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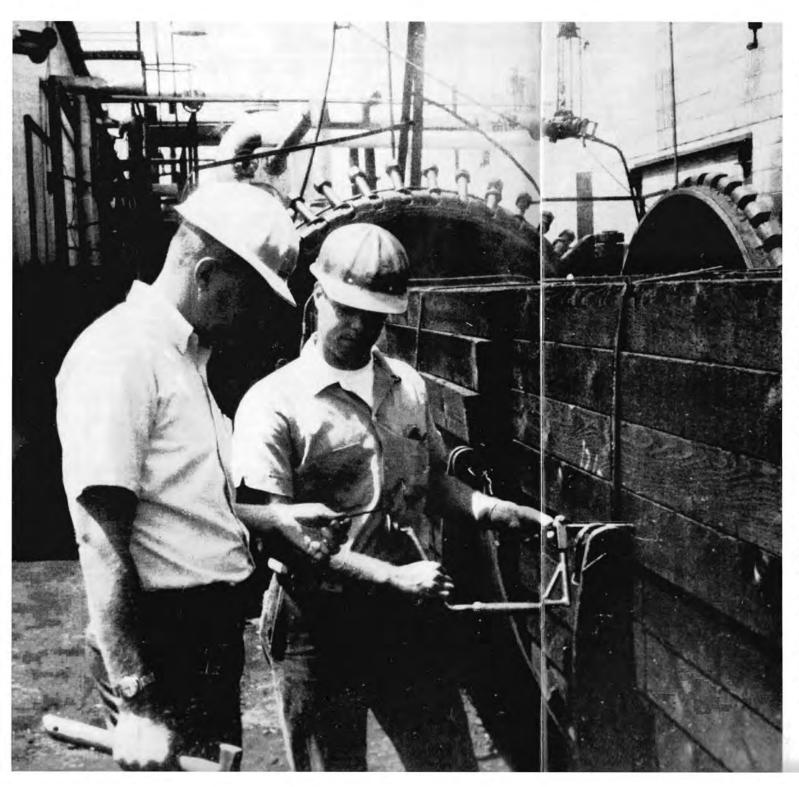


TREASURY STAFF

WATCHES THE DOLLAR PAGES 4-6

FREIGHT REVENUES





The President Asks...

What's YOUR Job Worth?

UP-UP GO PRICES!

—Food, Auto, Interest Rates, Housing Costs.

UP-UP GO TAXES!

—Income, Retirement, Sales, Luxury, Real and Personal Property.

No wonder you feel squeezed!

Cost of living increases help, negotiated pay increases help — BUT, CONSIDER where that money comes from!

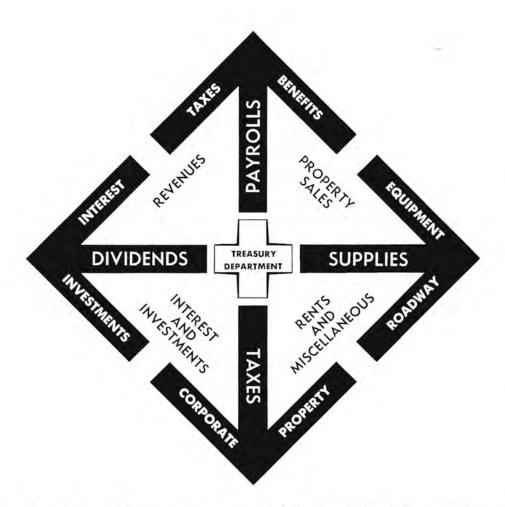
YES-the Squeeze is on your Company, too! That Company which helps you to pay your bills must meet similar UP-UP's. 1967 property investments for equipment, roadway and miscellaneous was \$11,370,149: 1966 was \$11,848,436; and 1965 was \$15,-219,631 — for a three-year reinvestment program in excess of \$38 million. The average hourly wage of employees has increased 35.2% since 1958, fringe benefits have increased 145.8%, and material prices have increased 12%. In addition, dividends to shareholders, who have invested their money in your railroad, must be paid.

You might think there's a simple answer—like increasing freight rates. But, that's like arriving at the station at one o'clock to catch the 12:45. The Interstate Commerce Commission, the Public Utilities commissions, must approve increases. That takes time! And, any increase tends to divert traffic to competitors unless we offer customers improved, premium service.

