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PROJECT
LEARNING
TREE

- The efforts of volunteers in Maine and thousands around the nation were recognized recently when President Reagan presented a crystal medallion to Project Learning Tree, an award-winning environmental education program. The award was one of thirty presented by the President's Citation Program for Private Sector Initiative to organizations that have developed outstanding voluntary service programs. PLT has been reactivated in Maine since 1984. Nationwide, over 66,000 educators and over 7 million students have participated in the program. Jan Selser is Maine's coordinator for the program.

OPEN
HOUSE

- An open house at the Pine Tree State Arboretum was held on Saturday, June 29 and was well-attended. An estimated 75 interested people attended this function. A whole new effort to expand and develop the Arboretum has begun.

RANGER
ACADEMY

- The Fire Control Division completed its Ranger Academy last week. This is a one-week session for new employees covering law enforcement duties, administrative procedures, safety, and hands-on experience in water handling and line building. It was a successful session attended by 23 students.

20TH MAINE
COMPANY B
TO PERFORM

- A group of Civil War history buffs will make camp at Fort Knox State Park in Prospect on July 13 and 14. The group will recreate scenes similar to the 1860's when troops were mustered to the Fort, according to Mike Leighton, Park Manager. The group, known as the 20th Maine Company B, was formed approximately one year ago, according to one of its founders, Brian Higgins. They will attempt to authentically recreate the Maine Civil War soldier from his uniform to his time-piece. The group will demonstrate marches and musket firing drills as well as songs and other military music of the period.

BRIEFLY
STATED

- Tom and Sally Morrison are the proud parents of a baby boy, born July 7 at their home. Tom ended up delivering the 8 pound baby when the midwife did not arrive on time. Both mother, father and baby are doing fine...Alec Giffen LURC Director, landed his first Atlantic Salmon on the Penobscot River in Veazie. Alec caught the 12 lb. fish on a "Blue Charm". Bucky Owen was Alec's guide..Having returned from a vacation in the Catskill Mountains of New York State, Dick Coffin and Joan McGinnes have become engaged with wedding plans in progress. Congratulations to all!

RISK - Arrangements have been made for a videotape to be made
VIDEOTAPED on public contact for State Park Managers. Professor Paul Risk's 4-hour presentation on hospitality and public contact was videotaped at the University of Maine at Orono's audio/visual center. The videotape will be used for Department of Conservation training programs. Ed Beach of Park's Operations & Maintenance Division made the arrangements.

NEWS - Representatives of the Department's of Conservation and
CONFERENCE Labor will visit the third session of the Maine Conservation Corps' "Brushsaw Training Program" and hold a news conference at the MFS Western Region Office in Greenville on Monday, July 15. Commissioner Anderson and Corps Director, Dennis Doiron, will participate. The programs - which have been operating in the Jackman area since May - provide brushsaw training to unemployed Somerset County residents. Other MCC projects taking place this summer include: Corps members will renovate a heavily used campsite at Seboies Stream, Aroostook County. They will tear down several picnic table canopies and build new ones. Corps members will also work on various small construction projects at the Island Falls Forest Service Headquarters to include building a wharf and pouring a concrete foundation. Work at Roosevelt Campobello International Park, Campobello Island will include development and maintenance of walking trails, drives, picnic sites and vistas in the Park's natural areas; conducting small mammal and herptile surveys; and work in the Park's greenhouse and gardens. Six Corps members will reconstruct the fire tower cab for the tower on Squaw Mountain in Greenville, the first fire control tower in the country. Corps members will also repair and refurbish campsites along shores and on islands of Moosehead Lake and maintain hiking trails on Little Squaw and Squaw Mountains. These are just a few of the many projects taking place. This is going to be a busy summer for MCC.

AUDUBON - Sheila McDonald of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation has been
ECOLOGY chosen to attend the National Audubon Society's Ecology Camp
CAMP on Hog Island in late August. The Society has scholarship funds available for Conservation employees who are interested in attending this program. Sheila is pleased to be able to attend the camp hoping it will fit her needs for training in environmental interpretation.

BUDWORM - All 1985 budworm staff were assembled at the IF&W Cobbossee
CRITIQUE Camp yesterday, July 9, for the annual budworm spray program
HELD critique.

The U.S. Forest Service Interagency Forest Fire Center in Boise, Idaho alerted the Fire Control Division on Monday, July 7 that firefighters may be requested for duty in western states according to George Bourassa. Before noon on that day, the Division notified the U.S. Forest Service that 2 crews of trained firefighters including MFS rangers, were available.