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ANNIVERSARY

Well, sir, maybe you never would know it to look at us, but we have survived a whole year in the publication of Maine Developments without raising our subscription rates once. It was only a year ago this month when we blushingly blossomed forth with our first issue. And look at us now!

Anniversary gifts will be gratefully acknowledged but should not include explosives, perishable or already-perished merchandise. We don't want any live animals, or goldfish. Or blaspheming parrots. Remember: if it's worth giving it's worth addressing to the Editor, PERSONALLY. There are some pretty sharp cookies around here.

BASE BUSINESS

We're passing on the gist of a conversation we had with Lieutenant Philip Hanley of the Dow Air Force Base Procurement Office at the Maine Products Show in Bangor — in the hope that it may provide a tip for new business for Maine manufacturers or tradesmen located near military establishments.

"It is the policy of the Air Force to place as much of its business with vendors in the local trading area as is possible or feasible," Lt. Hanley said. "This not only promotes better community relationships with our neighbors but it is sound business practice, in that local concerns should be in an advantageous position with regard to time of delivery and transportation costs."

The lieutenant said that 38 per cent, or $2,372,125 of the $6,242,433 spent by the Dow Air Force Base last year was spent for goods and services provided by local concerns. The category of purchases ranges from A to Z, including food, fuel and furniture.

One happy habit of the cartographers of old was their penchant for peopling their marine maps with jolly whales or cavorting porpoises.

The jolly whales and/or cavorting porpoises in the nearby picture are the creatures of the map maker for Samuel de Champlain and the Sieur deMonts who, with a party of Frenchmen were the first Europeans to celebrate Christmas in the northern New World, in 1604.

They had a pretty tough winter. Thirty or more of the group of 79 who built flimsy homes on St. Croix Island in the river of that name in what is now Washington County, died before spring. It was so cold the cider froze, and was sold by the pound, according to ancient journals.

There is a movement afoot to declare the island a national park or monument; to recreate the fort and dwellings on the island and provide a parking area in Red Beach on the mainland, with ferry service to the island.

Jay B. Hinson, Jr., Calais Advertiser editor and publisher and Charles Evans, publicity director for DED were in New York negotiating for this story of Maine's first Christmas to be featured on a television network, as this was written.

Ladies, Gentlemen and Whoso-ever:

Let this remind you that we are wishing for you and for yours a very

Merry Christmas

The DED
When Mainer's Meet

There's a saying about Greeks: when- ever two of them meet in a strange land they start a ... Dr. George Pettit, research chemist, is cooking up something for a client in one of the university laboratories.

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Problems (from Page Two)
set the ball rolling is a letter to Dr. Curry asking that the project be undertaken.
Large projects are pursued under contract. Some companies maintain an "open account," which enables them to submit a series of small problems as they come up. It's something like a retainer system.

MANIFOLD SERVICES

The variety of subjects in which the university has been and can be of assistance is too great to mention here. Even commercial research firms utilize the university facilities for special purposes from time to time. And so do municipalities and many state departments.

Every so often a hopeful client shows up wanting to know whether an object he found floating in the harbor is ambergris, probably worth a fortune. So far, these objects always have turned out to be coagulated material from oil tanker bilges. And many a get-rich-quick dream has been shattered by the report that gold-like flakes or granules found on a sandy stream bed are nothing but fool's gold, or iron pyrites.

Mainers (from Page Three)

"We find that training Maine country boys in this specialized field is a paying proposition," Shields said. "They're the best workers obtainable, and their minds are alert and keen. I don't know where you could find more able or intelligent workers than among the citizens of the smaller towns of Maine."

And such is the story of two men who realized the dream of all expatriated Mainers of returning to Maine and establishing a successful business.

1000 FREIGHT CARS

Capital expenditures by railroads operating in Maine in 1961 totaled $120,505,917, according to reports filed with DED by seven roads, as required by statute. Acquisition included seven diesel locomotives, more than 1,000 freight cars of various types purchased or rebuilt and purchase or maintenance of hotels, terminals and other buildings and right of way maintenance or improvement.

Here are the capital expenditures totals as reported to DED:
Aroostook Valley Railroad Co. $2,253;
Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Co. $1,320,744;
Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad Co. $64,978; Boston & Maine Railroad $3,864,675; Canadian National Railways $111,900,000; Canadian Pacific Railway Co. $102,679; Maine Central Railroad Co. $3,250,589.

BY ANOTHER NAME

Lots of people have visited these Maine places without ever suspecting it:
Ahlurmesic, Ahnedakwasic, Asawagus-cawadic, Chinkazookootook, Megkwakanga-mik, Mesakketsegewick and, last but not least, Meskekwagamasic.

CONTRACT CONTACTS

Nine Maine firms are bidding on subcontracts to provide components for missile, space vehicle and defense ordnance which may run as high as a quarter of a million dollars per contract, in some instances. Some 25-30 invitations to bid were brought back by executives of the companies who participated in a week-long tour of large prime contractors' plants on the California coast, sponsored by DED in November.

The tour resulted from a seminar with National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials sponsored by DED in August in October, at which several of the western contractors recently visited were represented. Arrangements to meet the purchasing officials and tour the California facilities were made by Charles Whitehouse, DED industrial representative, who accompanied the Maine executives on the trip.


COLLEGE CONSULS

Something new is being added to the DED program to promote the interests of Maine — College Consuls.

Principals of a dozen Maine high schools have nominated recent graduates now attending out of state colleges for designation as "good will ambassadors" of Maine among their classmates.

The candidates will receive instructions from DED department heads during the Christmas holidays and will receive bronze plaques designating them as College Consuls, along with the personal congratulations of the Governor. Copies will be supplied with state promotional literature for distribution in something like 21 colleges and universities all over the country.

One candidate, attending A b i l l e n Christian College in Texas, resigned: "Because of my love for the State of Maine, I am transferring to the U. of Maine at mid-term.

MAINE ORE

"Excellent chances of outlining substantial tonnages of copper and zinc ore" exist on Black Hawk Mining Ltd. property in Blue Hill, according to a press release signed by the Montreal company's president, Charles D. Robbins. The company has been operating two diamond drills at the site since August.

Asays indicate that some of the ore will contain as much as 23.38% zinc and 6.09% copper. However, additional fill-in drilling is required to prove up tonnage and grade before any decision to go underground.

Future control of Black Hawk by Denison Mines Limited of Toronto through a stock transfer or sale was declared to be a possibility by Robbins.

Several other companies in several areas in the state are engaged in exploring for metallic ores and industrial minerals in what State Geologist Robert G. Doyle described as "one of the best years so far in Maine" with respect to the quality of work done by private companies and positive results achieved.

Maine companies have increased the production and the potential of known deposits by diversification and use of materials for new products, such as the utilization of slate for building and for decorative stone, he said.

Doyle said that the Maine Geological Survey program henceforth would concentrate upon a new geologic map of Maine, to be completed within two or three years and actual investigation of the mineral potential of certain areas in order to stimulate mining activities by private companies.

THE RUSKIES PROFIT

"So the Russians have comprehended at last that men work better and plan better when there is the incentive of bettering themselves," comments the Morning Sentinel of Waterville. "Meanwhile, at home, we who brought the profit system to its highest state of production, seem to be losing our grasp of the essential principle."