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HIGHWAY WORK CAN BE DANGEROUS

The time of year when heavy highway maintenance and construction works starts is upon us. Already, many projects are under way and within a few weeks things will be going full speed ahead in all sections of the state. It, therefore, seems appropriate at this time to offer a reminder that highway work can be very dangerous — not only for you but for the motorist as well — unless adequate and conscientious safety precautions are observed at all times.

You may have noted recent news items in the daily papers about a number of unfortunate accidents on highway construction projects which are being built under contract. In the past year there have been at least six instances where cranes have overturned while lifting heavy loads, and within the past month one overturned and crushed the rear half of a car narrowly missing the occupants riding in the front seat. Every possible safety precaution should always be employed to protect the life and property of the public while they are in a construction or maintenance area. Always be sure that machines are operated within their rated load limits and that flagmen, with adequate flags, are provided where and when needed.

During the past few years several Highway employees have been killed while working on road projects. Probably the biggest reason for these accidents is that the worker gets so used to being near traffic and equipment moving about that they cease to realize the danger at hand. Stay alert and have respect for these dangers—not contempt—if you want to live a long life.

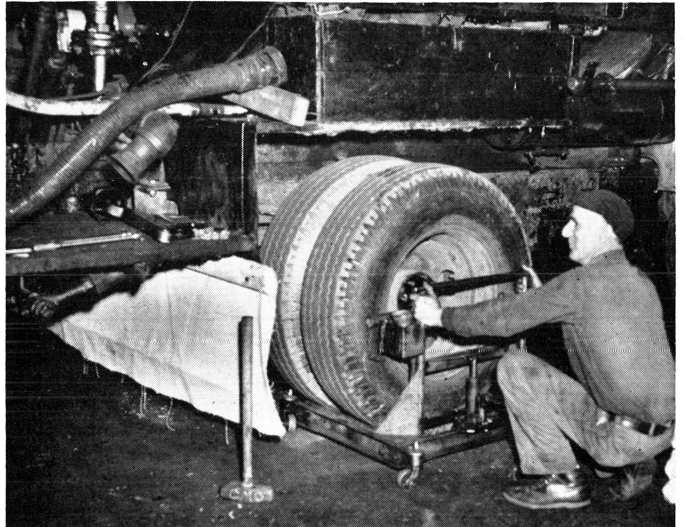
Each of you has been given a book of Safety Rules and Regulations. The rules have been established to protect both you and the public—adhere to them religiously.

COVER

AUGUSTA IN THE SPRING

This aerial view of Augusta shows that the Memorial Bridge and traffic circles add a touch of beauty to the Capital City. The bridge was built at a cost of a little more than \$3,000,000. Since opening on November 30, 1949, about 22 million vehicles have used the facility, thereby relieving much of the traffic congestion in the downtown area. Design was under the direction of Vaughn Everett. Resident engineers for the project were Andrew Adams for the bridge and Vaughan Daggett for the highway.

12 MILLION GALLONS OF TAR AND ASPHALT FOR SUMMER MAINTENANCE



TAR WHEELS being made ready to roll by John Crommet, mechanic, at the Motor Transport Garage. Each year the distributors are completely cleaned and reconditioned before being sent out on the job.

Over 12 million gallons of tar and asphalt have been purchased for the surface treatment of about 3,600 miles of State and State-aid Highways. 3,880,000 gallons of tar and 8,740,000 of asphalt are now on order.

The Motor Transport Division has been busy during the winter months getting the department's 53 distributors in top condition. Each fall after the distributors are removed from the trucks—which are used for snowplows and sanders—the tanks, spray bars, rear motors that operate the pumps and the pumps are steam cleaned, disassembled and reconditioned. During the past month the garages have been busy getting the distributors back on the trucks and ready to apply a small ocean of tar.

YOU NAME IT AND YOU CAN HAVE IT!

