BIG....

Data Processing Promotions Listed

Promotion of three Data Processing department employees has been announced by Ralph H. Gordon, auditor data processing and systems manager. They include:

Clyde W. Luce, Jr., from systems analyst to assistant to auditor, data processing.

Gary H. Bondeson, from programmer analyst to system analyst.

William J. Trefethen, from machine operator to programmer analyst.

Luce, a native of Oakland, was graduated from Thomas College, Waterville, in 1950. He joined Maine Central as a clerk in the Waterville freight office in the same year, and was transferred to Portland as a machine operator in 1957. He was made supervisor, data processing, in 1961 and systems analyst in 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Luce, the former Barbara Huntington of Oakland, live at 74 Dorothy Street, Portland, with their four youngsters.

Bondeson, a Presque Isle native, is a graduate of South Portland High School and received an Associate in Arts degree from the University of Maine in Portland in 1959. He is currently studying for his Bachelor's degree at UMF.

Bondeson joined Maine Central in 1963 as a yard clerk at Rigby, operating IBM equipment in the yard office. He became a programmer in the Data Processing department, Portland, in 1968.

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AND EVEN BIGGER....

TANK CARS for movement of heating oil for industries and homes and gasoline for family automobiles graduated into the jumbo class last month when new 23,000 gallon and 20,000 gallon cars began regular runs on our system. Larger of the jumbo tankers (photo at right) are now moving Bunker C heating oil in regular service between the plant of the Paragon Oil Division of Texaco, South Portland, and the paper mills of Brown Company in Berlin, New Hampshire. In photo Supt. A. J. Flaherty (left) and Ass. Supt. C. E. Farnham of Texaco are shown with Texaco employees M. J. Foley and C. L. Taylor atop the car. The king-size 20,000 gallon cars are moving from the Portland plant to Gulf Oil Corporation and the terminal of the Maine Central's Mountain Sub-Division at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Shown with the 20,000 gallon tanker are John L. Currier (left) Manager Chemicals-Clay-Fuel of the Maine Central's marketing force, and Richard F. Sewall, Plant Supervisor of the Gulf Oil Company.

Jean Gilpatrick Becomes Nation’s Only Rail Freight Service Saleswoman

A Portland woman who’s been “working on the railroad” since her high school days became Maine Central's and the nation's only carload freight saleswoman this month.

Jean E. Gilpatrick will be dealing with the traffic departments of several northern New England industries in her new job as Regional Sales and Service Manager. She will begin personal contacts with firms and individuals that have been familiar to her for years, but only as names on waybills. She has been a clerk in the Portland accounting departments of the Boston and Maine and Maine Central since 1952. Before that, as a teen-ager, Miss Gilpatrick worked in the snack bar and newstand of the old Portland Union Station.

Unusual job for a woman? Certainly . . . but Jean Gilpatrick is taking it in stride, in full realization that she must not only prove herself, but her sex, in the hard, cold world of transportation sales. She's starting right, learning the requirements and meeting people with whom she will be daily contact, the present and potential customers for Maine Central's rail freight service.

Merton C. Olsen, sales manager, regional markets, is her immediate superior and is conducting her training program under the supervision of Herman E. Buchheim, director of sales, and George H. Ellis, assistant vice president, marketing. Ellis termed Miss Gilpatrick's appointment "another modern step in our sales and marketing program, and acknowledgment that women have a definite place in present-day railroad sales promotion."

Miss Gilpatrick is a Medford, Mass., native who came to Portland with her family in 1934. She attended Portland schools and Deering High, graduating in 1947. Then came classes at Northeastern in accounting, business subjects and machine operation. She joined the Boston and Maine at Portland in 1952 as a comptometer operator, and transferred to Maine Central in 1955 as a clerk in the office of the auditor of passenger receipts. She has been a divisions clerk in the Auditor Revenue office, Portland, since 1966.

