

WESTERN PACIFIC
Mileposts

MAY 1970



Aerial view of Georgia-Pacific's new \$5 million facility just dedicated at Oroville on May 15.

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E. L. McCann and Loy Hibbs share duties as district special agents-claim agents on the Oroville-Portola district.

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Oroville Dam on the Feather River about 5 miles northeast of Oroville is 770 feet high and will impound 3 1/2 million acre-feet of water. Carved from solid rock within its left abutment is largest underground powerplant in the nation. Roadway across top leads to spillway, parking area for 2,000 boats and trailers, and boat ramps. Lake Oroville has 167 miles shoreline.



Aerial view of \$3 million California Department of Fish and Game Feather River Hatchery, world's largest for salmon and steelhead. Photo shows fish barrier dam in background and portions of the City of Oroville on each side of the Feather River. WP's main line runs diagonally across top of picture beyond river.

OROVILLE

The milepost sign pictured on Page 15 identifies this 205th issue with Oroville, Butte county seat. Limited space permits only partial coverage of this interesting community and but a few of our employees who were available there for pictures one recent mid-afternoon.

The area's first inhabitants were Indians of the Maidu group. The first white men to arrive in 1808 were Spanish soldiers, followed in 1820 by Captain Luis Arguello, sent to explore the area for the King of Spain. He found a stream pouring from a majestic canyon and named it "Rio de las Plumas" because of the many wild pigeon feathers floating on its

surface. The Feather River, as it is now known, reached fame in 1848 when John Bidwell found gold along its banks and made a particularly rich strike on July 4 at a site later named Bidwell Bar. The stampede was on and, in 1849, one of the tent cities springing up along the Feather was Ophir. Renamed Oroville in 1855, the town became the roughest mining camp in the west and the fifth largest town in the state. It became the county seat on April 19, 1856 and was incorporated in March 1857. However, when news of Canada's Frazer River strike reached town in 1858 half the population left almost overnight and Oroville was discontinued on February 18, 1859. Excitement returned again in 1864 when diamonds were discovered near Cher-

okee. A mining company formed in Oroville was unsuccessful but the area was promising enough that the De Beer Syndicate obtained control of the land and closed all the mines.

No longer dependent upon mining, Oroville became the trading center for the mountain areas in the 1870's and agriculture was on the increase, although over \$3 1/2 million in gold was shipped out between 1873 and 1875.

Oroville became a boom town again in the early 1900's with the arrival of construction and railroad crews, and 45 dredges seeking gold. Oroville was again incorporated in 1905, the Northern Electric Railroad arrived in 1906, followed by Western Pacific in 1910. By 1918 there were only two

dredges remaining in operation. The last, owned by the Gold Hill Dredging Co. of San Francisco ceased operation in 1950.

Today, Oroville area visitors will find many historical attractions inherited from its pioneers, along with noted recreational areas. The 167-mile shoreline of Lake Oroville behind Oroville Dam, highest in the U.S. and highest earthfilled dam in the world, is ideal for camping, fishing, hunting, water sports and scenic vistas. The area is rich in agriculture, stockraising and lumbering, and has nationally-known industries. Among them, served by Western Pacific, are Diamond National, Koppers Co., Las Plumas Lumber, Stokely Van Camps, the recently located Solano Rail Car Co. and Georgia-Pacific, whose new \$5 million lumber products manufacturing facility on a 160-acre site is shown on the front cover, was just dedicated on May 15.

MILEPOSTS is grateful to Mr. L. Van Tongeren, manager, Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce, for pictures and background information used in this article.



Left: About a mile out of Oroville in early morning a SWG starts its Feather River Canyon run en route to Bieber where connection will be made with the Burlington Northern.

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Opposite page: Giant cliffs are result of the world's largest hydraulic gold mining operation along north side of Table Mountain in the late 1800's. Historic ghost mining town of Cherokee atop Table Mountain was headquarters for the mining operation as well as vast placer mining beginning in 1849.