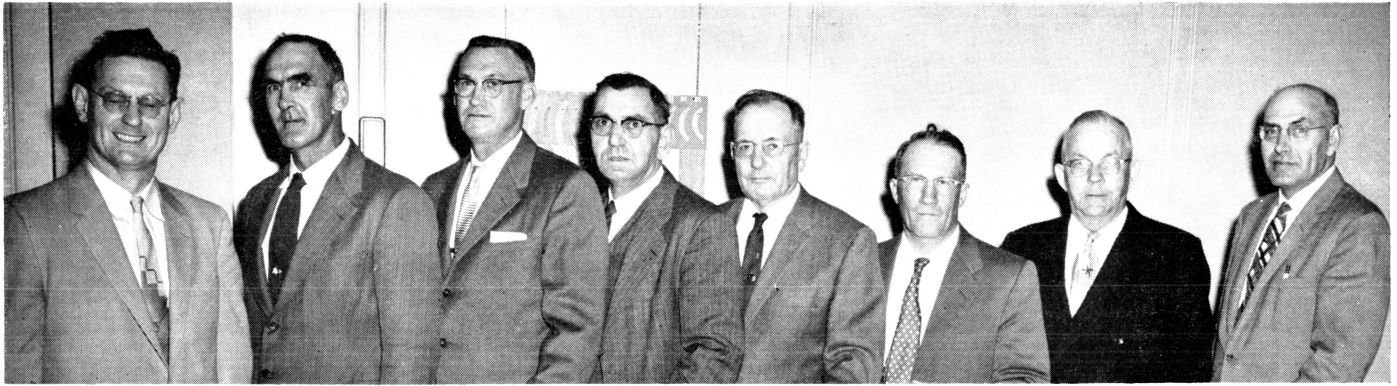


CAN YOU NAME IT? If you can, and send us your answer on a card with the earliest postmark, we will send you an 8x10 original print of the above reproduction. Send your answer to: Maine Highway News, Division of Special Services, State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The winner of last month's picture was Priscilla Riske of Rockland who correctly identified it as Rockland, showing U. S. Route 1 in the lower right corner.



HAPPY ENGINEERS enjoy one of the finest Annual Highway Banquets ever held. This year's committee was headed by Wes Chute, (F.A.S.) who was ably assisted by George McCarty, (F.A.P.) and Barney Bickerstaff, (Motor Transport). The 257 present enjoyed a fine roast beef dinner followed by a top-notch variety act. Those who didn't carry home a door prize must be just plain unlucky fellows as there was something for every third person there. Next year's committee for the 23rd Annual Highway Banquet is headed by Clayton McDouglas (Bridge). Working with him are: Pete Grenier (F.A.P.); Ken Sparks (F.A.S.); John Carey (Planning); John Appleton (Right of Way); John Parker (Highway Garage).

THE MEN OF DIVISION I



DIVISION 1 SUPERVISORS are shown here with Vaughn Knight, Division Engineer. These men supervise the maintenance work in Maine's largest county—Aroostook. They are, left to right: Vaughn Knight; Thurber Durost, supervisor in the Chapman to Stockholm district; Fred Sanford, Herseytown to Portage Lake; Victor Peterson, Westfield to Van Buren; James Stone, Weston to Mars Hill; Floyd Williams, St. Francis Pt. to Grand Isle; Maurice Anderson, Macwahoc to Smyrna; Adelbert Maxell, Division Supervisor.

36 MILLION IN PROJECTS FOR YEAR

The State Highway Commission awarded 64 highway and bridge contracts between July 1, 1957 and April 1, 1958. The total estimated cost of these projects, including right-of-way and engineering, amounts to \$20,888,814.

A tabulation shows that 19 primary jobs total an estimated cost of \$6,580,064, 9 on the Interstate System total \$10,039,150, 17 on the secondary system total \$3,794,600, and 19 bridges, in addition to those included as part of the regular highway projects, total \$475,000.

During the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1958, it is expected that 29 more projects will be awarded with a total estimated cost of \$15,768,600. Included are 7 primary projects totaling \$3,218,600, 10 interstate jobs totaling \$10,691,900, 7 secondary projects totaling \$1,834,000, and 5 bridges under the general bridge act totaling \$125,000.

This means that by June 30th there will have been 93 contracts awarded with a total estimated cost amounting to \$36,657,414.

PLAY IT SAFE!

DO NOT stop opposite another vehicle when it is headed in the opposite direction. Parked vehicles must be separated by a minimum of 300 feet.

DO NOT attempt to get on or off moving vehicles.

DO NOT undertake to repair or clean moving machinery.

DO NOT walk under shovel booms or suspended loads of any kind.

