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Its Readers

Far & Near

A Very Merry Xmas

and

A Prosperous New Year

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With the Christmas and New Year Holidays close at hand, it seems appropriate to look back on our accomplishments during 1970. We have successfully completed the building of a new pipe line system from Portland to Montreal and this new line is now in operation. We wish every employee to know that the Management sincerely appreciates the hard work and conscientious effort each one contributed to make this new project a success while maintaining our operation of the old line at the same time.

The Management has every reason to feel proud of the personnel which makes up our two companies—the Portland Pipe Line Corporation and the Montreal Pipe Line Company, Limited.

With this fine record behind us and looking forward to working with all of you in 1971, I wish to thank each one personally for the splendid cooperation and excellent performance of service during the past year. May I also take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.
WHAT WE DID LAST MONTH (November)

Tanker Arrivals
at South Portland..................15
Barrels of Crude Received
at South Portland..................2,102,597
Barrels of Crude Delivered
at Montreal..........................2,435,499
Average Barrels Per Day
Delivered..........................81,183
Barrels Pumped Since
November 1941.....................165,512,913

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CHRISTMAS 1950
ON THE PIPE LINE

This mid-century Christmas on the
Portland-Montreal Pipe Line will, in some
respects, be different from that of any
other year since our first one in 1941.
Our new line, which started functioning
in the middle of November, has brought
about many changes and quite a few of
our pipe line families have moved to new
locations and settled in new homes.

Starting at Montreal East, Christmas
finds that location in the throes of an
active construction program, enlarging
their facilities and quite a number of
new faces are seen around the plant -
many temporary and some permanent. Mov-
ing south-east to St. Cesaire, we find
this former station, which was so well
noted for its beautiful flowers, now but
a pleasant memory of the past. Highwater
has a small crew guarding and main-
taining this location in that lovely spot
just over the International Boundary
line. West Burke Station is all but a
ghost village - quiet and deserted. The
big Diesels, with their
rhythmic chugging ex-
hausts, have forever
been silenced and the
cottages are now dark
and lonely every night.

In contrast, on moving down to Lan-
caster, we find a beehive of activity.
Two men are now on shift 24-hours a day
and most of the time, there are two Yard-
men on duty. With considerable clean-up
work and so-called loose ends to tie-in,
several temporary employees are still
there. New faces at the station were
greeted with a warm welcome as they are
those of old friends on our pipe line
merely settling at a new location. Every
cottage at Lancaster, this Christmas,
will glow with the friendly lights of
neighborliness.

Gorham Station has been partially
dismantled to the extent that the motors
and pumps have been removed. The build-
ings now serve as a storehouse for sur-
plus parts and fittings. The shift crews
at that location are, of course, no more
and the friendly lights that used to
shine across the dark Androscoggin at
night have been extinguished. Up at the
Warehouse, however, the scene is another
story for, at this spot, intense activity
has been carried on for several months
with the incoming and outgoing traffic
of materials. Most of the cottages at
Gorham will be occupied for Christmas
and, shortly thereafter, more families
will be moving in to increase the size
of this colony. The men living at this
location, of course, will be working in
and out of the Gorham Warehouse.

North Waterford Station, that stal-
wart sentinel that has guarded the Ox-
ford County wilderness for over nine
years, has assumed even greater propor-
tions and the scene here is similar to
that of Lancaster with more friendly
pipeliners now working there and new fam-
ilies having moved into the cottages. As
we move down to Raymond, we see a sad
sight, indeed. Station windows have been
boarded up and the cottages look desert-
ed and lonesome, standing silent among
the tall and sturdy pines. Raymond has
always been considered a beauty spot on
the old line and regardless of habitation or not, it will always remain a beautiful one, bordering on the shores of Panther Pond.

Coming into South Portland, we are greeted by a proverbial city in itself. More tanks, bigger buildings, more roads, more valves and miles and miles of pipe and most important of all, more friendly pipeliner faces.

About everyone on the line has now been relocated and will be settled in their new homes by Christmas. It is a happy thought, indeed, that so many of these changes involving this moving of personnel were carried out with a minimum amount of confusion and, during the hectic days of construction when many were working with the tense desire to get things done, the spirit of co-operation was paramount. It has been said many times that pipelining is a profession that gets into one's blood and wherever one is or wherever one may be, once a pipeliner, always a pipeliner.