(More pictures on Pages 4 and 5)

Meet a few of our people photographed at Oroville



Helen Small, trainmaster's clerk and MILE-POSTS correspondent, and her boss, Virgil Edwards, trainmaster-road foreman of engines.

Engineer K. H. Beard and brakeman D. A. Miller wait to take freight back to Stockton.



Right: Engineer J. D. Blackmore, Conductor Jim Rogers, Caller-Clerk Eddie Gerald, and Engineer F. J. Lorchester wait at station for bus ride to Oroville yard.



Right: Brakeman W. M. Thompson heads for bus to make crew change at Oroville yard.



Below: Leading up stairs to freight office are Agent Art Reichenbach, General Clerk Marv McLain, and Demurrage Clerk John Riley.



At the yard office are Yardmaster D. C. Smith, left, Train Desk Clerk C. E. Lear and, behind teletype machine, Telegrapher Cheri Brown.



Head Car Inspector S. O. Kister on the phone.



John Friedman wins Sales Award

Sales Representative John A. Friedman, Oakland, received a Distinguished Salesman Award from the Sales and Marketing Executives' Association of San Francisco at its annual award dinner on May 4.

John scored "excellent" in 21 out of 28 applicable questions in SMEA's appraisal form. His entry by WP was based on his excellent quantity and quality of work, attitude, dependability, initiative, and understanding of his company's needs. Because he also understands the needs of his customers and constantly works to solve them, they hold John in high esteem.

John first worked for WP as chief clerk at Kansas City on January 24, 1966, became chief clerk at Oakland on January 1, 1967, and has been sales representative since August 1, 1968.

John and his wife, Charlene, live in Hayward.



Charles K. Faye, assistant vice president-freight sales, made the presentation to John Friedman at the annual award dinner.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

President's Office

Effective May 1, Robert E. Gonsalves is appointed manager-office services, a newly established position, reporting to R. L. Petersen, director-management services.

Vice President and General Manager

The following appointments are effective April 15:

E. T. Cuyler, consultant, headquarters Sacramento.

Ray Adams, assistant general manager-administration, San Francisco, with responsibility over manager of contracts and joint facilities, chief special agent and claim agent, freight claim agent, manager of station services and administrative assistant.

Harold E. Meeker, assistant general manager - service control, San Francisco.

Gardner S. Rogers, assistant general manager-planning and control, San Francisco.

Kenneth J. Tinker, manager-station services, Sacramento, with responsibility for coordinating all on-line station functions with requirements of other departments.

Effective May 1, James K. Brennan is appointed manager-rules & safety, San Francisco.

Mechanical Department

Effective April 15, David F. Pilkinton, a new employee, is appointed chief mechanical officer for Western

Pacific, Sacramento Northern and Tidewater Southern Railways.

He is a native of Pittsburg, Texas, born August 10, 1925. After graduation from Pittsburg High School in



1942, David became a machinist apprentice for the Texas & Pacific Railway at Marshall, Texas, in November 1942. One year later he entered the Marine Corps as a PFC and served for two

years. He returned to the T&P in December 1948 as a machinist at Marshall, and in January 1950 entered service with the Missouri - Kansas - Texas as a machinist at Denison, Texas. He became engine house foreman at Dallas in September 1950, assistant to chief mechanical officer at Denison in August 1960, master mechanic at Waco, Texas in January 1963, superintendent of motive power at Parsons, Kansas in April 1966, and was chief mechanical officer for the MKT at Denison from October 1968 to April 1970 when he joined WP.

David and his wife, the former Edna Lee Turney of Marshall, have two children, David Lee, 18, and Patricia Ann, 14. David was 1st vice president of the Southwest Railway Club in Dallas in 1969, and enjoys golf, fishing and hunting.

The new family home is at 6201 Silverton Way, Carmichael.

Engineering

Effective April 15, John C. Miller is appointed assistant chief engineer and manager of contracts and joint facilities, San Francisco.

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Left: Wayne Stanley, engineer of track layout; Barney Pedersen, director advertising and public relations; and John Miller, assistant chief engineer and manager of contracts and joint facilities, represented Western Pacific at the ceremonies. An engine with freight cars crashed through the banner behind them with insignias of the three railroads, City of Stockton, and Port of Stockton to signify the major breakthrough.

