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RETRO
UPDATE

- DOC employees of record should have received their first retro check by now. Payroll staff should be commended for efforts to get the checks processed quickly. WHAT'S NEXT? 1) The $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ raises scheduled for March 1, 1984 and July 1, 1984 will occur starting with your October 31st pay check, a 7% Happy Halloween! 2) To cover the time between March 1st and October 6th, employees of record will receive a lump sum payment in late January or early February of 1985. To qualify, however, you must have been employed by the State as of September 3, 1984, unless laid-off or retired. 3) The $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ raise scheduled for July 1, 1985 and the $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ raise scheduled for January 1, 1986 should occur as scheduled. Any changes will be reported in upcoming issues of DOC NEWS.

VOLLEYBALL
PLAYERS
NEEDED

- Anyone interested in playing volleyball one night a week is invited to the Hamlin School Gym (in Randolph, on the left just before the Gardiner Bridge) on Monday nights from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The volleyball season begins on Monday, October 22, and all DOC employees, friends and relatives are welcome! If you have any questions, contact Carol Holden (BPL) at 289-3061.

READING
RAINBOW

- The Maine forest will be the scene for a story relating the days of Paul Bunyan to today's forest management, protection, harvesting and other use. Reading Rainbow, a Public Broadcasting television program which encourages children to read, will be on location October 29-31. Ken Stratton, Gary Morse, and Jan Selser have helped the New York-based film company make decisions on script, and people and scenes to film.

PERSONNEL
NEWS

- Mick Rogers has been hired as the new Park Manager at Lake St. George State Park, replacing Art Blood who retires at the end of this month. Mick is currently working at Ferry Beach...Merle Scott, currently at Rangeley State Park, begins work as the new Park Manager at Mt. Blue State Park. Merle replaces Mel Hanson, who retired in February. Congratulations Mick and Merle! Will Harris from the Department of Personnel begins working for DOC in an acting capacity as Personnel Manager on October 22. Will has been in the Department of Personnel's Classification Division for several years and has considerable knowledge and experience in State personnel work. Welcome aboard, Will! Berthe Berube has returned to work from a leave-of-absence. Welcome back Berthe!

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PROJECT - Several DOC employees went back to the classroom
LEARNING September 21-23 to learn about Project Learning Tree.
TREE PLT is a K-12 environmental education program designed to supplement existing curricula in science, social studies, math, home economics, industrial arts, and language arts. Its focus is the forest. Chuck Hulsey, Don Ouellette, Floyd Farrington, Bob Locke, Leslie Wiles, Jack Dirkman, and Hollis Tedford, all from Forestry, and Gail Tunstead from Public Lands are on PLT teams. They will now conduct in-service workshops for teachers. Jan Selser from Forestry and Ed Meadows from Seven Islands Land Company have coordinated PLT's expansion in Maine. Altogether, there are 17 teams (forester, teacher, community person) of three or four people each participating in the program.

HARD - A sample of a 380 million year-old fossil called Pertica
NEWS currently being considered for designation as Maine's official fossil is on display in Annee Tara's office... Andy Tolman speaks to the Board of Directors of the Maine Audubon Society on groundwater policy tonight... Marc Loiselle was elected by representatives of 17 states, all candidates for a high level nuclear waste repository, to report their conclusions following a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia... Joe Kelley and Andy Tolman will participate in a Coastal Engineering Conference hosted by the Corps of Engineers at the Samoset on October 30, 31 and November 1. Subject: potential impacts of sea level rise on the coast of Maine... Dick Anderson and John Picher spoke about DOC programs at the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions on October 13... Commissioner Anderson was described by Bob Cummings in a Sunday Telegram front page article on Coast Week as a "walking encyclopedia of coastal information..."

NATIONAL - National Forest Products Week is being observed through
FOREST the nation October 21-27, and gets underway in Maine on
PRODUCTS October 21 with a parade of forest industry vehicles and
WEEK gear beginning at 2:00 PM. The parade will start at the Turnpike Mall and travel to the Augusta Civic Center where Governor Joseph E. Brennan's Maine Forest Products Week proclamation will be read and representatives from the Maine Forest Service and forest industry will make brief remarks. People are invited to the Civic Center or to view the parade as it travels east on Western Avenue to Capital Street, then north on State Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue to the Civic Center parking lot. A Special Forest Products Week Supplement in the Bangor Daily News, coordinated by Marshall Wiebe, will be published on October 19.

CASCO - Geology's Bob Johnston ran last Sunday's Casco Bay
BAY Marathon in 3:21:36. He placed 176th out of 359
MARATHON finishers. The Marathon course covered 26 miles, 385 yards through Portland, Falmouth, Cumberland and Yarmouth.