As the Yuletide season rolls around once more with the big job behind us and many of our pipe line friends in their new homes, it is Christmas for one and all, the same as it always has been and the same as we hope it always will be.

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Last month, we indicated that this issue would contain a list of the locations where each man is working. The following shows the location of each employee of the Operating Division and this is published so that all of our readers will become acquainted with the new location of their many pipe line friends.

South Portland Station
*L. Fennel
R. J. McKaig
R. H. Bruns
K. R. Brydon
H. E. Corrigan
G. E. Cuskley
C. G. Emery
D. C. Emery
O. B. Flink
V. A. Ingersoll
H. L. Phillips
L. J. LaBounty
A. L. Pugliese
R. Richardson
L. H. Sampson
S. A. Sinclair
R. O. Sullivan
W. S. White
L. C. Wursthorne

South Portland Terminal
C. A. Andrews
R. N. Bridge
O. G. Brudevold
#L. W. Carter, Jr.
A. L. Cote
L. T. Darling
W. H. Faulk
E. E. Horr, Jr.
F. A. Hunt, Jr.
F. L. Ivers
M. W. Jensen
G. R. Flavin
A. E. Kennedy
B. Norton, Jr.
J. O'Carroll
J. J. Rafferty
R. E. Roderick
W. M. Spear
F. E. Wagner
V. J. Ward
E. F. Young

North Waterford Station
W. J. Luebeck
B. A. Bowerman
R. M. Hicks
F. A. Hunt
D. C. Hutchison
H. C. Perham
A. M. Plummer
B. A. Sawyer
F. S. Stearns
M. L. Walker

Gorham Maintenance Crew
F. Lamb
H. O. Cormier
B. D. LaBounty
K. I. Ridgwell
X. D. McKeag
M. L. Tenney

Gorham Warehouse
F. W. Foss
W. G. White

Lancaster Station
**J. W. Baker
A. I. Bishop
#T. R. Corrigan
H. L. Emery
E. E. Hickey
G. M. Murphy
W. W. Noyes
J. E. Randle
C. A. Rowe
G. A. Smith
L. C. Wheeler
G. T. Whittum

*after January 15th
**after January 1st
#in Military Service
TERMINAL

From the December issue of "The Naval Reservist", we learn that Lt. Bill Spear's Portland Unit Co. 1-2 of the Organized Military Sea Transportation Service has been awarded the honor of being the best Naval Reserve Drilling Unit in the United States, heading the over 12 Naval Reserve Districts, Washington, D.C., is at the bottom of the list.

Seems like old times around the Terminal with the return of our old quartette of Pumper-Gaugers back on the job after a long absence of relief work at the Tank Farm. The Terminal staff and crew spread the welcome mat for Art Cote, Allen Kennedy, Earle Young and Ralph Roderick.

George Flavin's family sang happy birthday to him on December 13 and Ole Brudevold celebrated a birthday on December 17.

Dock Foreman, Andy Andrews returned to the Terminal December 5 after spending several weeks at the Tank Farm working on pump installations.

Carl Flink has been transferred from Cape May, New Jersey to U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters at Boston for further assignment.

December, in these here parts, has proven itself to be the stormiest month of the year, plenty of high winds and rains, but to date, no snow. In spite of the elements, the Terminal handled her quota of twenty-eight tankers with little difficulty.

Carl Emery is filling the post of Assistant Dock Foreman. He is no stranger to the job, having had many months of supervisor relief work here in the past.

Commando Cote is brushing up on his Judo, just in case.

You Red Sox Fans can start rooting again for a pennant in '51. The big trades and deals, bringing Scarboro to the Sox,
look good on paper, but brother, I'm like the guy from Missouri, 'They will have to show me.'

Ed Twomey, who worked with us last summer, recently won scholastic honors at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York, where he is a student in the Dept. of Aeronautical Engineering. Ed has been named to the Tau Beta Pi honorary engineering fraternity. The organization is the highest undergraduate engineering honor society to which a man may be elected.

Oscar Flink has moved to Portland temporarily. The old homestead in South Portland has been sold by Oscar who will stay in the big city for a spell.

Music critic Paul Fume of Washington, D.C., who belittled daughter Margaret's singing voice and thereby left himself open to a punch in the nose, will be invited to South Portland for the proposed concert to be given by the "Hotel Gilbert Choral Society" next spring.

