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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - The Department of Conservation's updated affirmative action plan has been printed and copies have been distributed, for employee review, to all bureaus, central, regional and district offices. The Department's Equal Employment Opportunity policy statement is also enclosed with your check this week. The Department's Affirmative Action Officer, Ellen Baum, is available to handle Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action questions you may have. She can be reached at 289-2211.

YANKEE WOODLOT - The official opening and dedication of the Somerset County Yankee Woodlot Demonstration Area, located in Skowhegan, was held on October 27. The demonstration area, consisting of approximately 238 acres, is being made available through the cooperative efforts of the Bureau of Public Lands, the Maine Forest Service, the Soil Conservation Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine. The first 20 educational sites of what will eventually be a self-guided trail, over 2 miles in length, is now open for public use. The trail will enable educational and recreational use of the area while also permitting the area to be managed for the best long-term productivity. DOC employees attending the ceremony included Robb Spivey, Blake Reynolds, Nancy Malesky and Gary Donovan from the Bureau of Public Lands; Walter Gooley, Jack Dirkman, Doug Stark, and Kathy Hale from the Maine Forest Service; Pam Truesdale from Parks as well as Public Lands Director Rob Gardiner and Commissioner Anderson, who spoke at the dedication.

BEAR STORY - You've all heard the story of Goldilocks and the three bears; the bears go out for a walk and return to find Goldilocks asleep in their bed after having eaten their food and broken a chair. Just the opposite took place recently at the watchperson's camp on Allagash Mountain. Les Rideout and his wife returned to the camp after a couple of days off to find that a bear had come to visit while they were out. The bear had climbed up on the roof, torn the stovepipe off, clawed a hole in the roof, bitten a log out of the side of the camp through which he pulled a pillow and blanket and half a mattress, and had torn all the screens off the windows. The bear's footprints, which were left on the windows, were about a foot long. That's one visitor you wouldn't be sorry about missing.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION - Rita Brann's final operation was successfully performed on October 19. She is home recuperating and anxious to return to work with Public Lands.

- MACC - Jack Dirkman, Forester for MFS and a member of the Board of Directors of the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions, spoke at the October 22 Annual Meeting of the MACC on the subject of multiple-use management potential of often-neglected Maine town forests. A new MACC publication - A Town Forest Handbook - was also described by Dirkman, one of the publication's authors, during the meeting. The handbook will provide a means for Conservation Commissions to establish a town forest and place it under management for recreation, education and proper timber harvesting. There are presently 89 town forests in the State comprising 89,000 acres.
- EARTH
QUAKE - A minor earthquake, with a magnitude of 2.6 on the Richter Scale, was reported shortly after noon on Sunday in the Belgrade area. Anyone who felt the earthquake is asked to contact the Maine Geological Survey to fill out an earthquake questionnaire. The MGS can be reached at 289-2801.
- GYPSY
MOTH - The gypsy moth population has collapsed in eastern coastal areas of Washington and Hancock counties, and nearly collapsed in central and southwestern Maine, according to David Struble, Entomologist with the Maine Forest Service. Results of recent defoliation and egg mass surveys indicate that with the exception of the Penobscot River Valley, from Old Town to Howland, large numbers of gypsy moths will be difficult to find anywhere in the State. Results of an aerial defoliation survey showed a dramatic drop from 578,220 defoliated acres in 1982 to 26,353 acres this year.
- BRIEFLY - Walter Anderson and Senator Judy Kany discussed low level radioactive waste disposal on Channel 13's "At Issue" program on October 30...John Poisson is the stage manager for UMF's upcoming Theatre production of "Playboy of the Western World"...Ralph Knoll was recently elected Treasurer of the Western Maine Forest Forum...Joe Kelley spoke on coastal storms at a meeting of the Estuarine Research Federation at Virginia Beach, Virginia...Nancy Malesky has been called for jury duty in Skowhegan...
- BABY
TALK - Several DOC employees are anxiously awaiting their first visit from the stork. The months of April, May and June will bring an addition to the families of Andrea and Eric Erskine, Ralph and Terry Knoll, Ken and Sue Spalding, and Jill and Harold French, in that order.
- BOSSSES
HONORED - Secretaries Sandra Cleaves of Parks and Recreation, Nancy Leighton of Public Lands and Forestry and Claire Bielk, DEP served their bosses a home-cooked chicken dinner with all the trimmings at the DOC/DEP Northern Region Headquarters on October 14. The dinner was in observance of National Bosses Day and was their way of showing their bosses how much they enjoy working for them.
- ELECTION - Ken Stratton was elected Vice President of the National Association of State Foresters at their annual meeting held recently in Lexington, Kentucky.