

WESTERN PACIFIC

# *Mileposts*

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**WP begins  
truck line  
subsidiary**



Western Pacific Transport Company, a new truck line subsidiary formed by Western Pacific Railroad Company, began operations in March. This will be the first use of company-owned trucking equipment, supplementing the 70-year-old railroad's freight operations. Ford heavy-duty diesel tractors and bobtails were purchased to provide the new service, a continuation of the expanded marketing program initiated last year.

Heading the new company as president is Burt J. Cardwell. He has spent his entire trucking career with the Valley Copper State System (VCS), or its predecessor companies, most recently as vice president and general manager. Burt is no stranger to the Western Pacific country, having formerly been responsible for the operations of three terminals in the San Francisco bay area, and terminals at Modesto, Stockton, Sacramento, Chico and Salt Lake City.

Based on his trucking experience, Burt offers a very succinct comment about TOFC: "Railroad piggyback operations are the transportation industry's greatest bargain, especially from the viewpoint of shipper costs, consistent service and energy conservation." He feels that the new trucking operation will increase Western Pacific's capacity without the corresponding expansion of the basic plant. He believes that TOFC services also offer other inherent advantages in regard

to economy of operation, air pollution, land use, and safety.

WP Transport Company will place emphasis on eastbound traffic, and Cardwell plans to concentrate on three basic piggyback plans:

- Plan II—Railroad carries its own trailers under rates in regular trailer-flatcar tariffs, billing by railroad. Railroad provides pickup and delivery, loading/unloading.



Western Pacific Railroad's A. E. Perlman, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and President R. G. Flannery were pleased with the announcement made by Burt J. Cardwell, WP Transport Co. president.



WP's huge side porter eases a trailer onto a flatcar at Oakland yard for WP's new TOF train leaving about midnight. Carrying only trailers/containers the train makes 23½-hour run to Salt Lake City five days a week.

- Plan IV—Railroad carries shipper or forwarder-owned or leased trailers under ramp-to-ramp rates, but shipper or forwarder also provides or leases rail flatcar, and railroad makes flat charge for empty or loaded movement. No pickup or delivery service is performed.

- Plan V—Railroad and trucker are partners, each performing part of service under joint or other combination rates in trailer-flatcar or motor carrier tariffs.

For one week during March, the marketing department held a successful "Sales Sweep" in the Salt Lake City area to develop business for the new Company. Assisting the Salt Lake

City sales force in the concentrated drive were members from WP's Denver and San Francisco sales offices.

WP has piggyback ramps at Oakland/San Francisco, San Jose, Milpitas, Stockton, Sacramento, Marysville, Oroville, Reno, Salt Lake City, and at Woodland on the Sacramento Northern Railway.

Working with Cardwell in the trucking operation will be Don L. Loftus and C. G. "Bud" Hartje of Western Pacific's intermodal department. Loftus has headed the combined intermodal services since its inception in 1968. Hartje, formerly in the trucking business, was recently named president of the National Railroad Piggyback Association.

Alfred E. Perlman, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the railroad, said the new trucking service "will enable us to offer a more complete transportation service to our customers." He had previously established trucking line subsidiaries at the Denver & Rio Grande Western and New York Central railroads.

Burt Cardwell, 52, was born in Salt Lake City, and is a graduate of Brigham Young University. As a captain, he was a B-17 pilot in the Air Force from 1941 to 1945. He enjoys hunting and fishing and lives in Oakland with his wife, Ruby. Their children are Brent 33, Kathy 28, and Susanne 20.



Right on schedule at Doyle, not far from the California-Nevada border.

# PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Morris C. McManus was promoted to director-train operation at San Francisco on February 1. He has overall responsibility for train operation, operating rules, utilization of locomotives and cabooses, and will act as liaison with connecting railroads for run-through freight schedules and joint power pool coordination. With his promotion he appointed as a superintendent-train operation Andrew Kinicki, William F. Schober, and Alvin R. Mize, and as superintendent-rules James H. Brown, vice Andy E. Stene.

## Transportation

McManus worked part time for the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads while a high school senior and after graduation in 1947, and later that year began his career as telegrapher-operation with the Chesapeake & Ohio. He next was operator, agent, or dispatcher for the Santa Fe, Colorado & Southern, and Northwestern Pacific lines between August 1949 and December 1950. He then became a dispatcher for Southern Pacific for about seven years, during which time he spent nine months of a two year Army service in Korea, and established a permanent date as operator for WP during a 90-day leave from SP. He returned to SP for about six weeks and was then called back to WP as agent-operator in October 1957. During the next 12½ years, Mac was dispatcher, assistant chief dispatcher, chief dispatcher, trainmaster and terminal trainmaster, all on the western division. Since June 1970 he was superintendent-transportation, first at Sacramento, then San Francisco.

Mac holds a pilot's license but is not presently flying, and recently took up karate. He and his wife, Bea, have two daughters, Anna, personnel clerk-transportation, and Renee.

Andrew Kinicki first worked as telegrapher for the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway in 1950, and then as telegrapher for the Canadian National at Toronto. From 1952 to 1959 Andy was telegrapher and dispatcher for Southern Pacific at Oakland, and then a brakeman at Stockton and Dunsuir. He joined WP in 1959 as train dispatcher at Sacramento, where he became chief dispatcher in June 1970. He has been superintendent-transportation since September 1970.

Andy enjoys hiking, mountain climbing, golf and sailing and chess, and for several years has held weekly classes teaching Hatha Yoga. He is a member of the F&AM and is not married.

William Schober began railroading for the Northern Pacific in 1945 as operator-agent in North Dakota. In 1947 he joined Southern Pacific as operator and later became wire chief and dispatcher, all in Nevada. He first worked for WP as dispatcher at Elko in 1956, became chief dispatcher at Sacramento in 1970, and superintendent-transportation in 1971.

Bill enjoys boating and fishing. His family includes his wife, Gwen, son

Larry, and foster daughter Minta Marie.

Alvin Mize began railroading in 1950 as a telegrapher on Southern Pacific's Salt Lake division. He has been with Western Pacific since November 1956, first as train dispatcher at Elko, and then at Sacramento.

Al received his private pilot's license in December 1948. His family includes his wife, Tommie, and four children, Donna, Connie, Peggy and Tammy.

James H. Brown joined WP as telegrapher at Halls Flat in February 1942. He became dispatcher at Elko in 1950 and in 1959 entered WP's training program. From May 1960 to April 1970 Jim was assistant trainmaster, trainmaster and terminal trainmaster at Sacramento and Stockton, and assistant superintendent at Sacramento. He next was district superintendent at Keddie, then returned to Sacramento in 1972 as division superintendent. He most recently was superintendent - transportation, San Francisco.

