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MPA Convention On Sept. 15-16

Staff Trainees Are Employed By Five Papers

With the cooperation of four weekly newspapers and one daily, the summer staff training program of the University of Maine is now in successful operation.

Six student trainees are employed as follows:

JAMES G. BARROWS—Eastport Sentinel.
SID FOLSOM—Rockland Courier-Gazette.
BOB LORD—Skowhegan Independent Reporter.
DAVE MACKEN—Rumford Falls Times.
BOB SNOWMAN—Bangor Commercial.
DICK SPRAGUE—Eastport Sentinel.

All of the students are enthusiastic over the experience they are gaining, which runs the range from lending a hand in the back shop to, in some instances, taking over the editorship while the editor is out of town.

Several have been handling photographic assignments.

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GERALD A. ROGOVIN, 1949 Maine graduate, is an editorial research assistant to the sports editor of Look magazine, 488 Madison Avenue, New York City. He received his master's degree in journalism from Columbia University in June.

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ARCH SOUTAR, Lewiston Evening Journal, will sail Sept. 1 for Glasgow on the Empress of Scotland. He plans a tour of Scotland, England, and part of the Continent.

1950 Sessions Will Be Held At Lake Camp

The 1950 convention of the Maine Press Association will be held at Kennebago Lake Camps, in the Rangeley Lakes region, on Sept. 15 and 16.

It is expected that the success of last September's convention in Aroostook County will swell the attendance of this year's gathering.

MPA members and guests at Kennebago Lake will occupy a colony of cabins with hotel-type accommodations, including a central lobby, dining room, and lounge.

Speakers, business sessions, and other program arrangements will soon be announced to the membership by the association's president, Kingdon Harvey, editor of the Fort Fairfield Review.

Attractions listed for the resort take in just about the whole repertory of outdoor sports—from water skiing to mountain climbing. Facilities for golf, tennis, and archery are provided along with sandy beach and "14 trails for woodland hiking."

There is also "playground equipment for children."

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KENNETH F. ZWICKER, University of Maine journalism graduate, is now city editor of the Bangor Commercial. He succeeds Waldo Proffitt, who has joined the publicity staff of Harvard University. Zwicker, formerly employed by the Ellsworth American, is a Marine veteran of the Pacific war. He was managing editor of the Maine Campus in 1948-49 and also served as a student assistant in the Department of Journalism.

 Bernard E. Esters

Houlton Publisher Honored By NEA

Bernard E. Esters, publisher of the Houlton Pioneer Times, is now next man in line for the presidency of the National Editorial Association as a result of his election as vice president at the recent convention in Providence, R.I.

This year's president is J. Clifford Kaynor, publisher of the Ellensburg (Wash.) Daily Record.

NEA delegates who ended a New England tour at Poland Spring on June 23 were addressed by Col. Daniel S. Dexter, editorial writer of the Lewiston Evening Journal.

Dexter challenged the idea that newspaper influence (including that of the editorial page) was declining.

"The reverse is true," he said.

Esters is an alumnus and trustee of Colby College. He has been New England's representative on the NEA's board of directors.
On To Kennebago

If the Maine Press Association's convention at Kennebago Lake on Sept. 15 and 16 measures up to the standard set by the 1949 gathering in Aroostook County, then it is going to be an outstanding success.

We hope it is all of that—and that such meetings increasingly reflect the true importance of the community newspapers that the MPA represents.

The business and professional value of such meetings has been demonstrated so many times, in all parts of the country, that no emphasis on it is required here. Besides, such gatherings are a lot of fun.

The Maine Journalist will be there.

First reports from the newspapers that have taken journalism students as summer trainees indicate that the staff training program is off to a good start. Employers seem to feel that they are getting their money's worth, which is a first essential. Students are happy over the experience they are getting—experience which we hope may bear interest at some future time for Maine newspapers and their readers.

The Maine Journalist extends its congratulations to:

Bernard E. Esters, Houlton Pioneer Times, for his election to the vice-presidency of the National Editorial Association.

Dwight E. Sargent, Portland Press Herald, for his election to a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University.

Korea---Then And Now

By Kalil Ayoob

Some of the bloodiest and blackest pages of American history are being written in Korea.

To the hundreds of GI's who saw service in that Oriental land once known as the "Hermit Kingdom" but now the focal point of world attention, current events are following a pattern envisioned by many of them as far back as 1945 during the early days of the occupation.

While American personnel, for the most part, incompetent to handle the tasks ahead, wrestled half heartedly with occupation problems, little caring about the results, Russia to the north had already begun the task of communizing the millions of Koreans under her domination. This was done according to a well conceived plan and little time was wasted in making the influence of the Soviet Union felt.

Korean collaborationists were placed in key government posts under Russian supervision; an elaborate system of propaganda was instituted; local police forces were increased to larger than necessary complements; natives were forced to work in slave labor camps; and military preparations were begun in earnest with Korean veterans forming the nucleus of a large, Red-trained standing army.

