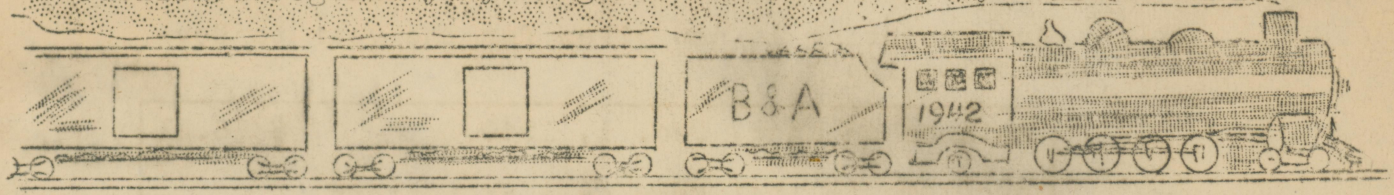
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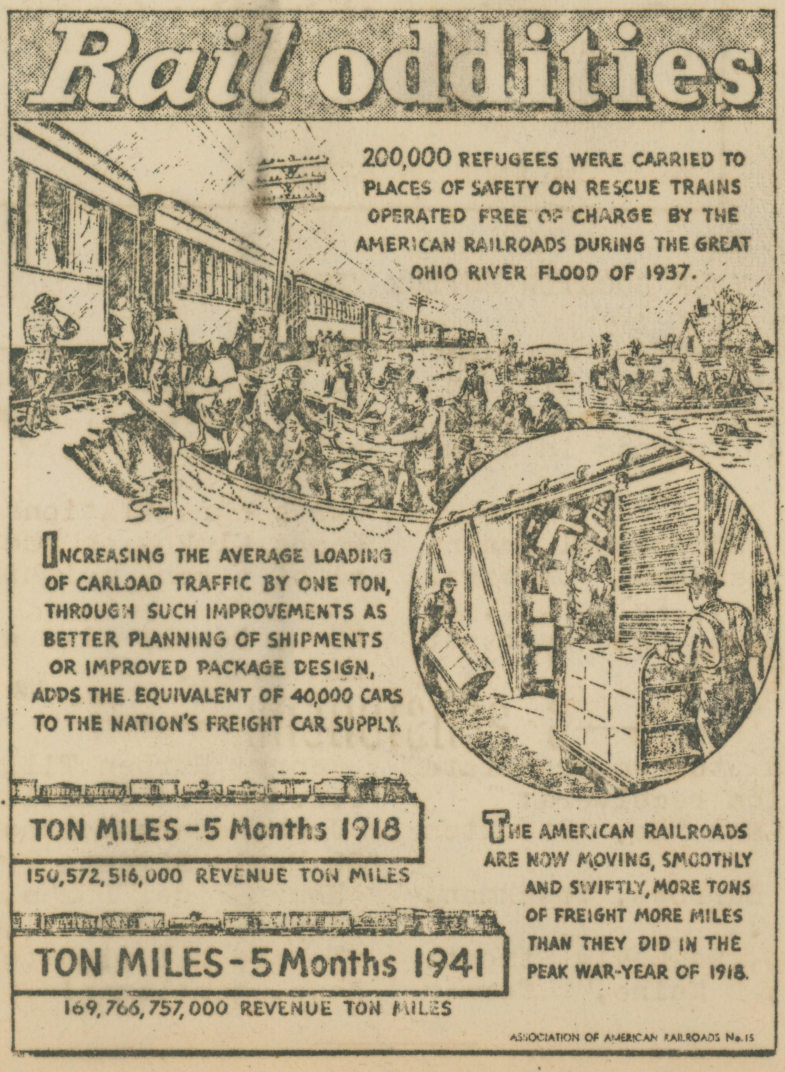


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THANKSGIVING GREETINGS TO ALL BOOSTER READERS







YOUR COMMITTEE SPENDS WISELY

In the December 1940 BOOSTER, an accounting was given of our finances from the date of organization to December 1st, 1940.

