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FOREST
FIRE
SET

- The Sunken Stream fire in Edmunds Township that scorched more than 1,000 acres of forestland was one of "well over 50" fires set in Washington County this spring, according to Roger Milligan, Regional Ranger. The fire, the largest in eight years, began April 30 and burned 1,086 acres of woods on Champion International Paper Co. and Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge land. Hot spots within the fire zone flared up as recently as two weeks ago; the blaze was completely extinguished early last week. Forest rangers have joined the Washington County sheriff's department and state police in investigating the fire, which was set in a clearcut area that had been replanted by the paper company at substantial investment. Seedlings have been ordered from the Maine Forest Nursery to replant Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge and Champion International lands.

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CHAMPS

- The Bureau of Parks and Recreation completed its second successful week of Trivial Pursuit on WDBX, Waterville, defeating Plaza Fitness Center of Pittsfield. Parks defeated City Hall of Waterville the first week. Two \$50.00 checks have been donated by WDBX to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Kennebec Valley in Parks' name. BPR staff will defend its title for a third and final week May 28 through the 31st. Tune in to WDBX for the competition!

EXPENSE
VOUCHERS

- The Accounting Section of Administrative Services is now required to keep on file all receipts accompanying Expense Vouchers. Due to the large quantity of Expense Vouchers passing through the Accounting Section, it is requested that employees submitting vouchers also attach photocopies of all related receipts. Expense Vouchers submitted without copies of related receipts may cause delays in processing. Your help will be appreciated.

BUDWORM
SPRAYING
BEGINS

- This year's spruce budworm spray program officially began on Thursday, May 23, when the first plane took off from Old Town to begin treating the first 1,970 acres of the nearly 400,000 acres to be treated in northern and eastern Maine. Because of a decline in the infestation, the size of the project has decreased from 3.5 million acres in 1976, the largest ever, to this year's acreage figure of 400,000.

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SURPRISE PARTY - A surprise 70th birthday party was held last week for Irene Foster of the Maine State Forest Nursery with a luncheon and cake. The party was attended by about 65 of Irene's co-workers. Several Forestry people attended from Augusta.

BPL HOSTS MEETING - The Bureau of Public Lands hosted the annual meeting of the Maine Forest Products Council last week, arranging facilities at Sugarloaf USA and providing a tour for some 60 MFPC members of management activities on the Bigelow and Dead River units of the Public Reserved Lands System. In a formal presentation following the day's field activities, Rob Gardiner submitted the Bureau's proposed planning policy to the group for comment and discussion. The policy should be ready for adoption within the next couple of weeks.

BEAVER PARK - The town of Lisbon voted 150-3 to accept Beaver Park, a 397-acre parcel purchased by Parks and Recreation in 1972. Lisbon will use the park primarily for recreation and forest management. Parks and Recreation will deed the property over to the town.

DURHAM DEMO FOREST - A timber harvest taking place at the James C. Durham Demonstration Forest in East Northport will provide scholarships to forestry students at the University of Maine at Orono, according to Bob Umberger, Management & Utilization Division. The 100-acre woodlot is managed by the Bureau of Public Lands in cooperation with the Maine Forest Service. This harvest is expected to generate \$8,000.00 from about 76,000 board feet of pine saw logs and a combined total of 118 cords of softwood and hardwood. The money will be added to the trust allowing more interest to be generated and more forestry students to be helped.

BIG A HEARING ENDS - Thursday, May 23 at 2:00 a.m., the state's longest environmental hearing ever to be conducted came to a close. Because of the large amount of material gathered during the 7 weeks of testimony and the number of exhibits, photographs, charts, prepared statements and other supplementary documents entered by GNP and its opponents (over 1,800 so far) the Land Use Regulation Commission expects to make a decision by the end of September.

SICK LEAVE - Jill Parks, LURC, has been out sick for the past couple of weeks and expects to be out a couple more recuperating from an appendectomy. Get well soon, Jill!

L.L. BEAN ORDERS - Please remember that all L. L. Bean discount orders MUST BE SENT THROUGH ANDREA ERSKINE in the Augusta office. We are not allowed to get the discount at the store. L. L. Bean notified us that they have had a problem with people coming in and demanding the discount. If this continues there is a possibility of losing the discount altogether. If anyone has questions about ordering, please call Andrea at 289-2211 before sending in the order.