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COVER

Williams and Furbush New Commission Members

R. Leon Williams, Clifton, and Perry S. Furbush, Palmyra, were sworn in as Members of the State Highway Commission on March 5th.

R. Leon Williams was given his oath of office by Councilor Roswell P. Bates of Orono. Mrs. Williams and four of their five children were present during the ceremonies.

Perry S. Furbush received his oath as a Member of the Commission by Councilor Arthur Gosline of Gardiner.

After the swearing in ceremonies the two new commissioners retired to the Governor's office where they were congratulated by Governor Edmund S. Muskie and David H. Stevens, Chairman, State Highway Commission. Left to right on the cover photograph are: Williams, Governor Muskie, Furbush and Stevens.

R. Leon Williams, 48, was appointed to a two-year term as a member of the State Highway Commission.

He is married and has five children.

His education was obtained at Higgins Classical Institute and Colby College, from which he graduated in 1933 with a B. S. degree in Business Administration and Economics.

He has been associated with logging and timberland management since 1938 and is now owner of a new lumber mill which he established in 1955.

Mr. Williams has been active in public service having served as selectman in Clifton, and as a member of the Maine House and Senate, Governor's Executive Council, and has just completed five years as county commissioner of Penobscot County.

Perry S. Furbush, 46, was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the State Highway Commission.

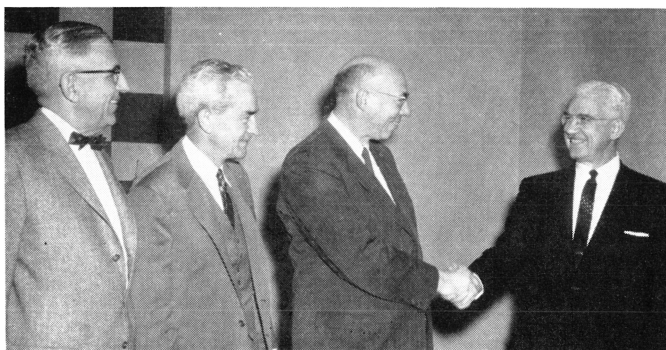
He is married and has one daughter.

He graduated from Hartland Academy, Hebron Academy and Suffolk University Law School.

Mr. Furbush is an attorney, insurance dealer, farmer and lumberman, and is president of the Maine Dry Bean Grower Association. He joined the office of Price Stabilization in 1951 and was named director in 1952.

He is a member of the Somerset County Bar Association, Maine Farm Bureau, Hartland Lions Club and the Corinthian Lodge A. F. & A. M.

STEVENS ELECTED TO IMPORTANT POSTS



NEW PRESIDENT of the Association of Highway Officials of the North Atlantic States, David H. Stevens, is congratulated by Bertram D. Tallamy, Federal Highway Administrator. Looking on are E. J. Mattis, outgoing president of AHONAS and Julien R. Steelman, president of the American Road Builders Association. Earlier in the month Stevens was elected to the Executive Committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials.

RETIREMENTS

LESTER W. COLE of Bryant Pond, Patrolman in Division 7, retired on November 1, 1957 at the age of 60.

FORREST W. AUSTIN of Turner, Patrolman in Division 7, retired on January 31, 1958 at the age of 64.

FRANK R. TAYLOR of Frye, Patrolman's Helper in Division 7, retired on February 28, 1958 at the age of 68.

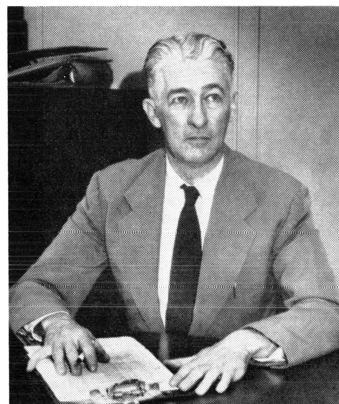
NIGHT PATROL DISCONTINUED FOR SEASON

The night patrols and special radio coverage have ended for the season. These services will be resumed next November.

Commission Chairman Stevens said "I do wish to express my appreciation to employees responsible for radio coverage, night patrol, snow removal and ice control for the efficiency with which our winter maintenance activities were carried on during the past winter months."

