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ARBORETUM TRAGEDY - On Saturday, March 23, Sharon Taylor, a 15-year old Augusta girl was murdered in the woods adjacent to the Pine Tree State Arboretum. Sharon was an avid naturalist who especially enjoyed bird watching in the Arboretum, and was well-known to some of those who frequent that area. That this tragedy occurred during daylight hours so near to the place where many of us work is a sobering reminder to all of us to avoid walking alone in secluded areas. Contributions may be made in Sharon's name to the Maine Audubon Society.

STATE OF MAINE SPORTSMAN'S SHOW - The 1985 State of Maine Sportsman's Show takes place this weekend, April 5 - 7, at the Augusta Civic Center. It is here that the new DOC display, a joint effort of all 5 bureaus, will be unveiled. the display has been in the making since January according to Marshall Wiebe, who coordinated the project. Among those contributing to the effort to produce the first departmental exhibit are Sheila McDonald, Ed Beach, John Forssen, Debbie McLean Weston, Dick Morse, Kim Kolman, Brandon Woolley, John Poisson, Bob Tucker, Jym St. Pierre, "Doc" Woodbury, Jim Connors, Dick Dyer, and Fire Control's Western Region.

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AWW FEATURE - Tim Caverly, Allagash Wilderness Waterway Supervisor, reports that Field and Stream writer, Joe Reynolds, is writing an article about fishing in the Allagash. The article will appear in either the Spring or Fall issue.

GUEST SPEAKER - Alec Giffen, LURC Director, was a guest speaker in his daughter's third grade class at her school in Hallowell on March 27. Alec presented a slide show concerning critical natural areas.

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL - On Sunday, March 24, Commissioner Anderson and Michael Cyr, Director of the Forest Marketing & Assessment Program, travelled to Washington, DC to participate in the Energy Technology Conference and Exposition which is the largest meeting of its type featuring engineers, and developers from around the country. The purpose of their participation was to solicit additional wood energy business for the State of Maine. They both reported that they thought the trip was worthwhile. Upon return from Washington, Commissioner Anderson travelled on to St. John, New Brunswick to attend a meeting of the Forest Productivity Working Group on which he represents Governor Brennan.

TRAIL INSPECTION - Frank Farren, Supervisor of the Snowmobile Division, completed a 570-mile inspection tour of all the snowmobile trails in Aroostook County. The tour took 3 days to complete.

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LURC MEMBERS RETIRE - A dinner was held on March 20 for two retiring members of the Land Use Regulation Commission, Charlie Blood and Woody Brackett. They have given a combination of 16 years of service to the Commission. LURC commission members, staff and friends attended.

LIGHTHOUSE CONFERENCE PLANNED - Tom Morrison, Resource Administrator for the Bureau of Public Lands, has been selected to represent the Department of Conservation at a conference on Planning for the Restoration and Future Use of Maine's Lighthouses sponsored by the Maine Citizens for Historic Preservation. The conference is tentatively planned for this fall at the Samoset Resort.

SAVINGS BONDS - The State's annual Savings bond campaign is underway. Included with your paycheck this week you should find a brochure explaining this important investment program along with a payroll sign-up card. We urge you to seriously consider this convenient payroll deduction savings plan and if you have any questions please contact the bureau representative named below:



Norm Rodrigue, Administrative Services
Jym St. Pierre, Land Use Regulation Commission
Carole Ricker - Maine Geological Survey
Judy Andrews - Maine Forest Service
Tom Morrison, Bureau of Public Lands
Herb Hartman, Bureau of Parks & Recreation

LURC SPEAKERS - Jym St. Pierre, Land Use Regulation Commission, recently addressed a group of citizens from The Forks and West Forks Plantations. LURC is working with the communities to get local input on rezoning as a result of the rafting boom in the area...Glenn Angell of LURC spoke on how to apply for a LURC road and bridge permit at the New England Regional Council on Forest Engineering Workshop held at the University of Maine at Orono on March 21 & 22.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SEMINAR - Although the Legislature is just across the river, many of us know little about its intricate workings. John Selser, a Legislative Attorney with the Office of Legislative Assistants, will present slides and talk on the legislative process in Maine. This brown-bag lunch seminar is scheduled for Friday, April 26 at 12:00 noon in AMHI's Marquardt Building, Classroom 2.

PROJECT LEARNING TREE - Over the last two weeks, four Project Learning Tree workshops have been conducted. Chuck Hulsey and Floyd Farrington of the Maine Forest Service's Management and Utilization Division are members of Learning Tree teams which held workshops in Princeton and Hollis respectively. The teachers the teams are training are very enthusiastic about the program and many are already implementing the activities in their classrooms.