WP shares in huge track relocation

An eventful ceremony was held in Stockton on April 10 to signify a major breakthrough in the largest railroad track relocation project ever undertaken for freeway purposes by the State of California. In speeches during the ceremony, sponsored by the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, civic, railroad, state and in-

dustrial leaders agreed the project was the "greatest jigsaw puzzle ever put together."

The relocation was necessitated for construction of a giant interchange and elimination of 29 grade crossings for the West Side Freeway, Cross-town Freeway, and Highway 4 as part of a north-south freeway running between Canada and Mexico. It took tons of paperwork and five years of negotiation before crews could begin work on the \$1.8 million job.

Western Pacific, Santa Fe and Southern Pacific not only had to realign their own tracks but also agreed to a double-track lead to be used by the three railroads.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE . . .

The following promotions were effective April 1:

David C. Charlebois, assistant engineer of maintenance of way & structures, San Francisco.

M. K. Anderson, district engineer, Elko.

L. E. Lelevich, district engineer, Sacramento.

R. F. Hobbs, district engineer, Keddie.

J. E. Campbell, manager of maintenance of way and equipment and field production, Oakland.

D. G. Hutchinson, assistant district engineer, Keddie.

J. T. Smith, assistant district engineer, Elko.

D. J. Laughlin, general supervisor

of track, Oakland.

J. G. Howard, general supervisor of bridge & buildings, Oakland.

Signal and Communications

Effective April 1, Bruce L. McNeill is appointed engineer, signals and communications, Sacramento Northern and Tidewater Southern Railways.

Effective April 20, Robert T. Sewell is appointed office and research engineer for Western Pacific, headquarters, Sacramento.

District Superintendent

Effective April 22, R. L. Meyer is appointed terminal trainmaster, Stockton.



Left to right in each above three pictures, are:
 (1) Mrs. M. M. Christy, General Chairman G. A. Blixt, Jr., SMWIA (Sheet Metal Workers), and Mrs. G. A. Blixt.

(2) Mrs. R. M. McCormick, General Chairman R. M. McCormick, Transportation-Communication Division BRAC (Telegraphers), and K. V. Plummer, Jr., general superintendent of transportation.

(3) General Chairman R. W. Crumpacker, American Railway Supervisors Association (Mechanical Supervisors); Mrs. R. W. Crumpacker; Mrs. D. H. MacLeod; and Vice President and General Manager D. H. MacLeod.

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Left to right in each three pictures below, are:

(1) General Chairman G. M. Metzdorf, UTU (C) (Conductors); A. E. Stene, district superintendent, Stockton; General Chairman T. M. Cutter, UTU (S) (Switchmen); General Chairman J. C. Cooper, UTU (T) (Trainmen).

(2) General Chairman H. D. Branting, F&O (Firemen and Oilers); and Mrs. H. D. Branting.

(3) Mrs. E. P. Miller; General Chairman E. P. Miller, BRAC (Clerks); and President M. M. Christy.



Vice President and General Manager D. H. MacLeod hosts reception for Western Pacific union representatives

On the weekend of April 4 and 5, Vice President & General Manager Donald H. MacLeod and his wife, Edna, hosted a get-acquainted reception and dinner for Western Pacific Union Representatives and their wives.

On Saturday afternoon a cordial gathering met in the Golden Empire Room of the Mark Hopkins Hotel, where the new general manager was formally introduced to the union representatives. In addition to the MacLeods, President and Mrs. Myron M. Christy and other members of the VP&GM's staff and their wives were also present. Those attending the reception are shown in the pictures on these two pages.

Later that evening, the group enjoyed dinner and dancing in the colorful Venetian Room of the Fairmont Hotel, with entertainment provided by Hollywood and Television star, Edie Adams.

A Gray Line tour of San Francisco was arranged for Sunday morning. During the tour, Mr. MacLeod briefly addressed the union representatives, answering their questions and outlining some of the Western Pacific's plans for the future.