DO NOT turn your back to backing trucks.

DO NOT back up equipment of any kind without making sure that the way is clear.



AROOSTOOK HIGHWAY WOMEN, Janice Beals (Magazine Correspondent) and Frances Evans, keep the clerical work humming through the Presque Isle office.

RECENT CONTRACT AWARDS

MARCH 26, 1958

INTERSTATE 95 — FALMOUTH-CUMBERLAND

2,330 miles drainage, grading and base.

F. A. Project No. I-080-4(7)

W. H. Hinman, Inc., North Anson, Maine—\$1,048,358.
Engineering—Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Inc.

APRIL 9, 1958

INTERSTATE 95 — BANGOR

Interstate 95 over Broadway (Overpass)

F. A. Project No. I-95-8(4)

H. B. Fleming, Inc., South Portland, Maine — \$229,570.50.
Robert Foster, Resident Engineer, Clarkson Engineering Co., Inc.

AROUND THE AUGUSTA OFFICE

MAIN OFFICE

Gertrude Lunt

On March 17, 1958, David H. Stevens, Chairman, and Vaughan M. Daggett, Chief Engineer, met in Dayton with citizens from neighboring towns for a discussion of highway matters.

Commissioners Perry S. Furbush and R. Leon Williams attended the meeting with Division Engineers and Division

Supervisors on the afternoon of March 19th. The meeting with the same group was continued on the 20th at which time the District Supervisors were also present. The sessions were conducted by Chairman David H. Stevens.

Messrs. Stevens and Daggett attended a meeting of the Scott Paper Company Management Club in Winslow on the evening of March 25th. Mr. Stevens was a speaker at the meeting.

Other meetings at which Chairman David H. Stevens has recently been a speaker include the meeting of the Maine Good Roads Association on April 9th and a joint meeting of the South Portland Kiwanis and Lions Clubs on the evening of April 10th.

Vaughan M. Daggett, Chief Engineer, attended the meeting of the Maine Good Roads Association on April 9th, and the Kiwanis-Lions Club meeting in South Portland on April 10th.

FEDERAL AID SECONDARY

Bob Croswell

Mr. and Mrs. John Smalles, parents of Wes Chute's wife, took a BOAC plane to England on March 29th. They arrived safely in England and plan to return to the U. S. on July 3rd, (in time to celebrate the Fourth).

Carmen Cyr's son David, came down with the measles but recovered satisfactorily.

Ralph LeBlanc's daughter, Sue, left April 11th for Washington on the Lewiston High Senior Class Trip. Ralph's daughter, Mary, mentioned in this column last month, won first place in the debating forum at Westbrook Junior College, April 20th. Mary, a junior at Lewiston High School, is Vice President of the High School Band (plays clarinet), member of the Political Science Forum, and on the varsity debating squad for three years. She also is a member of the Future Teachers Club (Psychology Major). Mary was here in Augusta to take part in the Maine Concert Festival April 9-12. (Besides that she's a cute little trick).

The 22nd Annual Highway Banquet is now just a memory (hazy in some cases) but we feel Wes Chute and his committee deserve a big hand for a lot of hard work and for doing a swell job.

Survey crews have begun going out to level stakes and get ready for construction which is now getting under way.

Sim Gregoire has taken a vacation (?) to paint the inside of his house.

Mr. Gordon Hunter, park planner, spent the week of March 31-April 4 at U. of M. This trip was part of the indoctrination program which new employees have been attending since March 10th. On the U. of M. trip they had short courses on soil testing, laboratory work, and analysis of airplane photo surveys.

On April 19th, David Stewart went on a two weeks' cruise with the Naval Reserve, Liberty at Savannah, Georgia.

Milt's squirrel died!

MAINTENANCE

Georgianna Patten

The guest of honor at a very pleasant little party which was held at the Pioneer House on March 12, was our Nancy (Bonnie Lee) Lowell. Nancy became the bride of Robert Woods on March 29th, and this party was an expression of our good wishes and to present her with a gift.

Mrs. Georgianna Patten accompanied by husband Henry attended the New England Regional Association of S.U.V. Auxiliaries in Providence, Rhode Island, March 15 and 16.

Miss Arlene Dodge has returned to work after a short sojourn in the Waterville Osteopathic Hospital, where she underwent minor surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pinette passed the weekend with their daughter Betty in South Portland.

