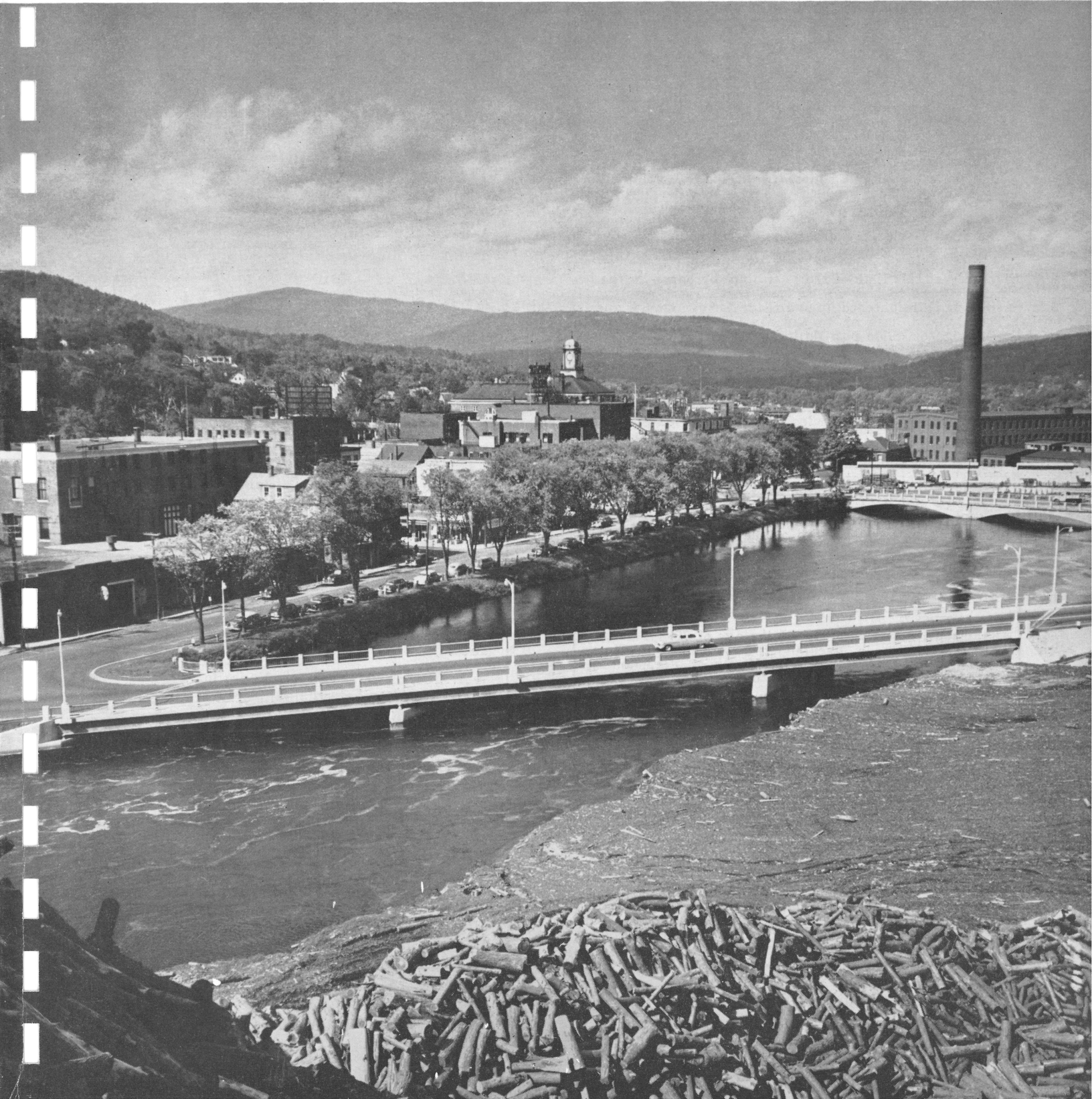


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COMPANY'S COMING

Of course the company comes and goes all year round. But this is the season when the State of Maine is literally swamped by vacation-minded motorists from all over the country. Some for the first time; some old friends. When these lucky people cross the State line they're our GUESTS.

Like the conscientious housewife we like to tidy up before company comes. That means to see to it that the first things they see—our highways, highway signs and picnic areas—are spotless.

Chairman David H. Stevens has issued an Administrative Bulletin concerning the appearance of roadsides, signs, guard rails and litter in general. He realizes, "that everybody is very busy at this time of the year" but, he hopes by the beginning of the tourist season (and that's right now) you'll have things straightened up and ready for our annual guests.

The Bulletin goes on to say that if you're reporting a broken sign or guide post do it by giving the specific route number or name of road. If it's a sign give the copy on the face of the sign. In the future, standards and backs of all wooden signs and backs of painted metal signs (except aluminum) should be painted green. Getting rid of roadside litter and putting the finishing touches on our picnic areas will go far towards making Maine look even more beautiful to our summer visitors.

Oh yes, one more thing—let's tidy up for sure, but let's go a step further and play the polite host to all these good people visiting us. If we in the State Highway Department can do a little more than the average citizen it's because many of us are right there on the spot during our regular working day.

Company's coming—They're at the front door right now!

RETIREMENTS

HERBERT R. FULLER, Machinist Foreman in Motor Transport, recently retired at the age of 70. He began work in 1925 as a Machinist, was promoted to Shop Foreman in 1948 and became Machinist Foreman in 1951.

CHARLES F. SAVAGE, Civil Engineer I in Bridge Division, retired at the age of 71. He began work as an Inspector in 1930, was promoted to Junior Engineer in 1940 and to Civil Engineer in 1951.

HAROLD J. RUSSELL, Highway District Supervisor in Bangor, recently retired at the age of 55. Mr. Russell began work in 1924 as a foreman and in 1947 became District Supervisor.

