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PARKS RECORD - An all-time record of more than 764,000 people have visited Maine State Parks and Recreation facilities as of the end of June, 1983 according to figures released by BPR. The 3/4 of a million figure represents a 238,000 increase in visitors over the same period in 1982. Commissioner Anderson noted that while hot, dry weather was the most obvious reason for the increase, awareness programs such as the publication of "Outdoors in Maine" and the successful "Meet Me At The Park" day accounted for some of the increase. According to Herb Hartman, BPR Director, "if the current trend continues, we could have visitation totaling 2.5 million, compared to the record 2,330,672 in 1982 and season pass sales of 7,000 doubling the 3,500 sold last year."

SOFTBALL NEWS - The "Force" battled hard against Mental Health in an extra inning thriller on July 7. Ahead by 7 runs in the top of the seventh, they allowed MH to tie the score, sending the game into extra innings. Neither team could gain an advantage and the game was finally called with the score tied 20-20. Tom Radsky hit 3 homeruns and Tony St. Peter added 2 more for a team record. the hot hitting continued on July 22, when the "Force" beat DEP for the first time in 2 years. Homeruns by Tom Doak and Bob Johnston contributed to the 18-7 shelling. However, the team did not fare so well on its next 2 outings, losing to Bureau of Health 16-8 and getting a harsh lesson from Education, 15-4. B.O.H. pulled off a triple play to stifle a "Force" rally while Education held the team to a season low 7 hits. Carol Holden was the only player to reach base more than once in the game against Education.

UMA University of Maine at Augusta course guides for the Fall Semester are available from Barbara McGee, Personnel Officer. Anyone who may wish to take courses starting in September should contact Barbara at 289-2211.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - Montpelier, rated as the day-use park users are most satisfied with according to a survey conducted in 1982, drew a crowd of over 500 people to General Henry Knox's Birthday Celebration on July 23, according to Mary Olson, Manager at Montpelier. Open house was held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with each room of the house staffed by a costumed guide. Approximately \$35,000 from two grants have been dedicated to major repairs at Montpelier, the replicated home of General Knox in Thomaston, according to BPR Director, Herb Hartman. Commissioner Anderson stated that the grants will enable us to truly honor the man considered to be President George Washington's right-hand man, General Henry Knox, on the anniversary of his 223 birthday, by ensuring that major structural problems are corrected at Montpelier.

RIVER INSPECTION - Ed Beach, Jan Saleeby, Tom Cieslinski, Forrest Shaw and Tom Skolfield spent a couple of days inspecting sections of the Saco River recently. The major problems encountered on the trip were self-inflicted, e.g. tent raising and outboard maintenance.

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GOLF - At the request of Lucinda Russell, the miniature golf course at the Harlow Building is going to be re-opened. It was closed recently due to lack of use so if we want it to stay open, we've got to get out there and use it. They are considering holding a weekly tournament with the best score of the week winning a free week of golf.

BRIEFLY - Joe Forti, Region D Supervisor, and his wife Barbara recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. CONGRATULATIONS...Cathy Stultz returned to work Monday after a week-long vacation. She spent part of the week at Peaks-Kenny State Park and was impressed with the park...Ron Yates returned to the office recently after overseeing the construction of a boat ramp in Sebobeis...

FIELD TRIP - Norm Rodrigue, Bernie Schruender and Robb Spivey recently spent two days out in the field on an operation review at Public Reserved Lands in T7R8 WELS (Scraggly Lake) and T6 R11 WELS (Telos). They examined Timber, Wildlife, Recreation and Road Programs on these properties. Norm said he thought the Wildlife Program must be a success, if growing mosquitoes was any indication. As Regional Manager, Del Ramey has initiated an active program of management on these properties. The work being accomplished is first rate, indicative of the concern for good public land management and high professional standards.

TV NEWS INTERVIEW - Ken Wiley and Jan Saleeby will be appearing on Channel 5 (Bangor) news during an on-site interview at Moxie Falls. Ken and Jan will describe problems being created at the area by improper use of 4-wheel drive vehicles. The interview will be done today, July 27.

EMERGENCY RESCUE TRAINING - A joint training exercise with the Maine Forest Service, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, U.S. Navy and National Guard participating will be held at the Old Town headquarters on August 9th, according to Roger Milligan. The training will be on the use of helicopters for emergency rescue work.

CONFERENCE STAFF - Sheila MacDonald, Mick Rogers and Marshall Wiebe will be serving as staff for travel information during the National Governor's Conference being held in Portland on July 29 - August 2.

NOMINATION Andy Tolman, Acting State Geologist, has been nominated President of the Maine Geological Society. The society is the largest single organization of Geologists in the State with 200 members. Andy's duties will include conducting field trips, organizing quarterly meetings and publications.

NEWS FROM NORWAY - In a post card to Commissioner Anderson, Walter Anderson reports that the Geology issues in Norway are similar to Maine's. Walter had just completed a fantastic tour of Norwegian alps and fjords and visited several geologic field parties in Western Norway. The Norwegian Geological Survey has a well organized itinerary for Walter complete with car and a geologist chauffeur. He will be spending the rest of this month in Trondheim and Eastern Norway then on to Finland and Shockholm and back to Oslo for a visit to South Coast and Bergen until the end of August.

EAGLE ISLAND - Commissioner Anderson and his wife Patricia took a trip out to Eagle Island, the summer home of Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole. The island is managed by DOC Bureau of Parks and Recreation. They were met by Sam Cox and his wife Leona as well as Park Manager, Eric Smith, who led the tour of the historic site. They traveled out to the Island aboard the Kristi K which operates from DiMillo's Marina in Portland. Anyone interested in making the trip should call 774-6498 or write Capt. Wayne Selberg, RR 1, Box 184, Portsmouth, ME 04096.