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OFFICE SPACE - Due to the fact that it has been some time since the Department moved into the Harlow Building, and since then, people and positions have come and gone, programs have been added, deleted or changed, Commissioner Anderson has established an Office Space Task Force to review office space distribution throughout the building. The Task Force will develop a plan and recommendation(s) to better allocate space based on current need and will report to the Commissioner by October 21, 1983.

OPEN HOUSE - An exhibit of historical photographs and other materials about the Mt. Bigelow - Flagstaff area will be the subject of an open house at Bigelow Preserve Lodge on Saturday, October 8, hosted by Nancy Malesky, Bureau of Public Lands. The exhibit, along with walks to the Round Barn Site have been gaining in popularity with 25 people participating in the first one, done in June, to 125 participants at the last one, done in September. Nancy has done extensive research on the Flagstaff-Mt. Bigelow area and she has gathered a variety of photographs, maps, newspapers and magazine articles that detail the history of Dead River and Flagstaff, the formation of the Bigelow Development Corporation, and the creation of Bigelow Preserve. Her interest in the region's history has led to conversations with many former residents of the villages of Dead River and Flagstaff, which were moved to allow creation of the Flagstaff Lake power storage reservoir.

VACATIONS - Carole Ricker recently returned from a 2½-week whirlwind tour of Europe. Some of the places Carole and her husband visited include the Swiss Alps, Venice, London, Paris, Rome, Germany and Holland... Debbie Ross returned to work on Monday after an 8-day vacation in Florida. Debbie traveled 1,000 miles while in Florida visiting Disney World, Epcot Center and Busch Gardens.

VOLLEYBALL - With the softball season a memory, it is now time to start the volleyball season. The Department has the use of the Hamlin School gym in Randolph on Monday nights, beginning tonight, October 3. The games will start at 7:00 p.m. and all DOC personnel, family and friends are welcome to join.

ENERGY - On every Thursday in October, the Office of Energy Resources will offer a lunch hour series of informational workshops and slide shows on various energy topics, They will be held in Room 109 of the State Office Building from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. and the agenda is as follows:

- Thursday, October 6 -- Modern Woodburning Technologies
- Thursday, October 13 -- Warmer Windows
- Thursday, October 20 -- Safe Woodburning
- Thursday, October 27 -- Energy Efficient House Construction

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Dan Pratt and his wife Marianne celebrated 25 years of marriage recently by taking a trip to Niagara Falls. Upon returning they were honored with a party given by their daughter Gretchen. CONGRATULATIONS!

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Across the northeastern and north-central portions of the United States and adjoining Canada, use of forest lands has intensified in recent years. With this intensification has come a greater awareness of the potential for even more encompassing and informed development. New markets for wood, heavier recreational demands and growing concern for water and wildlife resources are all facets of this rapidly changing reality. A new publication, The Northern Journal of Applied Forestry, intends to provide improved access to new research and applied technology on the subjects of silviculture, wildlife and recreation, logging and roading, inventory, pest control, fire use and control, and other day-to-day land management concerns. They will do this by providing up-to-date technical information from researchers and by drawing upon the significant body of knowledge of land managers, who they will seek out as authors. For more information on the price and how to subscribe, see Andrea Erskine, Public Information Section, for a copy of the order form.

RETIREMENT - Priscilla Daiute was honored by fellow employees at a party on Friday, September 30, the date she retired, after 11 years with the Department. She was given a diamond necklace as a farewell gift from her fellow employees as well as a supply of matches (so she doesn't have to run around looking for matches every time she wants a cigarette) and a cutting board from Peter Lammert. Ken Stratton and Tom Rumpf will also be taking Priscilla up on a hot-air balloon ride. They had planned to go on Sunday, but couldn't because of poor weather.

BRIEFLY - Woody Thompson appeared on the local news last Thursday evening commenting on the possible causes of the landslide in Gorham which destroyed a house and 4 vehicles...Several members of the Management Division, including Walter Gooley, Bob Umberger, Dick Arbour, Clif Foster and Chuck Hulsey, manned a booth at the Common Ground Fair last weekend. Peter Lammert and Gary Morse conducted log bucking demonstrations for fair-goers...Kenneth Stratton will be traveling to Washington, D.C. this week to speak at the annual meeting of the American Forestry Association...The U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Maine Geological Survey, will begin work this week on the Western Maine Seismic Reflection Profile Project. The project's traverse from the Quebec border to the Maine coast is expected to reveal information about deep structures in the earth's crust...Three members of the Spruce Budworm Division will be traveling to Moncton, New Brunswick to attend an instructive training course. Al Willis from the Fire Control Division will be one of the instructors.

PARK ATTENDANCE UP - The park attendance figures through the month of August were 2,342,213, which is an increase of 307,176 over last year. Income for the months of July and August totaled \$410,233, which surpassed estimated income by \$41,373.