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FROM THE EDITOR

With this issue of our Magazine we bring forth our version of the "new look". From cover to cover we have a complete new set of illustrated headings for such features as Us Girls, Railroad Memories and the Family Grapevine. We like to think that these changes will contribute to your reading enjoyment of this and coming issues.

Modern train radio communication, such as we know it on Maine Central lines, is rapidly coming into its own throughout the railroad industry. A total of 2,835 walkie-talkie radio sets were placed in service on railroads of the United States and Canada in the 5-year period 1952-1956, according to a survey by Railway Age. During 1956, a total of 966 locomotives were equipped with two-way radio equipment—more than in any previous year.

Your Magazine staff was saddened to learn of the death on July 25 of Geneva Foss McCullum, wife of George P. McCullum who was editor of the Maine Central Magazine for several years. We extend to George and other members of his family our deepest sympathies together with those of his friends from all points along Maine Central lines.

THE COVER

DR-2, our daily, except Sunday, Rumford to Rigby by freight train, about to enter Portland Union Station as it nears the end of its run. Photo was taken on a recent afternoon from the crossing tenders tower, Congress Street.

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Railroad Station To Gift Shop

Standing before their future gift shop are, l. to r., Chairman Clayton H. Small, Co-chairman Mrs. Christiana Champion, Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Margaret Small and Mrs. Martha Drisco, all of the Washington County Arts and Crafts Association.

MAINE Central's Calais Branch passenger station at Columbia Falls, which has served that community since 1898, has been sold and soon will be moved to the main street of the town where it will become the new headquarters of the Washington County Arts and Crafts Association.

Passenger facilities were transferred several weeks ago to new quarters in the adjoining freight house building and the station offered for sale with the result that the Arts and Crafts Association acquired the property.

When moved the building will serve as the Association's Gift Shop covering the western section of Washington County. Current plans are to have the building ready to serve the public at the opening of the hunting season this year. According to Mr. Clayton H. Small, Chairman of the Association, redecorating of the former railroad station will include installation of facilities to serve
lunches, as well as for the sale of arts and crafts products, gifts and souvenirs. Established in Perry some ten years ago, the Washington County Arts and Crafts Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the people of the County through sale of their homemade products. A Gift Shop is run in Perry during the summer vacation season with such items as rugs, quilts, handweaving, Indian baskets, antique glass, china and local mineral specimens on sale. Manager for the outlet is Virginia Pottie.

A wealth of talent has been uncovered in the area by the Association. There are experts in knitting, tatting, woodworking and—a newcomer to the arts and crafts field—pen ball painting. Such persons as:

Mrs. Tina Farnsworth, Cherryfield, a maker of fine braided rugs who has received as much as $1,000 for a single rug!

Mrs. Betty Curtis, Grand Lake Stream, who won a national award for her display of miniature dolls at an exhibition in Santa Anna, California.

Andrew Frankovich, Eastport, a blind veteran of World War II, who turns out fine color weaving. His work is set up on a loom by his wife who then tells him where each color of yarn is located. By recording these instructions on a wire recorder, he has them available for handy reference during the day.

The Washington County Association holds an annual exhibition at some point in the area for its participating members. Winners of these exhibitions have their products accepted for sale by leading Boston and New York stores.

Now numbering approximately 150 members, the Association is headed by Chairman Clayton H. Small of Addison and Co-chairman Mrs. Christiana Champion of Columbia Falls. Other officers include: Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Wilder, Dennysville; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Small, Addison; Treasurer, Mrs. Doris Wilder, Dennysville.

Our Columbia Falls passenger station was built in 1898 by the Washington County Railway. Incorporated in 1893, the branch line was built from Calais to a Maine Central Railroad connection in Hancock County with another branch to Eastport. It was completed in 1899. Maine Central acquired control in 1904, and the properties were merged in 1911.

The new office for R. L. Wakefield, our agent there, provides ample facilities for railroad passengers using the two week-day trains still operating between Bangor and Calais.

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Maine Central - Bancroft & Martin
(Railroad - Customer Cooperation)

See Centerspread For Pictures

Quantities of concrete pipe and blocks are manufactured at the plant of Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Company at Libby's Bridge near Leeds Jct. And the large amounts of cement which go into these products are delivered by Maine Central to a bulk unloading facility there.

However, prior to early February, 1957, date the new unloading facility was put into service, delivery of cement to the plant was set up somewhat differently and under less than ideal operating conditions, with greater handling costs. Bagged cement was received by Bancroft & Martin at a public delivery track which was not as handy to their plant as is their new facility. And, for a short time, cement was trucked all the way from the mill at Thomaston.

Then, some months ago and through the efforts of our President, E. S. Miller in cooperation with Bancroft & Martin Treasurer and General Manager, Kenneth Burr, plans were developed leading to the present modern and satisfactory unloading method.

It was found physically impractical to construct a track directly to the plant due to the difference in elevation between that point and our tracks. Therefor, a siding, 400 feet in length and with an unloading position for one hopper car, was built from our main line tracks extending to near the embankment upon which rests the concrete pipe and block plant.

Now six and one-quarter tons of cement are unloaded from the cars at one time and trucked a short distance to bulk storage bins at the rear of the plant. Each bin holds 141,000 pounds of cement—one bin being used for cement destined for pipe construction and the other for cement going into concrete blocks.

Thus, with the new facility in operation and materially reducing costs of transportation between rail head and plant, another case of close cooperation by railroad and customer has resulted in con-
tion of important business over Maine Central lines. Important it is too, with 199 cars of bagged cement arriving at the public delivery track during 1955 and 102 cars arriving during the period July 1, 1956 through June 30, 1957, including 50-ton capacity hopper cars since the new track was put into use this year.