An accounting is now given for the year to November 30, 1941:

Balance on hand, Dec. 1, 1940	$ 76.61
RECEIPTS in 1941 from sale of buttons and Booster advertizing	177.94
Total	$254.55
EXPENDITURES:	
Postage and printing	$ 20.89
Expense of Exec. Committee Meetings	1.25
Expense of publishing BOOSTER	15.00
Purchase of buttons	18.70
Hire of Trucking Investigator	35.00
Special expenses at 1941 Legislature	90.15
Shipping selected potatoes to Washington	4.20
Expenses incurred in drive for track connection at Presque Isle airport	33.51
Total Expenditures	$218.70
BALANCE ON HAND	$ 35.85

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR BOOSTER BUTTON YET?

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G H Felch relieved Cond. Millett for a week on Trains 2 and 7. Mr. Millett visited friends in Connecticut.

On account of additional trains having been restored, Messrs. Johnson, Ackerley, Palmer, W. J. Stewart and Brown have been set up to conductors.

L. P. Larsson has been appointed Chief Clerk at Fort Kent freight office.

Our congratulations to Bob and Leona Clukey on the recent arrival of a son, weighing 8½ lbs.

R. L. Powell is acting agent at Limestone.

6 PENSIONERS

We are pleased to congratulate these new pension receivers:

Guy Eugene Lawrence, Stockton Springs.

Eber Lawrence Barrows, Trackman, Oakfield, Maine.

Grant U. Moore, 54 Davis Street, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, former trackman.

Henry Hurben Till, Sectionman, P.O. Box 145, Millinocket, Maine.

John Howard Vantassel, Machinist, 35 Maple Street, Brewer, Maine.

Henry Fidel Dugas, Car Repairer Helper, Church St., Derby, Me.

We are all glad to hear this good news, gentlemen!

TRACK INSPECTION WINNERS



We are pleased to congratulate the winners of Track Inspection prize money!

DISTRICT NO. 1

FIRST PRIZE: Sec. 23, Schoodic, James H. Sanborn, Foreman
Second Prize: Sec. 114, So. Lagrange, Harris A. Porter, Foreman

DISTRICT NO. 2

FIRST PRIZE: Sec. 25, West Seboois, Harold L. Connors, Foreman
Second Prize: Sec. 26, West Seboois, Wm. L. McCue, Foreman

DISTRICT NO. 3

FIRST PRIZE: Sec. 44, Bridgewater, Harry W. Ewings, Foreman
Second Prize: Sec. 92, Ft. Fairfield, Arthur J. Long, Foreman

DISTRICT NO. 4

FIRST PRIZE: Sec. 132, Keegan, Belonie Morin, Foreman
Second Prize: Sec. 135, Grand Isle, Fred J. Lavigne, Foreman

*MERITORIOUS SECTION

District 3, Section 124, Mapleton, Alton W. Simpson, Foreman

PRIZE YARD SECTION

District 1, Section 40, Houlton, John Turner, Foreman

* The plan for awarding the prizes provides that the First Prize on any Roadmaster's District can not be awarded two years in succession to the same section. Therefore, if a section has the highest rating for the district and got First Prize the previous year, that section is termed "Meritorious" and receives a prize equal to the first prize of the district! Our especial applause to Section 124!

NEWS FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH

Our friend Sam Wyman wrote Bill Watts from Florida the middle of last month. We quote in part:

"Well, here we are at Blanding once more and it sure is good to be back--but our stay is going to be short as we are leaving the last of the month for North Carolina for maneuvers with the First Army. We are part of the Third Army Corp.

"My wife and baby are arriving tomorrow night and I will certainly be glad to see them. It has been since July 29th since I last saw them, and that's a long time. I'm not coming home for Xmas as my family will be here. It will be a long time before I go north again.

"It is nice and cool here now and the weather is just right. The leaves haven't started to turn as yet but they will soon.

"Saw a big time football game last Saturday--Villanover played the U. of Fla. at Gainesville, and what a game! Service men are admitted at half price. Transportation is provided for us and so it works out pretty good.

"I have a nice rent for us this time. It is $40 a month and is well worth it. Venetian blinds, and all kinds of electrical equipment and modern up-to-date furniture, and it has a crib for the baby. My son will be a year old the 31st. Remember last year at this time. I guess we both were pretty worried about our wives.

"Well this is all for now, Bill. Everything is about the same and everything is swell.

"Please give my regards to every body.

Sincerely,

Tiger."

His address is 152nd F.A.Band, 43rd Div., Camp Blanding, Fla.