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT JOINS DEPARTMENT

W. Gordon Hunter recently joined the department as Landscape Architect. He comes to us from Sudbury, Massachusetts, where he was Superintendent of Highways and Water District



and also ran a landscaping contracting business. During the war he was with the Army Engineers on airfield construction.

Maine is not new to him as he has had a summer camp in Kittery for many years and now has a small farm on Middle Road, Sidney, where he lives with his wife and daughter.

He will be working with all divisions on highway beautification and roadside maintenance. At present he is sharing a desk with Joe Leavitt in the Federal Aid Secondary Division.

INDOCTRINATION PROGRAM FOR NEW ENGINEERING EMPLOYEES



Twenty-four new engineering employees started a four week indoctrination course on March 10th when David H. Stevens, Chairman, opened the first session by welcoming them to the department. He then introduced Vaughan M. Daggett, Chief Engineer.

Mr. Daggett explained the organization of the department and outlined the various highway systems.

Robert D. Hunter, Division Engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, spoke about the Bureau, and gave a detailed explanation of the Federal System of highways.

Mr. Stevens closed the morning session after he had discussed many aspects of highway administration, finance and functions of the Commission.

The afternoon was devoted to a discussion, led by Sylvester Poor, Engineer of Secondary Highways, on the cooperation between the State Highway Commission and the Soils Conservation Service.

The next day the class was divided into groups of four. Each group then went to the various divisions where they observed and listened to explanations of the work and problems involved.

In the Division of Accounts and Administration, Edward I. Albling, Director, took the men through the Accounting Division; Robert Parker, Radio Supervisor, explained the radio system; and David Fraser showed them the reproduction facilities.

Stanley Weymouth, Engineer of State Aid Highways, explained the work done by his division.

A tour of the Motor Transport Division was conducted by Roy Humphrey, Ernest Caldwell, Ned Doucette and Voyle Reed.

In the Right of Way Division, office procedure was explained by John Dunn and field procedures by Merlon Cole and Jack Maasen.

Ralph Sawyer, Traffic Engineer, conducted the visits to the Traffic Division.

The many functions of the Planning Division were explained by Clyde Mason, Clyde Morgan, Arthur Edgerly, Oscar Crockett and Ned Metcalf.

Henry Foley, Page Johnson and Robert Vickery, Division Engineers, gave the employees a tour of their divisions which included office procedure as well as field work.

Five days at the College of Technology, U. of M., concluded the course. The sessions at the University were conducted by William Gorrill, Soils Engineer; Horace Pratt, Testing Engineer and Ernest Stoeckeler, Research Assistant, Soils Division.

RECENT CONTRACT AWARDS

FEBRUARY 19, 1958

U. S. ROUTE 202 — AUBURN

3.779 Miles Bituminous Concrete Road
F. A. Project No. U-015-1(11)
The Bridge Construction Corp., Augusta, Maine—\$997,876.00
John Butts, Resident Engineer

U. S. ROUTE 202 — AUBURN

Little Androscoggin River Bridge
F. A. Project No. F-015-1(5)
A. P. Wyman, Inc., Waterville, Maine—\$127,408.25
Clayton McDougal, Resident Engineer

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INTERSTATE — BANGOR

Ohio Street to Valley Avenue and two bridges
F. A. Project No. I-080-8(3)
Westcott Construction Corp., No. Attleboro, Mass.
— \$1,045,769.50
Robert Foster, Resident Engineer, Clarkson Engineering Co., Inc.

INTERSTATE — CUMBERLAND-YARMOUTH

Tuttle Road Overpass and relocation of 2.086 miles U. S. Route 1
F. A. Project No. I-080-4 (6)
Herbert E. Callahan, Inc., Auburn, Maine — \$1,048,125.50
Fay, Spoffard & Thorndike, Inc.,—Engineering



RUMFORD OFFICE CLERKS, Kathryn Dickson and Rose Gaccetta, have been shorthanded since the first of March when Clerk Dorothy Cook resigned to become Mrs. Hale of Portland. Kathryn is the Maine Highway News correspondent for Division 7.

YOU NAME IT AND YOU CAN HAVE IT!