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Around The Clock
Train Service - Almost!

How close does Maine Central come to having a regularly scheduled passenger train in operation somewhere on its lines every minute of the day and night? We got to pondering this question awhile ago and, as a result, laid out a time sheet showing all passenger trains and their scheduled runs.

And the answer is this: on a Monday through Friday basis, there is a gap of only 15 minutes each evening, between the scheduled arrival of Train 19 in Bangor at 10:15 and the departure from Bangor of Train 22 at 10:30, during which time no passenger train is scheduled to operate.

More often than not, more than one passenger train is underway at some point on our lines with as many as seven trains running at one time. This high point in operations comes during the afternoon —between 3:00 and 4:00 o’clock. Three trains on the main line between Portland and Bangor, two on the Rockland Branch, one on the Calais Branch and one on the Mountain route make up this rush of traffic.

On Saturdays we found a somewhat larger gap between schedules and the same holds true for Sundays. Even so, there is surprisingly complete coverage of Sunday’s twenty-four hours.

While we have been talking here strictly of passenger service —to measure actual total volume of traffic we would have to figure in many through freight trains, local freights and yard operations. That would be another story in itself.

Suffice it to say that our railroad’s 944 miles of road are busy miles throughout the 1,440 minutes of a 24-hour day!

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Bangor Trainmaster

From the tall forests of the western section of our country have come these timbers to be used, with others, as piling in the construction of the new Beals Island bridge. They are shown here awaiting unloading at Columbia Falls. The piling was delivered to Maine Central from the Grand Trunk Railroad at Danville Jet. No clearance difficulties were encountered from there to Columbia Falls although, as is customary with any shipment of somewhat unusual size, measurements of the load were carefully checked before the move was made. An extra flat car on either end allowed for a 20-foot overhang of the timbers. Consigned to the State of Maine Highway Commission, the piling traveled from Columbia Falls to Jonesport, the mainland end of the bridge now under construction.

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E. C. Paine Honored At Dinner

Edward C. Paine, who retired on July 31 as Assistant Comptroller of the Maine Central, was honored, just prior to that date, by a dinner at the Cumberland Club in Portland attended by some twenty of his railroad associates led by President E. S. Miller. He had served Maine Central for over 50 years.

At the dinner Paine was presented with complete 35mm camera and projector equipment, a char-coal broiler and a chaise lounge, the gifts of his railroad associates. Presentations were made by President Miller.

Paine began his Maine Central service in February 1907, as a clerk in the auditor freight account’s office. Later that year he transferred to the auditor disbursment’s office, becoming chief clerk in 1914 and Auditor Disbursments in 1918. During the period of joint Boston and Maine
Solid comfort for E. C. Paine as he relaxes on his chaise lounge and receives the best wishes of President Miller. Other gifts received by Paine at the dinner in his honor are also in the picture.

-Maine Central management, he was Assistant Auditor Disbursements with headquarters in Portland. In 1944, he was made Special Assistant to the Comptroller and was promoted to Assistant Comptroller in 1955.

Although leaving active service of the railroad, Paine will continue to act for J. Thomas Miley & Co. in handling group insurance and claims matters. He will have office space in the General Office Building, Portland.

Those present at the dinner were: President E. Spencer Miller, Vice President W. P. Reeves, Asst. to President S. S. Clark, General Counsel A. M. Knowles, Comptroller and Treasurer H. N. Foster, Chief Statistician E. P. Smith, former Treasurer and Tax Consultant R. B. Lunt, Asst. Treasurer H. M. Budd, General Accountant V. C. Hawkes, Freight Claim Agent H. N. Tukey, Auditor Disbursements J. F. Gerity, Asst. to Auditor Disbursements S. C. Foster, Examiner-Comptroller’s Office S. A. Watson, Supervisor Employees Group Insurance B. E. Walls, Asst. to General Accountant P. Crawford, Auditor Revenue G. H. Ellis, Asst. Auditor Revenue C. W. Baldwin, Manager Car Accounting and Statistics E. K. Goddard, Statistician-Car Accounting G. P. Campbell, Manager Machine Accounting R. H. Gordon, Publicity and Advertising Manager R. M. Aylward, Secretary to Comptroller and Treasurer Miss L. M. Hodge and Secretary to Asst. Comptroller Miss R. E. Kelly.

Among those RETIRING...

Eugene H. Winslow, of 164 Whitney Ave., Portland, Locomotive Engineer. "Gene," who had also stepped down as Rules Examiner, addressed the following note to his railroad associates:

"Words cannot express my thanks and appreciation for the generous gifts and purse which you have given to me—一起 with the fond memories and associations, which I will always remember and cherish.

"I thank you—I thank you—I thank you."

Gifts and well-wishes were presented to Leo Jackson by Comptroller H. N. Foster. The cake and ice cream were features of the occasion also!

he worked summers as cashier at the Maine Central owned Samoset Hotel, Rockland, and winters as cashier at The Breakers in West Palm Beach, Florida. He worked in the Comptroller’s office, Portland, from 1937 to 1939, when he was appointed Cashier in the Assistant Treasurer’s Office. In 1955 he transferred to the Office of Car Accounting & Statistics.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have enjoyed a month long trip to Macon, Georgia, for a visit with friends. He wishes to express his appreciation to all of his friends and associates at Maine Central for their thoughtfulness at the time he left his position.

Carl A. Hodgdon, of Clinton, Maine, Trackman at Clinton.