Meanwhile, why not consider how your Company helps you... and HOW YOU can help your Company by striving for excellence in the performance of your job.

Only YOU can make your job—and Western Pacific—worth while!

m. m. Church .



The flow of money in and out of WP's TREASURY DEPARTMENT

A GREAT many people depend upon the activities which take place in one of the most important departments of the railroad. The black and white arrows in the above illustration depict the principal flow of money received and paid out by WP's treasury department—money necessary to keep the railroad in operation.

The handling of this money by the treasury department staff, and some

of their other duties, is illustrated by pictures on Pages 5 and 6.

On the cover, a mechanical department employee checks a passing freight train as it speeds by in the dark. Money received from customers for hauling their freight is a prime source of revenue received by the railroad.

On Pages 2 and 3, railroad ties are being bored and inspected for preservative penetration after being pulled from a pressure treating retort at Koppers Company Forest Products Division plant in Oroville. This firm is one of many railroad suppliers who receive money from Western Pacific.



Bob Sturm, receipts and disbursements clerk, and Chief Clerk W. E. VanSkike discuss the changes to be made on paychecks not included in regular distribution for one reason or another. Corrections will be made on check register to balance payroll accounts, and corrected checks will be sent to payees.



Blank paychecks from treasury stock are given to data processing section for preparation, then returned to VanSkike for his signature. This is done by a signature and cancelling machine at the rate of about 6,000 an hour.



Treasury Department Accountant Janie Hyland lists paid checks and drafts presented to San Francisco Clearing House to balance by banks the totals which have been listed on the Clearing House transmittal sheets.

Bob Sturm assists with the listing of checks and drafts, as Jim McCord, bank and file clerk, sorts checks and drafts by accounts for proper entry in WP's cash book.





WP Sales Representative Ivan McAtee calls on foreman for Coors Distributing Company regarding a shipment just received at Coors' San Francisco warehouse. Pollye Guthrie, Coors' accountant, prepares check in payment of



her Company's rental of the property which will be received by WP's treasury department.



Assistant Treasurer Axel Rintala and Mary Soohodolsky, secretary-clerk, discuss method for applying a check received by mail in payment of an outstanding bill due the railroad.

General Clerk Werner Brandt prepares addressograph plates used for mailing MILE-POSTS and for other mailing lists required by nearly every department at general office. Address changes take time—be sure to notify the treasury department promptly when moving.





Rintala assists Geraldine Ross, secretary to Vice President-Finance F. A. Tegeler, with payroll deduction form for U.S. Savings Bonds. Gerry will use savings to help finance her daughter's schooling. You, too, can create a "nest egg" by using a payroll deduction plan!

Kevin Simmonite, mail and file clerk, delivers basket of marketing division mail to Treasury Department mail room where McCord is applying postage and Brandt is checking weights. WP's outgoing U.S. mail postage including permit mail, averages \$3,900 a month.



PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Arch L. Frantz was appointed assistant manager Trailer-On-Flat-Car-Service effective June 1. He succeeds John W. Burkard, manager-container services development, reported in the last issue.

He was born in Salt Lake City on February 14, 1937. After attending West High School he entered the University of Utah where he obtained a B.S. degree in business management.

Arch first worked as a brakeman at Salt Lake City in August, 1955. He came to San Francisco in November 1963 and entered the marketing division's training program. He was made manager TOFC dispatch in August 1966 which preceded his latest appointment.

Arch and the former Marion Andres of Stockton were married on June 7, 1958, and they have a son, Stephan, 19 months. Their home is in Park Merced in San Francisco.

Arch is a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army Reserve's 4th Brigade, 91st Division. His hobbies are woodworking, gardening, golf and fishing.

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William F. Schmidt succeeds Arch Frantz as manager of dispatch-Trailer-On-Flat-Car-Service.

Bill was born in Petaluma, Calif., on April 3, 1944, where he completed his high school education. He then enrolled at San Jose State College where he received a B.S. degree in business and industrial management in June 1966. While attending San Jose State he was employed as a brakeman for Southern Pacific Co. at Watsonville Jct. and at San Francisco. In December 1966, Bill entered Western Pacific's marketing division's training program.

He is a member of the Society for Advancement of Management, San Jose, the Presbyterian Church, and for the past several months was production advisor for "Originals by J.A.," a Western Pacific sponsored Junior Achievement company. Bill lettered all four years during college and was co-captain for San Jose State's baseball team during his senior year. He also enjoys trout fishing, skiing, competitive sports, photography and travel.