The news items from Maintenance would not be complete without further information regarding John's cats, so we will now bring you up to date. Great doings at the Church home. The daughter of Impy Poo and Re Re has delivered five wonderful offspring to the family. Four girls and one boy.

There was great excitement as the blessed event approached. The vet was standing by and the gas tank of the Chevy was filled in case a hurried trip to the cat hospital became necessary. The cage was carefully padded and Tom was banished from the scene. He paced back and forth for hours and his wails were pitiful to hear. Finally it was all over and a prouder father never lived. Affairs have settled back into routine now and the mother and children are doing fine. Tom is strutting around very proud of himself, as indeed he should be, since there are very few fathers of quintuplets.

John is very proud, too. After all, he is the godfather of the family. Of course this increases the problem of finding suitable homes for the family, as now seven foster homes are required.

BRIDGE

Burleigh Boyd

Spring has Sprung! New cars are blossoming out all over. Walter Hamilton turned in his Ford for a new Mercury. Phil Mollicone traded his Plymouth for a Ford and has been grumbling ever since. Mickey McDougal switched his Pontiac for a new Buick which he gets to drive occasionally on week ends. Phil Wentzel swapped his Studebaker for a Volkswagen. Ed Murrell has a new eight cylinder Volkswagen, or is it two four cylinder Volkswagens? Burleigh Boyd is still awaiting delivery on a Humphreymobile.

Vint Smith took a last fling at skiing at Mount Sugarloaf, and although he pounded down the mountain vigorously with his fundament, he reports the mountain still stands as high as before he went.

Charles Harris returned from his ski trip to Switzerland and reports a very enjoyable time. Young Bill Harris seems slightly miffed at Swiss misses.

Ed Coffin has returned to Prospect to finish up Devereux Bridge.

Phil Woods is home from the hospital after a hernia operation.

Lew White is home from the hospital, also, after a hernia operation.

John Hicks and wife were expecting the stork before May 1st; sorry I can't report further because of such an early deadline.

Bob Shailer has gone to Newry to finish up at Artist's Bridge.

Harold Hersum and Phil Libby are in Skowhegan at Cold Brook Bridge.

At long last, Tukey's Bridge in Portland is under way. Lin Cotton will be resident engineer.

Work on the Jonesport-Beals Island Bridge has been resumed after the winter shutdown.

The Bridge Division Branch Office on the first floor of the new office building is being discontinued as of May 1st.

George Stangel sold his house on Riverside Drive and at present is living on Bangor Street.

There are eleven new babies at the Snuffy Smith residence. They are too young to determine whether they are Mollies or Platys.



Jerry Clark reports that since KIM's matrimonial ad went unanswered, he has hit the road. Maybe there is a little gypsy in that Rhodesian Ridgeback blood.

Opposite is a picture of a group of the bridge maintenance men receiving first aid instructions. Left to right in the back row are: Verne Grant, Dan Harding, Ned Meserve and Myron Brown. In the front row are: Instructor Arthur Allen, Freelow Crummett and victim Bob James.

STATE AID

Josephine Whalen

Mr. H. Stanley Weymouth seems to have taken more time off than usual these past few weeks. From all reports floating around, we have concluded that he is getting his domain in readiness for the future Weymouth family. It is reported that even his cat, who has a suspicious, catty disposition, is often disturbed from his usual languorous slumbers by the hustle-bustle about him. Take it easy, Stan, you know you still have birthdays too.

Harold Bessey, a very eligible gentleman, has been seen sporting around in a new beautiful green Chevrolet—latest model. What's the matter with all these young, unmarried ladies in the Highway Department? Harold's only complaint is that he didn't get that Buick Special. Maybe next year, Harold?

The State Aid Division has had company for the past few weeks from the different Division Offices working on the State Aid charts and occupying the vacant desk. They were: Ralph Stevens, Dick Rounds, Allen Gross, Angus McKay, Clinton Jenkins and Dan Foley. We enjoyed having these boys with us and hope they will come back next year.

ACCOUNTING

Irene Marsden

Clyde Roth and Maryelizabeth Mitchell were married on April 4th, and Clyde has been transferred to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center. They will continue to live in Augusta for the present.