Mrs. Eleanor Hennerlau, secretary-manager MM&P (Master Mates & Pilots), and her husband, Paul, were unable to attend the reception, but were present for the remainder of the get-together.

Left to right in each above three pictures, are:

(1) General Chairman W. E. Crawford, BRS (Signalmen); Mrs. W. E. Crawford; Mrs. A. Krueger; and Vice General Chairman A. Krueger, BMWE (Maintenance of Way Employees).

(2) Vice General Chairman A. Krueger, BMWE (Maintenance of Way Employees); W. S. Cope, manager of labor relations; and General Chairman G. R. Porterfield, BLE (Engineers).

(3) General Chairman G. R. Porterfield, BLE (Engineers); General Chairman R. R. Jordan, ATDA (Dispatchers); and General Chairman J. C. Cooper, UTU (T) (Trainmen).

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Left to right in each three pictures below, are:

(1) General Chairman T. M. Cutter, UTU (S) (Switchmen); A. W. Carlson, chief engineer; J. C. Lusar, district superintendent, Elko; and Mrs. J. C. Lusar.

(2) Vice General Chairman T. W. Anderson, DCCW (Dining Car Cooks and Waiters); President M. M. Christy; and Mrs. T. W. Anderson.

(3) General Chairman Reinhold Schmidt, RYA (Yardmasters); and President M. M. Christy.



STOCKTON

Elaine Obenshain

Congratulations to Clerk GARLON C. OVERLEY, JR., now Spec. 5, U. S. Army, who received the Army Commendation Medal while serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. Garlon entered the Army on June 4, 1968.

Friday, March 13, was a lucky day for Switchman and Mrs. KEITH W. TURNER—it being the day their first child, Warren Keith, was born. Engineer and Mrs. R. W. TURNER are proud grandparents.

A warm welcome and congratulations to ANDY E. STENE, who has been promoted from terminal trainmaster at Oakland to District Superintendent, San Joaquin District, with headquarters at Stockton yard.

Congratulations also to KEN P. WOOD, promoted to terminal superintendent; R. R. AHEARN and J. O. PERIGO, promoted to terminal trainmasters; R. B. KENNEY, promoted to assistant trainmaster at Fremont; M. C. MCMANUS, promoted to chief dispatcher, Sacramento; C. M. HAMMOND, transferred to Sacramento; and J. H. AUGHE, promoted to track supervisor at Tracy.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of Road Foreman of Engines HAROLD E. PARKS, and retired Engineer GLAYDEN L. CLARK.

Western Pacific played a role with Santa Fe and Southern Pacific, taking

part with the City of Stockton and the Port of Stockton, in completion of the largest track relocation project in state history. A ceremony was held April 10 to celebrate the completion of the giant interchange of the West Side Freeway, the Crosstown Freeway, and Highway 4, which eliminated 29 rail-highway crossings.

Retired Clerk LEONARD E. HENSELEY reports that he and Chief Clerk HARVEY ROSS and their wives were lucky to ride #18 to Winnemucca in February to look over the town and return on #17. "We were sorry to learn that the Zephyr was taken out of service," said Leonard.

SACRAMENTO NORTHERN

Milton F. Ziehn

A group of 50 from the S N, W P, and State Highway Department met at Woodside Inn, Sacramento, April 11 to honor ROBERT S. "BOB" SANT who retired March 31 as general foreman-power department, after 40 years of exceptionally capable and loyal service. President LELAND MICHELSON presented Bob with his 40-year Service Pin and a substantial cash gift from his friends. District Engineer LEN LELEVICH presented Bob with the surprise of the evening—a lamp designed by ALICE ANGUILO of the Sacramento engineering department using a copper on/off elec-



Left to right: President Lee Michelson, District Engineer Len Lelevich, Bob behind lamp, Bruce McNeill, Jr., signal and communications engineer, Mrs. Sant holding switch.