Bill is single and lives in Alameda.



Arch Frantz and Bill Schmidt look over one of the new trailers rented by Western Pacific

during tour of facilities at San Francisco.

PORT OF STOCKTON

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May 27, 1968

DIRECTOR OF THE PORT GEORGE T. HENCH

AUDITOR H. P. MCCANDLESS

A. E. GRONIN, JR.

Mr. Charles K. Faye Assistant Vice President Western Pacific Railroad 526 Mission Street San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Chuck:

I wish to specifically commend two Western Pacific employees, Arch Frantz, Manager TOFC Dispatch, San Francisco, and Wally Logan, Sales Representative, Stockton, for their very diligent efforts in fulfilling our need for TOFC trailers that were required for an import movement last week.

We needed six high-cube, drop-frame trailers, but discovered that these were in short supply. Both Arch and Wally were instrumental in rounding up two of the drop-frames and we loaded the balance of the shipment into high-cube standards.

Even though we received only two of the dropframe trailers requested, this in no way reflects on their efforts. They received our request on very short notice and both went all-out in attempting to obtain the equipment in the time required.

Our contact with Arch was only via phone, however, he kept us fully informed of his efforts to locate the necessary trailers. Wally was your man on the spot. He arranged for the trailers to be spotted at the time we needed them and also was at the Port during loading.

WP is indeed Willing People!

Very truly yours,

PORT OF STOCKTON

W. H. Meryman

Traffic Manager

WHM: jl

cc: Charles G. Hartje, Manager-TOFC Service, San Francisco S. E. Dinkel, Sales Manager, Stockton

"GATEWAY TO INTERIOR CALIFORNIA"

Railroaders in the News



Secretary Marge Morales pins a 45-year Service Pin on lapel of her boss, N. A. Schoeplein, manager of revenues. F. A. Fieser, controller, extended congratulations.



General Manager L. D. Michelson receives a 40-year Service Pin from Ray Adams, assistant to GM (left). R. F. Brew, administrative assistant arranged for the presentation.



W. A. "Bud" Soule, chief clerk at Milpitas, retired June 7 with 44 years service. "Bud" received from employees a Pfluger Supreme reel with free spool and star drag. Making presentation to "Bud" (front) were Retired Trainmaster Phil Prentiss, Agent P. E. Scott, and new Chief Clerk Herb Singh. Picture was taken by Walter Theobald, claim clerk.

Below: Yardmaster Reinhold Schmidt stands between two Erie-Lackawanna cars bearing identical number 50623 which arrived in WP's 25th Street yard, San Francisco, on the same day. Only difference in two cars was slight variations in load limit and light weight markings. WP received permission to change one of the car numbers. Picture was taken by Jerry Gosnell, yard-industry clerk.





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Service Pin Anniversaries

MAY-JUNE 1968

45 YEARS
Julius M. Colberg
40 YEARS
Eugene H. Beitel Conductor Division James R. Brown Locomotive Engineer Division Maurilio Carrillo Machinist Oroville William B. Cook Assistant to Sales Manager Chicago Leland D. Michelson General Manager San Francisco Horace W. Miller Conductor Division Alexander N. Rankin Conductor Division
35 YEARS
Deward C. AndersonConductorDivisionJohn C. NelsonMachinistOrovilleOrson D. ParkTrack LaborerDivisionAnthony F. ScullionSwitchmanDivision
30 YEARS
Erwin P. Brodersen. District Special Agent-Claim Agent. Oakland Irvin T. Eslinger. Signal Supervisor Oroville Howard A. McMahon Assistant Roadmaster Sacramento Alphonse A. Schuetter Assistant Roadmaster Oakland Luther Thompson. Section Foreman Division
25 YEARS
Arthur E. Biggs Locomotive Engineer Division Ruth Fulk Secretary-Bookkeeper Portola Hospital Edwin L. Haase Switchman Division Robert L. Harrigan Yard Clerk Oakland Lois Chase Head Bill Clerk Oakland Walter L. Chapman Roadmaster Sacramento Rita Mae Connolly Car Service Inspector San Francisco Gerald J. Gervais Conductor Division Raymond E. Gervais Conductor Division John L. Inge Switchman Division Gladys E. Johnson Demurrage Clerk San Francisco Russell E. McCurdy Carman Portola William E. Phillips Locomotive Engineer Division Helen R. Small Trainmaster's Clerk (MILEPOSTS Correspondent) Oroville Gertrude L. Pohndorf Clerk-Purchasing San Francisco Michael J. Zellin Dining Car Steward Oakland
20 YEARS
Bonnie Lee Barnhill Per Diem Clerk San Francisco Richard C. Furtney Car Foreman San Francisco Leroy J. Godwin Rate and Bill Clerk Fremont Joe T. Hernandez Carman Stockton George Johnson Fourth Dining Car Cook Oakland Eugene V. McCorkle Machinist Sacramento Charles D. Means Switchman Division Donald E. Morford Switchman Division Relief Position-Store Sacramento (Continued on next page)