Dorothea Johnson and husband have purchased a home on Patterson Street. They are busy with preparations for moving in and are looking forward to having their own place again.

Two new employees in our midst are Annie D. Young, transferred from Taxation, and Frank W. Hannon, from the State Liquor Commission. Both have families and live in Augusta.

Back from Florida is Morris Allen. He is sporting a golden tan and enthusing all around the place about his wonderful vacation. Several postcards arrived from him while he was gone, and this made us all feel we had a part in the trip.

Our girls bowling team finished the regular season with a six-game lead—a very good margin and stands for some fine bowling. Trophies for the whole season were awarded, as follows: High Three Strings—Highway, High Single String—Highway, High Single String (Individual)—Marilyn Condon—Highway (also won this position in the roll-off), High Three Strings (Individual)—Leah Malaney—Highway, (also won this position in the roll-off).

Marilyn Condon, Highway, would have taken all the individual honors except that they allow "one to a customer," so she is credited with high single string. Leah Malaney, Highway, is credited with high three strings.



GIRL BOWLERS on the high-scoring Highway team are: Leona Grant, Julie Thibodeau, Marilyn Condon, Hazel Raynes and Betty Small.

FEDERAL AID PRIMARY

Nellie Chase

Elsie Boynton transferred from the Controller's Department to the Federal Aid Primary recently.

John Boyd and Joe Trask have been out sick for a spell.

Norman Worthing and David Griffin are now out on military leave.

Bob Furber attended the Bureau of Public Roads school of design at Albany, N. Y., March 18, 19 and 20.

Larry Murphy is serving on the jury. (A round-about way to get a vacation. However, at this time of year it does not interfere with his fishing).

Bob Furber went to Connecticut to visit his daughter over the Easter weekend. I understand his wife had to drive the car back home.

Apparently Henry Campbell's dog needs a little more training to keep his sheep in the fold.

Fellow workers of Ken Whitney are wondering how clothes pins are applied to Highway engineering.

Augusta and Hallowell residents along Ted Martin's morning marathon route believe he could have topped the field at Boston on April 19th.

Vint Savage, Larry Murphy and Dave Rand attended the meeting of the Asphalt Institute at Concord, New Hampshire, on March 25th.

Yours truly spent a week's vacation in Waterville the last part of March.

Dave Smith is still on the mend. He was in calling on his buddies recently.

Spring is in the air. Our fellows are beginning to leave the office and are returning to work in the field.

TRAFFIC

Eleanor King

Leon Small has left for parts unknown. Will be away from the office for two weeks making the Spring speed checks. This happens twice a year, Spring and Fall—we haven't decided whether the checks are necessary or this is just a case of Spring and "Small" fever.

Ralph and Dick are in a dither over the interstate signing. What to do; how and where to do it seems to be the big problem. We understand the other day they went into a restaurant and when asked how he wanted his hamburger Ralph said "Overhead."

No longer will the residents of 21 Brooklawn Avenue dread the ringing of the phone and doorbell. "Wags" is now a privileged (Winston lists authorized and licensed as synonyms for privileged) pooch.

PLANNING

Frances Lishness

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Althenn observed their 40th wedding anniversary April 14th.

Harold Wood has purchased a new home in Riverview Development in Farmingdale. The family has moved in but "Woody" says they are a long way from being settled.

"Ned" Metcalf and Geneva are planning a vacation in New York and vicinity, beginning April 20th.

Robert Gilcreast went fishing the first day of April in the Boothbay area. Bob is very modest about the size and number of the fish he caught but we understand it was a successful trip.

Carl Attaya attended the wedding of his brother on April 12th, in Fall River, Mass., driving on to Providence, R. I., to attend the wedding reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edgerly and daughter, Sue Ann, attended the wedding of Barbara Edgerly in Milton, Massachusetts, on April 25th. Barbara is Mrs. Edgerly's niece.

The summer schedule of traffic counting was started by the Planning Division in Portland on April 9th.

Dean Merrill and Robert Moyes are operating the portable recorders.

RIGHT OF WAY

Charlotte Blumenthal

Walter Kresge of the Drafting Room met with an accident on his way to work recently. It was a snowy, slippery morning and his car and another collided unavoidably in Winthrop. No one was injured but Walter has a \$300.00 damage to his "new to him" Chevy.