COVER

Upper Canal Bridge and a view of downtown Rumford showing the Oxford Paper Company upper right and Canal Street (with row of trees). The new bridge built to carry Route 108 away from the busy part of town was started in 1953 and completed in 1954. State Engineer on the job, G. Lewis Johnson. The three span I beam structure 260 feet long with two, five foot sidewalks was built at a cost of \$273,012.

RECENT CONTRACT AWARDS

MAY 14, 1958

INTERSTATE 95 — AUGUSTA

0.682 of a mile Grading, Drainage and Base Project and Overpass
F. A. Project No. I-95-6(5)105
Wyman & Simpson, Inc., Augusta, Maine—\$456,711.00.
Albert Benson, Resident Engineer

U. S. ROUTE 201A — NORRIDGEWOCK

3.372 Miles Bituminous Concrete Road (Stage Construction)
F. A. S. Project No. S-0230(5)
Farrin Brothers & Smith, Brighton, Maine—\$274,108.70.
John C. Alley, Resident Engineer

MAY 21, 1958

ROUTE 11 — NEWFIELD-LIMERICK

2.747 Miles Bituminous Gravel Road
F. A. S. Project No. S-0115(1)
Landers & Griffin, Portsmouth, N. H.—\$203,362.10.
Stanley Townsend, Resident Engineer

MAY 23, 1958

ROUTE 3 — ELLSWORTH-TRENTON

6.641 Miles Bituminous Concrete Paving
F. A. Project No. DF-043-1(2)
Warren Brothers Roads Co., Fairfield, Maine—\$96,580.00
Reg Johnson, Resident Engineer

INTERSTATE 95 — SIDNEY

2.443 Miles Grading, Drainage and Base
F. A. Project No. I-95-6(7)111
Thomas DiCenzo, Calais, Maine—\$674,776.00.
Merrill Libby, Resident Engineer

MAY 28, 1958

ROUTE 4 — LIVERMORE-LIVERMORE FALLS

Androscoggin River Bridge
F. A. Project No. F-221-1(2)
Cianchette Brothers, Inc., Pittsfield, Maine—\$431,112.20.
Phillip Mollicone, Resident Engineer

INTERSTATE 95 — SIDNEY

Drummond Road Overpass
F. A. Project No. I-95-6(14)
Cianchette Brothers, Inc., Pittsfield, Maine—\$91,723.75.
Harold Hersum, Resident Engineer

JUNE 4, 1958

U. S. ROUTE 1 — JONESBORO

3.160 Miles Bituminous Concrete Road
F. A. Project No. DF-044-1(5)
H. E. Sargent, Inc., Stillwater, Maine—\$220,204.70.
Roger Sargent, Resident Engineer

JUNE 11, 1958

INTERSTATE 95 — SIDNEY

1.932 Miles Grading, Drainage and Base
F. A. Project No. I-95-6(8)114
The Bridge Construction Corporation, Augusta, Maine—\$515,525.00.
Merrill Libby, Resident Engineer

THE QUESTION BOX

Q. I have been a State Employee since January, 1939 and have never joined the Retirement System. May I now join and receive credits from January, 1939?

A. Yes, if back contributions on earnings from July 1, 1942 to date of joining the Retirement System are paid.

These back contributions may be paid in a lump sum to the Retirement Board or by weekly deductions from your salary.

If an employee began making back contributions prior to July 1, 1957, no interest charges were made. If back contributions were initiated after July 1, 1957, yearly interest charges are being made.

To join the Retirement System, obtain an application from your immediate superior, fill out and send to your Division Office. If you wish to claim credits for prior employment, write a letter to that effect to Maine State Retirement System, Augusta, Maine.

MOTOR SAILOR GAIL AHOY!

The gentleman standing in the very elegant sailboat is Oscar Crockett, Planning Supervisor. This little backyard project so far has cost Oscar three years of his time (nights, Sundays and holidays) and who knows how much money (he says he didn't keep track of how much he spent because he didn't dare!) "But," says Sailor Crockett, "it's such a pleasure to work with good materials, I got the best." For example: cedar, sitka spruce, native oak, bronze and monel fastenings and fittings, stainless steel rigging, dacron sheets, 6 ounce dacron sails and everything, as they used to say, built "pon honor."



PART-TIME BOAT BUILDER. Oscar Crockett, standing in his almost completed motor sailor—the Gail. It is drydocked on a cradle in the backyard of Oscar's home in Rockland. The beamy comfort and clean lines of the Crosby design are clearly visible.

As to the details: She's a Center Board Motor Sailor of Crosby design—in other words a glorified snipe with a comfortable cabin and cockpit and enough engine to come back from a sail in a calm. Length overall—25 feet; nine foot beam, 3 foot draft, with board down 7 feet. Her mast is 37 feet high and she carries 200 square feet of mainsail and 95 square feet of jib.

Oscar began abuilding the Gail after much thinking and planning about three years ago. He began with full scale drawings in his attic at 18 Maple Street in Rockland. He chose the V-bottom Crosby design because of its seaworthiness and general all-around comfort in handling and sailing. He chose the motor sailor because it combines the assets of both cruiser and sailboat.

After his life size drawings were completed, Oscar moved his project to the cellar where he built a table 4 by 8 feet and laid out his frames over the plans. Bulkheads and other sections were pre-fabricated; heavy timbers were sawed at the mill.

Oscar hopes to launch the Gail about the first part of July at his cottage on Ash Point, Owl's Head.

This isn't the first time Oscar has launched a boat of his own making. He has built a regulation snipe class sailboat and a 21 foot Redhead design. But the Gail is what he's been aiming at during his years as shipbuilder and sailor. Now he can live aboard.

So, smooth sailing Oscar me lad, and may you never nick your center board on a ledge. Splice the main brace mates. Here's a salute to a brand new ship — Gail ahoy!



ROBERT M. VICKERY

Chairman David H. Stevens announced on Friday, June 13, 1958, the appointment of Robert Vickery, Division Engineer of Division 4, to the position of Maintenance Engineer to fill the vacancy left by the death of John B. Church, Superintendent of Maintenance. The new title will replace the old one of Superintendent.