Jim was in the South Pacific with the Navy during WWII, is a member of the F&AM, Red Lodge and Commandery, and the Shrine. He collects and refinishes antiques. Jim and his wife, Marion, have a daughter, Mrs. Margie I. Clark, and 8 - month - old granddaughter, Brandy.

## Pricing

L. B. Larson became general manager-pricing services, and P. R. McElheney became assistant general manager - pricing services, effective March 16. These changes were made when James N. Baker resigned as general manager-pricing services and left WP to become assistant chairman, executive committee, Western Railroad Traffic Association, Chicago.

By Larson started his WP career in the San Francisco sales office in 1928. After a number of promotions he entered the pricing department and in 1959 was promoted to assistant freight pricing manager. He next became freight pricing manager in July 1963, and has been general freight pricing manager since November 1968.

By and his wife, Helen, are the proud grandparents of seven grandsons and one granddaughter. Their daughter, Mrs. Bona Chisum, husband Terry, and their four boys live in Sacramento.

P. R. McElheney first worked for WP as chief clerk in the Cincinnati sales office in December 1959. He became sales representative at Oakland in April 1961, and went to Seattle with that title in May 1962. Dick entered the pricing department as chief-rate bureau in 1964, was appointed assistant to freight pricing manager in January 1966, and assistant freight pricing manager a year later. He became freight pricing manager in February 1970 and has been manager-pricing services transcontinental since December 1971.

Dick and his wife, Martha, have two children, Jeff 14, and Jill 11.

## Sales

Kenneth V. Plummer, Jr. was appointed sales manager at Reno effective March 1.

Ken spent 15 years with Pacific Fruit Express Co. prior to becoming WP's supervisor-perishable service at San Francisco in October 1948. He was appointed assistant superintendent-transportation in July 1954, superintendent in May 1963, and general superintendent at Sacramento in April 1970. He entered the marketing



department in March 1971 as director-customer services at San Francisco.

For many years Ken was chairman of numerous committees, and treasurer during 1972, for the Pacific Coast Advisory Board, and was president of the Pacific Railway Club during the 1972-73 term. Ken and his wife, Ethel, have a daughter, Mrs. Susanne E. Jensen, and two grandchildren, Kirsten 6, and Marta 5.

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Sheldon Glatt succeeded K. V. Plummer, Jr. as director-customer services on March 1.

Shel worked for WP for two years at Oakland before entering the Navy in August 1941. He returned to WP in January 1946 as clerk at Oakland, became sales representative in June 1947, and assistant industrial agent at San Francisco in September 1955. He went to Seattle in September 1958 as sales representative and from May 1962 to April 1966 was district sales manager at Seattle and Oakland. He was general manager sales-West since January 1972.

Shel and his wife, Margery, former WP employee, have two daughters, Janet Lee 20, and Nancy Ann 11.

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Clarence W. Beadling was appointed sales manager at Philadelphia effective January 1.

Clarence first worked for WP as chief clerk in the Pittsburgh, Pa. office in June 1956. He was promoted to sales representative in August 1958, first at New York, then at Philadelphia. He returned to New York in September 1965 as senior sales representative, and became assistant sales manager at New York in February 1968.

Clarence and his wife, Diana, have three children.

William A. Lineham was named marketing service representative, San Francisco, effective February 1.

Bill joined WP as stenographer-clerk in the St. Louis sales office in April 1948. He was promoted to traffic representative in August 1953, first at Stockton, then at San Francisco. He became chief clerk, industrial department, in April 1959, then returned to sales in September 1960 as sales representative at Stockton, later at Fresno. Since January 1972 he was sales representative at Modesto, which office has been closed and consolidated with the Stockton sales office.

Bill and his wife, Jeanne, have two married sons, Colin and Kevin, and a daughter, Mrs. Michele Stoeckel who has two children. The children all live in Fresno.

### NRPA President

Charles G. Hartje, Jr., director-intermodal sales and services, was elected president of the National Railroad Piggyback Association early this year in Dallas.

"Bud" is past western regional vice president, and past national treasurer, of the association, and was a member of the executive committee for three years.

He also is a member of the steering committee, Intermodal Transportation Section, Association of American Railroads.

Prior to joining WP in 1959, "Bud" spent 15 years in the trucking business at Portland and San Francisco. He is a past president of the California Trucking Association's transport sales executive institute, and a past president of the Junior Traffic Club of Portland.



## WATCH YOUR STEP



You may have noticed—or experienced!—that people don't always walk where they're looking, or they don't always look where they're walking.

Slips, trips and falls cause the largest number of injuries to WP workers. Some are caused because no one took the time to correct a hazard like cleaning up water, oil or grease spills on a floor. Other nasty spills are caused by tripping over a rail, overstepping a tread coming down stairs or a ladder, or looking in another direction instead of at the spot where you next plan to step. Carry an object too large to see over and you've got it made.

So, give your feet a hand when you're on the move and let them know where YOUR next step will be!



Carman Carl O. Hunter, Oakland, posed for these pictures. He's been watching his step and has never had a reportable injury during his 31 years and 9 months with WP.



Among the first to win windbreaker jackets at Oakland were Yardmaster Frank D. Webb, discussing lineup of freight cars in the yard with Switchman Luther R. Fitch.

## First windbreaker jacket winners

Handsome windbreaker jackets have been given to the first winners in the competitive Safety Award Program announced in the last issue of MILEPOSTS.

The awards, which began in January are for employees in the **transportation, engineering / maintenance of way, and mechanical/maintenance of equipment** departments. The competition is among supervisor areas of the three operating sub-departments, and winners are those having the lowest ratio of reportable personal injuries per man hours worked. Individual winners must have entered service in the same month of the year in which the awards are made, and must not have had a personal injury during the year immediately prior to the award month.

Each supervisor of a winning individual will also receive a windbreaker jacket, but not more than once during the year.