Glenn L. Pinney John F. Spowart.	Estimated Earnings Clerk Store Laborer Car Inspector Relief Clerk #1 Section Laborer	Portola
Eddie L. Tibbetts		Sacramento San Francisco
	15 YEARS	
R. M. Fields W. R. Jones J. A. Miller Robert C. Morton E. G. Razo Silvario Santos Alan C. Tibbedeaux G. Van Horn John W. Vetter N. A. Whittier	Electrician Attorney Accountant PBX Operator-Typist Switchman Switchman Conductor Freight Claim Inspector Track Laborer Blacksmith Helper Yard-Train Desk Clerk Conductor Switchman Electrician 10 YEARS	Sacramento Division Division Division San Francisco Division Sacramento San Jose Division Division Division Division
Ignacio Flores	Section Laborer Carman Extra Gang Laborer	Oakland

Railway Guide's 100th Anniversary

To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of *The Official Railway Guide* the publishers, National Railway Publication Company, are issuing a reproduction of the first volume. Only one copy of this volume, published in June 1868, is known to exist.

The reproduction copy will include a special preface outlining some historical background of *The Guide*, and an appendix identifying the current affiliation of the more than 350 railroads represented in the first issue. The 280 original pages are fascinating reading for everyone interested in railroads, as are several editorials on non-railroad subjects. These include "The Various Uses of India Rubber" and "What Shall we do with our Young Ladies?"

Paper-bound copies of the Anniversary Issue will be offered for general sale at \$3 per copy as long as the supply lasts. Those interested should write to The Official Guide, 424 West 33rd Street, New York, N. Y. 10001.

The 100th issue of *The Guide*, for June 1968, will mark the introduction of a new cover, designed to carry the "new look" which is becoming more prevalent throughout the railroad industry.

They Have Retired

Stanley T. Helton, B&B carpenter, Division, 20 years 4 months.

Louise C. Larsen, PBX operator, San Francisco, 20 years 8 months.

Albert W. Plaas, B&B carpenter helper, Division, 17 years 7 months.

Gotthielf Roehl, pile driver foreman, Division, 33 years 1 month.

Ramon D. Rosales, Sacramento Northern track laborer, Yuba City, 19 years.

William A. Soule, chief clerk, Milpitas, 44 years 1 month.



WINNEMUCCA

Henry Mentaberry

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Alfred Tonkin, 74, retired motor car maintainer, who died here recently. A funeral was held at Eddy Mortuary, with burial in the Masonic section of the Winnemucca Cemetery. He was a member of Winnemucca Lodge No. 19, F&AM.

Al was born in Ward, Colorado, on September 24, 1893. He moved to Utah in 1900 and established residence in Humboldt County seven years later, working in the Jungo-Sulphur mine area for many years. He served 16 months in the Army during World War 1 and was aboard ship, bound for Europe, when the fighting ended in 1918. He joined Western Pacific's water service department in August 1930, and later worked as a crane operator, rail grinder foreman before maintaining motor cars between Portola and Beowawe.

He married Josephine Cunningham on June 28, 1938, who survives him at their home in Winnemucca. Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy DeLong of Reno; and three grandchildren, Tommy, Albert and Robert DeLong.

CHICAGO

Kevin Janiak for Don J. Landgraf

Another member of the GEORGE WENIG Fan Club has written to express his appreciation. The young man who

wrote the following letter belongs to the Union League Boys Club, and was the honored guest of Sales Manager Wenig at a recent luncheon:

"Thank you for looking after me and showing me around the place. When I grow up I will work for the Western Pacific. I like to sit in the big chair. Tell Kathy and Mr. Kooper and the others I said thank you and may God bless you all. Yours truly, Carlo Anzwini."