Miss Gilpatrick is a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, and for several years has served as a member of the Supervisory Committee of the Railroad Workers’ Credit Union.

A check with Frances Krinnel, Washington, Director of Women's Activities, Association of American Railroads, and Martha McManus, Boston, field secretary, New England Shippers' Advisory Board, revealed that Miss Gilpatrick is the only woman now serving as a carload freight sales representative on any of the nation's railroads.
I wish all of you, and your families— a most joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

[Signature]

Eugene Miller
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He and his wife, the former Janice Gartman of Freeport, Ill., reside at 145 Dawson Street, South Portland. They have one child.

Trefethen is a Bangor native and graduate of Bangor High. He joined Maine Central in 1966 after four years in the U.S. Air Force as a personnel clerk. He has served as a machine operator in Data Processing since that time.

His wife is the former Nancy Libby, daughter of Car Agent and Mrs. Ralph Libby. They live on Hunnewell Road, Scarborough.

Briggs To Head Rail Veterans

John I. Briggs, Portland, retired general office building superintendent, has been nominated to head the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans for 1969. He and other officers will be installed at the December 15 meeting to be held at Howard Johnson’s, South Portland.

Also nominated were William H. Coombs, Portland, a retired signalman, first vice president; Herbert E. Jenkins, Portland, retired B&M conductor, second vice president; Harold R. Keniston, Portland, former ticket agent, third vice president; Melville L. Davis, South Portland, head clerk, payroll, secretary and treasurer; and Herbert W. Fogg, South Portland, retired conductor, chaplain.

Nominated as directors for one year were Ralph E. Macomber, Waterville; Robert R. Lewis, Portland, Kenneth E. Reed, Waterville; and Leonard E. King, Sr., South Portland.

For two years: Weston E. Petrie, Portland; John W. McLeod, Lewiston; Theodore H. Cote, Sr., Westbrook; Herbert W. Fogg, South Portland; and Lucien Carignan, South Portland.


Five directors will be named to serve as a board of trustees for 1969.

The nominating committee was composed of Weston E. Petrie, William H. Coombs and Harold C. Clark.

SOFTBALLERS—29 YEARS ACO—This was the team that represented Maine Central and Boston and Maine in 1939’s Portland Twi-League. First row, Everett K. Goddard, now manager of car accounting and statistics; Mike Kusiak, B&M; Bob Smith, B&M; Dick Parker, operator of a Portland market; Dick Jones, B&M; Bill McCallum, deceased; Bob Tanner, deceased; and Al Foster, B&M. Back row, Les Mills, deceased; Ken Briggs, deceased; Ron Jordan, B&M; Jim Dole, deceased; Stu Herbert, U.S. Navy; Virgil Hawkes, deceased; Merrill Stanley, chief statistician; and Gordon Wilson, assistant to auditor disbursements. The bat boy is Jim Langella, South Portland.

OVER THE TOP—Maine Central employees in the Waterville area were considerably more this fall for exceeding their pledge quota for the Waterville Community Chest. Railroaders pledged a total of $1,920. From left, above, Diamond B. Sherrard, assistant shop superintendent; Mrs. Gloria Laliberte, secretary; Roland A. Giroux, assistant foreman; and Cornelius J. Begin, clerk.
ATTEND PURCHASING AND STORES MEETING—Purchasing and Stores staff met with representatives of several departments in November to discuss mutual problems and requirements. Seated, from left: R. P. Dole, chief mechanical officer; John Michael, auditor disbursing; Fred Peterson, clerk, Purchasing and Stores; Hugh F. Flynn, general storekeeper; and Steven Conley, general systems analyst. Standing, Lindy Burgess, clerk, Purchasing and Stores; Karl Russell, purchasing agent; Kenneth W. Phillips, manager, purchasing and stores; Rodney Pooler, clerk, Waterville stores; Carroll Stevens, clerk, Waterville stores; Wes Martin, engineer of track; Maurice Allaire, storekeeper, Portland; Joseph Cosgrove, traveling storekeeper, Waterville; Aiden Finnmire, superintendent, Waterville Shops; and Arnold Dow, storekeeper, Waterville.