CAN YOU NAME IT? If you can, and send us your answer on a card with the earliest postmark, we will send you an 8x10 original print of the above reproduction. Send your answer to: Maine Highway News, Division of Special Services, State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The picture last month was of U. S. Route 201 near Iron Mine Hill in Gardiner.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES B. BOOTH, 69, an accountant in the Division of Accounts and Administration for the past 15 years, died March 1 at the Central Maine General Hospital where he had been a patient three weeks.

He was born in Auburn, November 26, 1888, and was educated in Auburn schools. He married Hannah McCormick of North Whitefield in 1913. Except for a brief period of employment at Boston, he had been a resident of Auburn all of his life.

Mr. Booth belonged to St. Patrick's Church, the Men's Club of that parish and the Auburn Firemen's Relief Association.

A Requiem High Mass was held at St. Patrick's Church. Entombment was at Mount Hope Cemetery.

LEWIS H. LACKEE, 69, of Addison, died at his home February 26th. He was Division Supervisor in Division 2 and an employee of the State for 21 years.

He was born at Freeport on September 12, 1888.

Mr. Lackee was a former member of the House of Representatives, postmaster of Addison for 13 years, a trustee of the Methodist Church, a past master of Tucson Lodge AF & AM, a member of Dirigo Royal Arch Chapter, Wescogus Chapter, O.E.S., a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the American Legion.

Surviving is his widow, Marjorie G. Lackee.

Funeral services were held February 28, 1958 at the Methodist Church at Addison. Bearers were: Everett Farren, Lewis Lovejoy, Raymond Joy, and Irving Plummer.

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION BANQUET A SUCCESS



HUNGRY HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES waste no time in devouring a tasty turkey dinner at the Fourth Annual Highway Employees Association Banquet. The enjoyable evening was topped-off by dancing to the music of Warren Heald's Orchestra.

The Fourth Annual Highway Employees Association Banquet was attended by 113 at the Capitol City Grange Hall, Augusta, February 20th.

The tables, which were bountifully laden with all that goes to make a turkey dinner, had a red lobster pin as a favor at each place. After the delicious repast was consumed the lucky number prizes were drawn. William Bradford, Right of Way Engineer, won a carton of Maine apples; Edward Coffin, Bridge Division, was the lucky winner of a Sea Chest filled with Maine sea foods;

and Stanley Weymouth, Engineer, State Aid Highways, took home a basket pack of canned Maine foods.

The entertainment included the showing, by Bill Cross of Special Services, of a motion picture "The Marsh Adventure" produced by Ken Gray of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. It was a fine nature film and everybody seemed to enjoy it. Dancing to the music of Warren Heald's Orchestra topped off a fine evening.

Edward Mitchell, of the Pineland Hospital and President of the Maine State Employees Association, and his wife were guests.

THE MEN OF DIVISION 7



DIVISION 7 SUPERVISORS meet with Frank Landers, Division Engineer (center), at the Rumford office. These fellows, who supervise maintenance activities in Oxford, Franklin and Androscoggin Counties, have had a busy winter as their area was hit by the heaviest snowfall in many years. They are, left to right: Robert Douglas, supervisor in the Paris to Upton district; George Winship, Lisbon to Canton; William Downs, Livermore to Phillips; Frank Landers; Arnold Pendexter, Porter to Stoneham; Stanley Schofield, Byron to Coburn Gore; and Frank McLay, Division Supervisor.

AROUND THE AUGUSTA OFFICE

MAIN OFFICE

Gertrude Lunt

The first meeting of the new Commission was held on Wednesday, March 5th, Perry S. Furbush of Palmyra and R. Leon Williams of Clifton being sworn in on the morning of that date.

David H. Stevens, Chairman, and Vaughan M. Daggett, Chief Engineer, attended a meeting of the Association of Highway Officials of North Atlantic States in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 27 and 28, at which meeting Mr. Stevens was elected President of the Association.

Recent meetings at which Mr. Stevens has been a speaker include the Maine Farm Bureau on March 4th and the Waterville Lions Club on March 11th.

Messrs. Stevens and Daggett attended a meeting of the Associated General Contractors of Maine on Wednesday evening March 12th in Lewiston.

The retirement of Harold B. Emery and Clarence S. Crosby as Members of the Highway Commission, became effective on March 5, 1958.