Our two Kathy's (Kathies?), KATHIE BURKE and KATHY MARLAS, just returned from vacation. Kathie traveled to Washington, D.C., and New York, while Kathy took in Nassau and Miami Beach.

While in Hawaii last year, General Sales Manager Kenneth A. Rank's wife, Vi, caught a beautiful 8-ft. 2-in. Pacific blue marlin. The trophy is now



Ken's wife, Vi, points to mounted Marlin,

being displayed by the Ranks in their lovely home in Mt. Prospect.

Good luck to Mrs. CAROL CALLAN and Mrs. MAUREEN WRIGHT on their new adventures after becoming mothers. We'll miss you both.

Welcome to RODGER LAND, new sales representative, and Miss JOAN BUK-TENICA, TOFC desk. Rodger was chief clerk at Detroit prior to his appointment to Chicago. Joan is local talent from Fox Business College.

We also have a new bride. Our SHARON FOYS became Mrs. Paul Wollek on Saturday, May 18, and honeymooned in Colorado.

KEDDIE

Elsie Hagen

Conductor ED DUNN, one of the riders in the Quincy Sheriff's Posse, rode in the parade at the dedication of the Oroville Dam.

Retired Roadmaster CHET BARRY'S wife and son, Johnny, who was home on a few days military leave, stopped off at Quincy while en route to Reno from their home in Oroville.

FRED JOHNSON, from Oakland, worked here as the yardmaster while FREDERICK MESSINGER was visiting friends and relatives during his vacation in the east.

Quincy High School graduation exercises were held June 7. Among the graduates are Mike Holt, son of Engineer Bob Holt; Debbie Alt, daughter of retired Engineer HARRY ALT; and Diana Gibson, daughter of Engineer BYRON GIBSON.

Shirley Bancroft and her daughter, Pam, daughter and granddaughter of your correspondent, and the family of Engineer CLARENCE BANCROFT, spent a week in Long Beach attending the Assembly of the Rainbow for Girls. Shirley was a chaperone, and Pam is Associate Worthy Advisor for the

coming term of the Quincy Order of Rainbow for Girls No. 98.

Retired Engineer RALPH LUZZAD-DER and his wife have moved into a new home in Indian Falls.

Retired Yardmaster BILL FOSDICK spent several days in the Plumas District Hospital.

Yardmaster Pete Hanley's son, Robert and his family, have moved from San Jose to Quincy. Robert is employed by American Valley Lumber Company.

WENDOVER-SALT LAKE CITY

Esther Witt, J. B. Price

The sudden death of Conductor WALLACE BURNINGHAM on April 11 saddened all his fellow workers, retired railroaders, and the citizens of Wendover. Wally made friends wherever he went. He is survived by his wife, Betty, son, Wallace Kent, and daughter, Nadine; also, a brother and five sisters. To them our sincere sympathy.

Retired Engineer GLENN B. "MIKE" GORHAM is recovering from surgery and we send him our wishes for good health soon.

Engineer RALPH AIELLO, who has been absent for some time due to an injury, is slowly making progress toward recovery expected in a month or so. He is missed and we hope to see him on the job soon.

Diesel-Yard Clerk and Mrs. JAMES C. REDD tried to outrace the stork to Winnemucca but lost the race when they got as far as Elko. Their 7-lb. 2-oz. son was born at Elko General Hospital on April 7. Our best wishes to this happy family.

General Clerk and Mrs. HARVEY L. NAYLOR are proud grandparents of Korey Lynn Naylor. Our congratulations to Larry Naylor and his wife, Mary Lee, and, of course, to the grandparents.

OAKLAND John V. Leland

At 9:05 P.M. on June 3 the stork dropped a bundle at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward, the first offspring of Christine and Extra Clerk John Steven Gomez. The new arrival, Janeen Elizabeth weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz., and 20 in.

Chief Yard Clerk EDWARD WUELF-ING the other day recalled the era of the "roaring 20's" and how he whiled away happy hours with his Stewart-Warner crystal set (with earphones). "Boy, it was tedious getting that little feeler in the right spot," he said. "Chicago was easy to bring in, but after fiddling and fiddling I finally at one in

the morning got KGO in San Francisco, nearly 3,000 miles away. What a thrill! I remember it as clear as yesterday." Eddie was then living in Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Army Lt. Harold J. Clifford, son of retired Marine Chief Engineer HAR-OLD CLIFFORD, was killed in Vietnam on May 28. He would have been 21 years old on June 16. A 1965 graduate of Jefferson High School in Daly City, Lt. Clifford also attended San Mateo College and Officer's Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. Survivors include his wife, Lynn, and a five-week-old son, Eric. Burial was in Golden Gate National Cemetery.