Left to right: Master of Ceremonies Harold Mulford, SN Superintendent, President Lee Michelson, Bob Sant, Signal and Communications Engineer Bruce McNeill, Jr., Mrs. Sant.

tric switch from one of the former substations on the north end of the S N, when power was derived by third rail. Signal Engineer BRUCE MCNEILL presented Bob with an appropriate paper weight with a signal motif. Superintendent HAROLD MULFORD was master of ceremonies.

Bob started his career in the substation department of the old Sacramento Short Line in 1930, and furnished the highlights of the evening with reminiscences of his happenings between that time and the present. The Sants really took over the party, as Bob's wife, Natalie, proved to be an accomplished after-dinner speaker.

Bob's immediate plans include redoing the lamp so that the substation switch will activate its current.

(Editor's note:) It is with deep sympathy that we report the death on April 13 of Maida Adelaide Ziehn, wife of Correspondent MILTON F. ZIEHN, S N and T S corporate secretary. Mrs. Ziehn was born in South Dakota on October 10, 1898. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, 1921 and a member of St. Mary's Alumnae Association, and the Fremont Presbyterian Church of Sacramento. Her brother, Howard Brecht, is manager of the

W P Sacramento Employees Federal Credit Union. Mrs. Ziehn had been hospitalized for over seven months because of multiple myeloma. Her doctor told Milt that "she was a very fine woman who fought very bravely right up to the end, and it was only her great courage and will-to-live that enabled her to survive that long." She said at Christmas 1969: "This is the best Christmas I've ever had." Services were held at Mount Vernon Mortuary, Fair Oaks; entombment in Sacramento Memorial Lawn.

OROVILLE

Helen R. Small

W P Oroville Employees Federal Credit Union held their annual meeting in the Women's Community Club building on March 21 and enjoyed a barbecued-beef dinner. A 5% dividend was declared for the year 1969. Directors for 1970 are: L. I. SINGLEY, president; D. C. SMITH, vice president; LEONA SINGLEY, secretary; JOHN H. FOLKNER, E. O. DART and D. E. MORFORD, directors; A. I. REICHENBACH, treasurer; and M. A. MCLAIN, manager and assistant treasurer.

Retired Trainmaster P. F. PRENTISS and his wife were visitors at Oro-

ville on March 22, and Phil rode the California Zephyr on its last run between Oroville and Fremont.

Mrs. Winnie Porter, wife of retired Conductor JOHN PORTER, died on March 17. She was born on October 24, 1896 in Bald Knob, Ark. She moved to Oroville from Stockton 27 years ago and was very active here in art circles. Survivors include her husband; a brother, Claude Watson of Long Beach; two sisters, Mrs. Mamie James of San Angelo, Tex., and Mrs. Frank Ford of Bald Knob. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oroville.

Retired Telegrapher FRANCIS W. GORDER died at Oroville on March 25.

Retired Clerk FRANK DELANY, residing at Yankee Hill, died on April 1.

Retired Conductor FLOYD P. CARPENTER, age 77, died in a Bay Area hospital on April 5. He is survived by his wife, Olive; three sons, Jim and Arden of Oroville, and a son in St. Joseph, Mo.; and a daughter, Margaret, at home. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to their families.

PORTOLA

Gladys Largan, C. E. "Gene" Rowe

Welcome to our new Assistant Trainmaster, LOUIS J. FISCHER, JR., who began his tour of duty on April 27. Lou was formerly a sales representative at San Francisco and, most recently, at Stockton. He first worked summers for WP in 1955 as a fireman, took a leave of absence to return to school for a year, then entered the Navy and returned to WP in December 1957 to work as a fireman out of every terminal west of Portola. He lived in Quincy when his father, LOUIS J. FISCHER, SR., was an engineer on the 3rd and 4th subdivisions.

Congratulations to Johna Berg, daughter of Conductor and Mrs. H. J. BERG, of Clio, who was installed as



worthy advisor of the Portola Assembly of Rainbow for Girls. The ceremony took place at the Masonic Lodge on February 1. John's grandparents, retired Engineer and Mrs. HERBERT BERG

served as host and hostess. Johna chose pink and blue as her colors, her flower was the Lily, emblem Heart and Cross, and her theme, He Lives Within Our Hearts.