### Month of January Transportation-eastern division

#### Trainmaster's district

Division Trainmaster F. M. Rankin  
Clerk P. E. Andersen  
Conductor J. L. Rush  
Conductor A. B. Townsend  
Agent M. G. Kacer

#### Transportation-western division

##### San Francisco-Oakland terminal

Terminal Superintendent R. R. Ahearn  
Trainmaster W. Valentine  
Trainmaster J. P. Lorda  
Terminal Agent R. J. Mead  
Agent B. C. O'Keefe  
Assistant Agent M. L. Ward  
Yardmaster R. Schmidt  
Yardmaster N. M. Glen  
Yardmaster L. Lemons  
Yardmaster K. H. Crouse  
Yardmaster G. M. Shattuck  
Yardmaster F. D. Webb  
Switchman L. R. Fitch  
Conductor J. F. McNabb  
Switchman R. A. Pakiser  
Clerk N. B. Stephenson  
Marine Captain F. C. Gaidnick  
Marine Oiler G. J. Concannon

#### Engineering/Maintenance of way

##### Sacramento roadmaster's district

Roadmaster W. L. Chapman  
Assistant Roadmaster J. L. Miller  
Laborer M. McCullough, Gang 104  
Foreman S. P. Diaz, Gang 300  
Laborer T. O. Pena, Gang 300  
Foreman J. A. Waddell, Gang 502  
Assistant Foreman J. W. Bye, Gang 502  
Laborer W. Gardiner, Gang 502  
Foreman Richard M. Berreth, Gang 504  
Laborer J. H. Taylor, Gang 504  
Water Service Maintainer G. Saraba, Gang 610

#### Mechanical/Maintenance of Equipment

##### Sacramento shops

Shop Superintendent A. J. Stout  
Foreman M. T. Pantalone  
Foreman C. F. Lynch  
Foreman C. L. Allee  
Foreman G. C. Spencer  
Carman C. E. Cook  
Carman J. J. Jiral  
Carman V. Spomer  
Carman D. M. Swaringen  
Painter H. V. Meyer  
Electrician C. S. Latino  
Electrician E. W. Steuben

### Month of February

#### Transportation-eastern division

##### Trainmaster's district

Conductor R. C. Arauz

#### Engineering/Maintenance of Way

##### Sacramento roadmaster's division

Foreman A. G. Franco, Gang 103

#### Mechanical/Maintenance of Equipment

##### Stockton shops

Shop Superintendent W. Gault  
Foreman D. A. Davis  
Foreman W. B. Gray  
Foreman P. T. Bauer  
Foreman C. S. Kennedy  
Foreman R. Valencia  
Foreman G. J. Morgan  
Foreman E. G. York  
Foreman J. B. Daniels  
Foreman W. M. Hall  
Electrician D. C. Brown  
Electrician O. T. Williamson  
Machinist J. C. Nelson  
Machinist P. J. Carroll  
Machinist M. W. Womack  
Machinist A. A. Mezzaneres  
Machinist C. F. Flynn  
Machinist J. N. Ryan

Machinist L. D. Johnson  
Machinist Helper Apprentice E. R. Bashelior  
Machinist Helper Apprentice J. G. Siegel  
Sheet Metal Worker L. K. Dugger  
Sheet Metal Worker Apprentice  
R. V. Sprowles



The best Safety Slogans submitted to Terminal Superintendent Ron Ahearn by Oakland yard employees, their wives or children, are posted on this bulletin board for one week. These two slogans were sent in by Ron's wife, Carol, and Industry Clerk Slim Henneman.



Among the January winners were Terminal Superintendent Ron Ahearn, Yardmaster George Crouse, and Agent Barney O'Keefe. Assistant Chief Clerk Lu Wheeler isn't eligible to win a jacket, but you'll have to admit she models the jacket very nicely.

## They Have Retired

*Seberiano P. Aries*, Sacramento Northern laborer, Sacramento, 24 years 8 months.

*James D. Blair*, engineer, Portola, 36 years 6 months.

*Gillis B. Day*, clerk, Oroville, 42 years 8 months.

*James F. Drury*, chief clerk-car accounting, San Francisco, 42 years 10 months.

*N. Evelyn Eagle*, head cashier, Oakland, 30 years 9 months.

*Leo S. Evans*, laborer, Oroville, 11 years.

*Davis W. Jordan*, switchman, San Francisco, 26 years 7 months.

*Frank Mlaker*, train desk clerk, San Jose, 42 years 11 months.

*Adam Morandin*, janitor, Oakland, 29 years 2 months.

*Joseph W. Paddock*, track foreman, Portola, 43 years 2 months.

*Henry N. Panchot*, engineer inspector, San Francisco, 23 years 5 months.

*James Parrish*, laborer, Oroville, 23 years 3 months.

*William A. Pennington*, engineer, Portola, 36 years 5 months.

*John Prise*, carman, Oakland, 35 years 11 months.

*Jean Teaverbaugh*, patrolman, Sacramento, 34 years 5 months.

*Thomas G. Yrene*, section foreman, San Francisco, 25 years 1 month.

### John C. Sterner

After a service of 38½ years with Western Pacific, John C. Sterner retired as claim agent at Stockton on January 31.

After graduation from Turlock High School and a few years employment in San Francisco, John became a patrolman for WP at Oakland on July 24, 1934. He was promoted to train rider about a year later, became acting

special agent in December 1938, and subsequently was promoted to special agent, and district special agent-claim agent at Sacramento. He was transferred to Stockton as DSA-CA in June 1952, and was claim agent there for one year prior to his retirement.

John holds office in the San Joaquin County Peace Officers' Association, and he is secretary for the Stockton WP Employees Federal Credit Union. In June 1966, John was the first WP employee given recognition in MILEPOSTS' series of "Willing People" articles because of his many years of activities in community affairs. At a retirement party given for John, H. C. Mentschel, district claims officer for the State of California, Department of Highways, District 10, presented him with a life-time membership in the Mid Valley Claims Association, of which John is a charter member. (Editor's note: Above reported by Elaine Obenshain; see her Stockton column, Page 20 for report on John's retirement party and picture.)

### Frank E. Bedient

Retirement came on February 28 for Frank E. Bedient, sales manager at Reno, ending a 41-year career with the railroad.

Frank was born in San Francisco on February 9, 1908. He attended junior college and a business college in Sacramento, majoring in business administration, and studied at Sacramento Law School at night while employed as secretary-clerk for Southern Pacific Co. in 1927-28. He then worked for three years with a Sacramento traffic consultant firm, and for a few months with a lumber company in Oregon, prior to joining Western Pacific in October 1931 as chief clerk in the Klam-



George received Certificate of Appreciation from Harry Bruce, vice president-marketing.

George stopped at the reception desk to apply his charms on Kathy Marlas and Kathryn Burke of WP's Chicago sales office.



Seated with President "Mike" Flannery, he enjoys remarks about his career made by Assistant Vice President-Sales Bill McGrath.