Railroads provide largest private H&W plan in U.S.

The largest private health and welfare plan in the United States, providing identical benefits at uniform costs for 615,000 railroad employees, went into effect on March 1, 1968. The size of the plan is indicated by the annual premium of \$220 million — paid entirely by the railroads. The only larger plan is the government's covering Federal employees.

The plan provides a single coverage for employees represented by 30 different labor unions that previously had been covered by five separate national health and welfare plans. Under the new plan, employees will receive identical benefits including life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment payments, and hospital, surgical and medical care. Retired employees will be provided with life insurance coverage.

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Letters Received

Editor:

I wish to thank our many friends in



the Western Pacific for all the happy memories they have given us. Henry always felt he was still part of the Company during the nine years since he retired. I, too, deeply appreciate the friendships we have made there.

Enclosed is a picture taken on a City Club trip we took shortly before his passing on May 7.

> Mrs. Ida M. Wendt 1238 Carlotta Avenue Berkeley, Calif.

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Federicola Aguilar, retired track laborer, El Paso, Texas, March 1968. Robert J. Brearley, retired fireman, Fennyille, Mich., April 1968.

Robert R. Carnahan, retired CCT trainman, Petaluma, April 1968.

Wesley W. Clark, retired car foreman, Seal Beach, Calif., May 24.

Daniel R. Fairce, retired car inspector, Durant, Okla., March 1968.

Fred L. Freeman, retired brakeman, Whipple, Ariz., April 1968.

Jess Galati, retired carman, Sacramento, June 7.

Manuel Gomes, retired brakeman, Manteca, April 1968.

George Hademan, retired Sacramento Northern locomotive engineer, address unknown, April 22.

Roy F. Hill, retired brakeman, San Pablo, Calif., June 4.

Lester T. Houser, retired fireman, Wild Cherry, Ark., March 1968.

Arthur W. Howard, retired SN

switchman, Sacramento, April 1968.

Mabel A. Hutchings, retired book-keeper, San Francisco, April.

William G. Ketchmark, retired brakeman, Stockton, April 1968.

Will H. Miller, retired patrolman, Stockton, April 1968.

Theodore C. Morebeck, retired SN dispatcher, Wheatland, Calif., March 15, 1968.

Thomas H. Pearce, retired Sacramento Northern substation maintainer, Chico, April.

Philip Riley, retired B&B Carpenter Helper, Los Angeles, February 1968.

William A. Skogman, retired marine mate, San Francisco, March 1968.

Alfred W. P. Tonkin, retired motor car maintainer, Winnemucca, May 5.

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LETTERS RECEIVED:

Editor:

I'd like to thank whoever was responsible for putting my engagement announcement in MILEPOSTS (San Francisco Caboosing section—May issue). I have learned that the people at WP who were friends of my father, Carl, were true friends indeed! Thank you very much.

Carol Flaig 1440 - 27th Avenue Oakland, Calif.

(The announcement was taken from the Society Page of the *Oakland Tri*bune.)



Milepost 182: A private road crossing nearby serves one of many rice fields in area.

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The Association of American Railroads announced that net income for the nation's railroads in the first quarter dropped 10% from the corresponding 1967 period.

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In four months of this year piggyback carloadings were up by more than 45,000, a greater absolute increase than was registered during year 1967.

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To publicize the 1968 Share In Freedom Savings Bond drive sponsored by U.S. Treasury Department, Reading decked a box car with red, white and blue eagles and slogans.

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A new world record of more than four miles of track laying in one day done by crews on Australia's Mt. Newman iron ore railroad, where two former Western Pacific diesel units are now in use.

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Here's what government will spend in 1968 to aid and comfort railroad competitors: Federal, \$6 billion; State and Local, \$13 billion; total nearly \$20 billion.

Santa Fe's colorful booklet "Milepost 100" in text and pictures tells an exciting story of the railroad's first 100 years.

Working scale model of Southern's history-making "Big John" hopper car accepted for display in Smithsonian Institute's Museum of History and Technology.