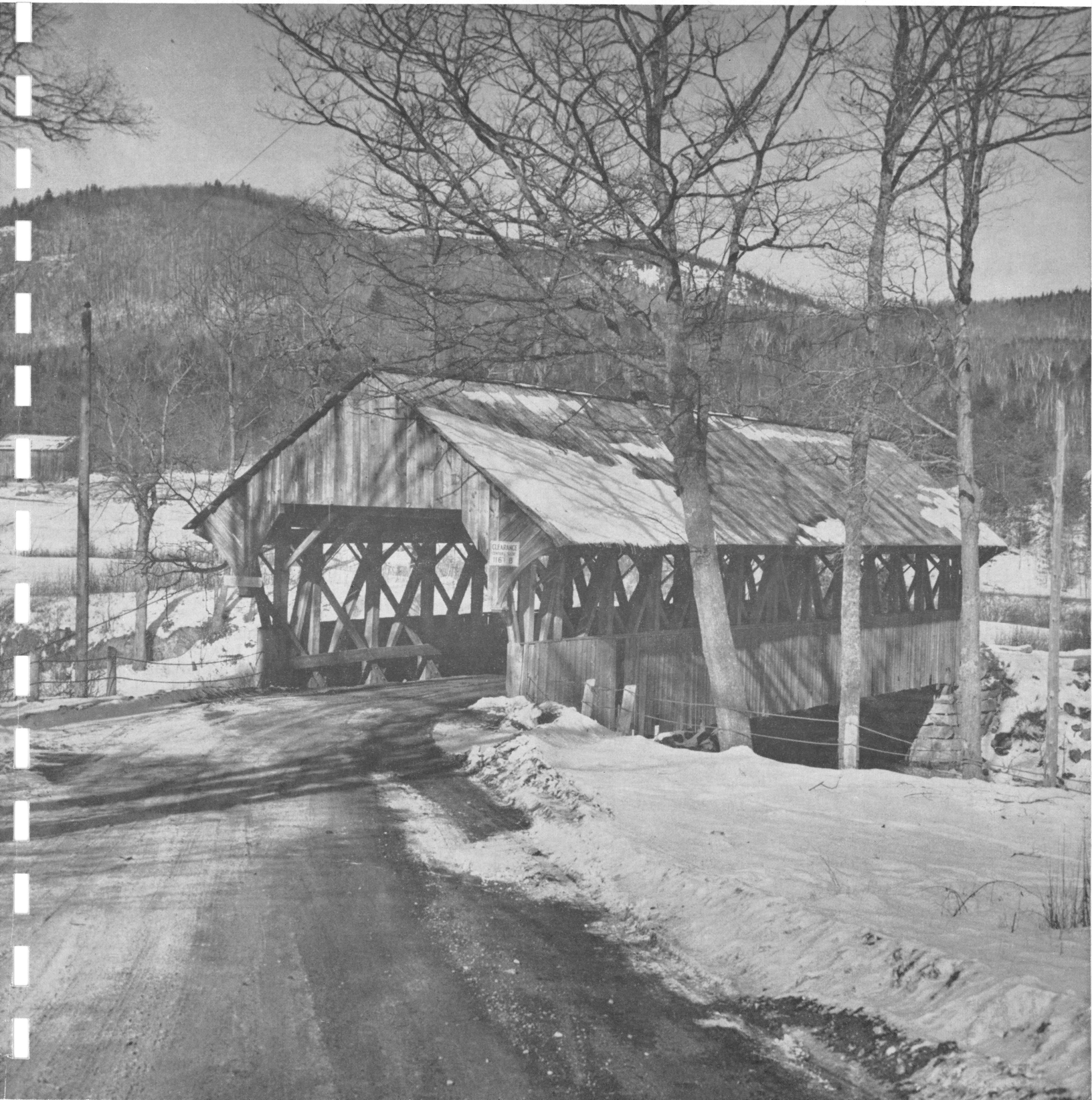


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LEGISLATURE GIVES HIGHWAY COMMISSION GO AHEAD ON INTERSTATE CONSTRUCTION

The Maine Legislature, in special session, stamped its approval on the State Highway Commission's Interstate Highway program when it defeated a bill which would have deferred Interstate construction south of Augusta. The House voted 78 to 47 and the Senate 23 to 4 in turning down the bill.

The Department's program calls for spending 18 million dollars in the Portland-Yarmouth Area and 72 million from Augusta to Orono in the next three and a half years.

Last month's legislative action culminated many debates in both the regular and special session—as well as in two public hearings held by the Legislative Research Committee. Prior to the second special session the Committee released a report in which a majority of 14-2 urged a "green light" be given the S.H.C. in their efforts to bring Maine into line with her sister states in progress on the Federal Interstate Highway construction.

