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TOURISM - Commissioner Anderson gave a speech at the Governor's Conference on Tourism which was held on October 17 & 18 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. He spoke on the Department of Conservation's role in Maine's tourism industry and various DOC programs including State parks, historic sites, boat launching and snowmobiling; publicly-owned land managed by the Bureau of Public Lands; the Land Use Regulation Commissions efforts to protect scenic and environmental values on roughly half the State through zoning; the fall foliage reports done by forest fire rangers and tower people and the regulation of backcountry camping through the Forest Fire Control Program.

PEAT RESOURCE EVALUATION PROGRAM - Members of the Maine Mineral Resources Association participated in a field trip to Chemo Bog on Friday, October 14. Carolyn Lepage and Walter Anderson summarized the results of the Maine Peat Resource Evaluation Program conducted over the past 4½ years by the Maine Geological Survey. This was followed by a demonstration, by the Program's principal investigator Dr. Cornelia Cameron and Mike Mullen, of the methods used in evaluating the resource potential of a peat deposit.

REFORESTATION - Bureau of Public Lands Director Rob Gardiner recently toured Scott Paper Company reforestation lands with members of the industry-sponsored Cooperative Forestry Research Unit. This Unit provides scientific support for commercial forest land managers, gathering and compiling data which will improve returns to the management enterprise. Although the State has not been involved in this effort previously, the Bureau will be discussing the matter.

BABY TALK - Congratulations to Fred Todd and Ann Pistell on the recent addition to their family. Katherine was born on October 8 weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Apparently Fred was worried that he wouldn't make it through delivery without fainting,, but he did and all three are doing fine.

PERSONNEL - Mike Barrett has accepted the position of Director of Licensing within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and will be leaving the Maine Forest Service on October 22. Best of luck to Mike in his new assignment...Pat Jennings is working for L.U.R.C. on a temporary basis as a Project Analyst...Mike Mullen has left the Maine Geological Survey for a position with the Department of Environmental Protection and will be missed by all...Marie Plourd will be re-joining the 3rd floor crew on October 31 as an Account Clerk I in Bookkeeping. Welcome back, Marie... Administrative Services has two new employees; Esther Spencer started work on October 12 as a Clerk Typist I and Lorna DeAmaral began working on October 17. Lorna previously worked for Motor Vehicle.

MARATHON - Bob Johnston, Geology, finished Sunday's Casco Bay Marathon in 3 hours, 20 minutes and 23 seconds, placing 221st out of over 700 runners. The DOC Casco Bay Marathon record remained intact.

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RFP - At long last, the Department's Request For Proposal (RFP) for the acquisition of data and word processing hardware and software has been sent to the State Contract Review Committee for their final review and approval. The Computer Equipment Acquisition Committee, made up of Marc Loisel, Geology; Dick Arbour and Jim Rea, Forestry; Robb Spivey, Public Lands and Norm Rodrigue have been working for almost a year on the project, meeting with many computer vendors and discussing Department needs with outside technical and professional people. The RFP was to have been issued this summer, but was delayed due to the purchasing freeze. The committee is shooting for a January installation date. The initial, or core system will include a work station in each bureau with the capacity to expand from there.

AWARDS - Leland Griffin, Park Manager at Lamoine State Park, is this year's recipient of the Park Manager of the Year Award which was presented during the fall Manager's training session. Lee was chosen for this award because of the improvements he has brought about at Lamoine State Park, his organizing of extra park activities and the fine job he has done with community relations. On October 13, Lee also received an award from the Private Industry Council (a group that oversees the youth training programs) for his work as a supervisor over Summer Youth Employment Program employees during the summer. The award is given to supervisors who have the qualities that the SYEP program likes to see for their youth program and for giving "that little extra" to the youth in the program. Keep up the good work Leland!

FIELD TRIPS - Walter Anderson, Andy Tolman, Woody Thompson, Carolyn Lepage and Bob Johnston attended the 75th Annual New England Intercollegiate Field Trip Conference held in Greenville the weekend of October 7-9. Many of the trips were led by geologists who map for the Maine Geological Survey during the summer field season. The participants were favorably impressed by the Squaw Mountain Lodge which served as the Conference headquarters.

FIRE TRAINING EXERCISE - The Maine Forest Service, Fire Control Division, conducted the sixth annual statewide forest fire training exercise in Machiasport on October 11, 12 and 13. The exercise, designed by Roger Milligan and Maynard Thornton, was based on a simulated fire which escaped from the Machiasport dump and ignited adjacent stands of spruce budworm damaged spruce and fir. The three specially trained Maine Forest Service Fire Control Overhead Teams, created after the Baxter State Park fire in 1977, were brought in to manage the simulation.

EARTHQUAKE - A magnitude 5.2 earthquake that occurred at 6:10 a.m. on Friday, October 7 in eastern New York was felt throughout much of western and central Maine. Anyone who felt the earthquake is asked to fill in an Earthquake Questionnaire which may be obtained from the Maine Geological Survey.

PARK PROJECTS - A \$95,545 contract was recently awarded to W. E. Cloutier & Co. Inc. for the construction of bathhouses and rinse-off showers at Popham Beach State Park in Phippsburg. The bathhouses, one each on the east and west side of the Park, will be constructed this fall and will be available for use in 1984. Visitors to Cobscook Bay State Park in Dennysville next season will be able to enjoy hot showers due to central shower facility construction planned to begin this fall. The \$78,900 contract was awarded to Richard B. Coakley of Pembroke.