Clifford J. Bernier, of 168 College Ave., Waterville, Mill Shop Foreman at Waterville Shops.
George A. Kelly, of 99 Parker St., Bangor, Carman Helper at Bangor.

Hiram A. Walker, of 9 Page St., Brunswick, Crossingtender at Waterville.

Al A. Terrill, R.F.D. No. 2, Waterville c/o M. A. Bartly, Crossingtender at Waterville.

Lucius D. Benson, of 1005 Broadway, South Portland, Locomotive Engineer.

Harold H. Smith, R. F. D. No. 2, Cumberland Center, Section Foreman at Yarmouth Jct.

Linus V. P. Nichols, 53 Court St., Auburn, c/o Thomas E. Day, Jr., Portland Division Conductor.

George R. Wilson, 59 Norway Road, Bangor, Carman at Northern Maine Jct.

Eugene W. Brooks, of Columbia Falls, Trackman at Columbia Falls.

DISABILITY ANNUITIES

Charles J. Gordon, of 15 Huntress St., Portland, Car Inspector at Rigby.

Grantham E. Nickerson, of 43 Elsmere Ave., South Portland, Asst. to Purchasing Agent at Portland.

Albert J. Galloupe, of 10 Lincoln St., Hallowell, Section Foreman at Augusta.

Chester A. Welch, of 193 1/2 Hancock St., Bangor, Carman Helper at Bangor.

John L. Stackpole, Box 81, Newport, Trackman at Newport.

Katherine E. Duff, of 25 Winter St., Portland, Accounting Dept. Stenographer at Portland.

Lorraine M. Price, of 2 River Road, Woolwich, Clerk-Telegrapher at Bath.

Emile J. Carrier, of 917 Sabethus St., Lewiston, Trackman, Section 56 at Lewiston Lower.

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50 Year Passes

Several veterans of Maine Central service have recently received their well earned 50 Year Passes and letters of congratulations from President E. S. Miller.

A. W. Crocker, Trainmaster at Bangor at the time of receiving his pass, was first employed on the railroad as a Fireman, April 4, 1910. He became an Engineer in December, 1916, and was promoted to Road Foreman of Engines and Trainmaster on January 1, 1944.

Mill Foreman Ernest C. Bickford began his railroad service at Waterville Shops as a Carpenter, October 14, 1907 (at 18 cents per hour) and was promoted to Foreman in 1921, the position he has held since.

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Others in the group include:

J. E. Crepeau, Agent at Fabyan, New Hampshire, who was first employed June 1, 1908.

B. B. Scott of Brewer, a Yard Conductor first employed May 27, 1908.

Scott E. Jones of Bangor, Locomotive Engineer employed by Maine Central May 31, 1907.

James W. McClure of Woodland, Section Foreman at Woodland, employed May 20, 1908.

Archie W. Black of Portland, a Locomotive Engineer who was first employed June 17, 1907.

E. F. Redman, Agent at Danville Jct., who entered Maine Central service June 20, 1908.

J. L. Plummer of Waterville, a Conductor who started his railroad service June 17, 1908.

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Plans Set For

R.R. Veterans Convention

A well balanced program of business meetings and entertainment has been announced for this fall's three day convention of the United Association of Railroad Veterans to be held on October 11, 12 and 13 in Portland. A group numbering close to 400 is expected to attend.

Events for the three days are:

October 11—Registration. Entertainment in the evening.

October 12—9:00 a.m. Registration, 10:00 a.m. Business meeting, 3:00 p.m. Executive meeting, 6:00 p.m. Banquet. 8:00 p.m. Entertainment. 9:00 p.m. Dancing.

October 13—10:00 a.m. Two hour sail on inner Casco Bay. 12:30 p.m. Shore dinner at Peaks Island.

Officers of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans—J. J. Burke, President; B. P. Lyden, Secretary-Treasurer; J. E. Fay, Chairman Convention Committee; J. D. Meehan, Banquet Chairman; and J. J. Keating, Publicity Chairman, in cooperation with E. H. Winslow, President of the United Association, are working hard to make this year's convention the best ever for the national organization.

ROUGH HANDLING HURTS OUR REPUTATION:
Make Careful Switching A Habit!
1.—Each truck load takes 6½ tons of cement from hopper car to storage bins at Bancroft & Martin plant. 2.—Reason side track to plant was found impractical: looking from the plant over approximately ¼ mile of ravine to the unloading site. 3.—The truck unloads into bulk storage bins. 4.—Another view of the new spur track and car set for unloading. 5.—Some of the finished concrete pipe stored in the yard at the plant.
Hello! Are you just returning from a most enjoyable vacation, feeling happy, refreshed and at peace with the world, or, even better, are you just getting ready for that vacation, full of anticipation and joy that the time has finally arrived for the fulfillment of those long awaited plans? If the latter, I hope sincerely you will have a wonderful time, the best ever.

These are the last lazy days of Summer, just meant for relaxation and happiness, and before we know it, Autumn will be here and I will be glad as that is my favorite of all Seasons.

I feel kind of lazy this evening and after looking at "Twenty One" I wondered if perhaps I had "tired blood"—don't you get a tremendous kick out of those TV ads? Well, as of now, our boy—Theodore Samuel Williams is batting a cool .379 which gives him 27 points on runner-up Mickey Mantle, and our Red Sox are only 9½ games behind the Yankees—they have won six out of their last seven games at Fenway, and that's good.