RETIREMENTS

WALLACE L. REYNOLDS of Meddybemps, Patrolman's Helper in Division 2, retired on September 20, 1957 at the age of 65.

ELMER L. McGLAUFILIN of West Pembroke, Patrolman in Division 2, retired on December 6, 1957 at the age of 60.

STANFORD L. BROWN of Coopers Mills, Patrolman in Division 5, retired December 20, 1957 at the age of 60.

COVER

Artist Bridge, over the Sunday River in Newry, is probably one of the most photographed covered bridges in the State. At the present time a new 80-foot steel and concrete bridge is being built about 60 feet downstream. When the new bridge is completed the covered bridge will be closed to traffic and restored for artists and camera fans to enjoy. Resident Engineer for the new bridge is Robert A. Shailer.

PORTLAND AREA INTERSTATE PROJECTS DELAYED

On January 6, 1958, David H. Stevens, Chairman, M.S.H.C., received a letter from Bertram D. Tallamy, Federal Highway Administrator. The letter informed the Commission that the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads has agreed to defer, until soon after February 20, 1958, its decision on approval of two Portland area Interstate Highway projects. These are: Tukey Bridge, I-082-1(4), and East Deering to Falmouth Spur of the Maine Turnpike, I-082-1-(2).

In his letter Mr. Tallamy stated "I have received a copy of the resolution adopted by the Maine Turnpike Authority on December 26, which requests that the Bureau of Public Roads and the Maine State Highway Commission permit the Authority to defer its opinion until receipt and study of the report now being made by the firm of Coverdale and Colpitts. Information now available to me is that this report will be available to the Maine Turnpike Authority not later than February 20, 1958.

The request for additional time to complete studies already underway is a reasonable one. In all fairness to everyone involved, the Bureau of Public Roads will defer its decision on approval of the two cited projects as Federal-aid highway projects until the Turnpike Authority has completed its study and submitted its opinion, provided the Authority does so soon after February 20, 1958."

Mr. Stevens answered Mr. Tallamy by saying that the decision was "of course, a source of disappointment to the Maine State Highway Commission. We trust that you will implement the last paragraph of your letter to the end that a final decision may be forthcoming shortly after February 20, 1958. It would be regrettable if your decision to defer several million dollars worth of Interstate construction in the Cumberland County area should result in a delay of several months.

We are confident that you will take into consideration the effect of these delays when reviewing the progress of construction on the Interstate System in Maine and will give recognition to the fact that the decision as set forth in your letter of January 3, 1958 will have a very detrimental effect on this program."

On January 13th, the Bureau of Public Roads clarified the status of the section of Interstate Highway from the Falmouth Spur of the Maine Turnpike to Cousins River. The Bureau notified the Commission that it could proceed to authorize projects on the above mentioned section and that it would not be necessary to defer construction pending the outcome of the traffic survey being conducted for the M.T.A.

OBITUARIES

AUSTIN E. JENNINGS, Night Patrolman in Division 5, died while at work during a snow storm on January 7, 1958, at the age of 54.

He had worked for the department for about three years and will be missed by all his fellow employees in Division 5.

THE MEN OF DIVISION 3



DIVISION 3 SUPERVISORS, together with Stuart Deane, Division Engineer, attend a safety meeting conducted by George Murphy, Safety Supervisor. They are, left to right: Seaforth Dickson, who supervises the work on roads in the Dexter-Greenville area; James Fleming, Old Town to Brownville; Lloyd Roberts, Orrington to Enfield; Paul Byard, Dixmont to Corinth; Harold Russell, Lincoln to Millinocket; Millard Roberts, Division Supervisor; Murphy and Deane. Division 3 is comprised of Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties.

RECENT CONTRACT AWARDS

JANUARY 8, 1958

U. S. ROUTE 1—EDGECOMB—NEWCASTLE

F. A. Project No. F-026-1(6)
Thomas DiCenzo, Calais, Maine—\$697,862.00
Robert Schmidtman, Resident Engineer

JANUARY 15, 1958

INTERSTATE—AUGUSTA

Bond Brook and Mount Vernon Avenue Bridges
F. A. Project No. I-080-6(4)
Ellis C. Snodgrass, Inc., Portland, Maine—\$533,617.00

INTERSTATE—AUGUSTA

1,978 Miles Gravel Road
F. A. Project No. I-080-6(3)
H. E. Sargent, Inc., Stillwater, Maine—\$690,040.00
Albert Benson, Resident Engineer

BANGOR OFFICE CREW



AN EFFICIENT STAFF of girls in the Bangor Division Office are shown here taking care of the numerous payrolls, permit applications and letters that pass through this office each week. The gal on the left of the picture is Mrs. Reita Townsend, this magazine's correspondent for the division. Others, left to right, are: Mrs. Rosamond McIntosh, Barbara Hamlin and Mary Leighton.