Carol Thomas and her husband were in Houlton recently where they visited relatives.

Richard Sawyer of Lewiston has joined the ranks of the Right of Way Agents. Richard is married and has three children, two boys and a girl.

Wilson Carleton and Bill Brush are back to work after a session with the flu.

Carl Fellows, Right of Way Attorney, has returned to us after a winter in the Sunny (?) South.

Carolyn Rumery was called to Milo recently on account of the illness and subsequent death of an aunt.

Clarence Hart, Engineer, was in Orono recently where he attended a meeting of Mechanics Lodge, at which time his father, Dean Emeritus James N. Hart, received his 50 year Veteran's Medal and pin from Past Grand Master Charles C. Crossland. Eugene Hart of Norway, Maine, a grandson of Dean Hart, was present making it a "three generation affair."

Here we are in the fourth month after Christmas and my Christmas Cactus is in bloom again with its beautiful rose-erise blossoms. How about that all you plant lovers?

MOTOR TRANSPORT

Clarence Madden

Some forty-six men attended the Highway Banquet from the Augusta, Caribou, Scarboro and Ellsworth Garages. Among the prize winners were "Ed" Doucette, "Baldy" Moun-ton and Barney Bickerstaff, committee man. How come, Barney?

Philip Young has joined the highway radio installation and maintenance crew under Bob Parker. Mr. Young is an Augusta native.

Irene Hayden and Elaine Badershall have volunteered to join the Civil Defense as clerks.

Alfred Tate is at home nursing a couple of broken toes he suffered when a heavy piece of steel fell on his foot. He gets around fairly well on a walking splint, however.

John Parker was elected Treasurer of the Garage Insurance Fund. This insurance is almost as old as the garage itself. John also recently made two of his little family happy by purchasing each of them a shining new tricycle.

Alfred Blanchette is still at the Veterans facility at Togus. What was at first diagnosed as a slight heart attack, has been ruled out and further tests are being made to determine the cause of Mr. Blanchette's illness.

On April 3rd, George Murphy, Safety Director, showed a movie on safety put out by the Caterpillar Tractor Company. It was both interesting and beneficial.

Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Almy for the loss of their infant son, Richard. Mr. and Mrs. Almy have one other child.

A much needed file room has been partitioned off adjacent to the Main office.

We in the office are looking forward to the day when Curt Davis brings us in some Maple Syrup. Incidentally, we have been waiting for a number of years, now. Curt says he is going in for sapping in a big way next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ware are happily looking forward to April 19th. Word has been received that their daughter, Geraldine, now Mrs. Ernest Hewitt, will return to the states after spending three years in Ismiar, Turkey. M/S Hewitt has been reassigned to Washington, D. C. Mrs. Hewitt at one time was employed by the Industrial Accident Commission.



NEWS FROM THE DIVISIONS



DIVISION 1—Presque Isle

Janice Beals

Elroy Daigle has been promoted to Gang Foreman in the Fort Kent area. He assumed his new duties March 29th.

James Corriveau has been promoted to patrolman in the Eagle Lake-Winterville area effective April 5th. His helper will be Normand Saucier. Good Luck and success to these men in their new jobs.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bob" Anderson are enjoying their new car (a Cadillac nonetheless).

Sympathy is extended to Floyd Braley, Foreman at Camp 8, Presque Isle, on the recent death of his father.

The First Aid training program under the direction of Robert Cormier was completed April 3rd. Twelve groups in the Division, consisting of 240 men, completed the course.

Lloyd Alward, patrolman helper in "Jim" Stones' district, is a patient in a Houlton hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery, Lloyd.

Thurber Durost, Supervisor in the Mapleton-Washburn area, has returned to work after a brief illness. These Fords are sure backbreakers.

Herbie Henderson, gang foreman in the Houlton-Littleton area, is taking a few days vacation to visit relatives in Connecticut.

While in Augusta for the Supervisors meeting in March, James Stone, "Bob" Anderson, Fred Sanford and Floyd Williams attended the Highway Engineers Banquet held at the Calumet Club. Floyd Williams won one of the door prizes—wouldn't share it with anyone, though. Fred Sanford had his eye on one of the other prizes but didn't have the right number.