We're pleased to quote below a very deserving letter received by Train Desk-Crew Clerk HAP MANT from Leroy Lyon, California Railroad Association, of Loomis, Calif.:

"My wife and I were sorry we did not get to see you today (March 22) when we returned to Portola. We wanted to thank you personally for turning in my wife's camera and case. We arrived while the last westbound Zephyr was preparing for departure. We waited a while after it left but being pressed for time had to return home to meet guests. Your honesty and integrity in turning in the camera and making possible its return along with the pictures taken on the train between Sacramento and Portola on the last eastbound run is a rare quality these days. We can't tell you how very grateful we are."

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

Clara R. Nichols

After more than 27 years service, JAMES RONALD QUICK retired on March 31 as personal record clerk for this department. Jim was born

on February 17, 1905 and entered our service on December 12, 1942 as a timekeeper. He is a native of Sacramento and has lived here continuously. In his younger years Jim had a well-known Sacramento Valley orchestra, and is well known in Sacramento. He was a very popular employee as well as one of our most conscientious and hard working employees. Jim and his brother, Jack, look so much alike they are constantly being taken for each other. Jim's hobby is horse racing but in case you're interested in a good thing, Jim says he has lots of tips but cannot guarantee the winners! We wish the best of good fortune for Jim and his wife, Beatrice.



SAN JOSE

Lee W. Marshall

We're sorry to learn that Assistant Agent BOB MEAD had to enter the hospital for minor surgery. However, by the time you read this Bob should be up and around and possibly back in the harness again.

CLAY ASHLAND of our local freight office recently toured the Caribbean and we understand he had an enjoyable time. Being the small world that it is today, Clay said that he met the widow of our former cashier, CARL FLAIG, San Francisco treasury department, and Carl's brother.

SAN FRANCISCO

Marge Browne, Ruth Stone

Congratulations to WILLIAM E. GINTER, senior sales representative, on his appointment as general campaign chairman for the Fremont

(Calif.) City Council. Bill has lived in Fremont since 1958 and is a past president of the Fremont Rustlers Square Dance Club, member of the YMCA, and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club of San Francisco.

DANIEL T. COSTELLO, who retired as commercial agent in August 1958, died in Oakland on March 30 at the age of 76. A native of Omaha, Dan came to WP in 1910 as the railroad's second office boy. After his retirement he represented the Oakland Chamber of Commerce as traffic consultant, and formed his own business, Costello and Cuneo, later Costello and Mulhall, freight transportation consultants. He also taught transportation at Merritt Business College for many years and earned his license to practice law in interstate commerce through a correspondence course. He is survived by his widow, Florence, two sons, two brothers, and four grandchildren.

Most sincere condolences to WILLIAM S. COPE, manager labor relations, whose wife, Dorothy, lost her life in a fire in their Boulder Creek home early in the morning of April 7. Surviving with Bill are a daughter, Mrs. Donna Callaway, and two grandchildren, Patrick and Colleen Callaway, also Boulder Creek residents.

Jo-Ann Rutherford, 17, daughter of Assistant Engineer and Mrs. THURSTON G. "JOE" RUTHERFORD, will graduate from Amador Valley Joint Union High School (Pleasanton) this year.



She just completed duties as head "Letter Girl" during the football and basketball seasons. She will now assist the swimming coach during competitions. Jo-Ann plays

clarinet as a member of the "Golden Dons," a prize-winning marching band who entertained during half-time at one of the Oakland Raiders' home games for five consecutive years. She also is a member of International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and plans to enter college next fall to major in English and to become a teacher. Jo-Ann spent 11 days in Hawaii during Christmas vacation as a graduation gift.

ANTON JOVICK, who retired as a telegrapher in 1962, and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on February 11, reports FLORENCE RATH, accounting department.



Golden Wedding Anniversary

Helping to celebrate were six children and all of 15 grandchildren except two grandsons now in Vietnam. Anton, in his spare time studied drawing and oil portraiture and now is noted for his remarkably lifelike portraits which have appeared in numerous exhibitions and selected galleries. He is a member of Western Artists and The American Legion.