FIRST AID INSTRUCTION is given a selected group of highway employees by Raymond J. Amiro, Field Representative for the American National Red Cross. These men will be qualified instructors upon completion of the course.

The course involves bandaging, emergency procedures to save lives, controlling bleeding, artificial respiration, treatment of shock, splinting, and transportation of accident victims.

Kneeling in the front row left to right are: Roger Sargent, Ellsworth; Allen Gross, Stonington; Raymond Amiro, Instructor; Richard French, Oakland; Arthur Allen, Litchfield; Robert Coermier, Presque Isle. Standing are: Arthur Gogan, West Peru; Karl Kirkpatrick, Augusta; George Murphy, S.H.C., Safety Supervisor; Roderick Henderson, West Baldwin. Earle Clements of Belfast is the subject receiving artificial respiration.

NOTICE

Keep the evening of February 20th open for the Highway Chapter M.S.E.A. Banquet to be held at the Grange Hall, Eastern Avenue, Augusta. Wonderful dinner—bring the better half or sweetheart.

Seafaring Engineer Sails Atlantic -- Alone!

Dick Dresselly, an adventurous 32 year old civil engineer, joined the department late last year as a bridge engineer. Before doing this, however, he got a nautical bug bite out of his system by skipping a 30 foot sloop across the Atlantic—alone! He did this with no more seafaring experience than sailing a dinghy on the Charles River, off the MIT campus.

Dresselly started planning his trip during the four seasons he worked as a civil engineer in Greenland. His dreams helped pass his spare time while on this long tour of duty.

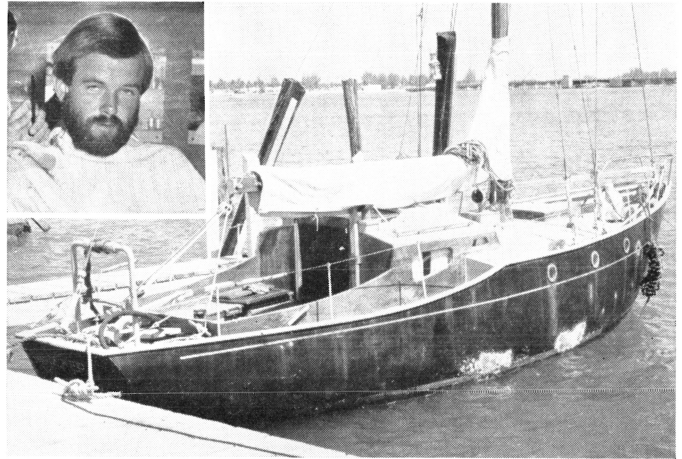
After his work in Greenland was finished, he boarded a ship for Holland where he bought a sloop which he named "Swalker". On September 30th he started the first leg of his long journey back to the U. S. A. First he sailed to England, then to the Mediterranean port of Sete, France. He then sailed to Barcelona, Spain, Gibraltar, and on March 21st he arrived at his jumping off place, the Canary Islands.

A couple of weeks were spent at the port of Los Palmas outfitting his craft. On April 6th he pointed the bow of his little boat out of the harbor and into a foreboding sea—which he would have to face alone for the next two months.

Early in his trip Dick devised a self-steering arrangement so that he could roam about his entire 30 feet of deck making necessary repairs, spearing fish and sleeping.

His most exasperating experience came in mid-ocean when he became becalmed and drifted aimlessly for days. The toughest was when he had to climb the 30-foot mast to make a repair during heavy weather.

The self-styled sailor fashioned his own fishing spears from a can opener, nails, cotter pins and even an egg beater. These spears helped him get his fill of fish. Some



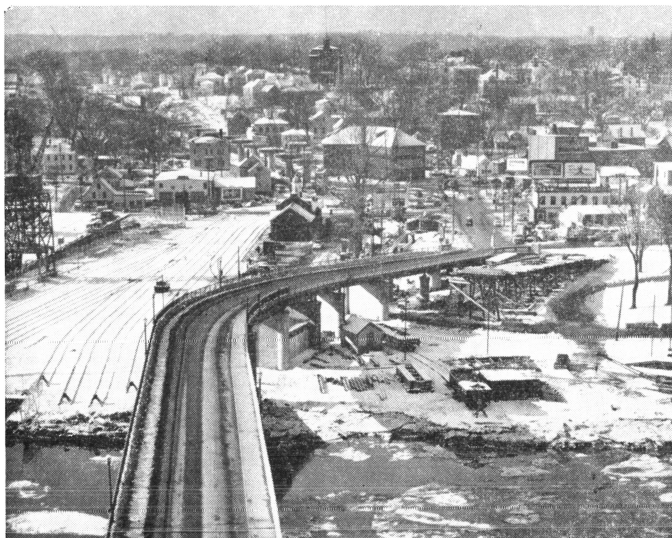
ENGINEERS DREAM BOAT, the Swalker, in which Richard Dresselly sailed solo across the Atlantic. Dick is shown in the inset photo just before having his two months' growth of beard mowed off.

days he would throw a banquet for himself at which he served fried fish, canned vegetables, peaches and white wine, which he picked up for 8 cents a bottle in Los Palmas.