Why not drop him a line? Truth is all the boys in camp appreciate a word from home!

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at the switch

Rumor has it that Ben Staples got some exceedingly valuable information from an automobile mechanic the other day.

Ben Claims that his car stopped on account of moisture around the ignition switch, but the mechanic sticks to the story that if he would turn the key his engine would kick over quicker!

Where did you say that moisture was, Ben?

SUN LIFE of CANADA

FORTUNE OR INCOME

It is not easy to make a fortune, and even if it were, it might prove disastrous as an inheritance. An income, however, paid regularly month after month without variation, is another matter. It is a fortune which is never dissipated, nor can it be lost in hazardous ventures.

These facts cannot be overlooked by the man who wishes security for his family in the event of his death. He will realize that there must be a minimum income for his wife until the children are self-supporting, there must be provision for rent, food, clothes, schooling and the bare necessities, there must be freedom from anxiety for the mother, especially when her care and influence are so necessary in the formative years of childhood.

All these benefits are possible through the SUN LIFE Family Income Plan, an economical scheme of protection that leaves no doubts in the mind, no fears as to loss of capital, no administration cares, and no delays.

Write for particulars now, without obligation.

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Do you know someone who would like to advertise in our December issue? Keep it in mind. Perhaps you can sell the idea to your grocer, jeweler, druggist, automobile dealer, etc.

BOOSTER goes into over a thousand homes and has at least three thousand readers!

The reasonable rates are:

Monthly rates: $10 per page, and pro rata for smaller space, with a minimum of $1.00.

Annual rates: (Payable quarterly in advance):

Full page	$96.00
Half page	51.00
Quarter page	27.00

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The much preoccupied professor walked into the barber's shop and sat in a chair next to a woman who was having her hair bobbed.

"Haircut, please," ordered the professor.

"Certainly," said the barber. "But if you really want a haircut would you mind taking off your hat first?"

The customer hurriedly removed his hat. "I'm sorry," he apologized as he looked around. "I did not know there was a lady present!"

--Railroad Workers Journal

You will find yourself refreshed by the presence of cheerful people. Why not make earnest effort to confer that pleasure on others? You will find half the battle is gained if you never allow yourself to say anything gloomy.

-- L. M. Child

W. H. Stubbs bid in Trains 1 and 2 during the absence of Conductor Mayo.

J. B. Crocker, Brownville Jct., enjoyed a few days' vacation recently.

N. H. McPherson, Engineer, bid in Trains 211 and 212.

Gregg Guijano is recovering from a surgical operation.

Arthur Thomas shot a 225 lb. buck!

R. A. Lausier has been assigned to the position of clerk at Limestone.

Bus Driver Don Murray has gone back to firing a locomotive.

Bus Driver Blakeley bid in Fort Fairfield--Presque Isle run.

A. M. McNair, our Treasurer, has been off for a week. A. W. Lint relieved.

"What did the engineer say when he hit his thumb on the fire door yesterday?"

"Shall I leave out the swear words?"

"Yes, of course."

"He didn't say a word."

"Honey, are we going to have a swell time tonight! I bought two tickets to a lecture," said the young fellow to his girl.

"But I don't like lectures."

"No, but your father and mother do."

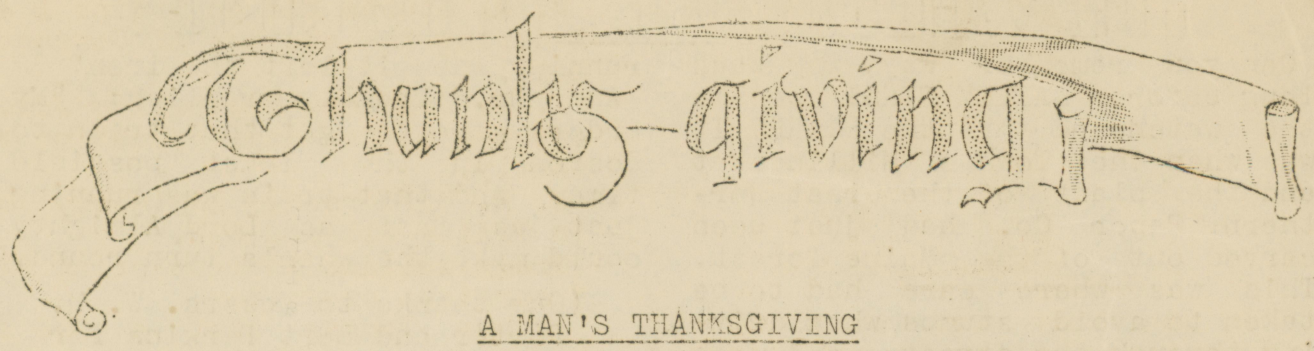
"It's a good thing to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy."

