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SCHOLARSHIP - Department of Conservation employees who have children enrolled in forestry at the University of Maine at Orono should remind them that they are eligible for the \$500 James C. Durham Scholarship. Funds for the scholarship are derived from timber sales from a 100-acre Northport woodlot which is managed by the Maine Forest Service. Applications for the award are available from Fred Knight, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, University of Maine at Orono. Contact Bob Umberger at 289-3897 for more details.

KEEP MAINE SCENIC COMMITTEE NEWS - The Department of Conservation's Keep Maine Scenic Committee has selected the Town of Gouldsboro for the 1983 Sears/Keep Maine Scenic Community Award. The Gouldsboro project, an 8½+ acre community park named the "Jones Pond Recreation Area" represents a tremendous effort on the part of the residents of Gouldsboro according to Elizabeth Pyncheon, KMS Coordinator. The award consists of a \$500 check contributed by the Sears, Roebuck Company, an award certificate, and an engraved sterling revere bowl which the town will have in its possession over the next year.

A new matching grant program has recently been established by the Keep Maine Scenic Committee to assist Maine towns, cities, and plantations in undertaking environmental beautification and other improvement projects to promote greater public appreciation of parks and other public places. The grants will not exceed \$500 and an equal amount of local matching funds is required.

OFFICE CHANGES - The following changes were not included in the list of changes in the last issue of DOC NEWS. George Hannum, Parks and Recreation, has moved from Room 107 to Room 104. Dick Coffin and Doug Tyler, also in Parks, moved from Room 105 to Room 104.

PERSONNEL - Kathy Patterson has joined the DOC staff as a Clerk Typist II in the Budworm Division. Kathy previously worked for the Bureau of Public Safety. She began work on February 27. Welcome aboard Kathy...Jim Lord has been promoted to Maintenance Mechanic Foreman at Mt. Blue State Park. Jim previously worked for the Waterways Division as a Navigational Aids Supervisor...Maynard Atwood retired from the Department last month after 29 years of dedicated service to the Maine Forest Service...Al Willis also retired after 33 years of State service...May they both have many happy and healthy retirement years. Leslie Granger will be acting as Supervisor of the Budworm Mapping Division until a replacement is hired.

TELEVISION APPEARANCE - On Friday, March 2, Commissioner Anderson was a guest on WABI-TV, Channel 5, with Gordon Manuel. Among other things, the Commissioner spoke on the progress of the ITS (Interconnecting Trail System), a snowmobile trail system which connects Maine, New Hampshire, New Brunswick, and Quebec. The Commissioner also promoted the new Snowmobile Trail Map which has just recently become available. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this map, contact the Snowmobile Division at 289-3821.

VACATION - Alec Giffen, Director of the Land Use Regulation Commission, and his family travelled to Florida recently for a 2-week camping expedition at Florida's State parks. On the return trip, they stopped in Washington where Alec joined Mark Dawson for a meeting with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

LOG DRIVER'S COOKOUT - Commissioner Anderson and Frank Farren, Supervisor of the Snowmobile Division, attended and participated in many of the activities of the Log Driver's Cookout, which took place on Saturday, March 3, on Mud Pond in Island Falls. This annual event is hosted by the Big Valley Snowmobile Club and in previous years, has attracted up to 2,000 people from as far away as Japan. The purpose of the outing is to recreate how the log drivers of years past lived.

SLIDE SHOW - Dan Bell, Manager at Bradbury Mountain State Park, conducted a slide show at L. L. Bean's to a standing-room-only crowd recently. According to several DOC employees who attended, the show was very well conducted. and enjoyed by all.

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW DISPLAY - The Fire Control Division of the Maine Forest Service will host a display at the Bangor Sportsman's Show being held this weekend, March 10, 11, and 12 at the Bangor Auditorium. DOC personnel staffing the booth include Rose Ann Moffitt, Paul Perry, Doug Getchell, Maynard Thornton from the Eastern Region, and Kenny Wing, Verne Knapp and Bruce Reed from the Western Region. The theme of the booth will be state-wide fire prevention.

SNOWMOBILE TRIP - Frank Farren, Supervisor of the Snowmobile Division, will be doing more snowmobiling in four days than a lot of people do in a full season. Beginning on March 6, Frank plans to travel 700 miles on Maine's Interconnecting Trail System to do an inspection on the safety and quality of the trails. Frank will be joined by representatives from several snowmobiling groups, committees and clubs.

GEOLOGY NOTES - A geologic research note by Woody Thompson, MGS, has been published in Appalachia (journal of the Appalachian Mountain Club). The article describes an unusually large moraine ridge in Gilead, Maine, that was built by a tongue of glacial ice that flowed down the Androscoggin Valley from the White Mountains.