Over the week end I took stock of what clothes I had on hand that would be wearable come Fall and Winter. This preparatory to making my list of what I own and what I need. Do you plan that way? While taking inventory I am always delighted if some of my favorite dresses (perhaps three or four years old) are still serviceable, and others (much newer, but not favorites) I am always hoping I will find something like a cigarette burn or some other defect that will permit me, in conscience, to discard. I find in making such a list, and seeing it down in black and white, I am less tempted to buy what I do not need and center on what I feel is needed.

A few weeks ago I came across some cute riddles which I was going to save for a party, but I think, instead, I'll try them out on you. Here goes—

1. What has four legs, a back but no body?
2. What is served but never eaten?
3. What did the floor say to the wall?
4. Who earns his living without ever doing a day's work?
5. Why did the little man go to the zoo on Christmas Eve?

Will you let me know if you guess them? I would love to hear from you. (Here's a secret—I could guess only one).

Now you be good to yourself and to each other and next month we'll have another visit. By for now!
Rigby Engine House

By ALBERT B. WETMORE

An interesting item in connection with the Maine Central Magazine was given to me by Stores Department Clerk Mathew "Frank" Kane. It seems whenever he had occasion to make shipments to any of the concerns with which this railroad does business, he would include a copy of one of our publications. Recently he received a nice letter commenting on the magazine, as to how well it was put together and very interesting to read even though the writer had visited it to third party. Thanks to Mr. Kane for his thoughtfulness were also included.

Lumber-class Woes, Car Department, has been laid up with a foot ailment. Machinist and Mrs. Elsie Seck attended the automobile races at the Indianapolis Speedway, while visiting their daughter, Helen. They passed through Van Buren, Missouri, shortly after a tornado had struck there and caused damage shown in the accompanying photo.

Tornado scene at Van Buren, Missouri.

Laborer and Stationary Engineer John Sullivan's grandmother died during the month. Laborer John Flaherty has retired and will spend the summer at his brother's cottage at Peak's Island.

Laborer Roland Magnant is engaged to the former Miss Eunice Higginson. The marriage date will be set for sometime in September. Clinton Curry, Hostler's Helper, announces the birth of his 10th grandchild, a six pound, six ounce baby. The 11th grandchild is on the way as the seventh child was born in July. The chances are very good that an all time record will be set.

The turn-table cab again took another beating the second within a year. This time Operator Laurence Gantiner was involved. "Lady Luck" was with him however as he apparently had received no injury other than the wreckage away from him and found him intact, but shaky. The accident occurred when an engine side wiped the cab.

Machinist Maurice Weeks and Joseph Ashley are on vacation. They enjoyed the best of weather both for curing hay for their prize Herefords and also to do plenty of roadwork in "Joe's" new Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Thierault are visiting his brother in Tacoma, Washington. "Pat" has just retired.

Stores Department Clerk Edward Flynn has decided to take his vacation. "Ed" is also the recipient of a new grandchild, a girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Flynn.

Our Safety Board now reads 395 days, which is considerably over a year, without a lost-time accident.

An Out-door Neighborhood Party was held in Stroudwater. Among those attending were General Foreman and Mrs. Malcolm Billington.

Machinist Helper at Wharf No. 3, Ernest MacVane, captured a young seal while pulling in his fishing nets. After showing it to the boys he liberated it back to the sea. It was as clever as a puppy and was very affectionate.

A family was held at the home of your reporter Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Wetmore, at Scarborough on July 14. Attending were daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Caiazzo, Cynthia J. and Luke E., junior; their son James and family Mr. Albert B. Wetmore, junior, Roberta A., Marjorie M., and Dennis B., Family group plus the dogs and Shadow the cat had a general good time was enjoyed by every body.

Carpenter B. and B. Crew, Robert Malone, tells me his father is confined to the hospital. He is 67 years old.

Machinist Robert McKinney has joined the "Buz-Saw Club." He was initiated into the select group when he neatly cut his finger off in his new power saw. However he lost no time on account of the injury, but decided to have a long standing car ailment remedied so is off duty for a time.

Machinist, Wharf No. 3, Kenneth Gillis has an infection in one of his fingers. At the time of making this report they were very much like blood poisoning and he has been taken to the hospital.

A long standing engine crank-case on switch 1033, are now forming a similar job on switch 1002.

Portland Freight Office And Freight House

By MARJORIE J. MULKERN

Retired Yard Clerk Clifton (Zip) B. Rice, who was the "brain" in Yard Seven for so many years. We all wish he and Mrs. Rice many happy years of a well-deserved rest. If looks have anything to do with it, we can truthfully say he looks much too young to accept the pension, which proves that hard work never killed anyone yet.

By JOHN J. KEATING

Trainman Horace Coons is passing the summer months at Southport Harbor. He resides at Rockland.

Engineer George Bradford was a patient at the Maine Medical Center for surgery.

If you are looking for shoes, the Retired Rules Examiner E. H. Winslow will take care of you very nicely.

Orchids for Conductor Dick Green and George Sullivan of Mountain Sub-Division Train 161. The Canadian Pacific connection at St. Johnsbury transferred more passengers than the one coach on their train would hold so they borrowed the benches from the station and placed them in the ladies' and baggage car and when they left town, every one was seated. At Barrelet they all enjoyed ice cream and soft drinks, thanks to our Diplomats.

Conductor James Plummer and Mrs. Plummer have purchased a new home, ranch type, in Waterville.

A very pleasant trip by auto to Farmington by your truly and the Mrs. The Rev. Father Martineau and Retired Conductor Archie Butler entertained us unusually well.

Sympathy is extended to Retired Conductor James S. Sullivan, of Farmington, July 9th.

Retired Conductor and Mrs. S. C. Sullivan spent the week end in Boston July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson, of Sarasota, Florida, were visitors in Portland their former home.