On June 3rd, 58 days out of the Canary Islands and 20 pounds lighter, Dick made landfall at Palm Beach, Florida. After a short stay here he sailed his craft to City Island, New York, where his boat is now stored. By the way, if anyone would like to own a well-tested 30-foot sloop, Skipper Dresselly says it can be bought cheap.

With his sailing days over, for the present at least, Dick says, "I'm glad I did it, but I don't know whether or not I would want to do it again."

YOU NAME IT AND YOU CAN HAVE IT!



Do you know where this photo was snapped? If you do and are the first to send us a postcard giving the correct answer, we will send you an 8 x 10 original print of the above reproduction. Send your answer to Maine Highway News, Division of Special Services, State House, Augusta, Maine. Last month's winner was Hollis K. Sinclair, Caribou, who correctly identified the picture as being Fort Fairfield.

1958 HIGHWAY ROUTE MAP NOW AVAILABLE

The 1958 Official Maine Highway Map is now available to all highway personnel at the Augusta office and at all division offices. These maps will be distributed to the public at Maine Publicity Bureau Offices, the Department of Economic Development, chambers of commerce, travel bureaus, as well as at all highway offices.

Features which make the 1958 edition a very useful one include a handy mileage table by which distances between 48 Maine towns can be quickly figured. Locations are shown for the Appalachian Trail, parks, camp sites, picnic areas and game management areas. Five insert maps show, on an enlarged scale, urban areas of Portland, Bangor, Lewiston-Auburn, Rumford and Kittery.

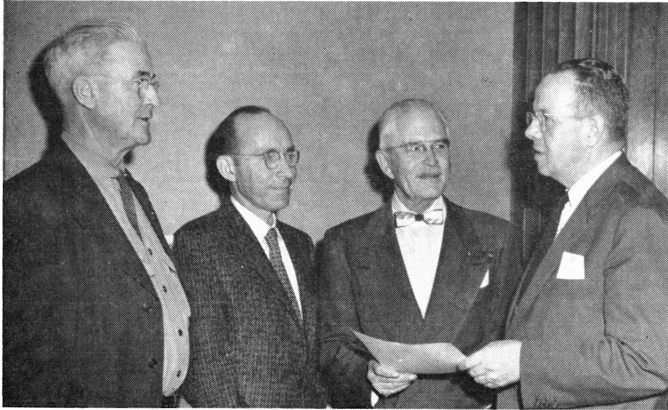
"Your husband looks like a brilliant man. I suppose he knows practically everything."

"Don't be silly. He doesn't even suspect anything."

Nurse: "Congratulations, you are the father of triplets."

Highway Contractor: "Good Heavens! I have exceeded my estimate again."

25 YEAR MEN



25 YEAR AWARDS were made to four S.H.C. engineers by the American Association of State Highway Officials at their annual meeting in Chicago on November 18, 1957. The presentations were made at the Highway Conference held at the University of Maine on December 13th. Receiving the awards were left to right, Herbert Schofield, Harold Bessey and Joseph Leavitt. The presentations were made by Vaughan M. Daggett, Chief Engineer, M.S.H.C. Ralph H. Sawyer was also presented an award but was not present when the photograph was made.

THE QUESTION BOX

Q. I was hired on probationary status before January 1, 1958, and hope to soon become a permanent employee. Will it then be necessary for me to join the Maine State Retirement System?

A. Yes! You may join sooner if you desire, but must when you reach permanent status. Everyone hired after January 1, 1958 in a probationary status will have to become a member immediately.

Not affected by the above rule are those Labor Division employees who formerly achieved permanent status and are not now members of the Retirement System.

Q. Can I carry my Group Life Insurance and Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance coverage if I take a leave of absence without pay?

A. Yes—except when you take a leave of absence without pay for military service—but remember it is your responsibility to notify your payroll clerk to make a deduction on your last payroll period to cover payments for the entire time you plan to be absent. Failure to do this might mean that your policy would lapse, as it has only a 30-day grace period.

AROUND THE AUGUSTA OFFICE

MAIN OFFICE

Gertrude Lunt

"A huge success!" is the report on the Eighth Annual Highway Conference sponsored by the Maine Section, American Society of Civil Engineers, in cooperation with the Maine State Highway Commission, at the University of Maine on December 13 and 14, 1957. Those attending from the Commission were David H. Stevens, Chairman; Clarence S. Crosby, Member; and Vaughan M. Daggett, Chief Engineer. Mr. Stevens was one of the speakers. Mr. Daggett, who is also President of the Maine Section—ASCE, presided over the forenoon session on the 13th.

