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CLEAN  
UP DAY

- In an effort to eliminate the tons of waste paper that has accumulated over the years, Commissioner Anderson has designated December 30, 1983 as "Recycling Day" in the Department of Conservation's Harlow Building and at other DOC facilities throughout the State. While it is necessary to hold on to certain files, publications, etc., the unnecessary paper accumulation presents a fire hazard, takes up badly needed space and creates many other problems. He is asking that every storage area in the Harlow Building receive a thorough purging to eliminate outdated reports, old calendars, superseded rules etc., and that each and every file cabinet be thoroughly cleaned out of any unneeded material. There will be waste carts on each floor to collect the waste which will then be delivered to the first floor where it will be weighed and sorted prior to being sold by AMHI recycling people. The goal will be to recycle 2,500 pounds of paper, so all you pack rats who have been holding on to things "that you really don't need right now, but may use someday" (which many of us are guilty of) will have to loosen your grips on all that waste and get rid of it. Everyone should wear their work clothes and be prepared to help out. There will be a victory celebration at Hazel Green's at 5:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS  
PARTY  
DONATIONS

The Annual State Employees' Christmas Party for preschool children will be held on December 14 in the Hall of Flags beginning at 10:00 a.m. DOC contributions to the party totalled \$84.00. Forestry donated \$11.00; Parks, \$14.50; Geology, \$7.00; Public Lands, \$11.00; L.U.R.C. gave \$8.00 and Administrative Services gave \$32.50.

SNOWMOBILE  
INFORMATION

- The Snowmobile Division of Parks has installed a toll-free in-coming watts line on a trial basis to provide snowmobilers with greater accessibility to that office. The primary purpose of the line is to service the municipal and club grants, but can also be used for other purposes that require attention. The number is 1-800-462-1019.

WOOD  
ENERGY  
CONFERENCE

- Commissioner Anderson, Peter Lammert and Michael Cyr attended a Wood Energy Conference in Hanover, New Hampshire on December 11 and 12. The conference gave them the opportunity to learn first-hand what is being accomplished in the wood energy field, with the possibility of Maine updating or starting new wood energy programs; i.e. converting certain State facility heating systems to wood fuel.

EDUCATIONAL  
TOUR

- The Maine Geological Survey was host to a group of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students from the New Day School in Mount Vernon on Friday, December 9 on a tour of MGS cartographic facilities.



WINTER WALKS - Although the winter landscape may appear to be dormant and bleak at this time of year, there remains an abundance of plant and animal life to observe and study. Guided nature walks exploring the wonders of winter ecology will be offered at Wolf Neck Woods State Park beginning January 7th and lasting through March 18th. Persons interested in a walk led by Pam Truesdale, Park Naturalist, should meet at the entrance gate at 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

MCC - Dennis Doiron recently began work for DOC as the first Director of the Maine Conservation Corps. The Corps were created to provide job training and work opportunities on public property for unemployed Maine citizens. The program will improve public property for the use and increased enjoyment of the public. According to Commissioner Anderson, "the MCC will enable important work to be done on publicly-owned land that would not otherwise be performed while at the same time providing work and income to the unemployed." It is expected that most of the projects will occur during the summer months on State parks, public lots and forestry projects. Dennis was formerly employed with the Department of Labor as Acting Director of Research and Policy Development. Earlier he was the Planning Supervisor for the Office of Maine CETA. WELCOME ABOARD DENNIS!

EPA AWARD - Rob Gardiner, Director of Public Lands, recently received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's highest regional award for his activities as Executive Director of the Maine Natural Resources Council. The award was presented to Rob for his efforts to inform and educate the citizens of Maine and for bringing about a greater concern and awareness for environmental issues.

PERSONNEL - Cheryl Fontaine began work with the Maine Geological Survey on Monday, December 12. Cheryl had been working for DEP on the aquifers project and will be doing the same for MGS as a Geology Technician...Charlene Dutremble began work for DOC's Personnel Office on Monday, December 5 as a Personnel Specialist. Charlene worked for AMHI's Personnel Office for the past 5 years...Dorothy Arbour, hired under DOC's Older American Program, began work on December 6 as a Librarian at the Entomology Lab...WELCOME TO DOC!...Terry LaVallee has transferred to the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural and Rural Resources Division. Best of luck to Terry in her new position. (Terry and Rudy are also expecting their first child. Congratulations Terry!)

REMINDER - There is still time to sign up for the DOC Christmas party for those of you who haven't had a chance. It is going to be held on December 16 at the American Legion Hall in Augusta. Contact Donna McLaughlin at 289-2631. So far, approximately 85 people are planning to attend. Sounds like a good time!

\*\*\*MAY YOU ALL HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON\*\*\*