Chairman Stevens stated that Vickery, with his 33 years of service in the Highway Department, and his rich background of knowledge in bridge and highway maintenance, brings a great deal of helpful experience to his new position.

Bob Vickery began his long association with the Highway Department as a rodman back in the roaring twenties—1925. A few years later he entered the University of Maine where he graduated as a civil engineer in 1932. While in college he was elected president of the Intra-mural Athletic Association, and president of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He belonged to Sigma Phi Sigma fraternity (which, he says, is now defunct).

From graduation to 1941 Vickery worked with the Bridge Division on construction survey work. Then from 1941 to 1951 he was in charge of Bridge maintenance in Division 4. From 1951 to the present he has been division engineer in charge of Division 4.

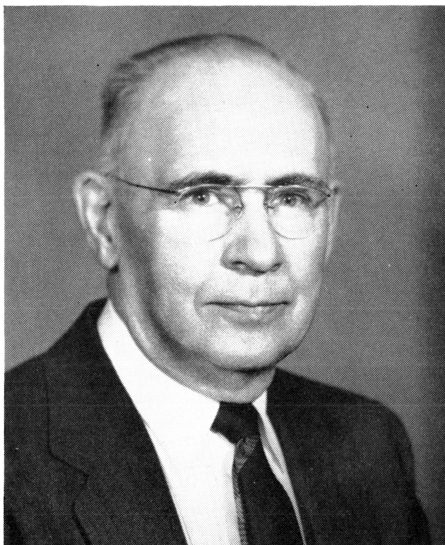
Bob and Mrs. Vickery have lived in Augusta for 17 years. They have two daughters, Gretchen, who graduated from the University of Maine last year, is married and teaches school in Orono. Judy is a sophomore at Cony High School. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vickery are active in church work at St. Barnabas' Episcopal church.

Bob's hobby is building small boats. Right now he's working on a snappy 17 foot runabout which will be powered by a 30 horsepower outboard, and should step right along.

Bob is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Maine Good Roads Association.

Congratulations, Bob!

OBITUARIES



Fred G. Eaton

Fred G. Eaton, 60, director of the planning division, died at his home Tues-

day, June 3rd. His untimely death came as he was concluding a short vacation.

Co-workers will miss Fred as one of their most valued friends and as a leader in highway planning activities.

Mr. Eaton was born at Bangor, April 20, 1898, son of the late Fred and Alice Gibson Eaton.

He was formerly cashier of the Pittsfield National Bank in that town and joined the former State Planning Survey in 1937 as financial manager. He transferred to the Highway Commission in 1940. For some time he served as chief of research and statistics and became planning director in 1948.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Pittsfield and a former past master. He was also a member of the Winthrop Street Universalist Church, the Augusta Kiwanis Club and the Maine Good Roads Association.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. Surviving are his wife, the former Adelaide Chalmers Smith; two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Peterson of Rockland and Mrs. Carolyn Fields of Aiken, South Carolina; a son, Fred Gibson Eaton, Jr., of Millinocket; a brother, Arthur G. of Bangor; six grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

BEYOND THE GREY DOOR

(Or a Visit to the Machine Room)

If you walk straight into the Division of Accounts and Administration, and don't turn left toward the desks and people, you will notice directly in front of you a few paces away an inconspicuous plain door. There's no sign on its smooth, grey surface. As you open and close it there's a feeling of pressure like a car door with all the windows closed. It's symbolic, friend, because this is rarified atmosphere—this is the Machine Room that houses the intricate, whirring amazing IBM machines that process and store away figures that represent every penny spent in the State Highway Department.

Every person in or out of the Department even though he worked once years ago for only one hour has been taken note of by one of these electronic marvels.

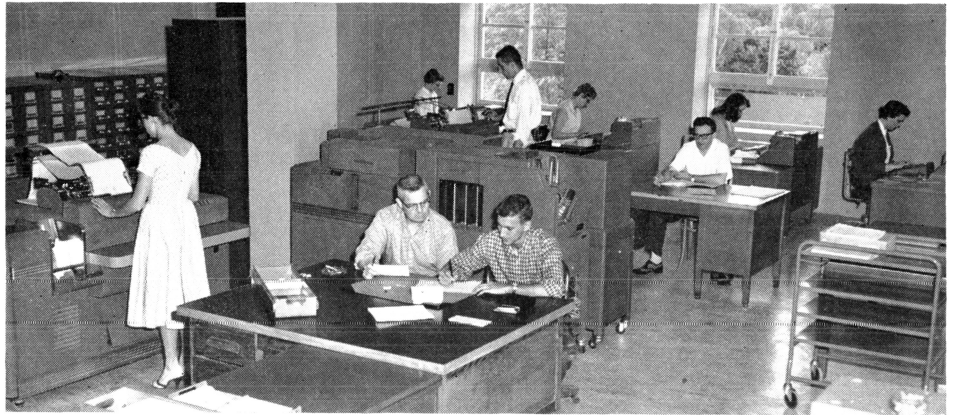
The function of the Machine Room, as Bob Nelson, who's in charge, will tell you, is to keep track of the distribution of all the money which began as an appropriation to the Highway Department by the legislature.

Let's step back outside of that grey door a moment and take a birdseye view of the Machine Room. The Room represents a system of "machine cost accounting" and services all Highway Divisions with statistical information. Ed Albling, Director of the Division of Accounts and Administration, uses the Room like he might a battery of accountants. He gets a daily report, for example, which tells him how much has been spent to that date on each appropriation (and therefore how much more can be spent out of the account).

In general, the Machine Room can tell you where Highway funds are going, how fast, and how much. If, as Albling says, you were handling thousands of dollars you could make do with a few accountants, but when you handle millions as the State Highway Department does for so many different transactions you need machines to keep track of it. Because in the very first place it's public money you're spending and every penny must be accounted for all of the time.



CARDS ARE PUNCHED by Mrs. Madge Hoone shown at her keyboard as she converts information on documents into holes on the cards.



MACHINE ROOM STAFF busily at work. Also shown are most of the machines that do the job of answering daily questions and continually process information to be stored away, (some of the filing cabinets are visible at upper left).