Earle Young is enjoying a late vacation by getting acquainted with his family and friends that he saw very little of during the construction period.

"Doc" Pete Fennel of Cornell Medical College will be at home for the Christmas holiday.

Joel Norton, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bennett Norton, Jr., has reached the age of nine months, is the proud possessor of two sturdy teeth and takes no back talk from his mom and dad.

The tanker Nueva Granada had the honor of being the first tanker to be shifted from our pier to the Focahontas Oil terminal for bunkers, December 11.

Lt. Bill Spear, U.S.N., has received orders from the Navy Dept. to report for duty February 5. This comes as no great surprise to Bill as his brother officers in the group have been leaving here quite regularly for active service. It is with regret that we part with our boys on the line but they are aware that there is a bigger job to be done and our boys will do it one hundred per cent.

The Annual Christmas party of the Pipe Line Club was held at Stroudwater Grange Hall, December 19. Turkey dinner was served followed by dancing and entertainment.

Mark Smith, the brawny and brainy chap who worked with us during the summers of 1948-49, headed south lately with Latex Corp. Mark is now assistant foreman with Latex and worked the past summer on construction of our new line. "Congrats" Mark on your promotion.

The Terminal crew extends the Seasons Greetings to friends far and near. May your hearts and minds find peace in this troubled world.

It has been a pleasure to contribute the Terminal News for the PIPELINER during the past few years. "Long may she go to press". See you all next year.

Frank Ivers

TANK FARM

Preparations for the Pipe Line Club's Annual Christmas Party are well under way. The site for this affair has been finally chosen, Stroudwater Grange Hall. Time: 6:30 p.m., December 19th. Turkey dinner and all the "Fixin's".

I know that Christmas plans are well under way in each individual home, that shopping is well under way. Pipe- liners will have a good Christmas and a Merry One.

There is however a current thought that this had better be an extra special Christmas this year because the feeling is prevalent that next year we may not be at official "Peace with the World". That the things now in abundance may not be so abundant -- next year. There is every indication that many of the Pipe-
liner Gang will be in various far off places in the service of our Government by next year. Les Carter having already left in the Army -- Bill Spear with orders to report to the Navy in early February, and several others with early draft calls in sight.

This year past has been rather terrific in the expansion of the facilities of the Portland Pipe Line. At the same time personnel problems due to these changes have been solved to the utmost satisfaction of both operations and management, with a minimum of confusion and trouble, we have changed over from one line to two lines and at the same time moved our friends to their new locations and positions where necessary. With the utmost in modern equipment and development in oil delivery techniques, the South Portland Station is the Pride and Joy of all of us.

We want to extend a "Merry Christmas and glad to have you with us", to Harry Corrigan, Tony Pugliese, Roy Brydon "Sully" Sullivan and Leonard Wursthorpe and their families. We know that you are going to be missed at your former stations and we want you to know that we are just as anxious that you find this new location a happy one.

To our Pipe Line Friends from here to Canada, up and down the "Line", Merry Christmas to all!

D. C. Emery

GORHAM

From all indications, I think I'm safe in saying that winter is here. Every morning, I peek from beneath the shade at the surrounding landscape, expecting to see foot upon foot of snow. A couple of times the snow on the mountain has fooled me momentarily, but by pulling myself higher on the head board, and focusing my eyes to the immediate surroundings, I see that the ground is still brown and the birches still bare. Don't get me wrong though, I don't care if it never snows again.

The population is getting less and less around here. Joe, Sue and Bill Hundle are moving to Lancaster Dec. 15. That leaves just 3 houses occupied.

Activities here at the Warehouse the past month have been at full pitch and we have had quite a few extra hands around here helping to keep things in order.

Bill White, Jess Miles and their families are expected back here about January 1st. They will be a welcome addition to our Gorham colony.

There isn't much more news this month, so I will sign off by wishing everyone the best Christmas ever and a Happy New Year.

Frank Foss

MONTREAL EAST

With the construction of the 18" line completed, your reporter will make an attempt to bring the readers up to date on the doings at Montreal East.

When Highwater Station and St. Cesaire Station were closed down, the number of employees at Montreal East increased with Alex Harvison and Arthur Gamble being transferred in from St. Cesaire and Harold Lict, Garth Eldridge and Rudolph Champion from Highwater Station. We're glad to have you with us boys and hope you'll enjoy working with us.

