Tie Job Nears End

Wielding a spike hammer while another worker applies pressure with a bar, a Boston and Maine Railroad tie crew worker drives a spike home as a tie-replacement job at the Hillsborough Branch nears completion. More than 10,000 crossties were replaced by the crew along the line between Wilton and Nashua. They were also to replace another 400 ties in the Nashua Freight Yard at the end of Crown Street.

Mostly by Machine

The Boston and Maine Railroad just completed this tie replacement job along the Hillsborough Branch of the railroad between Wilton and Nashua. Most of the work was done using this mechanized equipment. Costs of the labor for the project were borne by the New England Regional Commission as part of a railroad track upgrading program. Materials were supplied by the railroad.

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Tight Squeeze

Members of a Boston and Maine Railroad tie replacement crew struggle to manually insert a replacement tie under the rails of the Hillsborough Branch. It became impossible for the job to be done by machine due to limited clearances, so muscle power had to be employed to manhandle the tie into place.

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