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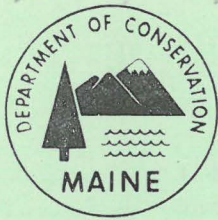
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BIOMASS - Jim Rea of the Bureau of Forestry got DOC's own biomass boiler on line in time for Bangor's River City Festival. The boiler is aboard a 26 foot steam yacht named the BONTON after the original steam ferry between Bangor and Brewer at the beginning of this century. The biomass boiler burns wood residue from forest products firms in the area using approximately 40 lbs. of kiln dried ash per hour while under way. Any interested DOC employees are welcome aboard when they are in the Bangor area.

MANY
THANKS

Ranger Pilot Joe Jardine and Ranger Bruce Reed of Greenville helped save the life of an elderly Greenville resident suffering from a serious heart condition recently. The man was transported by Huey to Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor when his physician asked for help, thinking his patient would not survive the 1 1/2 hour trip by ambulance. Joe made the trip safely and professionally in 35 minutes winning praise from the medical personnel accompanying the patient.

GOLD - According to Ed Beach, a very excited visitor to the Harlow Building last week wanted directions to the Maine Geological Survey. It seems the man had found what he thought was a large gold nugget!

MGS staff identified the nugget as gold. According to Woody Thompson, it was an unusually large nugget which was found - according to the unidentified prospector - "not far from here", meaning close to Augusta. Woody estimated the weight to be under an ounce. Gold is currently selling for about \$350 per ounce.

MEETING - The Eastern Spruce Budworm Council meets in Bangor on September 20 and 21. The Council includes all the jurisdictions working on budworm problems. A spruce protection symposium will be planned during the session.

SPEAKERS - Tom Rumpf will address the Economics and Policy Working Group of the International Forest Congress in Quebec City on August 7. Tom will discuss the development of Spruce Budworm policy in Maine. Ellen Baum and Lloyd Irland will also address the Congress on forest planning for the 21st century.

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REPORT - Mary Rhinebolt reports that AWW rangers reported high water levels and good travel conditions during the week of July 1. High water in Chase Rapids lead to the destruction of more than one canoe during the week and Matt Larouche urged extra caution for inexperienced canoeists.

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SALMON - Herb Hartman hooked and landed a ten-pound Atlantic on Thursday evening, July 5th. Herb and son, Darryl, were fishing in the Penobscot when the fish decided to test Herbs hand made graphite rod. Although this was his first Atlantic, it was released.

IT'S - Congratulations to Raymond and Lin Gosselin on the
A birth of a son, July 3rd weighing 8 lbs. 9 1/2 ozs.
BOY! Both mom and baby are doing fine.

NEWS - On July 3, Woody Thompson gave a talk entitled "Mineral
FROM Collecting in Maine" to the Eastern Federation of
GEOLOGY Mineral Clubs during their field trip through the state.

Donna Davis has accepted a Clerk Typist II position with the Department of Human Services. She will be sorely missed by everyone at the Survey.

Scott Leighton, a geology major at UMO, has been hired for the summer by the Maine Geological Survey as a Geological Assistant.

"KIM" - Vladek "Kim" Kolman has been named Director of the newly
KOLMAN organized Division of Forest Management and Utilization.
HIRED A native of Czechoslovakia, he graduated from Czechoslovakian Charles IV University, School of Forest Engineering. Kim has worked for the Baxter Park Authority, Prentiss and Carlisle and most recently as Chief Forester for J. D. Irving. The new Division he heads includes forest land management, marketing and utilization and urban and community forestry programs as well as the forest nursery.

SURVEY - Commissioner Anderson has announced an opinion survey of
ANNOUNCED Forest Campsite users to be conducted this summer. "We've been operating this popular program on a shoestring budget ever since federal funds for the program dried up in the mid-sixties. When that happened, we were left with a lot of campsites and very little money to properly maintain them," Anderson said.

Many of the 400 campsites originally in the program are now operated commercially, but thousands of sportsmen, canoeists and hikers depend on the ninety or so sites still being maintained by the State. "In some areas, these are the only legitimate back country campsites available. Frankly, we believe that the people who use this service recognize its recreational value and will support it financially rather than see it fall by the wayside," Anderson said.

During the past year, the Department of Conservation has been conducting an in-house review of the program. Proposals to rejuvenate the campsites include plans to upgrade conditions and management of sites. New campsite rules and regulations are being developed and will be presented for public comment in the fall. This summer's survey of campers is part of the review process.