EXPENSE SAVER—Rather than dismantle PT diesel 1057 and replace its cracked crankcase, pockets were drilled and “Metalock” bars tamped in to mend the crack and reinforce the area. The job was done at Rigby Engine House, and is similar to repairs made to PT diesel 1053 in 1956. The 1953 is still running, and George P. Silva, superintendent of locomotive maintenance, expects 1057 to do as well. Silva, who made the picture, marked the mended area in chalk.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the Railroad Veterans and their friends to attend the December 15 meeting at which time new officers will be inducted for the year 1969. The Annual Christmas Party with a Christmas Tree and exchange of gifts will be held, and there will be a floor show and general good time.

Walter S. Murray, retired Maine Central police Lieutenant, was hospitalized in late October, and at last report was convalescing satisfactorily.

We misplaced a comma last month in reporting the address of John Lyden, retired assistant superintendent. We made it 17 Oak Ridge Drive, West Brockton, Mass., but it should have read: 17 Oak Ridge Drive West, Brockton, Mass. He would appreciate hearing from old friends.

William E. Rumery
Awarded AAR Grant

William E. Rumery, 19, second oldest of the five boys in the family of Electrician and Mrs. Gordon Sears, Saco, has received a $4,000 scholarship from the Mechanical Division, Association of American Railroads.

The Thornton Academy graduate is a freshman student at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N.J. Last summer, he worked on the cleanout track at Rigby before leaving to start his four-year study of chemical engineering.

Under terms of the AAR study grant, Rumery will receive $1,000 annually for four years.
Thinking Safety

By Lawrence W. Sparrow

Safety Supervisor

We are now entering the winter season and all railroad employees should be extremely cautious of the existing dangers of cold weather, snow and ice. Railroad employees, especially trainmen and trackmen, are exposed to these hazards and discomforts more than most employees in other industries.

An employee must never get so intent on his work that he forgets his own personal safety. Remember, “Safety is of the first importance in the discharge of duty.”

An employee wearing heavy clothing, which restricts his movement, and earlaps which impair his hearing, must be constantly on the alert for the dangers of moving equipment. Modern equipment, equipped with roller bearings, moves easily and silently.

With the observance of a few basic safety precautions, most winter hazards can be avoided:

1. Avoid standing between the rails.
2. Watch your footing when getting on or off moving equipment.
3. Remind yourself that heavy winter clothing hampers your normal freedom of movement. You can’t move as fast if an emergency arises. Personal safety is in your hands.

Let’s make the winter 1968-69 a safe winter.

GENERAL OFFICES

Eric Smith, Director of Statistical Studies, has acquired a 1966 Pontiac Bonneville convertible. We understand he tested it traveling to Brunswick where he was invited to dinner at the Bowdoin Senior Center, which he says affords a splendid view of the countryside.

Bob Nurse of Car Accounting and Sam Ruth of Car Service had a version dinner in mind for Thanksgiving when they headed out on a recent hunting trip in the Dead River region.

Cliff Clifford of Car Accounting is at this writing a patient in the Maine Medical Center. We wish him a speedy recovery.

John Williams, son of Cashier Gordon Williams and his wife Kay, has been given a special grant to attend an advanced chemistry course at the University of Florida for a month’s study away from Case-Western Reserve University where he is studying for his doctorate. Gordon and Kay had their daughter and family with them from Connecticut for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

General Counsel A. M. Knowles and Mrs. Knowles flew to Dayton, Ohio, to spend Thanksgiving with their son, Mark, and his family.

Louise Scannell, MDO in Aud. Div. office, has returned from a two-week visit with Dr. and Mrs. Edward F. Sullivan at Longmont, Colo. Mrs. Sullivan will be remembered as Madeline Thibeault, a former employee of the Maine Central. Louise is godmother of their daughter, Ann. The trip was made by jet.