### George K. Wenig

Sales Manager George K. Wenig little knew when he became messenger-steno-clerk in the Chicago office on May 15, 1928 that nearly 44 years later he would be honored as one of the most well-known, well-liked men in Chicago's transportation circles. This was evidenced on February 27 at a shipper retirement luncheon well attended by friends from in and out of the area. George had several promotions before becoming freight and passenger agent in 1935, chief clerk in 1941 and general agent in 1951. He became sales manager in October 1964. George's understanding, patience and desire to be of assistance made him popular with one and all. His talent for remembering people was as great as was his ability to make decisions. He will remain an "ambassador-at-large" for WP to the extent he is able to do so. George will continue to live in his native Chicago.

ath Falls, Ore. sales office. He was appointed traffic representative at Reno in July 1934, went to Salt Lake City as sales representative in January 1958, and returned to Reno in March 1970 as sales manager.



Frank entered the Army as sergeant in November 1942 and served in northern France. He was sent to Officers Candidate School at New Orleans in July 1943 and then was returned to

central Europe where he served as first lieutenant until discharged in December 1945.

Frank was president of the Reno-Sparks Bowling Association during 1955, and president of the Nevada State Bowling Association during 1956.

He married the former Ginger Daniell McCarty of Elko, Nev., on November 22, 1942, and their children are Vaughan McCarthy of Reno, and Leland F. Bedient of Sacramento.

Frank and Ginger moved from Reno to a new home in Gardnerville, Nev. in March, where they receive their mail at P.O. Box 945.





# Service Pin Anniversaries

March-April 1973

## 45-YEAR PINS

L. B. Larson	General Manager-Pricing Services	San Francisco
R. L. McQuarrie	Conductor	Eastern Division
C. W. Morton	Locomotive Engineer	Eastern Division

## 40-YEAR PINS

D. G. Hutchinson	Assistant B&B Supervisor	Elko
B. G. Wikander	General Bookkeeper	San Francisco

## 35-YEAR PINS

B. L. McNeill, Jr.	Engineer-Signals & Communications	Sacramento
W. L. Stephenson	System Wire Chief	San Francisco

## 30-YEAR PINS

Olga R. Cagna	Head Clerk-Mail & Files Marketing Dept.	San Francisco
J. E. Fisher	Locomotive Engineer	Eastern Division
C. F. Gamble	Locomotive Engineer	Eastern Division
John H. Kelly	Carman	Elko
D. M. Mastin	Switchman	Eastern Division
T. F. Nally	Train Desk-Diesel Clerk	Keddie
B. A. Smiraldo	Telegrapher	Eastern Division
E. B. Thompson	Telegrapher	Eastern Division
Aurilla R. Troy	Assistant Chief Car Service Clerk, Transportation Department	San Francisco

## 25-YEAR PINS

Donald J. Browne	Chief Clerk-Interline Division B	San Francisco
Jesse D. Cabrera	Electrician	Sacramento
W. A. Linehan, Jr.	Service Representative	San Francisco
John C. Miller	Assistant Chief Engineer	San Francisco
James G. Russell	Store Helper	Stockton
Ernest J. Swanson	Interline Recheck Clerk	San Francisco
Fred L. Sweeney, Jr.	Sales Representative	Chicago

## 20-YEAR PINS

D. J. Bowers	Switchman	Western Division
G. W. Churchill	Train Desk Clerk	Stockton
N. J. Crusos	Brakeman	Western Division
Ralph P. Johnson	General Clerk	Gerlach
W. L. LeBouf	Clerk	Stockton
D. A. Lovdal	Conductor	Western Division
V. L. Rodriguez	Laborer	Western Division
(*)Joan L. Worthington	Service Representative	Washington, D.C.

## 15-YEAR PINS

C. B. Elliott	Rate & Division Clerk Sr.	San Francisco
Jose J. Lara	Laborer	Western Division
John Martinez	Machinist	Oakland
Henry E. Sallee	Manager-Service Equipment	Chicago
Stanley A. Thomas	Brakeman	Western Division

(\*)Entered service December 8, 1952. Not reported in last issue.

# Letters Received

## Most Grateful

My family and I would like to thank the so many Western Pacific employees for their kindness and sympathy shown by their cards, flowers and phone calls at the time we lost our dear husband and father, Andy Stene. It was all so very helpful and thoughtful, and very much appreciated.

Helen M. Stene  
4401 Moss Drive  
Sacramento, CA. 95822

## Mrs. Bess G. Thompson

You may not have heard, and some of our old timers will be saddened to know, that Mrs. Bess G. Thompson, 83, was struck by a car in a Sacramento crosswalk and fatally injured on January 4. Her maiden name was Bess Lawrence, and she was a WP accountant at San Francisco during the 1920's and 1930's. The late Edgar A. Thompson worked as switchman at Oakland and San Francisco during the same period. He became yardmaster, and was terminal trainmaster at Bay Terminals and San Jose from 1940 until he retired in 1947. Bess and Edgar met somewhere along the line, were wed, and were very popular with their associates.

I'm now 85. It gets tougher as the days go by; a fellow just has to ease up and keep trying. I see Ed Allison

on occasion. He is 87 and we communicate mostly by phone.

Jack J. Duggan  
3717 M Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816

## Albert D. Pingrey

Jim Davis, retired agent at Yuba City, phoned me that he had received a letter from Mrs. A. D. Pingrey, 175 East First Street, Chico, that her husband, Albert D. Pingrey died on January 26. He would have been 82 on February 6. Mr. Pingrey went to work for Sacramento Northern on July 14, 1920, and retired as brakeman on February 8, 1956. He had been very active in church and other social activities until he became ill and entered a hospital on January 21 for an intestinal operation. The hospital phoned Mrs. Pingrey that her husband could return home the next day but upon arrival at the hospital it was learned that he had died that day at 4:00 a.m.

Ruth Crane  
Sacramento Northern Railway  
Sacramento

## Thank You!

I would like to thank all of my friends and co-workers for the wonderful gift, consideration, and very fine dinner given me for my retirement. I would have thanked you before this but the flu hit me. I'll certainly drop by soon to see and thank you personally.