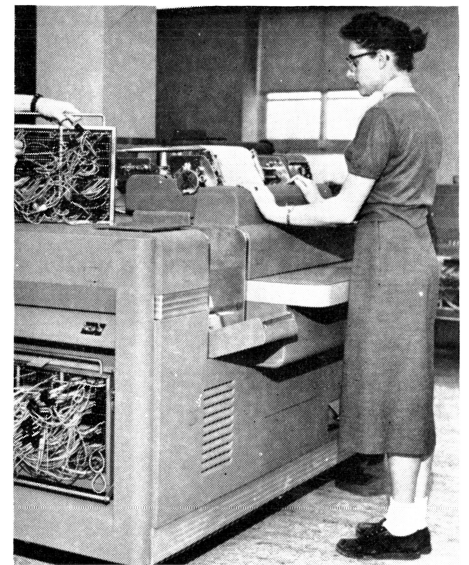
Let's open that grey door again. The IBM machines squatting in the Room are easy to look at. They're painted a pleasing grey, they're streamlined, and trimmed in elegant satin-finish stainless steel. Open a hatch here and a cover there and take a peek at the internal workings and you'll realize there's much more here than meets the eye.

The heart of the whole system of all the IBM machines is the familiar IBM card with its rows of tiny numbers punched out here and there with a small rectangular hole—(your salary check is an IBM card). This is the device that starts the impulses, that moves the relays, that end up as columns of figures. Basically here is the way it works: take a revolving metal drum lightly touched by 80 very small wire brushes. Put the card between the drum and the brushes and move it forward. The brushes will touch the drum only when one of the small punched out holes moves by. That impulse in that preselected position activates the IBM machine. The tabulator, for example, can be made to add, subtract, transfer information fed into it, or store information for intervals of time. It does all these amazing things when the operator wires a board in a certain way and plugs it into the side of the machine—the board acts much like a brain by channeling the impulses along certain routes.

Now let's trace one of the documents that comes into the Division of Accounts and Administration. Let's call it the payroll for Division 2. After checking it goes into the Machine Room and the desk of Earl Proctor. He checks the sheet front and back to see that the total for salaries checks with the distribution for salaries. Earl checks all code numbers on all documents that cross his desk using a master code board. Earl has been with the Accounting Division about two years.

Earl passes the payroll on to Mrs. Madge Hoone, the key-punch operator, who is the quiet lady in charge of that operation on the opposite side of the room. With dignified dexterity she converts the information on the payroll into holes on an IBM card. The cards are passed on to Mrs. Rowena Dill, the newest member of the Room, who checks all the cards through her Verifier. If there is an error the card goes back to Mrs. Hoone who punches a new card.

The cards are now ready to be sorted and fed into the big "tab" machine. These delicate operations are presided over by Mrs. Marilyn Condon, the senior tab operator and acting supervisor when Bob Nelson is not present, and Miss Betty Smith. Mrs. Condon, as you may know, was the captain of the girl's bowling team this past winter. Betty also was active on the team.

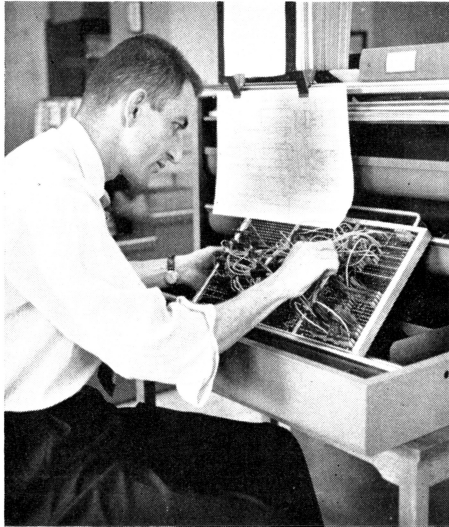


ONE OF THE "TABS" showing board wired and plugged in (lower left corner). Marilyn Condon, tabulating machine operator, is standing in front of the machine checking the operation.

To get back to our payroll information. The cards, as we said, are fed into the tabulating machine for listing and accumulation of totals. The lists are sent to Accounting. The cards are kept for daily, weekly and monthly reports. Sooner or later everyone in the Room has something to do with the payroll sheets that are sent in from the field. For example here are some of the people we haven't introduced yet: Gerald "Jerry" Towle, who has been in the Accounting Division for 10 years, would use the payroll cards to make up a report. Jerry is the statistician who makes up all con-

tract registers, keeps budget master cards up to date, and makes up the machine room "journal." All the original documents come to Jerry.

If anyone calls for a copy of the reports, or wants something printed on a tracing, Stan Sumner cranks up his Varitype machine. Stan, who has been with the Machine Room crew for a year, also makes offset masters. Another young member of the crew is Deanne Bechard, just out of Cony High and a trainee as a key-punch operator.



A BOARD BEING WIRED by Bob Nelson to plug into the tabulating machine. It will tell the machine exactly what to do to produce the information requested.

The first gentleman we mentioned, Bob Nelson, is the Supervisor of the Machine Room. Bob has been with the Accounting Division for three years. His extra curricula activities include a lot of tennis, both as a participator and as a teacher. A personally conducted tour of the machine room with Bob as guide will give the reader a much clearer idea of its operation. If you work in the field, and send documents to the Accounting Division, make it a point to pay Bob a visit the next time you're at the Augusta office. You'll then realize how important those cold matter-of-fact code numbers are; and you'd make sure that your "sevens" never looked the least bit like "ones."

Many errors that show up at some of the check points along the way to the files in the Accounts and Administration Division begin in the field. They might come into being on a patrolman's daily work sheet or a pink payroll or even a master payroll. For example, a foreman might fill in function-activity columns like this: 43-078. That means that he was removing debris from the roadside. But he might make a mistake and put: 43-057, which stands for "cutting bushes and grass." His error might be carried on down the line to the mechanical monster in the Room which would print his mistake and store it away. A subtle mistake like this is hard to trace, because the only man who knows the kind of job he did is the man who did it.

