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TOUR - Terry Walters, District Forester in Naples, has been chosen by a fellow
STUDY member of the Society of American Foresters to participate in a planned study tour to France. The anonymous sponsor wishes to recognize Terry's membership in the Society and his work in the field of forestry and forest management by paying the base cost of the tour. The gift also recognizes Terry's desire to maintain the quality and influence of his professional standing by continued study and training in his chosen profession. Terry will be arriving in Paris on September 22 and will return on October 7. The sponsor and Society are in hopes that Terry will take appropriate notes and slides during the tour and, upon his return, pass them on to his fellow foresters and the forestry community so they can see what he saw and learned about forestry in France.

IRLAND ON - Writing in the August, 1983 edition of Forest Industries, former DOC
"FROSTBELT Public Lands Director Lloyd Irland says that northern forests have
FORESTS" made a great comeback since the twenties but they are still currently underutilized. The problem, he says, is matching species and quality with demand. "The Frostbelt will change rapidly to a region where industrial growth is based on wood thanks to a new era of improved forestry. The rewards will go to those with the best timing, the best planning and the best marketing," Irland wrote.

DUNN - UMO Senior Pat Dunn, who worked for Tom Cieslinski in the Bureau of
BEARS Parks & Recreation last summer, has donned a bear suit for the last
ALL three years to play the part of the college mascot, "Bananas" the bear. The bear mascot began back in 1913 when a live black bear ambled onto the UMO football field during a pep rally and stood on its head. The crowd went bananas and the tradition began. Seventy years later, the tradition is carried on in a bear suit worn by Pat. This will be Pat's last year as "Bananas" and he hopes that after graduation, he can become a mascot for a professional ball team. He says he will be sorry to leave behind the bear suit and the personality he created and developed during the past 3 years. "It's been a big part of my life; I'll miss it," said Dunn.

TRAINING - The 32nd Annual Service Foresters Training Academy was held September 12-15
ACADEMY in the Windham area. Terry Walters and Cliff Foster of the Casco office hosted a field meeting for more than 50 state foresters, consulting foresters and industry foresters. This year's major theme was biomass harvesting and its effect on the forest environment. Biomass harvesting is a fairly recent concept whereby an entire tree is removed from the woods and chipped for fuelwood. The spread of this technology is being closely watched by the forest community. The foresters also visited the Town Forest of Shapleigh where they were joined by town officials. Other foresters on the program were Floyd Farrington and Peter Lammert.

WEDDING - Ed Bowden, Assistant District Ranger at Seboomook Dam was married on September 3 to Brenda Lyford. They will be residing at Seboomook Dam for a short while until they move into their recently purchased home in Corinna. CONGRATULATIONS!

PROMOTIONS - Congratulations to Dave Wight of Greenville and Tom Parent of Eagle Lake on their recent appointments as Regional Rangers. Dave has assumed responsibility for Fire Control's Western Region. He joined the MFS in 1972 and spent the first 9 years of his MFS tenure as a fire control ranger in the towns of Dover, New Sharon and West Forks. For the past two years he has served as Assistant Regional Ranger for the Western Region. Tom has assumed responsibilities for Fire Control's Southern Region and has worked for the MFS for the past 8 years out of Daaquam and has been Assistant District Ranger and fire prevention officer for northern Maine for the past five years. They will be responsible for the supervisory and administrative work involved in directing fire control activities for a designated region and for planning, organizing and directing all fire prevention, pre-suppression and suppression activities.

SOFTBALL - The DOC finished the 1983 softball season with a record of 12 wins, 7 losses and 1 tie. Their 7 game winning streak snapped, along with Steve Oliveri's leg, in the final game of the season against DHS Central on September 13. Over the weekend of September 17 - 18, the DOC "Force" played in the State Government softball tournament and emerged a respectable third out of 20 teams. DOC did it by easily winning their first 2 games against the Housing Authority Hog Breeders with a score of 9-1 and DHS Central, to avenge Oliveri's broken leg, with a score of 9-4. The first big test of the tournament came against Bridge Design, who had eliminated DOC in last year's tournament. The lead changed hands several times, until the 6th inning when Tom Doak tripled to knock in Gary Cole and then scored on Tom Radsky's sacrifice fly to give DOC a 3 run lead...but Bridge Design battled back to get 2 runs in the bottom of the 7th inning. Pitcher Radsky got the final out of the game on a weak grounder, leaving the bases loaded with Bridge Designers. DOC then played two tough games against Motor Vehicles and Taxation. Errors cost them the Motor Vehicle game as the team hung on in a close 4-3 game until the 7th when, with 2 out, Motor Vehicle exploded for 6 unearned runs. The game against Taxation saw the DOC shut out for the first time in several years. Despite their excellent defense, holding Taxation, the eventual tournament champions, to only 3 runs, they couldn't come up with the offense they had displayed earlier. Congratulations to all team members for a fine effort and for the support and enthusiasm from those that didn't get a chance to play. The trophy will be on display outside Dick Anderson's office.

BRIEFLY - Steve Curtis and Ron Hunt represented the Bureau of Parks and Recreation at the 1983 Park Superintendent Workshop sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks...Tom Morrison has been reassigned to the Spruce Budworm Division, Augusta office as of September 6, 1983. He transferred from the Old Town Headquarters...Preliminary results received on September 1 show that State park attendance and income over the past year increased 15% and 20% respectively...

PERSONNEL - The State Department of Personnel has purchased computer software from Management Sciences America, Inc. to improve the processing and storing of relevant data required for personnel actions, reporting and analysis for each area of personnel administration. It is expected that the system will be available to some agencies early this winter. Given DOC's unique and substantial personnel data management and reporting requirements, the Administrative Services Division applauds the purchase. The system is the same one that is used at the Maine Medical Center and L. L. Bean.

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