Retired P. T. Conductor William O'Neil and Mrs. O'Neil of Sarasota, Florida, are visiting their old friends in Portland.

Waterville Station

By ELAINE KERVIN and M. W. FLYNT

Leading Plumber Harold Milton is enjoying two weeks' vacation at his cottage on Snow Pond.

Chief Clerk John Abbott of the Accounting Department was honored at a banquet at the Jefferson Hotel prior to his retirement July 10th. Many Maine Central employees from the Waterville area and several from Portland attended. John has been around a good many years and we are certainly going to miss him.

We wish that he and Mrs. Abbott will have many happy years of retirement.

Mrs. Doris Higgins, wife of General Agent Higgins, visited relatives in Boothbay Harbor recently.

Mrs. "Ginny" Tupper was the guest of honor at a surprise pink and blue shower given by the Fred Sauters at their home in Clinton. Ginny received many lovely gifts.

Truman Kenneth Goodwin, Sec. 42 Water- ville, broke his arm recently while painting at his home and will be unable to work for some time.

Motor Patrol Helper Arnold Bevin is off sick. Ray and Mrs. Coulombre and daughters Ann and Judy spent a week's vacation at Lake George, New York. Paul and Richard Stovven, Frontiertown, the North Pole, Whiteface Moun- tain and many other places of interest. Ray says they had a wonderful vacation but that he got tired out long before the children did.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Con- ductor D. H. Farnham who died July 13, brother to the family of P. T. Carmar Dan Edward Bourque who died in New- castle, N. B. Mr. Bourque was employed for many years at Portland Union Station.

Conductor and Mrs. Bilodeau have purchased a new home on Elm Street Portland.

Retired Conductor Thomas Locke and Mrs. Locke are visiting in Florida. They have chosen Florida for their winter home.

Station Baggage Master and Mrs. Ashley Wood of Bangor attended the June meeting of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, June 21st, held in Portland. Mrs. Wood is a member of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, June 21st, held in Portland. Mrs. Wood served as chairman of the committee of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, June 21st, held in Portland. Mrs. Wood was a member of the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans, June 21st, held in Portland. Mrs. Wood served as chairman of the committee.
Beverly Cook, Freight Office Stenographer, is spending the summer at their camp on Unity Pond. Lyle and Marion Madison Section Foreman Frank Nason is ill in the hospital.

Among these vacationers were Gid Veilleux, Track Repairman, who toured Canada and spent a week at his camp at Webber Pond; Joe Haskell, Section Foreman, Waterville, on his vacation; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Chaisson, Operating Helper; and Roger Tenen, Trackman in the Carmel section. Seven large freight crews have been on vacation including Sec. 21 Winslow, Sec. 42 Waterville, Sec. 46 Bunker, Sec. 47 Pittsfield, Sec. 76 Corinna, Sec. 241 Oakland and Sec. 243 Norridgewock. Baggage Master Ray Barriault has been on vacation for three weeks while Jimnute Cote substation.

Trackman Chick Cowan was in the office recently, mentioning that his condition is improving.

Newcomers. A new Swomey has been laid between Pittsfield and East Newport and old 100 lb. rail removed under Rail Job No. 1 AFE 12405. Engineer Wmwn Notar has returned home after several weeks in a Portland hospital and is improving.

Retired Engineer Ralph Hooper is able to be around after several weeks illness.

**WATERVILLE SHOPS**

By "STEVIE"

Due to annual vacation shut-down of the Shops this week.

Painter Charles Parson Lawry and Mrs. Lawry have been recent visitors in Boston, the trip marking their Silver Wedding Anniversary. At long last, after many years, the "Parson" has been able to retire from the job of car painter. Laborer Red Black has returned to the Yard after a long vacation. New machine Apprentice Wade Richardson has a new Ford sedan and Carmn Norman Thompson has a new Studebaker. Sympathy is extended to Laborer Ralph Hasbrouch whose wife died recently and also to Pierre Helper Tom., his son.

Laborers Charles Packhurst and Frank Lavoie have recently been furloughed by reduction of forces.

Car Inspector Sam Merrow recently purchased a new Chevrolet Station Wagon, kept it 2 days and then sold it to a regular Beaches vacation. They report good fishing and a good rest was enjoyed.

Anybody finding a set of dental plates in the Kennebec River between here and the Ocean, please return to Trackman Edward Newton at Gardiner. He reports that the last time he saw them they were disappearing down a drain.

Well, the three would-be carpenters, Signor Foreman Geo. Currie, operating helper Ralph Parson and freight helper Olfin Gordon, who are all building additions to their houses are still hard at work at it. Carl Mavour, the lead in this writing, has his lean-to nearly all finished on the outside and now is putting up the wallboard inside.

Several traveling salesmen agents visited us last week among them were Bob Bob of the St. J. & L.C., Geo. Moulson of the N. Y. C., John Halsey of the N. Y. C. from Frank Suggin, Charles Reagan of the Rutland and Wallace Barrows of the Delaware & Hudson.

He hunted thru the local stores and bought a lawn chaise lounge. And the pond. Fish artificial. He fell thru to the ground. Such things were meant for elephants. Just for average humans, maybe.

They sure won’t hold a yealding steer. One of his chores.

Michael Allen was born to Carman Helper and Mrs. Bill Fletcher at the Thayer Hos. June 16. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fletcher at the Thayer Hos. Friday, June 20, Mildred. Laborer Armand Rossignol has added a second car, equipped with dual controls for the purpose of driver training instruction.