It is with deep sympathy that we report the death on April 2 of Dorothy Kyle, wife of THOMAS A. KYLE, who

retired on December 30, 1969 as assistant to director of passenger sales. Tommy and Dorothy had been married for 39 years and lived at 444 28th Street, Oakland.

BOYD SELLS, marketing general secretary, suffered a shortness of breath attack about a month ago and entered St. Joseph's Hospital for a checkup, rest and restricted diet. After returning home to recuperate, Boyd decided to take his retirement after nearly 40 years service with WP, during which time he had rarely been absent because of illness. His many friends wish for him the best of happiness and good health for many years.



During a recent inspection trip over the railroad in Business Car 101, VP&GM Donald H. MacLeod took time for this picture with, left, Waiter Robert Edwards, and Chief Albert Wadkins. Shortly after, on April 1, Chef Wadkins retired with nearly 40 years service.

Our best wishes went with VERA BROWN and KATHY OMICK, marketing department, who recently began their maternity leaves.

Mrs. CARRIE ETTA HARDWICK, 83, former WP telegrapher, and mother of FRANCES H. Mlakar, freight accounts clerk, died on March 13, 1970.

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In Memoriam

John B. Basanez, retired laborer, Elko, March 1970.

Richard Beam, conductor, Stockton, April 19.

L. G. Beltran, retired laborer, Stockton, March 1970.

Lester Brenningstall, retired patrolman, San Francisco, March 1970.

Glayden L. Clark, retired locomotive engineer, Stockton, April 12.

Ellen P. Connor, retired comptometer operator, San Francisco, March 1970.

James E. Cooper, retired Alameda Belt Line clerk, Oakland, March 27.

Dan T. Costello, retired commercial agent, Oakland, March 30.

Frank R. Delaney, retired clerk, Oroville, April 1970.

Coral L. Fitts, retired locomotive engineer, Stockton, March 1970.

Bryan W. Jones, retired chief accountant, Sacramento, April 14.

John W. Mamman, retired laborer, Wells, Nev., February 1970.

Carrie E. Hardwick, retired telegrapher, Blairsden, March 1970.

Orvel Hatfield, retired yard clerk, Oakland, April 20.

Joseph H. Polk, retired machinist helper, Oroville, March 1970.

Fayette F. Wells, retired section foreman, Redding, March 1970.

George M. Weyman, conductor, Elko, May 3.

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Milepost 205: Oroville station behind. See Page 2 for story about this historic area.

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Her husband, FRANK G. HARDWICK, retired agent - telegrapher, died on January 5. Mrs. Hardwick was a native of Texas, and was a past matron of the Eastern Star #113 in Quenton, Okla. Surviving with her daughter are three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Best wishes to JOSEPHINE SPADARO, Marketing statistician, who left May 15 for a leave of absence.

An 8 lb. 5 oz. boy was born April 17 to Ruth and DON LOCHARD, secretary to vice president & general manager. Black haired and blue eyed, the family prince was crowned Romain Alexis by his happy parents.

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Proposed by AAR's mechanical division and approved by letter ballot was timetable reducing maximum age of freight cars in interchange service one year annually from present 50 years to 40 years on January 1, 1981.

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Autos and auto parts assembled at scattered plants recently gathered by manufacturer in Illinois Central's Chicago classification yard for 100-car, 2400-mile, 62½-hour unit train run to Los Angeles.

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Now in talking stages, department of Transportation looks at potential multi-billion dollar national transportation trust fund which would incorporate all modes of transport with designated accounts for railroads, highways, mass transit, aviation, and other modes.

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Southern began daily service over new \$8.5 million 75-mile shortcut between Jacksonville, Fla., and North Platte, Wis., using pooled Southern, Mopac, UP power.

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New Jersey's newest railroad, Black River & Western, operates mixed trains three days a week over 23-mile run between Flemington and Lambertville using one diesel, two steam engines, is managed by an airport president, and expects to make a profit.