Hunters we have in the Disbursements office—Herbie Higgins’ trip was to no avail as was Dick Luce’s. Gladdie Anderson is at present on a hunting vacation, so no report is available at this printing, but confidentially Charlie is too soft-hearted to bring down those brown eyed beauties. We wish him luck, however.

WED 42 YEARS—Tower X operator and Mrs. Joseph E. Pouliot, Portland, recently observed their 42nd wedding anniversary. Joe rounded out 50 years of railroad service last summer, split between Maine Central and Canadian National employment.
FOR LONG SERVICE—Harold J. Connors, Portland, Rte. 1, engineer, was presented an inscribed billfold from President Miller in November in recognition of his 50 years of railroad service. Making the presentation is George P. Silva, superintendent of locomotive maintenance.

Red Murray is on an extended late vacation—visiting in Massachusetts and New York.

Mert Neilson spent a long weekend in Bermuda recently—was a guest at Harmony Hall, flying down on TWA and Pan Am. Coming back was another thing—just ask her—she’ll tell you. It was lovely there, warm and humid—the swimming was delightful and the nightclubs were “very interesting.” There were three couples on the trip all named Neilson and we had some fun with that. The boys played golf at Belmont Country Club and Castle Harbour, but really did not care for either course.

RIGBY

Reports on the deer kill have started to come in, and among the first was that of Electrician “Jim” Small and his son Philip who bagged a nice deer at Deer Pond in the first two days of the season. A 200-pound buck was shot by Sparse Messenger and Dispatcher Paul Ward. This animal qualified Paul for the “Biggest Bucks Club.” “Tiny” Flaherty, son of Foreman “Marty” Flaherty of Bulkhead 53 was another lucky hunter.

Speaking of Bulkhead No. 53, a fellow employee at that point, Martin Flaherty, 75, died recently after a long illness. He was a member of the Harold T. Andrews Post, and served in Europe in World War I.

Car Department Clerk “Tom” Foley returned to work after taking the remaining two weeks of his vacation. Hostler Joe Tierney, who has had eye surgery, says he can see better than ever with his new special glasses.

Car Department employee “Ed” Murphy is back on the job after a brief lay-off. Clerk James Quinncannon is covering Chief Clerk Frank Garland’s job while Frank recovers from his illness.

The retirement of Machinist Lawrence Laveau created a job opening for Machinist Robert Casey. Machinist Albert Stivelli took Casey’s position.

There are new parking restrictions at the Car Department due to fire department regulations.

Chief Clerk “Joe” Malloy is back on the job again after at least 6 weeks illness.

Car Department employee Roland Gildard has bid off the Janitor’s job in that area.

Former Machinist Russell Hammond recently returned from a lengthy tour from Maine to California. Enroute he stopped at his brother’s home in Utah. While in that state he visited a small town called Parowin and observed the panning of gold from the mountain stream that runs through the town.

Former Telephone Operator Winifred Stout, the sister of Former Tumble Operator, Thomas Mohan and half-sister of Stores Department employee Philip Cook, died in November. A tribute was sent to the funeral from the Rigby Welfare and Flower Fund.

Former Machinists Lou Garignan, Ted Cote, Bill Brune, and Russell Hammond visited Rigby to view the Canadian National steam engine mentioned in our last magazine issue.

Car Department Clerk and Mrs. “Bob” Grimmer are back in town after their jet trip to California.

November’s frosts ended the flower season, but Janitor Charles Ready still tends to the daily raising of the Flag at Rigby.

Electrician “Ray” Ryder, injured some time ago, is slowly progressing on the road to health.

Electrician Walter Emery is spending considerable time at his hunting camp at Moose Pond, but there’s no report of any deer yet.

Mrs. Merle Cook, wife of Carman Merle Cook, and Mrs. Allen Ridley observed “open house” at their respective homes on November 18, for work-shops in preparation for the fair at the Thornton Heights Methodist Church.