Herman G. Rohdenburg  
1647 South Lincoln Street  
Stockton, CA 95207

## 10-YEAR PINS

P. W. Buler	Carman	Oakland
D. G. Davis	Signalman	Gerlach
J. E. Johnston	Switchman	Western Division
E. S. Lacey	Track Supervisor	Roadway
Mary Maciel	Mail & File Clerk-Marketing	San Francisco
J. C. Martinez	Laborer	Roadway
J. P. Rodriguez	Foreman	Roadway
H. G. Rohde	Machinist	Sacramento



# Caboosing

## SACRAMENTO SHOPS

Herman F. Schultze

At the 20th annual meeting of the WP Sacramento Employees Federal Credit Union, ABRAHAM LYMAS, laborer, and your correspondent were re-elected to the board of directors. New board members elected were BRUCE STILLWELL, store department; W. HARRIS, machinist; and Linelle S. Sigouin, whose husband, RAYMOND, is a SN engineer. STANLEY GOODNIGHT, carman, was elected to the credit committee. At a board meeting following election, Mrs. Sigouin was named manager-treasurer, and re-elected to offices were TRUMAN FASSETT, president; your correspondent, vice president; and Shop Clerk JEAN SMITH, secretary.

We are going to miss the wonderful support given the Union by HAROLD BRECHT who announced his retirement as manager-treasurer for over a decade. He was presented with a

gift and received many expressions of appreciation from the membership at a testimonial dinner given in his honor on February 10.

It's good to have Carman A. TOOMEY back at work after recovering from his injury.

Your correspondent returned to work just in time to meet this deadline after two weeks duty with the Naval Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 2 at Gulfport, Miss.

## OROVILLE

A. I. Reichenbach, Jr.

We regret the death of retired Engineer R. D. JAYNE, brother of retired Conductor E. W. "MIKE" JAYNE, on February 19. Our sincerest condolences to the families.

After nearly 35½ years WP service, GILLIS B. DAY, clerk, retired at Sacramento on January 31 and moved back to Oroville to live. He started with WP on Extra Gang 4 during sum-

mer vacation while a freshman in high school. He later worked as a cowboy for about a year and during the winter was night watchman on engines at Reno. He then worked on the Boca & Loyaltan Railroad as a payroll guard carrying payrolls to the agency at Calpine. He next was a section hand at Cresta for a year, and entered the clerk's roster in September 1937. He was with the Army air corps during WWII. Gillis plans to do some fishing and gardening, and we all wish him a very happy retirement.

We have quite a bit of building and remodeling going on in our former pit track area under the guidance of DON DALI of our engineering department. The area will then be used for the maintenance of way yard for material, equipment and personnel.

During recently travels around town, your correspondent met some retired friends — Conductor E. F. "ED" REEDY, Yardmaster R.O. "BOSS" BONNER, Road Foreman N.F. "NORM" ROBERTS, and Electrician C.T. "CHARLIE" KNARR.

Our weather has been "lousy," too, but we know the rains will help to fill our lake for a good water supply and good fishing and boating during the coming more pleasant months.

## KEDDIE-QUINCY

Jimmy and Betty Boynton

Engineer and Mrs. MAURICE STORY attended the Shrine East-West game in San Francisco over the New Year's weekend. A Christmas note from retired Engineer GEORGE RUTHERFORD, who celebrated his 80th birthday on January 28, said he and retired Conductor ACE ARNAL were to march during the game's half time pageant. George, and wife Anne, live a busy life at Rossmoor, Walnut Creek.

Conductor and Mrs. AL HILL and his family drove to Maywood, Neb.

to attend the wedding of Al's son, Blaine, to Miss Deborah Lynn Schultz on December 23 at the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Al Hill's son and daughter participated; John Newcomb as usher and Sharon Newcomb in charge of the guest book and gifts. The newlyweds live in North Platte where Blaine is in the construction business and Deborah attends beauty school. The senior Hills spent Christmas with the couple before returning home.

Mark Roblyer, son of Conductor and Mrs. VERN ROBLYER, was selected most valuable player by the football team at Big Valley High School in Bieber. He was also unanimously voted best middle line backer by all coaches in the Evergreen League. Mike Roblyer, Mark's brother, has joined the Air Force and is receiving helicopter flight training at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex. Congratulations to the Roblyers on their 18th anniversary February 10!

Congratulation also to Engineer and Mrs. WILLIAM HECKALA who celebrated their 31st anniversary on February 15 in Reno.

A speedy recovery is wished for Engineer JAMES STANTON who was seriously injured near Spring Garden when an oncoming car went out of control on icy Highway 70 and hit his pickup headon. Get well wishes also to Engineer and Mrs. JIM LITTLEFIELD who received painful injuries in an accident during a snowstorm near Lake Almanor on February 9. Jim, by the way, spent three hours on January 16 with his daughter Laura Ann's 6th grade class at Quincy Elementary School assisting them in their study of "Trucks and Trains." Jim illustrated his talk with 35 mm slides from Engineer JIMMY BOYNTON's collection of old and new equipment. The class was particularly interested in how trains operate in the



Harry Brecht and Linelle Sigouin





snow, diesel engines, and the modern look in railroad men.

On February 15 Engineer JACK SANFORD spoke before 200 guests in Quincy at the Blue and Gold Dinner celebrating Boy Scout Month. Jack is district commissioner of the Feather River District, Mt. Lassen Council of the scouts, the top volunteer job in the organization. He travels to Chico, Red Bluff, Redding, Oroville, etc. overseeing activities of all scout groups. Mrs. Pat Sanford is publicity chairman. Mrs. Linnea Lawson, wife of Signal Maintainer LARRY LAWSON, and Mrs. Billie Deigal, wife of Engineer GENE DEIGAL are active with the cub scout group.

Sgt. and Mrs. Gary Barlow and son returned to Forestville, Md. after a three week visit with her parents, Engineer and Mrs. IVER GREGORY in January. Upon arriving at home they got the good news that due to the end of the war Gary would be discharged March 1 instead of in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gardner were recent visitors at the Indian Falls home of retired Engineer and Mrs. RALPH LUZZADDER. Roy is Mrs. Luzzadder's brother and under the name of Roy Moore and billed as the "American Cowboy" he was the former middle weight and light heavyweight boxing champion of Australia. Roy was a favorite sparring partner of Jack Dempsey and friend of Gene Tunney when he was in the movies. Ralph said he could have been famous, too. In 1924 movie star Monte Blue offered him \$25 to go over Indian Falls in a canoe for a scene. Ralph declined and lived to enjoy his retirement from WP!

Welcome back to Brakeman MARK SHIPMAN who has returned to work on the 3rd subdivision after completing his hitch in the Navy. Mark's father is GENE SHIPMAN, manager-

operating records in WP's general office. Mark's brother, BRUCE, former WP switchman, and who served on the same ship as his brother, attends Modesto Junior College.

#### OAKLAND

Lu Wheeler

Congratulations to Switchman JOE MEDINA, who submitted the winning name, "B. Able" for our Safety Mascot. A committee of four employees picked Joe's entry as the best of numerous names given to the committee.