Eileen Gamble, our temporary typist during the heavy construction period, left us on November 24th and we were all very sorry to see her leave.

Mrs. Kay Donaldson joined the office staff on November 26th and will probably stay with us until all the clean-up work is over. It's nice to have you with us, Kay, and we hope you enjoy your stay.
Wilfred Despres and Andy Coley are also two recent temporary additions to the Montreal East Terminal.

Gordie Ritchie is now the proud possessor of a new car - a 1949 Meteor Coach. He’s still trying to sell his ancient ‘38 Ford - open to offers.

On November 27th, the employees at the Terminal gathered together and presented Pete Edwards with a Waterman’s Pen & Pencil Set and a Travelling Clock as a farewell gift on his transfer as Gauger/Accounting to the Winnipeg Pipe Line Company, Limited, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Everyone wished Pete the best of luck in his new undertaking and added that reports had it that the temperature in Winnipeg on the 27th was well below zero.

Congratulations go out to Marguerite and Arthur Gamble. After having a family of six boys, a very welcome addition of a baby girl was made on November 27th.

Mr. C.E. Carson, Director of Imperial Oil Limited and Mr. R.C. Moore, Manager of the Department of Employee Relations of Imperial Oil, were visitors at the office on December 11th.

The Christmas tree, which year after year is set up on the lawn in front of the office, is in the process of erection today, and this year there is no doubt but that we’ll have a White Christmas as during yesterday’s storm about 5 inches of the wonderful stuff fell.

To all our fellow workers below the border, we wish to extend our very best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Irene Juniper

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Our days are like identical suitcases; all the same size, but some people manage to pack more into them than others.

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LANCASTER

First, I would like to welcome the new pipeliners that have joined us this past two months - the Noyes, Rendle, Wheeler, and Rowe families. We are glad to have you with us, and hope your stay will be long and pleasant.

Everyone is settled in their respective quarters and seem to be quite comfortable.

Here is a little tip on Chet Rowe. I hear he was the one and only iceman in Stoneham, Maine but he is now Lancaster’s little round eggman. We wonder what the interest is in the egg business. It could be that sweet smile given with each dozen purchased. Better watch your man, Hannah.

Glen Smith was in an automobile accident, recently, damaging his car extensively and getting pretty well bruised up himself.

Dede Emery was home for the weekend of December 16.

Thomas Malloy is a guest for the weekend at the Emery’s. Tom is a student at Norwich University and is having his Christmas vacation.

The Murphy’s have a new washing machine. Thelma says all she has to do is put George in when she goes to work turn on the power, and when she gets home, poor old George is all washed, dried and ironed.

Clara Emery has been in the Weeks Memorial Hospital for a few days, recovering from an infection from penicillin.

John Baker has been in Montreal for a few days running scrapers. John is grandpa to a baby girl, Virginia Mary.

The Hickey’s have a new granddaughter in Heidelberg, Germany.

Catherine Emery, Nancy Rowe and Clifford Rowe were in a church Christmas play December 17.
Jackie Baker is working after school and Saturdays in Chesley’s store.

Billy Hickey is doing a fine job at basketball this year.

School closes Wednesday Dec. 20, for the Christmas vacation.

Stubby Noyes is having his holidays.

The hurricane that touched almost everywhere in New England sure did not slight us in the North Country. The damage was much and heavy.

We were glad to see so many of you fellows from the Portland Office at the station this past month. We hope to have a hole plowed through the dust and dirt the next time you call.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Herman Emery

PORTLAND OFFICE

Things are shaping up for a good old-fashioned Christmas party in the Office, to be held shortly after noon on Friday, December 22. The Food Committee members have put their shoulders to the bread loaf and coffee pot to turn out some good things to eat. The Entertainment Committee is whipping up some movies for the kiddies and music and fun for all. The way things look, now, there will be no excuses for anyone not having a good time. Over 100 persons have signed up to attend. Oscar Chilcoat, General Chairman, is the guiding hand for the affair and in spite of his pressing duties as Purchasing Agent, he has found time to help the committees in working out the program.