Engine House employee ASA Worchester was busy with the Stevens Avenue Congregational Church annual roast beef supper and the Christmas Fair.

Foreman Charles Tetreault started on the 9th of November for his annual deer hunting trip for two weeks. Mrs. Tetreault will visit relatives in the interim.

Store’s Department Clerk “Frank” Kane wound up his vacation for 1968 and is now ready for business.

Former Machinist Ralph McKelvey is using some of his spare time to build a real steam driven locomotive in miniature. This model is approximately four feet in length, and most of the working parts are imported from England.

Albert McCann, Jr., son of Shop Welder “All” McCann, a University of Maine, Portland, track team member, participated in a dual meet with Maine Maritime Academy, and Saint Francis College. Although young “All” was on the losing team, he was the individual winner in the nine-mile run. His time was 22 minutes, 47 seconds.

There were 28 men running.

John Parker, 35, died recently at a local hospital. He was a part-time employee in the Store’s Department. A floral tribute was contributed by the Rigby Welfare and Flower Fund.

Sympathy is extended to John Johnson, Clerk, yard office, on the recent death of his wife.

BRUNSWICK - BATH

Car Inspector and Mrs. Donald Oates have moved into their new home at North Yarmouth. In order to make sure that the winter snows would not delay him, Don has purchased an International Scout with 4-wheel drive, locking hubs and all that stuff, equipped with a snow plow.

At this writing we have already had plenty of snow, so it looks as though Don will be a busy boy keeping the way plowed to the Brunswick Car Shop.

Cashier J. M. Callan is on vacation. Understand he has gone hunting all over the country. He is being relieved by spare clerk Nate Hawkes.

Second trick operator Nelson Soule moved into his new home at Freeport last month and then took off for a week of vacation in Florida where he visited his father, Retired Agent Les Soule.

John Watson, left, and Warren Whitney at Livermore Falls recently with DR-2.
**WATERVILLE SHOPS**

Millman and Mrs. Newman Taber have recently spent some time in Florida vacationing.

Carman Wallace Rousseau has recently applied for the pension. He has been employed since 1920.

Paint Helper James Sylvester and Miss Maureen Bickford of Fairfield were united in marriage recently. They are residing in Waterville.

Electrician Fred Gaunce has been a recent surgical patient in a local hospital and is reported as making good recovery.

Miss Mary Jewell, daughter of Foreman and Mrs. Wallace Jewell, has recently been installed as an officer in the Rainbow Girls in the Fairfield lodge.

Recent ‘Old Timers’ who have visited with us have included Charles Lowry, Ralph Patterson, Chester Knights and Archie Smith.

Foreman Robert Estabrook has returned to work after a lengthy illness.

There have been several lucky deer hunters during the present deer season among shop employees.

Carman Ervin Emery has been confined to a local hospital and has been having a slow recovery.

Linda M. Greiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Grenier of Winslow, and David A. Verzoni, a Shoppers employee, were married Nov. 16 at St. John the Baptist Church, Winslow. Verzoni is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Verzoni of Waterville. They will reside at Countryside Trailer Park, Waterville.

**WATERVILLE YARDS**

In the hunting corner of the Yard: So far, we report 3 cases, with Party Dessert, Dick Goldrup, and Ken Ireland, Jr., with a very nice doe. Ken Sr.’s is still on the run.

Don Giberson was on vacation recently, and through the grapevine, as told to Howard Kennedy, Don saw 50,000 trees, but no deer.

Lee Peaslee, engineer of DWX-1—WDX-2, is going on vacation in the near future and his aim is also to the woods—and if a catch is had—he wants everybody to see it by giving it a ride in roundtrip on the hood of his engine. Incidentally, he almost had that chance recently when Mel James and his head brakeman spotted 3 nice does on the way back to Rumford.

We understand Maurice Roberts, mechanic, got his Russell at a good buck at his camp at Lobster Lake.