Carman Helpers Florian Jacques and Joe Bowdoin have been busy at East Slop after prolonged illnesses. Mrs. Bill and Mrs. Bill Mingo have recently returned from a tour of the Gaspe peninsula. Due to overwork Howard Blais has been furloughed. Joe Blais and Mrs. Bill Blais have recently returned from vacation. Understand Micch is making hay while the sun shines here at the 23rd Street.

Also on vacation is Wallace J. Brennan, passenger agent at the Waterport station and assistant Donald G. Hall.

Lorenz A. Dyer paid us a visit recently. Some of our readers will remember, Mr. Dyer was Passenger and Freight Conductor on MEC from 1913 to 1926. He is now salesman for the Davis Cadillac Co. of Lewiston, Me. Any- one for a Cadillac?

**DANVILLE JUNCTION**

By PAUL N. FARRELL

Third. Track Donald K. Stack has just returned from a restful two weeks vacation. Opr. Mollie.

Harold A. Fletcher, Baggage Master, is back on the job following a long vacation. Due to a shift in the Relief Positions. Edgar Hall. Waterville, reported back Tuesday, Track Saturday. Roland S. Bonney, Relief No. 1518, 1st Track Sunday and Second Track Tuesday. At this writing George A. Beaudin, Section Foreman and Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Marland and Ralph S. Amsden and Mrs. Bill Koski have recently returned from their vacation. Understain Micch is making hay while the sun shines here at the 23rd Street.

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Bill Henry, retired Chief Clerk, dropped in, and it seemed so natural having him around that he did not take a letter, we would have automatically reached for our note book. C. A. Pluny and Harry Artert took a call.

Ken Brain took off for the wilds of Maine on his vacation, leaving his wife behind and his, for a fishing expedition.

Philip Eliason, son of Alice Eliason, finished Boot Training at Parris Island Marine Station and came home for a visit.

Bill Murray and Mrs. Murray were also on vacation last month.

The popular and pleasant Mail Clerk is Norman Jackson, who comes on duty at 3 p.m. The Jacksons are proud parents of a baby girl, Mary Elizabeth born at Mercy Hospital on July 24.

Bud Bowline and family moved during July to Ewing, Ont., to live in a house on a farm.

Petey Connery took a trip back home to celebrate the 64th birthday of his class from Lancaster High School in the Waunbeke Hotel in Jefferson, N.H.

Miss Margaret K. Coyne is enjoying a vacation at Falmouth Foreside with her sister and brother-in-law from Miami, Florida.

Robert A. Woodill is spending his vacation at camp.

Miss Edna Crimmins had a very enjoyable vacation as did Mrs. Edith MacGibbon, both taking auto trips through the States, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The Neills Mertie, Gertrude Shire, Mrs. Jack Cady and Mrs. Gerald Sedgley toured to Niagara Falls via the Canadian Pacific. Visiting via Toronto, Ontario, the Thousand Islands and the Streamline Ferry into Vermont. They returned via the train.

Among those enjoying "Briggadon" at Ogunk tuck are Mr. and Mrs. Edith MacGibbon and Margaret Lynch.

"Lewiston Daily Journal" Car Accounting & Statistics, spent his vacation taking short trips to various places.

Clifford C. Clifford Car Accounting & Statistics, has gone to Little Sebago for his vacation.

Vacation time is here—and that means fun Everyone is either going on or coming from a long awaited week or two—With many plans for things to do. Here’s a tip for the kids—a few, Ginnie Wallace, Harold Cummings—Mac- laneous Bureau. Leona McLaughlin Roadway Bureau. Margaret Coyne, Louise Scannell, Al Chapman—Pond View Beaches. Lou Davis, Margery Sterling—Payroll Bureau. Bill Artert, Paul—Vienna Gardens. Madeleine Bowdoin—Joint Facility Bureau. (Anyone left working in the Auditor Disbursements Office?)

Elta Benner of the Disbursements Office is now at Orange Lake moving from South Portland to an apartment on State Street in July.

Edith Goodwin is sporting a brand-new Victoria hardtop Ford—please note that there is a Continental Kit on the rear—(special order exclusive of the --)

Some words of wisdom—About the only thing the modern girl can
cook, as well as her mother, is some man's goose.

Money isn’t everything (so they tell us)—there are other important things such as stock, bonds, letters of credit, checks, checks, checks.

Definition of Anatomy—something everybody has, but it looks better on girls—such as Barbara Airey, Margarete Gagnon, Judy Marston, Aune Despins, Donna O'Bryan, Mary Tabbitt, Kay Donahue, Jean Gilpatrick, and Blanch Eastman.

By this time we feel sure practically every employee on the railroad has been spotted by one of the insurance men representing the new life insurance plan. However, one of the men nearly ended his career in a hurry, in the "jail house." It seems he wanted to see one of the employees working at Portland Terminal Wharf, on the third trick, so on a dark, rainy night well beyond midnight, he trailed down to the wharf to "get his man," as the saying goes. One of our railroad police challenged him, and it was clear to everyone that he was not an employee—he just couldn’t believe such a story as that!—not in the wee morning hours, it didn’t make sense. However, after doing some fast talking and showing all his credentials, everything ended fine, for all concerned. We believe the five fellows who have worked so many, long, tedious hours to put the insurance plan across have earned a lot of credit—they interviewed employees anywhere and everywhere they could find them, at all hours of day and night, and probably know the Maine Central line better than many of the workers themselves.

Theresa Slattery looks very healthy with the sunburn and cute freckles she accumulated on her vacation, spent taking in the beaches in the Portland area.