FEDERAL AID SECONDARY

Bob Crowell

Ralph LeBlanc's daughter Mary was in the finals of the American Legion statewide oratorical contest held in Augusta, March 14th.

The microfilming of completed plans was finished the first of March. Lee Warren did the work.

Dewey Gray went on a long anticipated ice fishing trip March 8th. On February 7th, Dewey, Sylvester, Bob Ellis and Floyd Casey fished Brassua and, besides a flat tire, got 4 large fish (smelts).

The Convention of the Association of Highway Officials of the North Atlantic States was held in Baltimore March 5-7 inclusive. The Maine delegation traveled in two State cars. One of the cars carried Sylvester Poor, Charles Whitten, Vinton Savage and Lawrence Murphy. They went down over the

new Connecticut Turnpike to observe its construction. On the way to the convention Syl was pilot and Charlie Whitten navigator. The party stayed at Hotel Emerson in Baltimore. On the return trip with Charlie pilot and Savage navigator, this party fell behind the other car and was delayed slightly when side-tracked by an official of the Maryland Police Department. (Radar is a wonderful invention).

At a meeting March 7th, H. Vance Hallett was elected Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery for the ensuing year.

MOTOR TRANSPORT

Clarence Madden

"If this course, we are taking, will help to save the life of just one individual, then it will have been worthwhile." These were the opening words of Arthur F. Allen in his First Aid class which he has been trained to teach. That is exactly what happened. A man collapsed, fell to the floor, and around him several men who had just completed the first aid course. They followed their first aid instruction to the letter and Alfred Blanchette appears out of danger after a mild heart attack. The response to this first aid course must be very gratifying to Mr. Allen. He is not only a very likeable person, but he has shown that rare quality of leadership which has made his course a huge success. This correspondent is grateful for the instruction he received and this is true for some ninety others who have been privileged to take this course.

Pearley Thomas underwent a tonsilectomy and adenoidectomy at the Sisters Hospital in Waterville. We are glad to report that the operation, although more serious than was anticipated, was successful and we expect Pearley back to work within a few days.

H. Grafton Hooper is a proud grandfather for the fourth time. A daughter, Darlene Louise, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Mealey (Margaret Hooper), Gardiner, February 25th. Both mother and daughter are fine.

PLANNING

Frances Lishness

Pauline Staciva is absent from her duties in the Mapping Division because of an injury to her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eaton, Sr., recently spent the weekend with Fred, Jr., and family at Millinocket.

Mary Lou Gamage, who has been with her husband in Millington, Tennessee, since Christmas, visited the office recently to show us her daughter, Lou Ann. They will go to Quonset Point, Rhode Island, where Mr. Gamage will be stationed.

Dorothy Bell and husband, Don, visited their parents in Holyoke, Massachusetts, the weekend of March 8 and 9.

The week beginning March 10 completed the series of First Aid Classes, Carl Kirkpatrick, instructor. The course was a standard ten-hour first aid course where a certificate from the American Red Cross is presented each member to show they have qualified to practice first aid. The list of the Divisions participating and the members in each group are as follows: Bridge—24 men; F.A.P.—22 men; F.A.S.—34 men; Planning—2 men. The men from the Planning Division are Richard Murphy and Glenwood Falconi. There seems to be a genuine interest in the course and with the number of men who have completed it, the safety record for highway employees should be improved. The First Aid course has been given in all seven Divisions.

ACCOUNTING

Irene Marsden

The month of March brought a new granddaughter to John Arata. Also, we understand he is the proud owner of a new Buick.

Morris and Madelyn Allen are vacationing in sunny (we hope) Florida, for the first time. Glowing accounts of a perfect three weeks are expected upon their return. They left laden with cameras and color film, so we expect to see some pictures of their trip.

Mr. Albling, with other officials of the Highway, attended the North Atlantic States, AASHO Convention in Baltimore, the last week in February.

George Smith recently journeyed to Portland for the purpose of presenting a recruiting program to graduating students at the Maine Vocational Technical Institute.

A sad item to report is the death of one of our own office members. Charles Booth passed away, March 1st, at the hospital in Lewiston where he had been a patient for three weeks. He is sorely missed at our office, mainly because of his keen interest in so many different things. He was devoted to his family, and they certainly deserve the deep sympathy extended them by his fellow-workers.

