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Any City would feel justified to rejoice and be proud of having such a store as this new enlarged A & P Supermarket. As Mayor of Lewiston I am pleased when I hear of any new enterprise or of any new development that means progress, more payroll and added benefits to the citizens.

I am very glad to congratulate the A & P management on this great occasion. The opening of this renovated and most modern Supermarket is another milestone in the commercial life of our City. I was sorry to hear of the sudden death, last Sunday, of Mr. Staples, the New England director of your organization. He was a short while ago and was planning to attend this opening. I am sure his devotion to the A & P organization gave us this splendid Supermarket. And our City owes it also to the remarkable work and effort of every member of the personnel. To me A & P means to be Alert and Progressive, and a visit to this store would convince anyone.

Congratulations to Mr. Hunt, District Manager, to you also, Mr. Wakefield, local Manager, and to every one of the employees. May I extend to you all ~~the very greatest wishes~~ my sincere wishes for the greatest success of your life.