Paul Crawford had an enjoyable week, taking trips to Watch Lake, playing golf, and even going to Old Orchard Beach, which he said was more fun than a barrel of monkeys.

Eleanor Fates of the Bond Deduction office planned on sitting in her back yard and getting lots of sun during her second week off. We understand the general office golf league topped off their season with—guess what?—another golf game! There’s just no holding those boys!

Janet LaPlante, stenographer, had the third week in July off and enjoyed seeing her mother who has been living in California and returned to Maine for a visit.

Lillian Grenier, Machine Accounting, had her vacation the first week of July and came back sporting a beautiful tan acquired on the beach and golf course. We understand that she did a good job singing at her sister’s wedding on July 1, and at which her daughter, Carol, was maid of honor.

Anne Despins, her husband, Dennis, and daughter, Mora, journeyed to Montreal, Quebec, Canada, for a weekend and Dennis’ brother’s wedding, which was also Anne and Dennis’ wedding anniversary. They had a marvelous time, celebrating their anniversary at the Ritz-Caraton, Montreal’s most fabulous night club. They stayed at the Laurentian Hotel, visiting such spots as Bellmont Park, St. Joseph’s Shrine, beautiful Lake Magog, and other points of interest. The next week of their vacation will be spent with Joan and Ray Lessard in Gorham, New Hampshire. Joan was maid of honor for the Machine Accounting Department.

Virginia Lee has been entertaining her sister and brother-in-law from Connecticut. She had several parties and lobster dinners for them, and they also spent an evening at the "House on the Hill" in Kennebunkport.

John Flaherty has had his vacation and spent it to good advantage moving into his new residence in South Portland.

Eugene Truworth had a day at the circus. Arising early to take his five children to see them unload, then attending the big show the evening was a big thrill for all of them.

"Luncheon was served" for Marie O’Connell, Ruth Watson and Germaine Deschenes by Barbara Gain at her apartment on July 19—for a special occasion for the party—Barbara had wanted to show off her new home.

Machine Accounting Manager, back Marie O’Connell on July 1, Marie has lots of stories to tell about her new son. He is growing very fast and we understand he keeps both Bob and Marie pretty busy all the time. Germaine Deschenes of Machine Accounting brought her infant son in to visit the other day. Bobbi had been four months old the 1st. of August, and is he sweet!

Another addition to the railroad family—Thomas William Doherty, born July 11. His mother is Eleanor (Murphy) Doherty, employed in Car Accounting and Statistics. Good wishes to both parents and baby. "Molly" Theriault of the Mail Traffic Supervisor’s office is justly proud of her new duplex house, on Bradley Street, Portland.

Mrs. Lou Hallwell a former matron in the General Office Building is visiting friends in the Portland area and her husband now reside in Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Nealley Mrs. Nealley

Mr. and Mrs. Buzzel Nealley observed their 50th. wedding anniversary at Bartlett earlier this summer. Many friends and called and the couple received many gifts. Mr. Nealley worked for the Maine Central for 46 years, practically all of it on the Bartlett section.

Beecher Falls, Vermont

By ROGER DROLET

Carl Crawford, Section Foreman Beecher Falls, on vacation. This writer also had a week and was relieved by George Peters of Bartlett, N.H.

Peters’ work outfit was located at Colebrook for about a week.

Conductor Hub Hall traded his Buick for a 1955 Pontiac. George Conners, Fireman, also traded his old 1940 Chevrolet for a new 1941 Plymouth. Understand he took his wife for a ride and she admitted George now has a very good car.

Walter Lang went chasing Canadian Geese the other day. While trying to catch one he fell, hurt his elbow, scratched his face, lost his pocketbook and got back home empty handed without so much as a feather. Slim Rowell, back from a tour of Nova Scotia that lasted a week. He took the boat called "Blue Rose" out of Bar Harbor to Halifax. Says he had a wonderful trip and plans to take the Blue Nose again next year.

Sidney LaPlante, who has had some hard luck lately, off a few days to visit his daughter, Shirley, in Portland.

Engineer F. H. Washburn is now on the Gilman extra, in place of C. F. Mead who is taking some time off.

Operator Albert Garon is having two weeks off. He and the MRS. has enjoyed several nice auto trips. His place here being covered by Space Operator M. A. Russell.

Agent Joe Boucher of Gilman had a few days off, his job being covered by Winnie Oulton from Bartlett.

"Luncheon in the lorry" car, the V.W. is still doing a good job and we should dislike pairing with it now.

Sectionman Donald Ainsworth and Mrs. Ainsworth have a very new son in the family, named Timothy Wayne.

Operator, M. H. Bowie has bid off agency at Steep Falls; he finishes his two weeks vacation soon and will take over down there.

All those who prefer to use the old fashioned business cards, please turn in in preference to the nice new power mowers; please raise their hands.

Recovering ties from the bottom of a gulley the hard way are, l. to r., Trackmen Guy Carter, Albert Tyler, Gilbert Leighton and Donald Sadler.

Bangor Mechanical Department

By F. E. WARE

The changes in the facilities of the Bangor Engine House were started this month. The carpentry, masonry and cement work are being
done by the Bridge and Building Department under the supervision of E. E. Manter and Bert Pease. The electrical work is being handled by Inspector D. W. Wing and the heating and plumbing by Frank Graves and Chester Shepherd.

Mr. J. O. Born, Engineer of Structures of the R. & B. Dept. and Assistant Fire Marshal, General Foreman of the Heating and Plumbing Department have been in Bangor supervising the layout of the changes here at the house.

The car trading bug is still running rampant in these parts; among those being caught this month were Engineers R. H. Lovell, Engineer S. C. Boynton, Engine House Foreman, C. E. Quinby and Electrician J. H. Tower.