FEDERAL AID PRIMARY

Nellie Chase

On the 13th of February Vinton Savage presented a paper at a meeting of the Maine Water Utility Association at Portland, on the current status of the Interstate System.

Gerald Bruce recently resigned from the Department.

The fellows are welcoming back Eddie Jones into our fold.

Peter Oakes is on military leave for six months.

Vinton Savage and Larry Murphy attended the meeting of the North Atlantic States section of the Association of State Highway Officials on February 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Herschel York and Helen Davis were recently on the sick list.

BRIDGE

Burleigh Boyd

Tubby Everett has sold his town house and all the links are in place.

Postscript from Pillchaser's Palestra—it is now permanently populated with pastoral proprietors persevering with perspicacious placidity with a panoply of plumbing.

The paint crew got an early start this year; not painting, they are taking down the old bridge in Fort Fairfield.

Mark Trail Fortier was last seen trekking towards New Sharon toting a large sack of "pea-corns."

Harold Flagg is the latest addition to the Bridge Division personnel.

The York job is finally suspended for the winter and Phil Woods is back in the office after a three weeks vacation.

Ernest M. Emery, gatetender at the Portsmouth Memorial Bridge, has resigned. He has been replaced by Joseph M. Chase.

Tubby Everett attended the B. P. R. design conference in Albany.

Bridge Division employees attending the Indoctrination Program, which is explained elsewhere in this issue, are Frank Barnes, Ed Coffin, Dick Dresselly, Harold Flagg, John Hicks and Arthur Redman.

Extensive alterations are being completed in Herb Bailey's house. The living room is now a bedroom. Two bedrooms are now the living room. The unfinished attic has become the boy's dormitory and recreation center. If you get lost, go to the kitchen, it's still there.

Bill Morrison's cellar has been transformed into a lavish whoopee room.

Charles and June Harris flew to Switzerland for skiing.

Marty Rissell had his military leave at Atlantic States Sea Bee Headquarters, Davisville, R. I.

The Bond Brook and Mount Vernon Avenue Bridge in Augusta is now under construction with Norm Jose as resident. He was ably assisted in layout by a couple of fellers named Morrison.

Arnold Eames is back at work after a two weeks' bout with the flu.

Earl (Norm) Durrell is back on the job after emergency surgery at Togus.

Charles Whitten returned from the AHONAS Conference in Baltimore in perfect health. Others weren't so fortunate—seems you can't always trust the drinking water. Better stick to ice cubes!

MAINTENANCE

Georgianna Patten

More news of interest about the Church family cats. The Siamese entered the domain of the American house cat in 1885. These first immigrants came from Siam by way of England. Their startling appearance attracted a great deal of interest. People who never kept cats before decided that these aristocrats might be worthwhile pets.

Take four brown fur stockings and a thin brown fur tail. Set them on a body of honey-colored fur. Add a head with two perky ears and a large pair of round eyes of heavenly blue. Finish with a Mardi Gras mask of chocolate brown and a set of stiff whiskers. If you assembled these items correctly the result should be a Siamese cat. Curiosity is quite in character; innocence is another matter. He is a frisky ball of energy and very, very playful.

Cats have rarely received the proper respect they deserve. People who understand these things say that civilization might have perished without these furry pets. For cats destroy mice and rats which carry disease and ruin to our grain supplies. No one knows the countless lives that cats have saved in the course of history.

Not all of these cats came from the King's Palace. These are a very special strain.

A new problem has reared its head in the Church house. It seems that when the cats were shipped they had not been formally named and registered.

To name an ordinary house cat is no problem, but to name a Siamese of noble strain is another matter. In this case we have two kittens, their sire was Old Oaks Cyaneus, whose sire was Old Oaks Cocoa and dam was Impy Poo of Old Oaks. In turn, their sire was Old Oaks Cyaneus and dam was Re Re, who trace back to Mrs. Alexander's Sum Fun and Shu Lan of Travail. Of course, there are many more champions in their pedigree and to name them all would require too much paper. It is enough to say that Grandfather "Mrs. Alexander's Sum Fun" was a real champion.

To properly name these cats, first the name should be a proper name to identify the family strain, such as "Old Oaks." Then we have Impy Poo, Re Re and Sum Fun. Therefore, they should perhaps be named Church's Had Fun or John's No Fun, that is the general idea.