George Belanger, Engineering Aide in the Primary Department, recently moved his wife, Marie, and two children, Muriel and Louise, to Presque Isle from their former home in Charlesbourg, Quebec. The Belangers will reside at 58 Dyer Street.

Seems that the snow storms must be pretty well over for the season now. Speaking of snow storms, some of the old timers remind us of the tough ones in their day. As the story goes, the snow got so deep at times that the telephone company had difficulty in keeping the bears from eating the insulators off the cross arms and disrupting the party line gossip.

To those who doubt this story take a look at the photo of Sam McNally and his daughter, Deborah, perched on that telephone pole cross arm. The picture was taken in March, on Route 11 just north of Patten, and remember that this was one of the mildest winters on record for this area.



DIVISION 2—Ellsworth

Rosa West

Engineer Roger Sargent has completed the first aid courses. He has given instruction to 234 Motor Transport men, Maintenance men and Engineers.

Jay Hubbard has recently been on a trip to Hamilton, Kansas. He was accompanied by Mrs. Etta Weaver and son David, and Mrs. Percy Way. While on the trip they traveled through seventeen states.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cottle attended the flower show in Boston recently.

Miss Eleanor Garnett visited with Mrs. Rosa West over the weekend. While there, Eleanor, Rosa and Juanita Walker attended the Ice Capades in Bangor.

Mr. and Mrs. James Warren have returned from three weeks' vacation in Florida. Jim has shown us the movies he took while there; we're all envious.

Congratulations to Richard Danico and Janet Merchant on their recent marriage. They are on a wedding trip through the White Mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walker have been enjoying a week's vacation at their camp on Donnell's Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. James Foss are visiting friends in Massachusetts.

William Johnson is on a week's vacation patiently waiting for the ice to go out so that he can try out his new boat and motor.

Roland Schoppe had two weeks' vacation after the winter on night patrol.

James Barnes has been having a week's vacation to enjoy the first fishing of the season.

DIVISION 2—Machias

Eleanor Garnett

The supervisors, foremen, patrolmen and helpers in Washington County have successfully completed the first-aid training course. Many of the men have commended Instructor Roger H. Sargent of Ellsworth on the fine job he did as an instructor.

Supervisors Minden Perkins and Ernest Mushroe attended the Supervisors meeting in Augusta on March 20th. Supervisor Hollis Schoppee was unable to attend due to illness.

William Garnett has been a patient in the Veterans Hospital at Togus for appendectomy. Glad to hear you are improving, Bill.

Walter Dresser of Princeton is riding around in a new Fiat 600 these days.

Alfred Merritt was recently in Bangor for a check-up and we are glad to hear he is improving. What is the attraction on Ward M, Alfred?

Supervisor Ernest Mushroe has been out for a few days with the flu.

Oscar Mawhinney of Jonesboro has completed his duties for the past season on night patrol and is taking a week's vacation.

All the state-aid patrolmen went back to work full-time as of April 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Clark of Robbinston visited their son and family in Dover-Foxcroft.

Vacation and sick leave discussion has had a momentary rest; town meeting talk has been the leading topic lately.

My personal congratulations to Jeanne and Frank Pa-gurko of Portland on the birth of their daughter.

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notify sender on form 3547, Maine State Highway
Commission, State Office Building, Augusta,
Maine, giving new address, postage for which is
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RETIREMENTS

CLIFTON E. TOZIER of New Portland, Shovel operator in the Motor Transport Division, retired on January 27, 1958 at the age of 60.

RALPH E. SEAMANS of Levant, Patrolman in Division 3, retired on April 1, 1958 at the age of 67.

DIVISION 3—Bangor

Reita Townsend

Ralph E. Seamans, patrolman in the Kenduskeag area, retired March 28th after 29 years of service.

Division #3 is doing all right as far as future "Highway Personnel" is concerned. Philip Day has a new baby boy, 10 lbs., ½ oz., Raymond Ernest. John Dixon has a new baby girl born March 31st. Believe her name is to be Katherine. Kenneth Jacobs has a new baby girl, 7 lbs., Susan Kay. So far the girls are leading.

Hollis Madden is back in our midst. Think Holly likes this duty in Bangor.

Mr. Deane was home sick for a few days last week. Says he is feeling better now. Had a Dr. the first time in seven years.