The errors that do finally show up on a report have to be tracked down and corrected. A complete "journal" has to be

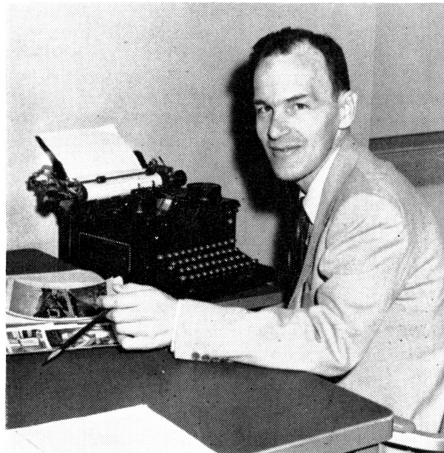
written about them—where, what, who and how. The journal has to be circulated to all the people who have anything to do with the error, so they can correct their reports. An error can cost two or three dollars up to ten dollars in time spent.

Here's a few more facts: All of the IBM machines in the Room are rented, except one sorting machine that the department owns. That's a machine like the one you see on the \$64,000 Question on TV (which, by the way, is the model that sorts a thousand cards a minute and serves no real purpose on the TV show except to look real busy in time with the music for 15 seconds every time a category is chosen). All the IBM cards, which are a special carbon-free paper, are made here in the State of Maine.

As we said, drop in for a visit some day. You'll never realize just how important those innocent-little-old figures are until you see the tabulating machine bite into a stack of cards—150 a minute—and print up totals with effortless ease and fabulous speed. The awesome part of it is it can't distinguish between right and wrong. Give it a mistake and no whistles blow, no bells ring—it's like a silent monkey-wrench thrown into the works.

Next time you've got a moment, take a trip through the grey door—straight ahead in the Division of Accounts and Administration.

And, oh yes, look up that code number next time, no guessing, please!

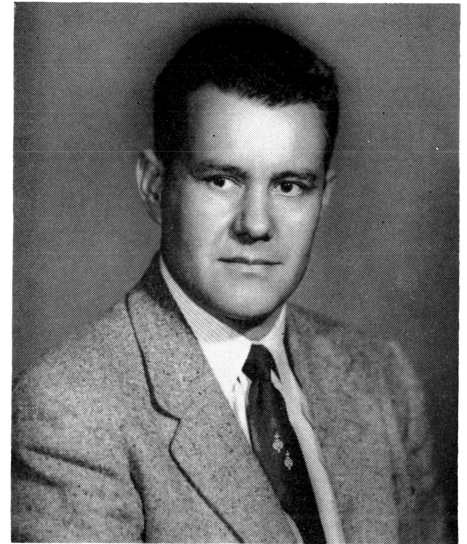


FREDERICK B. PREBLE

Frederick B. Preble, formerly Program Director of radio station WTVL in Waterville has been appointed to the position of Informational Representative. Preble had been with the Waterville station for five years. Prior to that time he attended Miami University in Ohio where he graduated with an A.B. degree; and the State University of Iowa where he was enrolled as a graduate student in Paul Engle's Creative Writing Workshop. He served overseas during World War II in the Chemical Warfare Service.

At one time Preble was on the staff of the Lewiston Sun-Journal, and for the three years before the war was Program Director at radio station WCOU in Lewiston. He has published poetry and feature stories in newspapers and national magazines.

He will work in the Division of Special Services writing news releases and



RALPH H. SAWYER

Ralph Sawyer, Traffic Engineer, was appointed on June 13 to a new position to be known as Planning and Traffic Engineer. Sawyer will fill the vacancy in the Planning Division left by the death of Fred Eaton.

At the same time, it was announced that the Division of Traffic Services and the Planning Division were combined as one Division—the Division of Planning and Traffic. Chairman Stevens said that many states have found the combination to be more effective and more efficient.

Ralph has worked for the Highway Department since 1930 beginning with summer jobs while he was attending the University of Maine. After he graduated in 1933 he worked for various state agencies and the Central Maine Power Company. In 1937 he received the Alfred P. Sloane fellowship to study for a year at Yale University in the Bureau of Traffic. Upon completing the course Ralph received a certificate in transportation. In 1939 he came to the Highway Department as Traffic Engineer, a position he has held until his recent appointment.

Ralph and the Mrs. live in Augusta. They have four children, Jane, nine years old; Gary, 12; Allen, 14 and Richard, 17 who just graduated with honors from Cony High. Richard will enter Bowdoin this fall.

Ralph's biggest extra curricula activity has been Boy Scout work. He is now chairman of the committee on camping and activities in the Pine Tree Council, and a vice chairman of the Kennebec Valley District. He belongs to the Institute of Traffic Engineers and the Maine Good Roads Association.

Congratulations to our new Planning and Traffic Engineer!

Youngest Lyon

A third boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lyon, Jr., on May 25, 1958. The proud poppa is employed at the testing station at the University of Maine. Specifications: John Jeffrey Lyon, seven pounds, fifteen ounces. Congratulations to the brave young Lyon and all the Lyons.

feature stories as well as assisting with reports and your Highway News.



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 8 x 10 original print of the reproduction (left). So many readers seemed interested in last month's photo we thought we'd show you another picturesque Maine bridge. Send your answer to: Maine Highway News, Division of Special Services, State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The picture last month was of Lowes Bridge one mile north of Sangerville over the Piscataquis River. The winner was Leon F. Hopkins, Plymouth, Maine.

ANSWERS TO MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM

There were three answers submitted to our mathematical problem in the last issue of Highway News. The problem, you may remember, went like this: The sum of two numbers is 22, and half the difference of the square is 22. What are the numbers?

The answer was arrived at by the straightforward use of simple algebra in all three letters received and the numbers turned out to be 10 and 12. The solutions came from Donald F. Campbell of Biddeford, Paul R. Jenkins of Ellsworth, and H. Stanley Weymouth, Engineer of State Aid Highways, Augusta.