At the time Joe's picture was taken at one of the locations where our Mascot appears in Oakland yard, employees working under Terminal Superintendent R. R. AHEARN had gone 25 days without a reportable injury. On March 23 the figure had reached 50 days.

Many Oakland yard employees who knew him, join with the mechanical department force in extending best retirement wishes to two long-service employees who recently retired, as reported by Steno-Clerk IRMA PIVER.

ROLLAND F. RICKMON is an exceptional person, dependable and loyal, and to quote Assistant Master Mechanic R. J. BRADLEY "never gave anyone trouble from his first day with WP as a laborer on May 20, 1929." He shared his knowledge with all including some who became officials, but none of these positions lured Roll. He



Leaving U.S. soil for the last time, the Scotsman is hoisted aboard the Johnson ScanStar container vessel, California Star, at the Port of Oakland by two Smith-Rice Company floating cranes.

## THE FLYING SCOTSMAN GOES HOME

The Flying Scotsman, LNER 4472, and two tenders left the Port of Oakland on January 22 for Liverpool, the port from which she and several cars embarked in 1969 for a 12,000 mile, 3½ year tour in Canada and the United States by owner Alan Pegler. Financial difficulties brought about her last steam run in the United States on San Francisco's Embarcadero last August. She arrived in Oakland behind Western Pacific diesel power from Sharpe Army Depot, Lathrop, where she had

been placed in storage. The new owner is William McAlpine, director for Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons of London, civic engineering firm. The Scotsman will have a permanent home in a national museum and be used for limited steam passenger runs on the British Railway. The British Pullman, Lydia, used by Winston Churchill, will be returned to the Railroad Museum in Green Bay, Wisc. The observation car with English pub, and other cars, are to be sold.

remained lead writeup man until his retirement on September 5, 1972 with 43 years 4 months service.

JOHN PRISE retired as freight car welder on December 29. He celebrated his 65th birthday on October 29, which surprised many of his friends as he looks many years younger. He started with WP on February 2, 1937, moved to the East in 1947, and rehired with WP on June 1, 1951. John and his wife, Lucille Louise, expect to move to southern California to be more near their grandchildren.

We were saddened by the death of Carman DANIEL J. CURRAN at his home on January 21 where he had been convalescing since December 7, 1971. Danny never considered himself important, but he was a truly impor-

tant person, highly regarded by everyone. He worked hard—for WP, his family, his church and youth athletics. He entered service on January 7, 1947. Our deepest sympathy to his widow, Gertrude, and their two sons, Jim and Bob.

#### SACRAMENTO

M. J. "Goz" Gosnell

Switchman DON WATTS is a grandfather for the first time and very proud of granddaughter Brandi Lynn Adams, thanks to his daughter, Patty, and son-in-law Lynn Adams of Reno.

Congratulations and best wishes for much happiness to newlyweds Switchman ED VINSON and Anna Tognotti; Yardmaster TOM BOWLING and Nadine Kemp; and Switchman GOLD-

EN ASAY and Aruilla Richards. Ed Vinson and Tom Bowling had a double wedding, as Anna and Nadine are mother and daughter.

A partition of the office building at 1025 19th Street has been remodeled and the Western Division Agency has moved in. Wall to wall carpeting and new office furniture make this a really nice place to work. This has brought the Agency together in one office, which includes the freight office, centralized billing, centralized demurrage, and the D.I.C.C.S. (demurrage and industry car control system) machinery.

Our south Sacramento yard also has a new office to go along with the recent reconstruction of the year. Chief Clerk EARL "CURLY" BROWN oversees clerical functions there.

When JOHN SWITZER, switchman, retired as the Switchmen's local chairman at Sacramento, the membership gave him a dandy fishing outfit as a token of their gratitude. Now that John is transferring to Portola he will be able to make full use of his gift, hopefully for many nice limits.

After 35 years and four months service GILLIS B. DAY retired on January 31 as janitor-Western Division office. His friends honored him with a coffee and cake party and presented him with several nice gifts, including a new pipe. BILL MILLER, BRAC division chairman, presented Gillis with a golden spike plaque inscribed with his name and years of service. Our best wishes for a very happy retirement, Gillis!

On Friday evening, February 9, friends of HOWARD BRECHT, our WP Sacramento Credit Union treasurer-manager for the past 10 years, gathered at Daisy's Southern Kitchen for a retirement party in his honor. Daisy served a buffet dinner fit for any gourmet appetite and it was enjoyed by all. Howard was presented with a beauti-

ful inlaid jade coffee table depicting the 10-year Aztec calendar. This was a most appropriate gift, as Howard is an ardent admirer of Mexican art and culture. About 75 people were present to wish Howard well and many years of happy retirement. Now that he has so much free time, he plans to complete his detailed Spanish dictionary and have it published. This, of course, will have to be done in between his "teaching duties" at Grant Union High School tutoring students in Spanish, and the several trips he has planned. Enjoy your retirement, Howard!

#### SACRAMENTO STORE

Evelyn Richardson

Congratulations and very best wishes to BUDDY MCGAIRTY, Krane Kar operator, and Dessie Lois Christian who were married on November 18 at the Sacramento Revival Center. Buddy met Dessie in 1968 when she worked here as a nurse's aide. Their



honeymoon was delayed until this coming June when they will spend four weeks in the Ozarks and visiting his wife's parents who live in Branson, Mo. Buddy's entire service with WP since September 1950 has been in the Sacramento store department. The

newlyweds will make their home in Sacramento.

#### STOCKTON

Elaine Obenshain, Velma Prentiss

Clerk KRIS C. COCHRAN has returned from military service with the Navy from March 1, 1969 to January 18, 1973, and we're very happy to have Kris back at work!

Monte Douglas Joseph is the name chosen by Engineer and Mrs. MONTE D. WHITE for their son, born February 6. They also have a daughter, Kimberley Brooke, who was a year old on February 8.

Switchman and Mrs. MICHAEL FEIST welcomed their third son recently, and he was given the name Jeffrey Allen.

Clerk and Mrs. DAVID L. GREGSON are the happy parents of Jeffrey Robert, born January 17, to join a brother and a sister.

We received information on the death of retired Switchman JAMES L. SATTERLEE at Lakeland, Fla. on January 9. Mr. Satterlee retired on July 1, 1963. Apparently he was flagging while he was here—the notice gave his name as Everett D. Arnold but few people at Stockton knew him by that name.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Assistant Shop Superintendent LESTER H. CLAPHAM who died on January 4.

