for special dancers were won by Mary Butler, Florence Grant, Elaine Adjutant, Florence Badger and Frances Moran. In conclusion a song would make Gall Credi blush with the tempo was sung by Stella McDuffie.

It is of interest to learn of the marriage of Gladys M. Greeley and Harry A. Jackson. This event happened January 25th. It was formerly connected with the Car Service Department.

William McCullum's 3-year-old, "Little Bill," was severely burned at home recently by scalding water. He has been taken to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary for treatment and at the present writing is recovering comfortably.

Sympathy is being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, Car Service Department, on the loss of their sister.
Newsy Notes From The Portland General Offices

By JOE

On the evening of January 27th, the Maine Central General Office Lodge, No. 374, conducted a colorful dance at Craig’s Ball-room with Jack Gurney’s five piece orchestra furnishing the music.

The young ladies in attendance presented the latest fashions with their rainbow hued gowns. Colored streamers and paper hats lent a carnivalistic atmosphere to the occasion.

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Such a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present that plans were immediately formulated for a dinner-dance at Grant’s Shore-dinner Pavilion on the Old Orchard road, Tuesday evening, February 25th.

On Tuesday evening, February 4th, twenty-two of the fair sex from the Auditor Freight Accounts Office assembled at Grant’s Pavilion on the Old Orchard road for a shore dinner or whatever the dictates of the appetite called for. The party proceeded along merrily with dancing, old fashioned and modern, music and what nots. Jennie Grant and Frances Moran entertained with a nature and clog step respectively. Prizes for special dance numbers were won by Mary Butler, Jennie Grant, Elaine Adjuntant, Florence Bass and Frances Moran. In conclusion a solo that would make Galli Curci blush with envy was sung by Stella McDuffie.

It is of interest to learn of the marriage of Gladys M. Greeley and Harry A. Haas. This event happened January 25th. Gladys was formerly connected with the Car Service Department.

William McCallum’s 3-year-old son, William, Jr., was severely burned at his home recently by scalding water. He was taken to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary for treatment and at the present time is resting comfortably.

Sympathy is being extended to Grace Cummings, Car Service Department, in the loss of her sister.

It is rumored that Virginia Reardon is interested in the hardware business at Lewiston and can be seen any Saturday noon headed for Lewiston on No. 13. How about forming a partnership?

W. E. Lucey, A. P. A., recently spent a few days at New Haven and New York visiting his brother and sister.

The statistical bureau’s activities have been transferred from the General Manager’s Office to Asst. Compt. Fieves office.

Ruth Kelley, Auditor of Disbursements Office, returned from a week-end trip spent at Greenville and brings a report that the thermometer dropped to 18 degrees below zero upon her arrival.

Miss Ellen C. Goudy of the Engineering Department spent a week end in Boston recently as the guest of her sister.

Acting Supt. F. O. Wood’s office is undergoing extensive improvements. Cliff Ball claims it will be the best in the building when completed.

John Scott spent a few days recently with his "mama and papa" at Norwalk, Conn. He took a ride into New York for the first time—and he adds it will be his last.

(More News on Page 20)

Girls of General Offices

Names of girls whose photos appear on pages 12 and 13 are as follows:

1—Madeline Stevens, A. P. A. Office
2—Christine Oleson, Motive Power
3—Jennie Grant, A. F. A. Office
4—Cora Hoy, Eng. Dept.
5—Glady's Knight, Aud. Dis. Office
6—Christine Parker, A. F. A. Office
7—Elaine Adjuntant, A. F. A. Office
8—Cynthia Westman, A. F. A. Office
9—Alice Foley, A. F. A. Office
10—Ann Cawley, Pass. Dept.
11—Bernice Sanborn, A. F. A. Office
12—Mary Weston, A. F. A. Office
13—Elsa Bauer, A. F. A. Office
14—Marguerite Hollywood, A. P. A. Office
15—Marguerite Lufkin, Purchasing Dept.
16—Pertina Budge, Eng. Dept.

(All Photos by Penderson)
H. C. Plummer of the Engineering Department must certainly be a genius, because when three women get together to find out what and where a man spends his spare moments while his wife is away on a short vacation and then admits they just simply cannot tell you one little item, why it's unbelievable. Letters requesting information as to how it is done should be addressed to Howard Plummer, Maintenance of Way, Engineering Dept. Blgd.

Cupid's dart has been doing plenty of damage in Engineering Department the last month. The following engagements have been announced: Margaret Hamlin and Myron Decelle; Earle Fenderson and Ruby Hall; Waldo Paine and Nina E. Crossell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dole are spending a few weeks in Florida. Of course Jim's main idea is to see the big Sharkey-Scott fight in Miami. Before returning he plans to visit St. Petersburg, Jacksonville and various other places.

Congratulations are in order once more, this time to Leon Hawkx of the A. F. A. office. Why? Because on Jan. 24th, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkx were presented with a son. He has since been named Leon, Jr. How about that cigar, Leon?