AROUND THE AUGUSTA OFFICE

MAIN OFFICE

Gertrude Lunt

The State Highway Commission during the period from May 14, 1958, through June 9, 1958, attended 39 bridge hearings throughout the State.

Vaughan M. Daggett, Chief Engineer, was among those present at a meeting of the New England Road Builders Association at the Hotel Statler in Boston on the evening of May 14th.

David H. Stevens, Chairman, and Vaughan M. Daggett, Chief Engineer, attended a meeting of the Maine Good Roads Association at the Bangor House in Bangor on the evening of June 5th.

David H. Stevens, Chairman, was a speaker at the State Teachers College in Farmington on May 13, 1958, and at the University of Maine, Class in State Government, on May 22nd.

David H. Stevens, Chairman, and Vaughan M. Daggett, Chief Engineer, attended an all-day Conference on Natural Resources at Colby College on June 12th.

BRIDGE

Burleigh Boyd

Frank Foster, who resigned last month, is back in the fold again.

Ed MacLean is back with us again for the summer. Other project workers here for the summer include John G. Teas, Robert K. Barton and George H. Gardner, Jr.

George Stangle is building a new house on Second Avenue, Augusta. It has prefabricated roof trusses and is being assembled very rapidly.

Dan Harding has a new 1958 Chevrolet. Speaking of cars, that is not the Bath Fire Chief's car you see parked at the Bath Bridge project, that is Norm Turner's geranium red and white 1957 Chevie he traded for this spring.

Norm Jose has expanded somewhat and is now looking after the New Belgrade Road Bridge as well as the Bond Brook & Mount Vernon Bridge, both on the Interstate in Augusta.

Dorothy Dinsmore has a new cocker spaniel puppy named Princess.

Jerry Welch and Charles Savage have retired from State service.

Phil Mollicone completed the Outlet Bridge in Manchester and has started the Livermore-Livermore Falls Bridge.

Marty Rissell just finished a play house in the back yard for his two boys when the boys came down with the measles and the new baby sister Linda arrived.

Herb Bailey's oldest son, Tommy, was resplendent in cap and gown as he graduated from Nursery School.

There are four new Italian Porkers at the Jerry Clark farm in Readfield. Anybody wanna guinea pig?

FEDERAL AID PRIMARY

Nellie Chase

Vinton A. Savage appeared on television May 30th on WGAN, Portland, on George Hunter's program, explaining the Interstate System between Portland and Yarmouth.

Vint Savage and Bob Furber attended a fishing trip in West Carry pond June 6, 7 and 8. They came back with fish but not bragging.

Orel Fairfield is receiving congratulations on the arrival of a new son born May 22nd.

I understand that Richard Coleman is building himself a new house. Good luck to you.

Paul E. Theberge started work recently on a permanent basis.

The following Civil Engineering students have reported for work during their summer vacation: Donald L. Additon, Raymond F. Baker, James Chandler, Raymond E. Collins, William R. Fontaine, Robert R. Gaboury, Ernest L. Gallant, Robert O. Gray, Arthur Y. Johnson, James B. Johnson, Bertrand Lambert, Hollis Letteney, Robert D. Maybury, Ronald M. Mitchell, Gedeon G. Picher, Frederick W. Pierce, William C. Ricker, David A. Sweet, Lauriston A. Weymouth and Earl F. Wilder.

MOTOR TRANSPORT

Clarence Madden

Clifton Jones has returned from a 3,000-mile vacation trip which included the Indianapolis Memorial Day race and a stop with friends in Norfolk, Virginia.

Herbert "Ray" Fuller was presented with a platform rocker by the personnel of the garage on the occasion of his retirement on May 29th.

Allen Wood was the lucky winner of the first prize at the Half Back dance at Palermo recently. Allen says he can use it to good advantage. Who could not?

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wentzel enjoyed a pleasant vacation trip to Vermont last month. Ethel and Roy are grandparents again also. A boy, Jeffery Lee Houston, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Houston May 10th at Berkeley, California. Mrs. Houston is the former Loal J. Wentzel, Winthrop Rd., Augusta.

Fred Olsen and Walter Lessner are busy transporting shovels from point to point with the low bed trailer.

Owen Chase has taken up a profitable hobby. He has completed a course in television and radio repair. Owen says he has plenty to do evenings and week ends.

Ernest Bartlett and Romeo Bellavance feel miserable. Ernest with his stomach and Romeo with his teeth. Guess Romeo is going in for a set of store chonkers.

Ernest and Agnes Caldwell are grandparents again. At 8:35 a.m., June 2nd, Catherine Caldwell Wing gave birth to a bouncing nine pound, seven ounce boy, Dale Robert. This is the second child for the Wings.

Ben Durgin took a trip to Canada recently. Ben is now keeping bachelor's quarters as his wife is visiting her parents in Canada.

Word from Caribou has it that Mr. and Mrs. Leo Paradis welcomed the arrival of a son last Wednesday, June 4th. What's his name, Leo?

FEDERAL AID SECONDARY

Bob Crosswell

At the May session of the Grand Commandery in Portland, Maine, Joe Leavitt was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Maine.

Gordon Hunter accompanied Robert Vickery to Connecticut to observe methods used there for roadside weed and bush control.

Sylvester Poor spoke at the Maine Good Roads Association Meeting at Bangor, June 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crockett (Margaret Shaw) went on a fishing trip to Allagash Lake. They camped one night on Caucomgomoc Lake and camped rest of trip on Round Pond and hiked to Allagash Lake to fish. They had good luck fishing and a swell trip.

New men on for summer projects are: David Holt, Richard Partridge, George Royal, Sargent Wakefield, Jr., Charles Weaver, Wayne Winslow, Roger Drew, Forest French, Eino Leinonen, Thomas Rankin, John Balck, Raymond Bryant, Wayne Brule, Robert Cushing, Raymond Davis, John Dority, Austin Wilkins, Jr., William Barton, Arthur Getchell, Jr., and Ernest Holt.

ACCOUNTING

Irene Marsden

Two new employees in our Machine Accounting Room are Rowena Dill and Deanne Bechard.