The Members of the State Highway Commission, David H. Stevens, Clarence S. Crosby and Harold B. Emery, attended a two-day Joint Board hearing at the office of the Penobscot County Commissioners in Bangor on January 3 and 4, 1958.

Vaughan M. Daggett, Chief Engineer, was a speaker at a meeting of the Maine Mid-Coast Route One Association at the Hotel Thorndike in Rockland on the evening of January 7, 1958.

MAINTENANCE

Georgianna Patten

THE MAINTENANCE MAN

Since Adam blamed Eve for the apple
In word too lurid to quote,
There's always been some poor mortal
Who's fated to be the goat,

And the guy in the Highway System,
Like the dog who is tied to a can,
Is that poor and unsung hero
Entitled "The Maintenance Man."

He patches his pavement and toils with his blade,
Cleans out his ditches and builds up his grade,
Replaces his guard rails, trims up his trees,
Crawls through his culvert to clear out the leaves,

Lays dust oil in summer, sprays weed oil in spring,
Drives over each mile never missing a thing,

In short, he does all that he possibly can,
This poor, patient guy called "The Maintenance Man."

But whenever it rains and the pavement gets slick,
Or the paint stripe fades when the fog is thick,
Or a tourist gets dust on the big sedan,
Who gets the blame? Why, "The Maintenance Man."

For since Adam blamed Eve for the apple
And Cain sowed his first wild oat,
There's always been some poor mortal
Who's fated to be the goat,

And the guy in the Highway System
Who everyone loves to damn
Is that poor, long-suffering creature
Entitled "The Maintenance Man."

And I think when he meets Saint Peter
And looks at the heavenly road
Where the tractors all have street plates
And the trucks never over-load,

With never a broken guard rail,
No thistle or puncture vine,
Nor dust to lay, nor weeds to spray
And never a shattered sign,

He'll turn to the worthy Peter with,
"Pete, this is surely swell,
But I've heard of another district,
We used to call it Hell.

And the roads are not so much there
For they're paved with good intentions,
And I think that would suit me better;
You see, I forgot to mention—"

"Just stop right there," Saint Peter will say,
"For now that I look at your pan
I can see why you'd rather go below—
You're an old time 'Maintenance Man'."

* * *
From the Mississippi Highway Dept.

MOTOR TRANSPORT

Clarence Madden

It was nice to see Howard Brown, retired, in the garage the other day. Howard is now enjoying life in Manchester.

Arthur Allen took the First Aid course given to a group of Highway employees. The picture in the Kennebec Journal did not do him justice; he can look a great deal worse than that at times.

Snowbound was the word for it Wednesday, January 8th, until the state highway plows began to nose their way through the drifts, a good job well done. If the Farmers Almanac is correct, there will be more jobs to do and soon.

Remember to keep our personal lost time accident board clean. Just a few seconds thought and the right tool may well be the difference between happiness and disaster.

Did John Crommett get the biggest deer in the Highway this season? Can anyone beat 240 pounds dressed?

Branch Garages take note: we need news items, send them in.



Laurel Gray and Larry Collins, a couple of old timers at Motor Transport, are shown here about to leave on a trip to deliver a power shovel. These two fellows are well known throughout the state by the maintenance crews as they deliver heavy equipment to and from all divisions.

ACCOUNTING

Irene Marsden

This month, we have nothing but history-making news!

John Arata is proudly announcing the birth of a grandson, Thomas Ryan Arata, in Fairfax County, Virginia. This is the first child named Arata of all John's many grandchildren, and he hopes to get a four-generation picture next summer.

John spent a week with the now-parents at Thanksgiving time and described the trip as a very enjoyable one. Edsall Park, where their new home is, is a suburb of Washington, D. C. When John returned, the new tunnel by-passing Baltimore had opened and proved to be a tremendous improvement over the old route through the city. It could save two hours of travel time during busy hours, John assures us.

A certain young matron in our office is wearing what John Church describes as "hatching jackets" and receives everyone's blessing for the happy event to come.

In the marriage department, congratulations and best wishes to our newlyweds, Marilyn (Vigue) and John W. Condon, united in marriage December 31, 1957, at Augusta, now at home in their brand new trailer at Dom's Trailer Park, East Winthrop.

Word has arrived of the marriage of Barbara Casey, formerly with this Division, to Arthur J. Savoy, Jr., Orono, December 28th.

Santa Claus brought an engagement ring to Maryelizabeth

Mitchell, from Clyde Roth of our Division. Both young people are from Litchfield and Maryelizabeth works for the Fish & Game Department. They are planning a June wedding.