Long vacation trips seem to have become a well established style for the office pipeliners. Following Jeannette Orr’s and Anne Scanlon’s trip to Europe comes Kay Sullivan to start out in the opposite direction by driving to California with her family. Kay left Dec. 16 and expects to be gone a month. She hopes to take in Frisco, Hollywood, Los Angeles and even Tia Juana. Mex. On her trip back she plans to drive by the Gulf route, taking in New Orleans and other points south. The same day, Johnny and Mrs. Creed, following on the rear wheels of the Sullivan car, headed south for their annual trip to Shreveport. We were pleased to get a card from Johnny, mailed from Sanford N.C. at the halfway mark. He reported a fine trip in good weather.

Last month, Chilly made a hasty trip to Oklahoma to visit his Mother who is very ill at her home in Broken Bow. We were indeed very sorry to hear about her illness.

We are glad to have Mr. Fennel with us while he is acting as General Superintendent, replacing Johnny Creed during his vacation period.

By the first of the year, two of our office friends will have left us for the North Country. Jesse Miles and Bill White are scheduled to move back to Gorham on December 29, where they will go back to the regular assignments they had before the construction of the new line began.

With the recent changes in the Dispatchers Office we are glad to welcome to our group, George Mooney and Duffy Lewis who have now become regular Dispatchers. We are also glad to have Gil Cuskley with us as swing-shift man. However, he is now on as full-time Dispatcher, temporarily replacing Ernie Cook who is on sick leave.

We extend a warm welcome to our old friend, Bill Smith, who is now back on the Dispatcher crew after Chiefing at North Waterford during the construction program. Bill and Mrs. Smith have found a new home in Raymond. We expect that Bill’s reason for settling in this town is to be near where the deer and antelope play.
Bowling night has been omitted this week before Christmas, due to the pressure of Yuletide obligations. No doubt this rest will give some of the sturdy bowlers, like Tom Beatty, Neil Johnson and Eddie Dunn, a chance to build up a lot of energy for the final bowling night of the year which will be Thursday December 28. The competition for first place is terrific with Neil Johnson's team being about two points ahead of Eddie Dunn's. By the time that the first half of the season is concluded in January, anything can happen.

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C. J. Starr and R. H. Higgins
Honored at Luncheon

A luncheon with twenty-seven office employees attending was held as a farewell gesture to Neil Starr and Ray Higgins who are leaving the Portland Pipe Line Corporation this week, to work with the Northeastern Gas Transmission Company in Springfield, Massachusetts. The luncheon was held in Howard Johnson's on December 20. Neil and Ray were given each a Parker 51 pen and pencil set as a token of friendship and good will from their fellow employees.

Mr. Batchelder made the gift presentation and gave a short talk, wishing the two departing fellow employees good luck and farewell. A few friendly words were also added by Mr. Schultz, Mr. Chaplin and Ken Blanchard.

Neil is taking a position as Senior Office Engineer with the new company and Ray Higgins has accepted a drafting and engineering assignment in their Engineering Department. The Northeastern Gas Transmission Company is a new organization formed to construct gas lines into New England for the distribution of natural gas to New England industrial centers. It is a subsidiary of the Tennessee Gas Transmission Company. The head office is in Springfield.

The PIPELINDER wishes Ray and Neil the best of success for their future with the new organization.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT NEARLY COMPLETE

The latest construction progress report issued by Mr. Batchelder's office for the week ending December 15, looks like a Rhodes scholar's report card. This report is peppered with figures in the high percentages ranging mostly from 90 to 100%.

At the three pump stations, the greatly reduced construction crews have been working fast to keep ahead of Jack Frost, thereby bringing all of the outside work to a near completion. Excepting for the manifold building, garage, warehouse and boiler room at Montreal East all of the work on the Portland end of the line is on an average 95% complete. In spite of the cold weather and snow which already covers the ground at Montreal, work is proceeding with the construction on the manifold, garage and warehouse buildings at a rapid rate. This week, at one time, there were 35 bricklayers working on the project. It is expected that the work on this end of the project will continue through the winter as long as the weather permits. At the three pump stations, there remains considerable outside ground work such as grading and seeding of lawns which will, of course, have to wait until spring.

This week, we bade farewell to the last of our group of inspectors who have been assisting on the project during the past six months. Clarence Hall who is well known and liked by everyone along the line, left with Mrs. Hall and the family on December 16 for his home in Oklahoma. Clint Jarrett who was also well known and liked, left the week before. We certainly enjoyed having these men with us and they did a grand job while here along with the rest of the inspectors who left earlier in the month.

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