Leona and Percy Grant are the proud parents of a little girl named Gaye Lynn. So far she is a model child and no one is spoiling her (intentionally, that is), and the only difference that the neighbors notice is that Angus, their Scottie dog, spends more time OUTSIDE. Good thing it's warm weather, eh Angus?

Summer vacations are prevalent now and the David Frasers are back from ten days in Nova Scotia. Dave played golf and enjoyed some coon-hunting, though the coon-hunting was just to exercise the hounds, he says. The men were actually unarmed. Lucky for the coons!

Dorothea and Herman Johnson just received word that they will be visited by their daughter and little granddaughter, from California.

Ed Albling took a long weekend and packed it full . . . caught up on his sleep . . . bought a new car . . . thought seriously about going fishing.

John and Avis Arata actually went fishing at Moosehead. They were driven out by the fog, rain, wind, everything but snow, John says.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Lisette Albert

Frederick Preble of Waterville has joined the staff of our division. He bears the title of Informational Representative.

Our Mr. Hinds is very busy these days touring the country checking on the picnic areas.

Yours truly and company just celebrated a two-month wedding anniversary by spending the day at Old Orchard Beach.

PLANNING

Frances Lishness

The employees of the Planning Division feel deep sorrow over the loss of their "boss" and friend, Fred Eaton. His understanding of his workers' problems, his keen humor and all-around sense of good-fellowship will long be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bell are parents of a baby boy, born May 19th. David Keith weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilles Gilbert are also receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby daughter whose name is Mary Elizabeth, born May 25th. Mary weighed eight pounds and four ounces.

Lloyd Dunn, who formerly worked in the mapping division and who has been

in Florida for the past year, returned to work in this Division on June 9th.

The traffic division reports the employment of two men: namely, Walter Carey of Rockland and Harry Bartlett of Augusta.

Of the six girls and six men who will be project workers for this summer, there will be only one who has not worked for this division before.

There will be an Origin and Destination study and a Parking Survey in Houlton from June 9-23. There will be 25 men employed on the job, the majority of them being local people. They will be under the direction of Richard Murphy who will be Chief of Party. The O and D stations will be located at the external cordon and the parking survey will cover the business district. Approximately 130 automatic recorder counts will be made in the rural and urban areas. Automatic recorder counts for the urban areas of Fort Kent and Madawaska are scheduled for two weeks during the month of June.

RIGHT OF WAY

Charlotte Blumenthal

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Jalbert, Jr., are the proud parents of Nancy Anne who was born May 23rd and weighed in at 7 lbs., 4 oz. Understand both mother and father came through just fine.

Walter Macomber, South Windsor, Me., returned to the Right of Way Drafting Room June 9th after completing his Sophomore year at the University of Maine. Welcome back, Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Appleton attended the wedding of a friend at Saranac Lake, New York, recently.

Kenneth R. Green of Auburn, Maine, came to work in the Right of Way Division June 9th as a Field Inspector in Outdoor Advertising. Happy hunting, Kenneth.

William H. Bradford, r/w Engineer, along with Jack Maassen, Merlon Cole, Arnold Cooper, John Appleton, Fred McLeary, Robert Foster and Philip Hedges, attended the Right of Way Seminar held at Lynnfield, Mass., Friday, June 6th.

Arthur Pillsbury's son, Hugh, graduated from Scarborough Highway School June 9th. Art says Hugh is anticipating studying medicine.

We are happy to report that daughter Sally was home from her employment in Boston over the Memorial Day weekend.

Seems to me the men have quite a bit to say about the Sack Dress. How about those Pink Pants????

Wilson Carleton enjoyed a week's vacation recently which he put to good advantage by "putting in his garden." Understand Wilson has a new starter on his tractor and it is working so well the wagon hitch can't take it. We are all glad to know, also, that his pump is now in good working order.

A wedding of local interest took place on Saturday, June 7th, when Paul Cook and Susan Humphrey exchanged their marriage vows at a beautiful home wedding. Paul is the son of Madelyn Cook of this division.

Thomas J. Hennessy, Jr., of Portland, Maine, entered our employ on June 2nd as a Right of Way Agent.

Bernard J. Perry of the Right of Way Drafting Room is leaving temporarily for Army duty. He left on June 24th for San Antonio, Texas, for a nine weeks' Basic Training Course.

Charles P. Nelson of Georgetown, Maine, joined the ranks of our Right of Way Attorneys on June 16th for the Summer months.

Mrs. Madeline Campbell, Chapel St., Augusta, substituted in the Clerk Typist group for a short time.

We are all sorry to lose Ann Varney, who has been temporarily in our employ as a Clerk Typist. Ann left the Right of Way Division on June 11th to join her husband in Connecticut.

A happy event took place on June 14th when Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bradford's daughter, Marilyn Anne, and A. Temple Bowen, Jr., were united in marriage at the South Parish Congregational Church, Augusta, Maine, with a reception following at the Augusta House.

STATE AID

Josephine Whalen

One of our former employees, Christina Mangin Stockford, called at the office recently. Christina has been living in California for the past two years or so with her Navy husband. They are being transferred to Norfolk, Virginia, in the near future. Christina was sporting a healthy tan and certainly appears to enjoy her (as she calls it) lazy life of coffee drinking and sitting in the sun.

Jay L. Robbins has recuperated pretty much from his last winter's sickness and is back to his old tricks again. For the past few week-ends he has been going into the woods, in another part of the State, (permission granted) and wrestling old telephone poles around to get the cross bars off in order to deck his recently built wharf at the lake. We aren't quite sure whether or not the poles have been sawed down first, (even though Jay says they have), as we know those shots he administers to himself make him kitenish enough to easily shin to the top. Jay ran into little difficulties now and then during his course of action; but anyway, in spite of vicious dogs, cranky men and trouble-making women, Jay has accomplished his aim—the material is safely stashed at his cottage home and in jig time we prophesy the wharf completed. Also, Jay has so much pep, vim and vigor, that he has been digging dandelions by the bushel about every evening during the season, then sitting up to clean them till about 3:00 a.m. The dandelion season is still in full swing at East Winthrop at this writing (6.6.58).

