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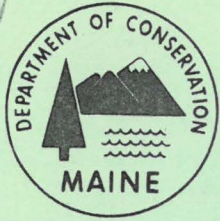
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BUSINESS FAIR - Three Department of Conservation agencies - Geology, Forestry and Public Lands - providing services to businesses were represented at a Department of Labor sponsored "Business Fair" at the Augusta Civic Center on June 22. The Department's display and slide presentation was prepared by the Maine Geological Survey's Cartographic Section and the Department's Public Information Section. The display was staffed by Walter Anderson, Peter Lammert and Marshall Wiebe with the help of John Poisson and Bob Tucker.

SOFTBALL NEWS - The Force extended their (unofficial) winning streak to 4 games, the longest in recent memory, by downing the PUC 24-13 on June 21. Over the 4 game streak the team has batted in a total of 95 runs! The acquisition of 2 excellent left handed hitters, Gary Cole and Chris Swain has bolstered an already hard-hitting lineup. The team faces a real challenge though in an upcoming game against Bridge Design on June 28 and Social Services on June 29, just in time for the returning budworm crew.

PROJECT CONCLUDES - The treatment of a 444-acre stand of spruce-fir forest located in northern Aroostook County near the Quebec border concluded the Department of Conservation's Spruce Budworm Suppression Project on Thursday, June 23. A total of 20 single-engine fixed-wing aircraft and 4 multi-engine aircraft traveled a quarter of a million miles in treating approximately 836,741 acres of spruce-fir trees in 7 counties. Kenneth Stratton, Director of the MFS, said he was pleased with the performance of both DOC people and the contractors and that the project had been completed effectively and without major incident. Early reports from field entomologists suggest that, in most areas, the spray killed the budworms before they could destroy this year's foliage.

EDUCATIONAL LEAVE - Walter Anderson, State Geologist, will soon be travelling to Norway, where he will spend the summer (July and August) working with the Norwegian Geological Survey and the University of Oslo. The trip will give Walter the opportunity to look at how other people deal with geological issues and, in particular, an opportunity to look at peat utilization in northern Europe. Andy Tolman will be Acting Director of the Maine Geological Survey during Walter's absence.

FLIES - Wet weather this year has produced a large crop of mosquitoes, but the "overgrown houseflies" now attracting attention in the northern and eastern sections of Maine are not a product of the weather, according to MFS Entomologist Richard Dearborn. "The presence of these flies is good news and signals a general decline of the forest tent caterpillar. As such, they should be welcome and control of the flies should be discouraged wherever possible to allow them to fulfill their role," Dearborn said. These flies, Sarcophaga aldrichi by name, have become very abundant this past week in and near areas infested last year by forest tent caterpillar. Abatement of the problem should be evident sometime after the first of July. The flies are a general nuisance but do not bite nor normally enter homes.

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COFFEE - All Department of Conservation personnel are invited to a coffee, hosted by the Maine Geological Survey at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 30. The coffee will be held on the lawn between the Harlow Building and the Ray Building as long as the weather cooperates. If not, it will be held at the Maine Geological Survey office in the Ray Building.

BRIEFLY - A son, Matthew Paul, was born to Paul and Connie Perry on May 13. Paul is a forest ranger in Millinocket. Matthew weighed in at 7 lbs, 5½ ounces. CONGRATULATIONS!..Mike Mullen recently returned from a trip to Wyoming and Colorado where he was busy hunting the elusive Jackalope...John Poisson will be sound technician for the Stagecoach Theatre production of "Watch on the Rhine", opening at Alumni Theatre at UMF the last week of July...Congratulations to both Tambra McCollett and Terry LaChance on their recent engagements...

PERSONNEL - Richard Marvin, a geology major at the University of Rochester, is working for DOC again this summer, this time for the Maine Geological Survey. Rich assisted Franklin Sargent last summer...Donna Platt will be working with Franklin this summer...Louise Page, who has worked for the Department of Conservation for 13 years, is retiring effective July 1. Best wishes for a happy retirement, Louise!...Bertha Myers recently moved from the first floor to the third, working in the Bookkeeping office...

LEGISLATIVE - The first regular session of the 111th Legislature adjourned on June 24.
UPDATE All in all they treated DOC very well. Most of our Part II budget request was granted; the Forest Resource Assessment and Marketing Program, the Groundwater Program, the Maine Conservation Corps and the Finance Authority of Maine with the Natural Resources Finance and Marketing Agency were all approved and funded. The Fire Control Division will continue to receive General Fund support, however, the Maine Forestry District has been abolished and it's 2/3 share of fire control costs will now be assumed by all landowners with parcels of forestland more than 100 acres in size. Many thanks to all who participated in making this a successful session.

FOREST - A forest fire burned over 400 acres of woodland between Chesuncook Lake and FIRE Telos Lake, approximately 40 miles northeast of Greenville Saturday and Sunday before being contained. The fire was believed to have been ignited by lightning from storms earlier in the week. Fifty-six firefighters, including twenty men from the Charleston Correction Center and trained Hotshot crews from Guilford, Brownville and Greenville fought the fire throughout Saturday and Sunday under the direction of Bill Orcutt, Moosehead District ranger. The firefighters were supported by Huey helicopters and Beaver aircraft belonging to the Maine Forest Service as well as several bulldozers, skidders and tank trucks. The land is owned by Great Northern Paper Company.

MUD - Tambra McCollett, Administrative Services, was a contestant in last weekend's Great Whatever Week Queen pageant - unfortunately, she didn't have much luck in that competition, but when it came to driving a truck through about a foot of mud at the Great Whatever Week Mud Run held on Sunday, she did extremely well. She came in 3rd place in the Class 4 open competition which consisted of 4 wheel drive pick-up trucks, jeeps and blazers, Her fiancé was registered to drive, but was late arriving so Tambra took his place and did a really good job.