Spare Engineer Ken Farrar mentioned something in the way of a record. He says his is the only camp within 65 miles whose outback facility has a wall-to-wall carpet.

Buck Bouchard says he sees a lot of TV shows. His favorite is “Captain Kangaroo.”

A sectionman says one of our switchers has a Tarreyn crew—they’re rather fight than switch.

Recently on the sick list were Ike Stewart and Larry St. Amant. We hope that by the next printing, these boys will be back to work. Best of luck fellows, and hurry back.

Bill Hill was sitting at the big green chair recently while Ralph LaLiberte was convalescing from surgery.

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**EASTERN SUB-DIVISION**

Deane B. Hayen, Telegrapher, Bangor, has submitted his resignation from the service of the Maine Central Railroad Co. Deane is heading for the West Coast.

George E. Buchaan, Road Trainman, submitted his resignation as a Road Trainman at Bangor and is now working in the Motive Power Dept. training as a Fireman.

Francis C. Corbett, Road Conductor Trains BG-1/VB-2 worked his last assignment on Train VB-2—Oct. 29. Francis resigned to accept his pension.

R. E. Burnham has bid in the flagman’s job on Trains BV-1/VB-2.


J. W. Costain, Yard Conductor, Bangor Yard, has been ill since the middle of October. A speedy recovery, John.

M. R. Russell has bid in the Agent’s position at Enfield, and covered his assignment starting Nov. 11.

**RETURNS TO DUTY**—Boiler Maker Third Class Linwood J. Conners, Jr., son of Carman and Mrs. Linwood J. Conners, Sr., Bangor has been home on furlough after tour of duty in the far East, and has now returned to duty aboard the U.S.S. Pictor in San Francisco.
Eastport Shipper Has New Siding, Improved Fish Meal Loading System

Maine Marine Products Inc., of Eastport, manufacturers of fish meal, believe they have a better idea for loading their product for shipment by rail.

Recently, Maine Central work crews finished laying approximately 360 feet of track to Maine Marine’s storage and grinding plant at Sea Street. This work involved digging up and removing a considerable amount of asphalt, where the new siding crosses Sea Street, and the old top soil in the path of the new road bed. A back hoe and dump trucks were employed for this and for hauling in suitable gravel for the new road bed.

MEC Crane No. 165, operated by W. F. Smithwick, was also used in removing an old siding and for lifting and placing rails. The work of laying the new siding was done by Herbert Featherston and Henry Quinn of the Eastport Section, Bernard Antone and Billy Sturk of the Pembroke Section, Grant Ross and Charles Hatton of the Ayers Jet Section, Guy Carter and Russell Saddler of the Charlotte Section, and Track Repairman Ray Brooks of Cherryfield, who did the cutting and welding on the rails.

The job was under the supervision of F. B. Perkins, Track Supervisor, of Bangor.

The new siding will let covered hopper cars be placed close enough to Maine Marine’s plant to allow loading by closed conveyors, thus eliminating the old method of loading by hand out in the open, a practice that was often hampered by bad weather.

ANNUAL MEETING
Railroad Workers’ Credit Union
Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Lafayette Town House
Portland

VERSATILE VEHICLE—A new addition to the rolling stock of the Maine Central is this Chevy Sports Van, which will see action on the road as well as on the rails as it is equipped with high rail attachment. It is assigned to “Will” Schloth of Division III Engineering Department, Waterville. Posing is W. R. Poole, assistant track supervisor, Waterville.

R.R.B. Describes Student Benefits

Children of deceased railroad workers are entitled to special benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board if they are full-time students.

Edward W. Drane, district manager of the RRB in Portland, said students 18 to 21 are entitled to weekly benefits if they are full-time students at a high school, vocational school, college or university.

Further information is available at the Railroad Retirement Board District Office, Room 913, Post Office Building, Boston, or at 470 Forest Ave., Portland.

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