Suggestions are in order for suitable names and John really needs help, as the American Cat Registry is anxiously waiting for the names in order to fill out the papers. You should see the papers, reams and reams.

Of course, John is in no position to offer a new Cadillac or a trip to Bermuda to the winner of the Cat-Naming Contest, but who knows, in time after these two have learned to multiply he may be able to offer scholarships to the grandchildren of the one who submits the best name for the critters.

Just forward your entry to John Church, Cat-Naming Contest, c/o this paper.

William H. Bradford, R/W Engineer, attended, along with others in the Highway Department, the 34th Annual Conference of the Association of Highway Officials of the North Atlantic States in Baltimore, Maryland, where Mr. Bradford delivered a paper entitled "Negotiations vs. Horsetrading."

Jean McCann visited relatives in Londonderry, New Hampshire, recently, where she attended the funeral of a cousin.

Mr. Bradford has been appointed as Chairman of the Corporate Affairs Committee, Chapter 16, of the American Right of Way Association.

The Right of Way Division received a card from Madelyn Cook while she was vacationing in Miami, Florida. The fellows all decided they had better head for Florida when they saw the beautiful girls pictured on the card.

Walter Kresge, Jr. has joined the ranks of the Engineering Aides in the Right of Way Drafting Room. His home is in Lewiston, Maine.

Miss E. Floyd Hopkins, who passed away February 19th, entered the employ of the State Highway Department in 1919. She was a faithful employee in the State Aid Division for 36 years, retiring in 1955 because of ill health. We are sorry that she didn't have more years to enjoy her retirement.

Received a newsy letter from Miss Lois Hinckley, former employee, who is now working in the business office of the Telephone Co. in Jacksonville, Florida. The weather suits her to a "T." Except for a few cold days the temperature is in the middle 70's. NO SNOW. To quote Lois—"Just love this weather." She enjoys seeing the Highway News (especially the one with, "we know whose picture in it") as it keeps her up to date on all the gossip. She has had the pleasure(?) of seeing a few of the rock and roll singers in action; namely, Jerry Lee Lewis, Buddy Holley and the Crickets and Bill Haley and the Comets.



NEWS FROM THE DIVISIONS



DIVISION 1—Presque Isle

Janice Beals

"Bob" Anderson, Supervisor in the Island Falls District, is confined to his home with the Asian Flu. Best wishes are extended to him for a speedy recovery.

"Del" Maxell, Division Supervisor, is back on the job after being in for several days with the flu bug.

Frances Evans enjoyed a few days of her vacation in Boston. She had looked forward to a preview of spring weather in Massachusetts, but instead arrived in Boston during the worst blizzard they had experienced in fifty years, with below zero temperatures. Her trip was compensated by sharing the same compartment from Boston to Portland with Fay Emerson, Tyrone Power and Arnold Moss, the producer of the stage play "Back to Methuselah" which played in Portland.

Richard Cavanaugh from Calais has joined Mr. LeBlanc's staff in the Primary Division as an Engineering Aide II. Mr. Cavanaugh is married and has one child.

The office personnel of Division I has appreciated meeting the folks in the other Divisions by seeing their pictures in the Highway Magazine each month.

Vaughn Knight, Division Engineer, celebrated his (?) birthday on March 12th; too bad he is on a diet—no birthday cake.

Congratulations to Stan Weymouth from Division 1 on the recent announcement of his engagement to Miss Fern Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Daigle, 55 Market St., Fort Kent, are the proud parents of an 8 lb., 2 ounce boy, Robert E. He was born February 2nd and he is the first brother to three girls in the family.

DIVISION 2—Ellsworth

Rosa West

John Fox, Jr., who has been a surgical patient at Blue Hill Hospital, has returned to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Whalen are the proud parents of a daughter, Mona Darlene, born February 27th at the Eastern Memorial Hospital, Ellsworth.

Juanita Walker has been employed as Clerk-Stenographer to replace Mrs. Rachael Hutchins.

Mr. Edward Cottle is in Boston for a checkup at the New England Medical Center.

Supervisor Manoel Gaspar is the proud owner of a new beagle pup; he is so enthused over the new dog that he has taken a day's vacation for rabbit hunting.