--George Horace Lorimer

Mistress: "Did Freddie get in any trouble while I was away?"

Maid: "Nothing 'cepting he swallowed a bug, but I gave him some of that insect powder right away, so they's nothing to worry about, ma'am."

DISPLAY BOOSTER BUTTONS



A MAN'S THANKSGIVING

God of commonsense, I give Thee thanks for the heavy blows of pain that drive me back from perilous ways into harmony with the laws of my being; for stinging whips of hunger and cold that urge to bitter strivings and glorious achievement; for steepness and roughness of the way and staunch virtues gained by climbing over jagged rocks of hardship and stumbling through dark and pathless sloughs of discouragement; for the acid blight of failure that has burned out of me all thought of easy victory and toughened my sinews for fiercer battles and greater triumphs; for mistakes I have made, and the priceless lessons I have learned from them; for disillusion and disappointment that have cleared my vision and spurred my desire; for strong appetites and passions and the power they give when under pressure and control; for my imperfections that give me the keen delight of striving toward perfection.

God of common good and human brotherhood, I give Thee thanks for siren songs of temptation that lure and entangle and the understanding of other men they reveal; for the weaknesses and failings of my neighbors and the joy of lending a helping hand;for my own shortcomings, sorrows and loneliness, that give me a deeper sympathy for others; for ingratitude and misunderstanding and the gladness of service without other reward than self-expression.

--Arthur W. Newcomb

BOOSTER'S THANKSGIVING

Now for some right dowh-to-earth thanksgiving!

To the B&A Management we express thanks for the use of the Company facilities which are used in our publication.

The staff and contributors are here given a warm pat on the back for their help in preparing the material, printing it, binding the sheets, and mailing out the finished product. It is no small job!

We are sincerely appreciative of the support given us by SUN LIFE OF CANADA, through its District Supervisor Charles H. MacDonald, in having faith enough in this paper to advertize in it regularly since our third issue!

To the readers: "Thanks for your interest and words of encouragement!"

Mark Twain once said: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

Chairman Hay has been appointed Supervisory Agent at Fort Kent and has taken over his duties.

H. J. Avery has now resumed work after being off five weeks.

G. W. Beckwith, Operator at Presque Isle, bagged a nice deer.

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THE WHEELS WERE TURNING!

Can you remember way, way back long before SAFETY FIRST became the watchword of the B&ARR? It was when the Town of Millinocket and the plant of the Great Northern Paper Co. had just been carved out of the Maine forest. This was where care had to be taken to avoid stumps when driving through the streets--and when twenty great files of spruce logs each containing a million feet were started in the Great Northern yards. In those days 20 to thirty loaded freight cars was a big haul and required a "pusher" over the grades.

At that time the Great Northern wished to establish a running time for the paper train between Millinocket and Boston. The B&A management assigned a special train for the run with Arthur Trombly at the throttle. The train was loaded--and to the clicking of stop watches started on its way. Coming down the flowage above the Schoodic grade the train went into the woods--and the load of paper returned to the forest from whence it came!

After the smoke had cleared way an inquiry was held in Hartwell, where the shops were then located. At the investigation Mr. Stuart, the Superintendent, asked the conductor how fast the train was running when the accident occurred. The conductor said 25 to 30 miles an hour, and the brakeman said practically the same--"not over 35 miles".

Then Mr. Stuart, turning to the engineer, said: "Now, Arthur, just how fast do you imagine the train was running when it left the iron?

And Mr. Trombly replied: "My orders were to get that train to Boston in the least possible time. And that train was running just as fast as Lord Almighty could make the wheels turn round."

(Our thanks to Messrs. W. M. Porter and Bert Perkins for this story of "old days on the B&A". Have you got one in your memory chest? Let's have it!)

An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband.

--Booth Tarkington.