Our Christmas Party was a lot of fun this year in the form of a Pizza Party. At 11:00 a.m., December 24th, Santa arrived with a huge carton full of assorted piping hot pizzas. In the meantime, the girls were busy making coffee and opening boxes of delicious date bars and luscious cup-cakes, baked by a couple of good cooks we happen to know. After the food we had our "tree" and then, those who were reluctant to see the party break up, had some more fun. One eligible eligible bachelor (and I mean, he's the MOST) was seen having mistletoe instead of the customary demi-tasse. Oh, those office parties!

FEDERAL AID PRIMARY

Nellie Chase

An observation trip for the purpose of handling design features and construction results were made over the Massachusetts Turnpike on December 9th (one continuous rainy and cold day) by the following personnel: Dana T. Bartlett, Highway Design Engineer; Messers Edward Johnson, Walter Mitton and Leon Johnson, Engineers of the Bureau of Public Roads; and John Rundlett, Project Manager of the Clarkeson Engineering Company. Despite the inclement weather encountered, numerous pictures of this Project were taken. These were satisfactory despite the weather.

Gordon R. Jones came to work as Engineering Aide I on December 30, 1957.

Peter Cohen has recuperated and is back to work.

Messers Dana Bartlett, Highway Design Engineer, and Kenneth Whitney, Assistant Highway Engineer, attended a dinner meeting of the Maine Branch of the American Association of Civil Engineers at the Worster House on Monday, January 6th.

Albert Godfrey and John Bridge have returned to the University of Maine after working their vacation here.

I understand that Moan Libby needs a new book on cribbage.

Bob Furber, Location Engineer, has been temporarily assigned as the head of the Design Division; Bill Harris has been assigned to Assistant Design Engineer; and Larry Murphy, Construction Engineer, has temporarily taken over the position of Location Engineer.

RIGHT OF WAY

Charlotte Blumenthal

Jean McCann attended "Around the World in 80 Days" in Portland recently. She reported it to be an excellent show.

Dana Nye transferred from Outdoor Advertising to the Right of Way Drafting Room as an Engineering Aide.

William H. Bradford, R/W Engineer, attended the Luncheon (Section Meeting) of the American Society Civil Engineers held at the Worster House, Hallowell, Monday, January 6th.

This Correspondent opened her presents Christmas with the family, as usual, plus four grandchildren. Daughter Sally was home from her employment in Boston for the holiday.

William H. Bradford, R/W Engineer, John H. Maasen, Jr., John A. Appleton, C. Robert Foster, Philip E. Hedges, Fred J. McLeary and F. Merlon Cole, all Right of Way Agents, attended the Second Annual Chapter Seminar, New England Chapter, American Right of Way Association Meeting held at Lynnfield, Massachusetts, Friday, January 10, 1958.

Bill and Florence Brush are the proud parents of a 6 lb. 12½ oz. baby girl born at 4:37 Monday morning, January 13, 1958 at the Augusta General Hospital. They have named her Deborah Ruth.

Eleanor Richardson, Asa's wife, made a brief visit at the office at Christmas time. Very nice to see her.

Normand St. Pierre is again with the Right of Way Division—this time as an Engineering Aide.

BRIDGE

Burleigh Boyd

Philip E. Libby has returned to work after an absence of several years.

Bill Flynt has re-entered the fold.

Charles Harris has sold his Western Avenue house and is going skiing in Switzerland for his vacation.

Norm Jose and Bob Shailer have returned to work.

Due to the crowded conditions when the men return to the office in the winter, the Bridge Division has opened an annex in Room 114 opposite the cafeteria.

Tubby Everett reports that plastering has been completed in Mashie Mansion, and inside finish is well under way.

The new member of the Hamilton menage is a dachshund labeled Fritz.

Bill Harris is going to do Europe for 2½ months.

Kim, Jerry Clark's Rhodesian Ridgeback, would like to meet a female lion hound, object—matrimony.

The amazing thing about the snowstorm of January 8th was that it snowed three feet deeper in front of everybody's house than it did in front of anybody else's.

FEDERAL AID SECONDARY

Bob Croswell

"Joe" Leavitt and Harold E. Bessey were presented 25 year service pins December 13th at the A.S.C.E. Highway Conference held at the University of Maine at Orono.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hallett attended the wedding of Barbara Casey (former employee) at Orono, December 28th. Barbara is now Mrs. Arthur J. Savoy, Jr.

On January 17th, Miss Margaret Shaw became Mrs. Richard Crockett. Nancy Lowell of the Maintenance Division was maid of honor.

PLANNING

Frances Lishness

Miss Lorraine Hall is a newcomer to the Planning Division, employed as a clerk-stenographer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mason are parents of a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, born December 12th.

Fred Eaton was in Washington, D. C., the week of January 6th, attending the Annual Meeting of the Highway Research Board.

Carl Kirkpatrick was one of the State Highway employees taking the First Aid course given at the Maine Military Academy in Augusta the week of January 6th.