Spring is in the air; Walter Walker has purchased a new boat and outboard motor.

DIVISION 2—Machias

Eleanor Garnett

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kneeland are the proud grandparents of a grandson, Philip Leo Eagon. Congratulations.

Alfred Merritt has returned to work after being a patient in the Eastern Maine General Hospital at Bangor.

Supervisor Hollis Schoppe has been out for a few days with the flu. Maintenance Foreman Everett Farren has been filling in for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mawhinney celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary on March 3, 1958. Congratulations, Oscar and Alice.

Arthur Look filled in for Oscar Mawhinney on night patrol while Mr. Mawhinney had a few days' vacation.

George Ingersoll, Jr., recently attended his sister-in-law's wedding in Bath.

Roy K. Dennison, Jr., patrolman's helper in Wesley, was drawn to serve on the jury at the murder trial held in Machias.

Clyde Gray, Foreman, of Baring, attended the M & S Basketball tournament at Bangor. His son was manager of the Calais team.

A large group of State Highway employees of Division 2 and J. Wesley Dority of Augusta attended the funeral services for Division Supervisor Lewis H. Lackee on February 28, 1958, at Addison.

DIVISION 3—Bangor

Reita Townsend

Kenneth Philbrook won the cigar on naming Stan Trimm's new grandson—Kendall Lee.

Harold Barnes 13th grandchild was born February 15th—a grandson.

Sorry to report Melvin Elsemore on the sick list as of February 26. He has a lung congestion.

First aid classes have been completed in this Division. James Fleming's crew and S. B. Dickson's crew completed their classes the first week in March.

Frank Linnell is leaving for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, March 24th. Sounds like a nice place to go but not if you have to go into the service to get there. He'll be back with us in September.

S. B. Dickson called in February 25th and gave his W.R.T. report as W3 R3 accumulation 3-4 inches. First time we ever heard of W3 accumulating. Called about two minutes later and corrected himself.

Warren Boston got a safety award this week for driving State owned vehicles for the year 1957 with no accidents.

Our telephone was very busy the last of February with people asking all sorts of questions about registering their cars. Couldn't answer the questions, but could give them the number to call to get the information.

We are hoping we don't get a rain storm, especially for Greenville's sake. Afraid the whole place might come floating down when all that snow melts.

Saw in the paper where a man in Greenville broke into the liquor store and stole quite a few bottles of wine. He hid some of it in the snow bank. Don't see how he dared. He may never find it.

Our congratulations to the Aroostook Division on their Caribou basketball team. They played three wonderful ball games.

Fred Quinn was in to see us the other day. He has discarded the crutches and is on a cane. Dr. hasn't told him when he can return to work.

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BULK RATE
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
Augusta, Maine
Permit No. 227

Friday, February 28th, was about the worst storm the City of Bangor has had for some time. Traffic Friday night in Bangor is always bad enough, but with a bad storm and the tournament crowd the City was really tied up for a while.

Yours truly lost a bet to George Kirk on the basketball games. Looked like a safe bet. Calais did have a good team but Orono had a better one.

The "Posting Roads" has started, as the saying goes. If you don't like the weather in Maine, wait a minute.

Alden Small and John Dixon have left for Augusta for a training program which will run from March 10th to April 3rd.

Mel Roberts kept Bachelor's Hall last month. Elizabeth went to Bridgton to take care of the grandchildren so that her daughter and husband could go to New York to see "My Fair Lady."

Mr. Deane has been battling the flu bug for about two weeks. Think as of right now the flu bug is winning.