On January 17 the crew and call center was relocated from Sacramento to Stockton, moving into a new modular building just south of the yard office building. In addition to calling switchmen and enginemen, they now call the trainmen off the Stockton board.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Engineer RAYMOND R. WILLIAMS who died suddenly on November 6.

We also wish to extend our sympathy to the family of retired Switchman ARCHIE H. NOURSE, who died on November 4. Archie was born in December 1897 and retired on April 1, 1966. He was active in the Order of the Amaranth and the Shrine and Masonic orders. He is survived by his widow, Grady.

Roundhouse Laborer LEO S. EVANS retired on January 8 with 11 years in service which began at Oroville and was continued since 1969 at Stockton. He had also worked in a sawmill, the shipyards during WWII, and for the PG&E in Feather River Canyon. Leo and his wife have returned to Oroville to take life easy and do some fishing. "It's been a pleasure to work with all the nice people on the railroad," said Leo. It was our pleasure to have had him with us, and we wish him the very best.

At the 19th annual meeting of the Stockton WP Employees Federal Credit Union on February 9, ESTHER PILATTI was re-elected treasurer. Elected to office were GERALD W. CHURCHILL, member of the board, and T. M. CUTTER, member of the credit committee. The board includes Conductor K. W. CRAIG, president; Assistant Master Mechanic FRANK MORENO, vice president; retired Claims Agent J. C. STERNER, secretary, in addition to those named above. Car Foreman ANDY GINNELLI resigned as a board member after serving 10 years and received a small gift in appreciation of his service. Treasurer Pilatti declared a 5% dividend for 1972 amounting to \$24,702. Loans granted in 1972 totalled \$661,200.78 (total loans since organization in 1953 are \$4,674,609.46). Assets total \$687,867.19; shares \$600,860.57; income for year \$65,030.85; net gain \$34,027.04; membership 855 as of December 31.



We had a great retirement party at The Cosmopolitan-Tokay Bowl in Lodi on February 16 where about 90 friends and well-wishers honored Claims Agent JOHN STERNER's 38½ years with Western Pacific. Among the guests were San Joaquin County District Attorney Joseph Baker, several WP attorneys with whom John worked over the years, and representatives of the FBI and other police agencies. Retired employees included Special Agents E. L. MCCANN, LEONARD RADCLIFF and HANK DONNELLY; Transportation Superintendent HAROLD MULFORD, and Roundhouse Clerk MARY L. "MAY" ELLIOTT. Also present were relatives of both John and his wife, Sonia, who came from as far as Los Angeles. Vice President-Law E.L. VANDELLEN presented John with a Certificate of Service and he was given Badge No. 37 which he carried since entering the department. The unusual cake was designed by Ray Gobbi, the gold plated spike with John's name and years of service being contributed by his step-son, Hank Healey. A cash-



General Claim Agent Elmer Carleton, right, presents poster "For Your Trip to Hawaii" accompanying check given John and Sonia.

ier's check from their many friends should aid John and Sonia with future plans for a vacation in Hawaii. (Editor's note: For more about John Sterner, see Page 10.)

Retired Engineer W. R. DUBOIS, Engineer RALPH PETERSEN, Mr. Kelso Young of Weaverville, and their wives, were in Mazatlan, Mexico in January where they enjoyed boat

tours, ocean swimming, and dancing on Hotel Playa's terrace in shirt sleeves at 11:00 p.m. in 85° temperature!

Engineer K. H. BEARD reports that Division 773 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers sponsored a dinner in Stockton on February 23 honoring Engineers V. C. BRAIN, J. R. BANCROFT, W. R. DUBOIS, and L. D. WAKEFIELD who retired in 1972, and their wives. J. D. WAKEMAN, a recent widower, was unable to attend. The guests included FRANK LEMON, ERNEST MANCUSO, and LINCOLN PARKINSON of Stockton; LEONARD TADSON, Grants Pass, Ore.; CLYDE GWALTNEY, Clear Lake; and their wives; ED H. RAGSDALE and GEORGE "TERMITE" WOODS, of Stockton; and A. F. "SUGAR CANE" SMITH, Sacramento. Others invited could not attend because of illness or absence from home. Division Road Foreman J. A. WALLIS presented Achievement Awards and personal safety records from WP. Road Foreman J. H. BELMONT was also present with his wife.

Road Foreman of Engines R. L. DICKINSON was transferred to Elko and we congratulate his successor, J. H. BELMONT, on his promotion.

Condolences to the family of retired Engineer JULIUS M. "ABE" COLBERG who died on March 4 after a lengthy illness. He retired in June 1970 with 47 years service.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Tina Phillips, Dora Prophet, Ruth Stone

Our best wishes also to EVELYN EAGLE, who retired on January 31 with nearly 31 years service in various stations, more recently in revenue accounting.

Best wishes went with JAMES N. BAKER when he left WP on March 15 as general manager-pricing services to become assistant chairman of the



"Pretty girls and cake make any party nice." said Jim, referring to Barbara Toler, Olga Cagna and Linda Tofanelli, marketing staff.

Executive Committee - Western Railroad Traffic Association in Chicago. Jim joined WP in March 1960 as a marketing trainee. He entered the pricing department in 1962, was appointed assistant to vice president marketing-pricing in January 1966, and had held his last position since December 1971. He was admitted to practice before the ICC in 1960. Jim and his wife, Mary, have two children, Charles and Ann.

KATHLEEN MURPHY, secretary to WP's chief surgeon Dr. M. E. CHILDRESS, returned recently from a four-week tour in the South Pacific. "New Zealand was beautiful, having scenes similar to the Scandinavian fjords and high, snow capped peaks of the Grand Tetons. It was mid-summer down under and we had some very warm weather and occasional heavy rain. Only disappointment," said Kathy, "was getting only \$35 for a U.S. \$50 bill!"

Congratulations to Manager - Car Utilization S. E. "MICK" MCVEAN, JR. and his wife, Terry, on the birth of their first child, 7 lb. 3 oz. Christopher Sean, on January 10. Happy grandparents are Chief Clerk-Transportation and Mrs. S. E. MCVEAN, SR.

Congratulations and best wishes to Secretary PATTY HAND, purchases



and material department, and PHIL R. MARQUIS, chief clerk-car accounting, who were married on February 17 at the Fremont home of Pattye's parents, Chief Clerk-Transportation and Mrs. S. E. MCVEAN, SR., where a reception followed the ceremony. They will honeymoon in Hawaii during April which was a wedding gift from Phil's parents, Vice President-Operation and Mrs. R. C. MARQUIS.