Mary Lou Gamage, with her infant daughter, born December 20th, accompanied her husband to Memphis, Tennessee, where they will make their home.

Glen Holt, who left the Planning Division last summer to join the Navy, visited the office during his Christmas leave. Since joining up he has been on several cruises, visiting Greece, Italy and London. He sails again in late January on a Caribbean cruise.

STATE AID

Josephine Whalen

Lois Hinckley, former employee in the State Aid Division, has arrived in Jacksonville, Florida, where she has employment.

Thaddeus Tobias, who resigned from the State Aid Division recently, is now employed in Old Town with the Civil Aeronautics Commission.

Stanley Weymouth and Josephine Whalen called on Jay L. Robbins the day before Christmas and presented him with a basket of fruit and Mrs. Robbins with a poinsettia, from friends in the Highway Department. They were very pleased. They found Jay very much improved and expect he will return to work by the last of this month.

Marguerite Blake has returned to her duties in this division after having four days of vacation.

TRAFFIC SERVICES

Eleanor King

Ralph Sawyer was presented with a 25 year award from the AASHO on December 13th at the ASCE meeting in Orono.

The Dick Luettichs spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Melrose, Mass.

Ralph Sawyer left by plane Tuesday morning (January 7th) to attend the Highway Research Board Meeting in Washington, D. C.

Due to the shortage of eligible men, it seems a good many times that it is the girl who is looking for a fellow. We have a new switch—a fellow looking for a girl. According to our Sign Shop Foreman, the chap is in "the prime of life" (24 years old); measurements, "considerable"; disposition, sunny. Anyone interested may arrange for an appointment by calling Ext. 341.

Victor Scott, a member of Ralph's paint crew, has recently purchased a new Ford truck.

Flash—just had a call from Henry Lahaye—said they had had a mishap. It seems that Mr. Pate (Motor Transport Division) was plowing out around the Sign Shop and knocked down the "Sign Shop" sign, which has been in place for some long, hard fourteen years. The Sign Shop crew, according to Henry, will be evacuated until plowing operations have been completed.



NEWS FROM THE DIVISIONS



DIVISION 1—Presque Isle

Janice Beals

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith are the proud parents of a 7 lb. boy, Steeven Jon, born December 15, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sawyer have a new baby girl, born December 17, 1957. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and her name is Betsy Ann.

Robert Cormier of Presque Isle attended the First Aid Training Class held in Augusta during the week of January 6th to the 11th.

Those attending the 8th Annual Maine Highway Conference, sponsored by the Maine Section of American Society of Civil Engineers, from this Division were Vaughn Knight, Donald Hardison, Rod Vallance, and Angus McKay. The Conference was held at the University of Maine, Orono, December 13, 14, 1957.

Division office employees and engineering personnel have moved into their newly renovated office quarters in the Municipal Building in Presque Isle. The entire staff is grateful to all who made this much needed change and improvement possible.

Dellie Maxell, Division Supervisor, celebrated his 52nd birthday January 10th in the usual manner—checking Aroostook highways from 6 to 6.

DIVISION 2—Ellsworth

Rosa West

Lawrence Miller, son of Supervisor Frank Miller, has been home on leave from the U. S. Army. Upon his return to duty he will go to Germany.

Roger Sargent has been in Augusta taking the course in First Aid—when he returns he will give instruction to the engineers and patrolmen in this division.

We have two new men in the engineering department, Charles Reynolds and Lionel Kelley. Charles has been with the Bureau of Public Roads in Bar Harbor; Lionel has just completed a three year tour of duty with the U. S. Navy.

Walters Hill has been on a week's sick leave. I think that the flu bug caught up with him.

Supervisor and Mrs. Manoel Gaspar were recent visitors of Mrs. Gaspar's mother, Mrs. Eve Boyd, in South Gouldsboro.

DIVISION 2—Machias

Eleanor Garnett

Myron Brown of Dennysville has been appointed patrolman to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Elmer McGlauffin of Pembroke.

Wallace Reynolds, patrolman's helper of Meddybemps, recently retired.

A very lovely Christmas card was received from William A. Gridgham of Jonesboro who recently retired as a patrolman. The card was a picture of Mr. Gridgham sitting in the chair which was presented to him as a retirement gift from the employees in Supervisor Schoppee's district.

Coburn Williams' son, Dale, has returned to Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., after spending the holidays with his parents in Waite.

Supervisor Minden Perkins' daughter, Phyllis, who is employed in Bangor, spent the holidays with her parents in Pembroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis, patrolman's helper in Jonesport, have been guests of their son, Philmont and family, of Moody.

Vonie Morris, shovel operator in Jonesboro, recently installed a new furnace in his home.

DIVISION 3—Bangor

Reita Townsend

Old man winter started to show us who's boss. Don't care for this cold weather.