Vanceboro
By H. D. DAVIS

After about six months lay off account of illness Operator A. M. Gray worked as Relief Operator for Operator K. A. Gray on first trick, Vanceboro, while latter was attending National Guard Summer Camp at Welfleet, Mass., and has now returned to his former position on second trick here commencing July 12th.

Vacations since our last report have been taken by the following Clerks: C. N. Nason of the Villa T. Wescott, C. W. Beers, M. M. Beers and General Agent W. L. Blanchard. The latter, with Mrs. Blanchard and their daughter, Jane, are making a rail trip to Fort Huron, Michigan, to meet his brother, Carl H. All are returning with him by motor trip to their camp on Grand Lake. Also, P. G. Suesse of the Pacific Customs Brokerage Company has been on vacation.

Susan, wife of Stationary Fireman Merrill R. Hickey, has been a surgical patient in Charlotte County Hospital, St. Stephen, N.B. since June 25th and we are happy to report is expected to be able to return home soon.

Another patient in same hospital is Nita, wife of Clerk Ralph E. Gray, with phlebitis and complications. All are wishing for her rapid recovery.

We are pleased to report improvement in the condition of Yardman A. W. McLver, a patient at Togus, Foreman Smith and crew, under E. E. Manter have been here the past month to carry out the routine work. In the main, laying of part of platform on north side of station building. Yardman A. R. Tracy, who has been a surgical patient at Togus, has recently returned home much improved.

Instruction car 2001 with A. S. Crosby, General Mechanical Instructor, has been with us for a few days having arrived on No. 23 morning of July 16th, returning on No. 8 July 18th.

Engineer H. D. Lounder and Mrs. Lounder have been vacationing again, paying a visit to their son, Laurel, and family in Esponola, Ontario. They brought back three of their grandchildren to spend the summer. While enroute home Mr. Lounder tells a story of their stopping at a restaurant to rest, and while the children were playing around, a stranger approached them, looked the children over more like a set of steps—then looked at Mr. and Mrs. Lounder very carefully, was seen to scratch his head and walk away, without saying a word, evidently indicating, "I cannot understand it."

The Custom house staff vacations, so far as known, include Inspector D. C. Clark, who with Mrs. Clark have been at their camp on Second Mattagamon Lake in Patten region; Inspector E. C. Frost, who has been fishing in the Tomahs, and with Mrs. Frost, visiting their daughter, Mrs. Philip Johnston, in Fort Fairfield; Deputy Collector of Customs in Charge P. A. Groves, who with his wife and daughter have been spending most of their time at their camp at Bottle Lake, Springfield.

Retired Deputy Collector of Customs A. J. Dickinson, with Mrs. Dickinson, recently visited their son, Hugh, and family in Rocky Hill, Conn., including a trip into New York city to see a ball game won by Yankees over White Sox. They brought two grandchildren on their return trip to school vacation with them.

A taxiing crew are in this vicinity just now, July 19th, giving our town roads a treatment of asphalt tar.

Bangor Car Department
By C. A. JEFFERDS

P. W. Carson, Ticket Clerk Bangor Union Station, has severed his connection with the company, having advantage of the Railroad Retirement Act. He resigned from the service July 19, 1937. "Pete" came to work Nov. 30, 1916, at Vanceboro as Clerk, transferred to Bangor Sept. 17, 1919, in the Freight Office; in Supt.'s office until 1922; went in Ticket Office Feb. 2, 1922 and worked there until the present time.

He, with his good wife, plan to spend the rest of the summer at their cottage, recently purchased at Bayside, then to Florida after a visit with their daughter in Albany and son in New Jersey. We all wish them both a long and happy retirement together. On his last day an informal party was held and he was presented with lady umbrella and chair.

Electrician and Mrs. L. J. Hartley Jr. got their full quota of lake trout at Phillips Lake, June 22nd.

We were all very pleased to see that Ralph Graham, our genial Commercial Agent, is now out and around after his recent illness.


The regular monthly meeting of the Bangor Chapter, Trolley Club was held July 22, 1937, at Pilot's Grill, G. G. Nowell, President, presiding.

One of the regulars being missed, now on his annual vacation, is Wm. Carran, baggage man at Bangor Union Station.

Ticket Clerk P. W. Carson, now retired, selects a one-way ticket for Ticket Agent Wyane.

Patricia Bridgham, daughter of Carman and Mrs. D. K. Bridgham, holds 8½ lb. salmon caught at Roach Pond, Kokadjo, Maine.

Mrs. Hilda Hartley, wife of Electrician L. J. Hartley Jr. holding two of the best catch which was made at Phillips Lake, June 22nd, weight about 4½ and 5½ lbs. respectively.
W. D. Stewart of Bangor forwarded this old metal baggage check to the Magazine noting that it might be of interest to the younger members among our Maine Central personnel. Actual age of the check is unknown and there are no records now available by which to trace it. However, the Portland and Kennebec Railroad operated under that name from 1864, the year in which it was reorganized, until its lease to Maine Central in 1870.

Maine Central locomotive No. 123, a 2-6-0 Class-M mogul, built by the Portland Company in 1890 and renumbered 236 in 1900. Her drivers were 5' 3" and cylinders were 19" x 26". She was designed by Amos Pillsbury, Superintendent of Motive Power for many years, for a specific use - hauling the heavy night Pullman trains, numbers 71 and 2, between Portland and Bangor. After a trial period on these runs it was found she lacked ability to make steam fast enough for heavy passenger service and so was transferred to freight work.