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CHILD CARE - Over the next four months, the Child Care Labor-Management Committee will be researching and collecting information about the child care needs of State employees in order to develop a set of recommendations by early next year. Enclosed with this week's check is a questionnaire which is being made available to every interested State employee. It is essential that the Committee hear from as many State employees as possible in order to ensure that their recommendations meet your needs. Please fill out the questionnaire and return to the Child Care Labor-Management Committee, State House Station # 93, by February 15, 1984.

RANGER HONORED - Allagash Wilderness Waterway Ranger, Jon Metcalf, was recently cited by Glen Manuel, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Commissioner, for cooperation with his Department. In addition to his duties as Ranger, Jon has been supplying the fisheries biologists with information about angler use and fish harvested at Allagash Lake. This cooperation has been beneficial to both agencies, and especially the citizens of Maine, in that the lakes resources are being more closely protected than either agency could do on its own.

INJURY - Jym St. Pierre, Land Use Regulation Commission, fractured his elbow last weekend in an ice skating accident. Jym is hoping to be fully recuperated in time for a four-day cross-country ski trip through Baxter State Park planned for later this month with Ken Spalding and others.

SPEAKING OF SKIING... Cross-country skiing on trails through the Pine Tree State Arboretum and Chelsea Woods across from the Harlow Building has been a popular noon-time activity in recent weeks. Excellent trail conditions have been reported by skiers Carol Holden, Lew Allen, Tom Cieslinski, Tom Rumpf, Ellen Baum, Andrea Erskine, Dick Coffin, Kris and Steve Oliveri. Let's hope the excellent conditions continue.

SURGERY - Ken Hendren, MFS, underwent eye surgery at Eastern Maine Medical Center on January 31st. He is home recuperating and resting comfortably, expecting to return to work in 2 weeks.

BUDWORM NEWS - On January 27, the Executive Directors of the Natural Resources Council of Maine and Maine Audubon Society met with MFS Director Ken Stratton and budworm staff to encourage the expanded use of Bt in this year's spray program. In response to this request, and because the cost of Bt is more competitive this year, individual spray blocks are being reviewed for potential Bt use. It is expected that 30% of the project acreage will be treated with Bt in 1984, double the proportion of last year's project.

PERSONNEL - Richard Bostwick has resigned his position as Mapping Supervisor with the Spruce Budworm Division effective February 24, 1984. He is promoting to a Planning & Research Associate with the Department of Transportation in the Location & Environment Division. Richard says he is going to have a rough time adjusting to spending May and June in Hallowell rather than Northern Aroostook County...Doug Cotnoir began work on January 30 as a Clerk Typist I for Administrative Services. Doug is attending the University of Maine at Augusta for Accounting. Welcome aboard, Doug...

SLIDE SHOW Danny Bell, Park Manager II at Bradbury Mountain/Wolf Neck Woods, will present a slide show about the Park system at L. L. Bean on Friday, February 10. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. in the L. L. Bean cafeteria. Commissioner Anderson will attend and speak about Department programs.

COMPUTERS FOR LOGGING - Gary Morse and Merle Ring, Utilization Foresters for MFS, and Bob Meyer, Division Forester for the American Pulpwood Association are putting together a one-day computer seminar for loggers who are considering purchasing computers to help them out in their businesses. The seminar will give some basic information on computers and what they can do. Merle, Gary and Bob will make presentations along with loggers who are now using computers. The seminar is being planned for late April or early May.

WHOLE TREE CHIPPING - On April 9, 1984, the Department of Conservation, Maine Forest Service will be holding a workshop on the layout and conduct of whole tree chipping operations. It will be held at the Augusta Civic Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. and running until 5:00 p.m. A social hour and cash bar from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. will be followed by the Joint East-West Forest Forum with a buffet supper and speakers wrapping up the day-long chipping discussions. Members of the U.S. Forest Service and the Maine Forest Service will discuss the best management (silvicultural) practices for various timber stands. The evening forum will discuss how much biomass can be harvested each year from Maine.

RETIREMENT PARTY - Rodney Grant, Assistant District Ranger in Cherryfield, will be retiring the end of this month. A party has been planned for the 25th of February at the Red Barn Restaurant in Milbridge. Happy Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. from the menu at your own expense. There will be a money tree at the restaurant for Rodney. Please fill out the form below and return to David Livingstone, Cherryfield, ME 04622, by February 18th.

I plan to attend the retirement party for Rodney Grant on 2/25.

NAME _____ # ATTENDING _____

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