S. B. Dickson has promised Reita Townsend a blue dahlia bulb in exchange for a green gladioli bulb. Be just your correspondent's luck for the blue dahlia to refuse to grow.

Wonder how that fellow who sent in his PR-5 with "Immediate Superior" My Wife written on it, is making out.

Bob Doe was telling us about a law suit, and about the defendant telling the lawyer to be sure to bring some "Wrists." Rosamond speaks up and says "Crackers"—wrong kind of "Ritz."

S. B. Dickson told us that he went out in his pajamas to measure the snow fall at 3:30 A.M. April 6th. 3½" of snow at that time. What a place for a spotlight.

Sorry to have to put Lawrence Weymouth on the sick list. Hope he will be able to come back to work soon.

Fred Quinn is back to work. Fred has been laid up since his accident at Thanksgiving time.

Happy to welcome two more men on the maintenance force to permanent status this past month: Mark Brooks and Basil Barlow.

We received this poem on a box of chocolates from Harold Barnes when the night radio operators got through their shifts:

CONFESSIONS OF A TORTURED SOUL DEDICATED AND DIRECTED TO

THE THREE CONSCIENTIOUS, CONSIDERATE, AND COMPANIONABLE COLLEENS OF THE OFFICE

I've a confession to make that is shameful;
So, I must unburden my soul.
I'm the filcher of other folks candy;
The purloiner of your "Life Saver" rolls.

Like a thief in the night, I've pawed through desk drawers
In search of something to eat
(At times it was very dry picking)
But I still feel I owe you a treat.

So, to Rosamond, Reita and Mary,
I present these sweets today.
May they pleasantly tickle your palates,
And drive pangs of hunger away.

Partake with discreet moderation,
If you'd maintain your figures petite;
But if hunger persists and you cannot resist,
Just dip in your fingers and eat.

At your age you need have no worry,
Or fear of "middle age spread."
So enjoy while you may, good eating today,
For that age is a long way ahead.

My only regret, as I bow out of this place
Of figures, (feminine and sublime),
Is the loss of the smiles you beamed my way,
And this is the end of my rhyme.

Patrolman Lewis Hanscom was recently given a safety award for driving state equipment with outstanding courtesy and skill. He was not involved in any accidents during 1957.

DIVISION 4—Waterville

Dan Foley

Clifford Dyer has returned to work after an absence of about a month due to injuries.

The Roy A. Smiths, Jr., of Mt. Vernon, have a baby boy, Sidney Lawrence, born March 26th.

Floyd A. Case and William Longley have returned to the Greenville Project.

Albert Rowe has started a period of training preparatory to taking over Supervisor Edward J. Butler's position. Ned retired the last of April.

DIVISION 6—Portland

Beverly R. Cox

Earl J. Sanborn, son of Supervisor John O. Sanborn, Jr., and a Junior at Fryeburg Academy, placed second in the Industrial Arts Student Craftsmanship Fair held at Augusta, March 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tucker were on vacation the week of March 10th. Part of their vacation was spent in Boston visiting friends.

Ervin (Bud) Maynard celebrated his birthday, April 9th. "Happy Birthday" from the gang.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Austin at Webber Hospital, February 23rd, a son, Blake L., weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Eaton are the parents of a son, Randy Scott, born March 12th at Saco Hospital and weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz.

Dorothy T. DeLany received a telephone call from her son in Wisconsin telling her that she has a new little granddaughter, born April 1st. The new arrival has been named Joanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Townsend observed their first wedding anniversary April 13th.

Mr. Millard Leary, Supervisor, was guest of honor at a birthday party given by his grandchildren the 8th of April.

Mr. Greenleaf, Division Engineer, observed his birthday April 16th.

DIVISION 7—Rumford

Kathryn Dickson

A new employee has come into the Rumford office. She is Miss Yvette Cormier, a resident of Mexico.

Now that the Night Radio has come to an end for another year, Mrs. Grace Clifford has rejoined the office force, helping on the radio and telephone.

Clinton (Red) Jenkins and Richard McInnis have gone out on survey in Pendexter's division. Red, Dicky and George Hamlin report very good skiing conditions at Sugarloaf.

Arthur Gogan, Engineering Aid and First Aid Instructor, is still laid up with a ruptured disk. He is confined to his bed for a month.