John Goud of the Freight Audit Office is still trying to locate the minimum to apply on a car-load of live chickens when tied on a flat-car. Any information will be appreciated.

Charles Rowe, veteran agent at Waldoboro, is being relieved by spare operator James J. Shanahan.

Lime City Locals

By A. R. PUGH

The epidemic of colds has taken its toll from the Rockland Freight Office force and both Mrs. McCurdy and Miss Pratt have had to take enforced vacations. Judging from the color of their noses and the drop in their voices from soprano to tenor and bass we must credit them with good old fashioned colds.

Speaking of sickness Miss Pratt lost her valuable little dog "Snoopy Cornelius" last week by distemper. In spite of the best of medical attention and the charm of a Rabbit's Foot, contributed to the cause by Engineer L. S. York, poor little Snoopy could not make the grade and passed on to his Happy Hunting grounds.

Operator Larry Ryan, who is relieving Agent J. L. Colby at Woolwich, was a caller in town recently looking over prospects for his "Line-Up."

The fish in South Pond, Warren, enjoyed a perfectly safe and sane Sunday in perfect security and lack of concern in regards to their future recently. The cause of this feeling of security was the arrival of Hen Comins, Conductor A. M. Glidden and Car Inspector Fred Anderson with all the paraphernalia incident to a fishing trip thru the ice. A wonderful time was had by all (including the fish). It is reported that the fishing tackle wasn't even unpacked and that Anderson burned up 3 cords of wood trying to keep warm and Hen did his chores about the dinner table. Several fish died of convulsions laughing at the Fishermen, there were no other casualties. The only thing lacking to make the venture a complete success was the absence of Frank Trafton, Chief Advisor and Fish Caller for the gang.

Bath Notes

By L. J. SANBORN

J. L. Colby, Agent at Woolwich, on the sick list since the latter part of January, is expected to report back on the job soon.

Chief Electrician C. A. Roberts, in charge of the Bridge Draw, journeyed to Boston recently—just to break the monotony, "Chet" says.

At this season of the year smelt fishermen are busy and it is a common sight to see 100 or more smelt houses on the Back River.

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The king of sickness Miss Pratt lost her little dog "Snooky Cornelius" last week resulting in distress to many. In spite of the best medical attention and the charm of a friend's good humor, contributed to the cause by Miss L. S. York, poor little Snooky will not make the grade and passed on to Happy Hunting grounds.

Conductor Larry Ryan, who is relieving J. L. Colby at Woolwich, was a man in a town recently looking over prospectus for his "Line-Up." The fish in South Pond, Warren, enjoyed a virtual safe and same Sunday in perfect weather and lack of concern in regards to future recently. The cause of this was the arrival of Hans, Conductor A. M. Glidden and Inspector Fred Anderson with all the necessary incident to a fishing trip on the ice. A wonderful time was had (including the fish). It is reported the fishing tackle wasn't even unopened and that Anderson burned up 3 or 4 of wood trying to keep warm and in speaking of the dinner table where the fish died of convulsions laughing at the hermeneutics, there were no other casualties. The only thing lacking to make the perfect trip was the absence of that Trafton, Chief Advisor and Fisherman for the gang.
Six Hundred More Employees Sign With Travelers

In response to the desire of various employees who did not carry the Travelers Group Accident and Sickness Insurance, the Travelers Insurance Company agreed to accept applications from eligible employees during the period January 27, 1930, to February 10, 1930, inclusive without medical examination.

Over six hundred employees took advantage of this opportunity to join the Group.

During the period ended February 17, 1930, there were 64 sick and 8 accident claims paid compared to 60 sick and 7 accident claims the previous period. Thirty-five of claims paid during the month were to employees of the Motive Power Department.

Below is a list showing names of employees whose claims were settled during the period ended February 17, 1930.

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A Hot Box on the Throttle Through

One day as the “Morning Glory” rolled through our Brunswick yard, I placed my hand up to my nose. And blew, and blew real hard.

The caboose crew mistook the sign
And set the air-brake hose.
They stopped the “Morning Glory”
"Cause I tried to blow my nose.

But they kept on
While my nose ran.
As I stood there, watching

Vainly signs...
A Hot Box on the “Morning Glory” Passing Through Brunswick Yard

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Rolled through our Brunswick yard,
I placed my hand up to my nose
And blew, and blew real hard.

The caboose crew mistook the sign
And set the air-brake hose.
They stopped the “Morning Glory”
’Cause I tried to blow my nose.

With hissing steam and whirring wheels
The “Morning Glory” rolled by.
I thought I saw a hot box
From the tail-end of my eye.

I placed my hand up to my nose
And blew and blew and blew.
I tried to get the attention
Of the freight train’s caboose crew.

But they kept right on a rolling
While my bare hand nearly froze.
As I stood out there in Brunswick yard,
Vainly signaling with my nose.
MOUNTAIN ROAD SCENES

Looking North Towards Crawford's

Plow Coming Through Crawford Notch

Frankenstein Trestle and Snowclad Mountain Range