Mr. Stanley Weymouth has his cottage on Cobbosseecontee Lake all ready for occupancy. Well, we should get cottage weather before long.

Another granddaughter has made her appearance in the Milton Bradford family. She was born June 3rd at St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Massachusetts, weighing 6 lbs., 6 oz., and named Dawn Bradford. Gram says she feels younger with every arrival.

We aren't too sure that it was entirely beneficial to everybody to have given out information regarding Marguerite's avoirdupois in last month's paper. So many of the Highway employees, espe-

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cially men, mention no names of course, have been stampeding the State Aid office that we feel much valuable time has been lost, just to get the formula for losing weight and maybe to take a peek at the results. But on the other hand, losing a few pounds seems to give one so much energy that no doubt "the end justifies the means," so to speak.

We notice the little Bessey Boy has been spending a lot of time on roads in the Gardiner area lately. It has been rumored that he plans to take as many meals as possible there due to the good restaurants and cafes in that section. Watch that pocketbook Heb, as well as the figure, and don't spend too much on food.

State Aid continued by another employee of the Division—Josephine went on one of her more or less regular eating sprees recently. She, along with a couple of friends, went to the Roseland Diner on the Waterville road for a birthday dinner. However, Josephine was not the least bit slow to let us know it wasn't her birthday.

NEWS FROM THE DIVISIONS

DIVISION 2—Machias

Eleanor Garnett

Ronald Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gray of Baring, has been chosen as the recipient of the 1958 St. Croix Paper Co. scholarship at the University of Maine. He is a senior at Calais Memorial High School.

Everett Farren of Addison has purchased a 1958 Chevrolet, Norman Perkins of Cooper has purchased a 1958 Buick and Philip Smith of Dennysville also has purchased a Buick.

Supervisor Minden Perkins has been out for a few days with the flu.

Supervisor Hollis Schoppe celebrated his birthday on May 15th.

Alton F. White of Greenfield is the new shovel operator on Shovel #18-113 replacing Willis Bridges of Whitneyville who retired.

Sympathy is extended to Carl C. Cox of Northfield in the loss of his wife, Betty.

The tar crews have started their summer work in this area under the direction of foremen Roland Schoppe, Richard Ashe and Clyde Gray.

Rosa West of the Ellsworth Office celebrated her birthday on May 21st.

Construction has started on Baileyville Special Project with Carl Metcalf as foreman.

Foreman Arthur Look has started construction on Township #26 state aid.

Eleanor Garnett had a few days' vacation to attend her brother's graduation.



WASHINGTON COUNTY CLERK and correspondent for the NEWS. Eleanor Garnett is a busy girl as she single-handedly takes care of all clerical work in the Division 2 Machias office.

DIVISION 3—Bangor

Reita Townsend

S. B. Dickson's crew had a safety supper at the Blethen House, Dover-Foxcroft, May 27, 1958. Delicious supper, we've been told.

We had an application for work made out by a young man the other day and where it said, "Are you willing to work on rainy days?" he wrote, "Yes, with raincoat and hat."

Alden and Mrs. Small are the parents of a young son born May 29th, weighing 8 lbs. and 13 ozs. Alden is leaving for Texas for 6 months' military training. The new baby should get Alden in good shape for reveille.

John Sweet is leaving for his two weeks' military training. He was in with his military leave papers and said he wasn't ready to go yet but they are ready for him.

Mr. Deane is waiting for that phone call to tell him his new car is here. He is trying to keep the Buick out of the garage until that time.

Guess the trailer operator got his moves made the other day. During the afternoon Jay Robbins decided the trailer operator had come unhooked. In today's language I think he meant he "flipped."

Lloyd Roberts wasn't going to a Motel the other day with Eastern Corporation officials, he was just going to look at a road opening. The radio wasn't too clear at the time. Guess that was just wishful thinking, Lloyd.

Mel Roberts bought his wife a new stove and as of now it is hooked up properly in the kitchen.

S. B. Dickson learned the other day that you don't go down street in your garden clothes. The seam in those pants had come unstitched. Embarrassing!

Our sympathy is extended to Fred Eaton's family. His brother lives here in Bangor.

We had a very nice party for Harold Russell June 6th in Lincoln. Harold has retired after 31 years of service. He was presented with a wrist watch and a gun scope. With that scope we ought to get some venison this fall. Mrs. Russell was presented with a bouquet of red roses. The Aroostook Division presented him with a tool kit filled with tools. Now, Harold, you can really fix up those things you've been putting off. Seventy-two people attended to wish Harold lots of luck in his retirement. The Russells are moving to Linneus and Harold says he's going to cut wood and let Pauline (Mrs. Russell) pile it. We'll miss you, Harold, and hope you'll come see we poor working people.

Lewis Hanscom has been appointed to take Harold's place and is really getting into the swing of things.

DIVISION 5—Rockland

Ruth L. Davenport

Hubert Hubbard, District Supervisor, and sons Marshall and David were in Washington County around the Wesley-Crawford area fishing over Memorial weekend.

Norman Burleigh, laborer in the Liberty district, is recuperating from a knee operation and is coming along fine.

A safety banquet was awarded to the men in Brainard Caverly's district on May 21st at Kob's Lobster Pound in Searsport. Arrangements were made by George Murphy, who also attended.

Raymond Worthing, 63, laborer in Farley Week's district, passed away on May 11th at his home in Liberty.

Neil Libby, Sr., Patrolman's Helper, and Obed Hart, Grader Operator, went fishing at Swan Lake in Swanville on May 11th. It proved to be a lucky day as two salmon and a brown trout weighing 12 lbs., 5 oz., were caught.

Herbert Lockhart, Tar Foreman in Carleton Hughes' district, is the owner of a new 1958 Plymouth with push-button drive.

Farley Weeks, District Supervisor, recently spent several days fishing in the Moosehead and Rangeley areas.