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NEW DIVISION

- Fred Bartlett has been named Director of the Department's new Realty Division. Fred, most recently Director of Finance and Community Services for Conservation's Bureau of Parks and Recreation, will now coordinate the management, maintenance, acquisition and development of Conservation real estate worth an estimated 19.5 million dollars.

"Fred's 22 years of experience in the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, his excellent record in the area of managing finances for the Bureau and his thorough knowledge of the state system make him the excellent choice to direct this new Division designed to serve the needs of all the bureaus of the Department of Conservation," Conservation Commissioner Anderson said.

The new division will be created by consolidating 8 existing positions and their respective functions which include engineering, planning and secretarial support. In addition, two new positions, a right-of-way appraiser and an architectural aide have been authorized and will be hired in the near future.

Members of the new division have a total of 126 years of experience with the Department and its forerunner agencies: Ruth Willette, Clerk Steno III, Sidney, 13 years; Al Wagner, Civil Engineer II, Readfield, 22 years; Jan Saleeby, Civil Engineer II, Winthrop, 22 years; George Hannum, Park Planner, Winthrop, 10 years; Doug Tyler, Engineering Tech IV, Readfield, 16 years and Richard Coffin, Engineering Tech IV, Augusta, 21 years.

MEMORIAL

- On Saturday, August 25, 1984, a brass Memorial Plaque was installed and dedicated at the Reception Center on Warren Island State Park by Joseph E. Forti, who represented the Department. The Plaque reads:

In memory of Malcolm E. Graf, Jr.
Park Manager 1968 - 1983

Malcolm died at sea in a shipping accident in 1983 while working as a merchant marine seaman. A group of 30 people were present on the island for the dedication including Malcolm's widow, Linda and his Mother, Sister, Aunt and Uncle, and close friends.

OCEAN SWIM

- On August 26, Geology's Bob Johnston took 4th place out of 47 swimmers in the annual Peaks Island to Portland 2 1/2 mile ocean race. His time of 58 minutes was beaten by 3 high school students. The water temperature was recorded as 62°, so axle grease was used to retain body heat. Bob Tucker acted as rower and navigator for the ocean swim.

RADON MEETING - Melanie Lanctot has returned from a two-week trip to Scandinavia. The first week was spent hiking around glaciers and boating down fjords in Norway. The second week was spent in Stockholm, Sweden at an international conference on Indoor Air Quality, at which the most recent research on radon gas in homes was presented. The Maine Geological Survey is involved in a cooperative study to determine the health effects of radon gas exposure.

FIRE BOAT - "One of the kids," Roscoe Ryan said, "came running to tell me a boat was on fire out in the lake." Roscoe, who lives on China Lake, realized the boat was abandoned; its former occupants safely aboard another ship. "I decided the fire had to be put out, so I grabbed a portable pump from my pick-up and placed it in my boat. My neighbor, Ken Priest and I then successfully doused the fire and towed the charred hull to shore."

EFFIE ASHMORE TO RETIRE - Cobscook Bay State Park Receptionist Effie Ashmore will retire after this season according to Jarvis Johnson, Park Manager. Effie began her career with the bureau 18 years ago at Rangeley. She was honored recently at a party given by friends and colleagues.

LOG DAYS - Ken Stratton represented Governor Joseph Brennan at Log Days in Skowhegan last week. The main speaker at the dedication of a project symbolic of a revitalized downtown, Ken congratulated the people of Skowhegan for making the town "a better place to live and work."

SAND SLIDE - Ben Creighton reports the collapse of a crescent shaped chunk of beach, 300 feet long and 50 - 75 feet wide into the Kennebec River on August 29 between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. near Fort Popham. A snow fence has been placed around the area since the sand slide left a 20 foot vertical wall. No one was hurt in the incident, which may have been caused by a broken underground water pipe.

TOP TEAM - The softball team that Gale Ross plays on (PEGASUS) rallied for two runs in the bottom of the 7th inning to defeat defending champion Gloria Stevens, in the championship game of the Kennebec Valley Women's Softball League. The winners had to emerge from the loser's bracket and down Gloria Stevens in a doubleheader game on Wednesday, August 29th.

PLT - A Project Learning Tree workshop is scheduled for September 21, 22 and 23 at Camp Tanglewood according to Jan Selser. Sixteen three-person teams from throughout the State will be trained by instructors from the American Forest Institute during the session. These teams will then train teachers to use Project Learning Tree materials in their classrooms. Jan's leadership in this project was acknowledged during a PLT planning session on August 29. Other DOC employee's involved on the teams are: Bob Locke, Jack Dirkman, Chuck Hulsey, Gail Tunstead, Leslie Granger, Hollis Tedford and Don Ouellette.