His many friends at general office were saddened to learn of the death of JAMES F. DRURY, chief clerk-car records, on March 16. Jim had just retired on January 31 after nearly 44 years of dedicated service. Our condolences to his wife, PEGGY, a former car record department employee.

#### PORTOLA

C. E. "Gene" Rowe

Congratulations to Crew Caller and Mrs. CLAYTON M. DUNN, JR., who announced the arrival of an 8 lb. 7 oz. son, Troy Nathaniel, on January 3.

Night Yardmaster J. P. HYLLEN's wife suffered a bad accident while snowmobiling, and we wish her an early recovery.

Welcome to JAN FINTCHER, our new trainmaster's-roadmaster's clerk, who succeeded KAREN THOMAS. Karen has not been feeling well and is staying

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## In Memoriam

(\*denotes active service; otherwise retired)

*Edward P. Adkins*, locomotive engineer, Sacramento, December.

*Eugenio Arano*, laborer, Elko, October.

*Charles W. Buell*, telegrapher, Sacramento, December.

*Gerald E. Butler*, brakeman, Oroville, November.

*James C. Calkins*, dispatcher, Alameda, January.

*Fred W. Chaplin*, SN locomotive engineer, Oroville, November.

*Julius M. Coberg*, locomotive engineer, Stockton, March 4.

(\**Kenneth C. Dougherty*, conductor, Salt Lake City, March 2.

*Ralph A. Drown*, machinist, Oroville, November.

*James F. Drury*, chief clerk-car accounting, Redwood City, March 16.

*Fermin Figueroa*, laborer, Sacramento, November.

*Bryant J. Flood*, warehouse foreman, San Jose, November.

*Gordon E. Halvorsen*, steno-clerk, Bountiful, Utah, November.

*Guy F. Hancock, Jr.*, chair car porter, Berkeley, December.

*John Hay*, brakeman, Sparks, Nev., November.

*Walter B. Hopkins*, telegrapher-clerk, Pacoima, Calif., November.

*Clarence H. Hughes*, machinist, Birmingham, Ala., November.

*Alfred W. Joice*, marine service, Richmond, January.

*Patrick Kelly*, track foreman, Oakland, December.

*Otto T. Klemp*, brakeman, Oroville, January.

*John C. Knowles*, carman, Oakland, November.

*W. E. Maddex*, CCT conductor, Carson City, Nev., November.

*William F. Mahoney*, brakeman, San Francisco, date unknown.

*William T. Marrs*, fireman, Winnemucca, December.

*Agustin Montes*, roadway employee, Chihuahua, Mex., November.

*John D. Muir*, carman, Winnemucca, December.

*Francis D. Nugent*, conductor, Elko, February 8.

(\**J. W. Paddock*, track foreman, Portola, February 6.

*William St. Jeor*, TS roadmaster, Modesto, November.

*Albert C. Salomon*, yardmaster, Oakland, February 21.

*O. J. Stiltner*, brakeman, Huachuca City, Ariz., December.

*Lewis S. Williams*, redcap, Los Angeles, date unknown.

*Kelly E. Wilson*, roadway employee, Salt Lake City, February.

### John H. Coupin

John H. Coupin, retired assistant to vice president-traffic, died in Oakland on February 11. He would have been 82 on April 9.

A native of O'Fallon, Ill., he first worked for the Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific for about eight years. After WWI navy service he worked for the Northern Electric Railroad. Later, while soliciting traffic for the Sacramento Northern when it was converted from a passenger line, he may have invented piggyback service. He prevailed upon Ford Motor Co. to ship Model T's on river steamers from Pier 3, San Francisco, to Sacramento.

There, the "tin lizzies" were self-powered onto flatcars for delivery to

northern California cities. When WP purchased the SN in 1921 John was made commercial agent at San Francisco. He became general agent in January 1929, first at Oakland, and then at San Francisco where he received his last title in September 1955. He retired on April 30, 1956.

A 1924 graduate from Golden Gate College, he helped pioneer the school's traffic course and taught transportation law until 1943. He was on the board of trustees until 1960 when he was made life trustee. He was a lawyer and ICC practitioner.

Survivors include his wife, Ramona; daughter, Mrs. Martha Louise Emigh of Dixon; son, John H. Coupin, Jr.; and four grandchildren.

### Laurence R. Ramsey

Laurence R. Ramsey, retired Sacramento Northern agent died in Chico during November 1972.

He joined the SN as office boy at Sacramento in January 1924, and later worked as ticket clerk, cashier, clerk, and received his first agency in 1928 at Live Oak. He became agent at Chico in 1935, and when he retired on October 10, 1970 Larry was the oldest

SN employee in years of service. He was active in many civic affairs for which his enthusiasm was just as great as it was in caring for his SN customers. He was loved by the old and young for his countless appearances as "Co-Co the Clown," a role he continued after retirement assisted by his wife, Margie, as a team "Co-Co-N-Mo," the balloon sculpturing clowns. They were members of the Clowns of America organization. Larry was a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, and a past worthy president of the Eagles lodge.

### PORTOLA . . .

home being a housewife and caring for her son, Jeffery Brian, born on November 26, 1972.

While on a tour of Death Valley in February, JACK and LOU WEDDELL, retired clerks, were notified that their home was destroyed by fire. A collection was made for them from donations by their Portola friends. Jack and Lou are now living in a mobile home.

Congratulations to Switchman and Mrs. MICHAEL A. BARNES who announced arrival of daughter, LaRue Michael on March 19. Conductor R. H. POWELL is maternal grandfather.

A premature baby shower was given for Clerk MAURICE FRENCH on March 19, consisting of cake and coffee and "appropriate gifts," to help him hold up from worrying pains while awaiting an expected arrival. His wife is doing fine!

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Norfolk & Western will install a 2,400-mile microwave system during next three years.

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Providence & Worcester, nation's newest railroad, began 55-mile track operations in Rhode Island and Massachusetts on February 3.

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Las Vegas, Nev. studying plans for personal rapid transit system down its famous strip between McCarran International Airport, convention center, and downtown area.

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World's longest continuous railroad is the Trans-Siberian Railroad — about 5,000 miles.

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Association of American Railroads reports U.S. railroad freight traffic, nearly 780 billion ton-miles, reached record high in 1972, 5% over 1971 figure, and tops 768 btm set in 1969, but overall return on net investment likely only to match the 2.5% of 1971.

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Peru's two major railroads were auctioned for \$20.1 million; only bidder was state-owned Peruvian National Railroad Co.