Division 3 had a most enjoyable Christmas party at the Bangor House, December 23rd. Delicious Dinner. Santa Claus (Bob Doe) distributed gifts, each with an appropriate verse.

We have an addition to the Highway Department. Congratulations to Norman and Mrs. Ogden, Jr. They have a new baby girl, 8½ lbs., Peggy-Ann.

Richard Hopkins completed his probationary hours this past month.

Allen Gross was in Augusta taking the First Aid course. Let's not be the victims that Allen practices on.

Sorry to report Fred Quinn is still in the hospital. Looks like he'll be laid up for a while yet.

Amos Curtis and Oscar Tate are still on the sick list.

George Kirk had the 48 hour flu and missed out on the New Year's Eve celebration. Better luck next year, George.

John Brown has returned from a two week vacation which he spent in Concord, New Hampshire and Reading, Massachusetts, visiting a son and a daughter. Upon returning from his vacation, John received a telephone call from his previous neighbor advising him that his cat had returned. "Patrick" had been missing since May 29, 1957.

Something new has been added. Mr. Deane has given in to the need for eye glasses. We all come to it. Hope he gets used to them.

DIVISION 4—Waterville

Dan Foley

Robie R. Robinson retired December 1st, after about 10 years with the Department.

The Leon Moultons had a baby boy born on December 29th. Truman Berry is still on the sick list as a result of his accident some time ago, but expects to be back on the job soon.

Charles Harmon and family spent the Christmas holiday in Boston with his wife's family.

The engagement of Bernice Delorme and Richard A. Powers, son of Gertrude Powers of our office force, was recently announced.

Robert M. Vickery spent the week of January 10th in New York City attending a conference.

DIVISION 5—Rockland

Ruth L. Davenport

George Hendsbee recently enjoyed a week's vacation.

Mr. Foley attended the Annual Civil Engineers Conference at Orono on December 13th and 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Hughes spent Christmas in Skowhegan with their daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Maynard spent Christmas and the week-end in Worcester, Massachusetts, with her parents.

We understand that Mr. Foley has repossessed his rubbers.

Benjamin Kaler has returned after a week's sick leave.

Ellery Prescott was on vacation for a week with George Hendsbee taking his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Hughes were recently called to Braintree, Massachusetts, by the death of her mother.

Earle Clements attended a First Aid course given for instructors at Augusta January 6th to 10th.

Serviceman Vaughan Peaslee has returned after a week's sick leave.

Recent retirements in this area were Reginald Cottrell and Stanford Brown.

DIVISION 6—Portland

Beverly R. Cox

Our Get Well Wishes are sent to Joseph Philbrick and George Hincks, who are both patients at the Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Among the new arrivals in December was a son, Steven Lester, born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bragdon. Charles is an Engineering Aide.

Mr. Millard Leary, District Supervisor, tells us that he and Mrs. Leary observed their 31st wedding anniversary January 1st. This gave them double reason to celebrate. It was New Year's too, you know!!

Roderick Henderson, one of our night radio operators, was in Augusta taking the First Aid course. No more lost time for anyone now because of little misfortunes!

Friday, January 3rd, was Ye-Correspondent's birthday.

Carleton Hackett, Engineering Aide, is leaving our employ to return to the University of Maine.

After seeing the picture of the Waterville Office Crew, our Engineering Aides have voted unanimously to be transferred!

Andrew Norton joined our Engineering Staff on Monday, January 13th, as an Engineering Aide III.

DIVISION 7—Rumford

Kathryn Dickson

Patrolman and Mrs. John Howe, Rumford Point, were called to Boston New Year's Eve for the serious illness of their daughter. John has returned to work, but Mrs. Howe stayed on a while.

Derrill Bryant, patrolman's helper, has been out some time with pneumonia.

Everett Webster, mechanic for Division 7, is back on the job after a bout with the flu.

Edgar Kyes, foreman from Industry, has returned to work after several weeks' absence with sciatica.

Margo, daughter of Kathryn Dickson, is recovering nicely at the Rumford Community Hospital from an attack of pneumonia. Kathryn's absence is the reason for lack of more cheerful news items this month.



Opposite is a photo showing the long and short of it at the Highway Division Office in Rumford. 6'6" Arthur Gogan, Engineering Aide, towers over diminutive 4'10" Dotty Cook, Clerk.

Clinton "Red" Jenkins, State Aid Engineer, has been confined to the drafting room as the result of a thumb fracture from skiing at Pleasant Mountain, Bridgton. We have suggested a few more lessons before trying again.

New State Highway to Sugar Loaf Mountain, Kingfield, is getting plenty of traffic since the recent snowfall. The upper lift on the ski tow is in operation for the first time in two years.

The Clifford's Minah bird, "Bill," is still adding to its vocabulary.