Busy Waiting to go Home

In contrast, Americans to the South were more intent on collecting ribbons and souvenirs, entertaining Oriental mistresses and going pheasant hunting. The majority were just putting in their time and waiting for the day they would return to the States. So feeble were our propaganda efforts that the results were negligible.

An occupational force which reportedly never exceeded 72,000 men, was gradually decreased despite knowledge that Russia was increasing the size of her armed forces in the north, believed at one time to have numbered 300,000 troops.

Many travelers who successfully evaded Soviet border guards escaped from the north into the American sector and brought with them only tales of hardship and suffering under Russian rule.

Russian Activity Reported

All of them with whom I spoke reported intense Russian military activity, but the American brass to the south paid little heed, unmindful that a day of reckoning was fast approaching—a day that was to cost American lives and place American prestige at stake.

Korea, with its many mountains, craggy wilderness and hard-to-defend coastline lends itself to effective guerrilla activity and is by no means the ideal spot to wage modern warfare.

However, loss of this little nation, in the writer's opinion, will mean loss of American face in Asia, not to mention our reputation as a strong military power—power which is currently being put to the test.

Yours Truly

Thank You, Sir

To the Editor: I like the Maine Journalist very much... I was especially interested in John Gould's article on "Our Un-Public Records."

Leslie G. Moeller, Director
School of Journalism
State University of Iowa

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Please ask the reporters and copy-readers to write in short sentences, and please insist that they do so, and please employ reporters and copy-readers who will do so.—William Randolph Hearst.

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I call a fig a fig, a spade a spade.—Menander (343-292 B.C.)
Dr. Cross Invited For Law Seminar On Newspaper Day

Dr. Harold L. Cross of Skowhegan has been invited to conduct a seminar in newspaper legal problems as one of the features of the Maine Newspaper Day program of Oct. 27 and 28 at the University of Maine.

A discussion of libel and related subjects by Dr. Cross was one of the highlights of last year’s program.

Editors and publishers attending this year’s sessions will be guests of the University at the Bates-Maine football game on the 28th.

Dr. Cross received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the University of Maine’s 1950 Commencement.

In conferring the degree, President Arthur A. Hauck referred to Dr. Cross as “a member of the New York bar distinguished in the field of newspaper law; general counsellor for the New York Herald Tribune; ably serving the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University, for many years; as professor from 1937, and as associate dean in 1949 and 1950; a citizen of high character who has contributed notably to the cause of free inquiry and free expression in a free land.”

** MRS. PHYLLIS M. RING, editor of the Freeport Press, obtained access to Freeport school records in May after initiating court action. Mrs. Ring won her point after an informal conference in which Superior Court Justice Francis W. Sullivan said that school records were public and subject to reasonable inspection.

** ISLAND AD-VANTAGES of Stonington features regularly the philosophical observations of Captain Marcus Aurelius Mulligan, a “literary character whose roots are in East Penobscot Bay.” Created by Publisher Gordon MacKay, the Captain speaks through a column entitled “On the Side.”

** THE WALDOBORO PRESS has installed a new Omaha folder.

Dr. Harold L. Cross

Commercial To Go Into New Quarters

The Bangor Evening and Sunday Commercial is in the midst of preparations for moving into its new plant on Valley Avenue.

Remodeling of two buildings of the former Morse’s Mill property for the paper’s use has progressed steadily during the summer, according to co-publishers Russell H. Peters and James D. Ewing.

Installation of a 64-page Goss high-speed press was completed this month.

Many Newspapermen Await Reservist Call

Many Maine newspapers are now confronted with new personnel problems as staff members who are military reservists await orders to active duty.

A quick survey reveals that a majority of the state’s papers have at least one key employee who is either a reservist or eligible for the draft.

In some instances, reserve commissions are held by top executives as well as by many of the departmental editors.

Mechanical and business departments are likewise affected, of course.

Maine Graduates Show Up Well In Job Competition

Maine’s 1950 journalistic contingent is showing up well in the competition for newspaper jobs.

Indications are that all candidates will be either employed or enrolled for graduate work before the new school year.

At mid-August, new graduates were distributed as follows:

WOODY BIDGELOW—State news department, Lewiston Daily Sun.

DON KING—Reporter, Piscataquis Observer, Dover-Foxcroft.


STEVE RILEY—Reporter, Brunswick Record.

BOB SLOSSER—Sports reporter, Bangor Commercial.

JAMES R. WHEELER—Worcester (Mass.) Evening Gazette.

One of the war veterans, BOB SNOWMAN, is employed on the copy desk of the Bangor Commercial under the staff training program (see Page 1). He will receive his degree from the University at the end of the summer, upon completion of his staff-training period.

LARRY PINKHAM, who will enter the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University, has been employed for the summer as a swing man on the state desk and in the bureaus of the Bangor Daily News.

JOHN CONNERS is now working out plans for a year of graduate study.

