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"Meet Me At The Park Day" - If you haven't heard this phrase yet around DOC, you are more than likely to before June 4. This is the theme of the upcoming celebration of Maine's State Parks and Historic Sites. On this day, admission to all State Parks and historic sites will be free along with free camping at those parks with camping facilities. In eastern Maine at West Quoddy Head State Park a Sunrise Opening Ceremony for "Meet Me At The Park Day" will be held at 6:00 a.m., followed by a Bird Walk and Whale Watch led by Commissioner Anderson. At Cobscook Bay State Park, Commissioner Anderson will tee-off at 9:00 a.m. to begin the Washington County Open Golf Tournament. Aroostook State Park in northern Maine will have a display of photographs highlighting Aroostook State Park and Spragueville Extension. Sailboat rides on Echo Lake aboard a fast-moving catamaran will be provided to visitors along with a canoeing demonstration. A guided walk, highlighting multiple use forestry, through Peaks-Kenny State Park led by Dennis Brennan, Bureau of Forestry, begins at 9:00 a.m. In western Maine, a guided walk featuring the history of the Flagstaff Area will begin at 10:00 a.m. led by Nancy Malesky, Bureau of Public Lands. Steve Oliveri, M.F.S. will lead a spring bird walk at Mt. Blue State Park beginning at 7:00 a.m. Activities for the southern part of the state include: Nature Drawing and Collage Making Contest at Range Ponds State Park; Kite flying at Crescent Beach State Park, Nature Scavenger Hunt led by Pamela Truesdale; Sand Sculpture Contest and Geology Walk at Popham Beach with Boats from the Past and Present from the Maine Maritime Museum Apprenticeship shop docked at nearby Fort Popham; Environmental Discovery - Games and Activities Along the Rocky Shore - at Reid State Park; a Demonstration of Late 18th Century Military Lifestyle and Drill Maneuvers presented by representatives from Units of the Province of Maine Volunteer Militia at Fort Edgecomb and "Meet Me At The Park Day" closing with a sunset hike up Mt. Megunticook led by Commissioner Anderson at 6:30 at Camden Hills State Park.

VEHICLE OPERATION REPORTS - Due to the blurred condition of many Vehicle Operation Reports (VEH 1, Rev. 1/83), Norm Rodrigue, Director of Administrative Services, has requested that the white copy (original) be forwarded to his office, and the yellow (carbon) copy be kept for your records. This should take effect for the reporting period beginning June 1, 1983. Please take special care to make the reports neat and legible and remember to sign them as they are also used for audit purposes. Your cooperation and support on this will be appreciated.

SOFTBALL NEWS - The "Force" lost its first game of the season to Taxation by a score of 8 to 4. There were a number of returning veterans along with two newcomers to the team, Dick Dyer and Scott Ramsey. Welcome to the team! Carol Holden and Andrea Erskine brought along a couple of non-DOC "friends of the Force" who also helped out. In its second game, the team bounced back to gain a lopsided 20 to 6 victory over Motor Vehicle. Marc Loiselle made his Force debut, but the team was still shorthanded. It will be hard to field a full team while the budwormers are away, so anyone who wants to help keep the Force from forfeiting future face-offs is welcome to come and play on Tuesday nights.

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LEGISLATIVE - Two very important DOC bills have cleared their first hurdles in the
UPDATE Legislature. Both the bill to allow us to continue our significant aquifers program with DEP and the U.S. Geological Survey and the Forest Resources Assessment and Marketing Program have received Unanimous Ought-To-Pass reports from Committees and are moving toward enactment in the House and Senate. Since each requires an appropriation they will lie on the Special Senate Appropriations table until the end of the session. Both were included in Governor Brennan's Part II Budget request. The bill to create the Finance Authority of Maine including a Natural Resources Finance and Marketing Division will also apparently receive a unanimous Ought-to-Pass report from the Committee on State Government. The Governor's Rivers bill will come out of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee with a strong majority in favor of passage. Much of the credit for this result goes to Land Use Regulation Commission Director Alec Giffen.

CAMP - Helen Blakemore Camp, who discovered and assured the preservation of the
HONORED archeological sites at Pemaquid, has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Maine at Farmington. In 1964, Mrs. Camp discovered a large unusual depression in the fields of Pemaquid and persuaded the owner of the land to allow her to dig in the area. Her work exposed the first of nearly 20 stone foundations of buildings erected by some of the original English settlers of Maine, dating back to 1625. Her discovery attracted others to the site. Fearing that the historic site would be damaged by haphazard excavation, Mrs. Camp began a campaign to convince the State of Maine to acquire the site, a campaign that concluded successfully in 1971. She served as field supervisor of the Ancient Pemaquid Restoration project, preserving a significant historical site for the State and the nation. Mrs. Camp is employed at the Colonial Pemaquid Museum by the Bureau of Parks and Recreation.

NOTE OF - Ken Stratton, Director of MFS, recently received a letter of thanks from
THANKS Peter Lamb, Cubmaster of Boy Scout Pack #66, for the Bureau's assistance in making the 1983 Pine Tree Council Scout Show held on March 19 and 20 a great success. The theme of the booth was "Trees/Maine's Renewable Resource". Special thanks was also given to Marshall Wiebe, Kathy Hale, Peter Lammert, Walter Gooley and John Blasenak for their assistance.

APPOINTMENT - Jim Rea, Forest Resource Analyst Programmer in Orono, has been selected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Northeastern Area State Forest Resources Planner Association...CONGRATULATIONS!

TREE - When 60 shade trees became abandoned along I-95, a certain employee from the
STORY Bureau of Forestry once again adopted them. If you recall, last December, some Christmas trees were left at the Augusta toll booth because the truck was overloaded and Jim McMullen showed up and stayed with them until another truck came that had room for them. Well, Jim's reputation must have spread far and wide; when a truckload of shade trees going from Connecticut to Caribou overturned south of Howland, Jim got a call to come get the load and see that the trees were given a good home. With the help of the Maine Forest Nursery crew, the shade trees are going to spend a year at the nursery then on to communities during next year's Arbor Week. This year during Arbor Week, the Pine Tree State Arboretum sold 5,000 Norway Spruce seedlings to schools. The trees were supplied by the Forest Nursery in Greenbush and the Arboretum distributed them.