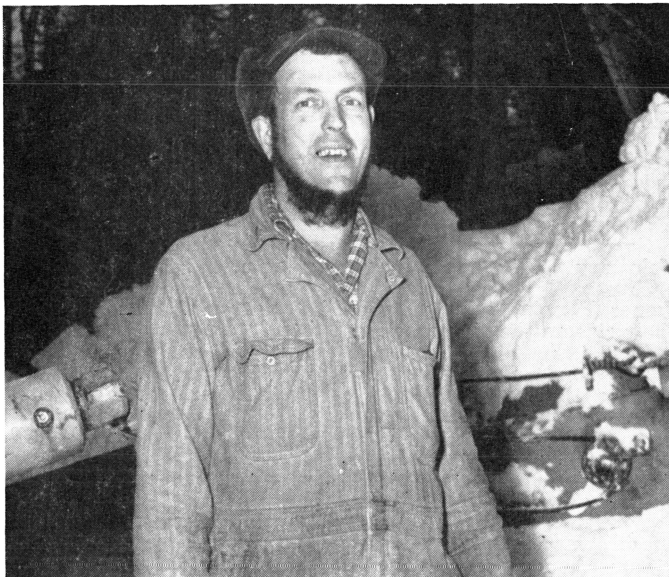
DIVISION 4—Waterville

Dan Foley

Charles Harmon is in the Thayer Hospital, Waterville.

Eric Nadeau has returned to the office for the remainder of the winter.

Arnold Hanscom is still absent from work because of illness.



CHIN WHISKERS help keep the wind and snow from blowing down Loren McAllister's neck during stormy weather. Loren plows on the Pleasant Pond Road in Caratunk.

DIVISION 5—Rockland

Ruth L. Davenport

First Aid meetings have been completed in this division with the last classes being held in Brainard Caverly's and Farley Weeks' district.

Priscilla Riske recently returned from a week's vacation spent in Richmond. Priscilla also celebrated her birthday on March 5th by attending a dinner party given in her honor by a group of friends.

Another birthday finally caught up with Farley Weeks, Supervisor, on February 26th. We understand this happened to Brainard Caverly on January 28th.

Ellery Prescott is the proud owner of a '56 Buick Roadmaster along with Hubert Hubbard and Carleton Hughes, who recently traded for Buicks.

Alden Stilphen of Cedar Grove, former radio operator, was a recent visitor.

DIVISION 6—Portland

Beverly R. Cox

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pagurko announce the birth of a daughter, Lorena Katherine, their first child, born February 23rd at the Maine Medical Center and weighing in at 7 lb., 9 oz. Frank (Bridge Division Clerk), was on vacation for a week, but we suspect that learning to care for a new baby wasn't much of a vacation for Daddy Pagurko.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McWilliams are the parents of a son, Wallace Raymond, born February 4th. Mr. McWilliams is a laborer in the Bridge Division.

Mr. Arnold Eames, Bridge Supervisor, returned to work on Monday, March 3rd, after combatting a virus for three weeks. He has now joined the "Fraternity of Calorie Counters" and has, at this writing, lost eight pounds which we all agree becomes him.

E. Norman Durrell underwent a major operation at Togus recently and we understand he is doing fine. His wife, Ellen, and their daughter have gone to Farmington to visit Norman's sister and family while Norm is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chute have returned from a wonderful trip to Florida. Mr. Chute returned to work looking very rested and just bubbling over with interesting details.

Walter Payson is riding foreign style these days in a new little Fiat.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greenleaf and son, Raymond, went to Boston over the weekend of March 1st to attend the Regional Convention of United Cerebral Palsy.

Mr. Fred Robinson, Supervisor, returned to work March 5th after being ill at home for two weeks.

We're sorry to hear that Frank Shaw, one of our shovel operators, was called away for a few days by the death of his son March 1st.

Four of our new engineering employees have been selected as participants in the indoctrination program being held from March 10 to April 3. Those selected are Rene LaBranche, Andrew Norton, Robert Sanborn, and Robert Henderson. The remaining engineering employees suspect, of course, that this is an elaborate and round-about way of getting to the Waterville Office.

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Kathryn Dickson

As of February 28, Rose and I have been alone in this office as Dorothy Cook decided to take the fatal step. She flew to W. Palm Beach March 1st and was met at the airport by her husband to be, Robert Hale of Portland. They were married March 6th. She reports good weather, swimming every day and seeing that part of the state. They plan to be back in Portland on or around May 1st. We girls took Dottie out to dinner at the hotel and the office group presented her with a gift of a traveling iron.

Ed White, foreman in the tar crew, was married recently to Mrs. Marion Kenney. They are making their home in Norway.

Arthur Gogan had one more class to go before completing his first aid course—but had a touch of bad luck—and is flat in bed with a bad back.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Clifford are sporting a lovely new Mercury.

Glen Mosher has traded from a Buick to an Olds and is enjoying it very much.