** MAINE TOUR-REST GUIDE, published by Stuart & Company, Ellsworth, has 146 pages of advertising and information in its 1950 edition. Points of interest from Kittery to Fort Kent are covered in detail. Projected by Donald Stuart, publisher of the Ellsworth American, the guide includes post cards for the tourist’s “convenience in obtaining further information from advertisers.”

** MELVIN L. STONE, publisher, Rumford Falls Times, is New England regional vice president of Greater Weeklies Associates.
Moosehead Gazette Has Edition For Outdoor Writers

The convention of the Outdoor Writers' Association of America at Moosehead Lake was covered by the Moosehead Gazette in a special edition of June 16.

The Moosehead Gazette is a weekly summer newspaper, started last year by Russell Gerould, publisher of the Eastern Gazette in Dexter, where both papers are printed.

Alvan Mersky of Portland, University of Maine journalism student, served as a temporary member of the Moosehead Gazette's staff during the convention.

Working with Editor Horace P. Landry in Greenville, Mersky covered numerous business sessions and sightseeing trips. On one occasion he also acted as news photographer.

The special issue of the paper was 16 pages, largely devoted to news and pictures of the gathering, which brought to the lake area several hundred of the nation's leading writers on fishing, hunting, and conservation.

Mersky is president of the University of Maine Press Club.

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LEONARD N. HARLOW, chief of the Bangor Daily News Rockland bureau, and Miss Joan Winchenbaugh of Friendship were married at Friendship Methodist Church on June 17. Their address is 20 Elm Street, Rockland.

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A DAUGHTER, Suzanne Blanche, was born to Mrs. Maynard Genthner, wife of the publisher of the Waldoboro Press, on May 15.

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WAYNE JORDAN, professor of journalism, University of Maine, is working during the summer on the International Air Edition desk of the New York Times.

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THE YORK WEEKLY features a table of the tides at the left of its nameplate in each issue.

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ALAN D. ST. JAMES' address is 989 Madison St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Never In Craft, But Still With It

When Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, has its convention at Miami Beach in November, the chairman of the reception committee will be George H. Cooper, a University of Maine graduate.

One of Cooper's claims to fame in Sigma Delta Chi is that he has never been a newspaperman. He was initiated in 1923, when the fraternity had a Maine chapter, while he was a journalism student. He turned to chemical engineering, then to Florida farming.

Now a big-time fruit grower and cattle raiser in the Miami area, Cooper is also owner of a farm supply firm. Last spring he brought the Greater Miami professional chapter of Sigma Delta Chi elected him vice president.

He insists that he is going to own a weekly some day.

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Stars and Stripes Chief Gets University Post

Lt. Col. William M. Summers, editor-in-chief of the European edition of The Stars and Stripes, has been ordered to the University of Maine for duty with the Department of Military Science and Tactics.

Colonel Summers has been in the No. 1 position on the historic Army newspaper in Germany since 1947, when he succeeded Lt. Col. William G. Proctor.

Colonel Proctor, now public relations officer at West Point, addressed the University of Maine Press Club at a luncheon shortly after his return to the United States in the fall of 1947.

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BILL ROBERTSON, Maine journalism student, is employed for the summer as director of publicity for the Camden Hills Theatre at Camden.

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THE MAINE CAMPUS is purchasing additional equipment for its new photo lab.

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MARIYLN WYMAN is now working on the state desk of the Bangor Daily News.

Dwight E. Sargent Going To Harvard As Nieman Fellow

Dwight E. Sargent, chief editorial writer of the Portland Press Herald, is among this year's 12 winners of Nieman Fellowships for a year's study at Harvard.

After graduation from Colby College in 1939, Sargent joined the Biddeford Journal as police reporter and was soon promoted to telegraph editor. In 1941, after service with the Maine legislative staff of the Associated Press, he went to the New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times as make-up editor.

Following war service as an Army captain, Sargent was employed by the Portland Evening Express as waterfront reporter. He was transferred in 1947 to the Press Herald, where his first assignment was on the state desk.

Sargent's studies at Harvard under the Nieman grant will be in the fields of atomic energy, state government, and American history.

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ELBERT G. MOULTON, Jr., sports reporter, Bangor Daily News, and Miss Geraldine A. Lockhart of Winterport were married in Winterport Methodist Church on June 25. They are at 370 Broadway, Bangor.

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BENJAMIN C. BUBAR, Jr., of the Mars Hill View received minor injuries in fighting a fire that damaged the weekly's plant on July 5. Type set for the July 6 issue was destroyed.

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ORA L. EVANS, editor and publisher of the Piscataquis Observer, Dover-Foxcroft, wrote a column on "A day at the University of Maine" for his issue of June 1.

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HOWARD A. KEYO, University of Maine, attended the national convention of the American College Public Relations Association at Ann Arbor, Mich., in June.

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JOSEPH H. COBB, reporter, Bangor Daily News, has been acting as telegraph editor during vacation periods.