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*Season's
Greetings*

Welcome to **WINNEBAGO**

The brief announcement in MILEPOSTS' September-October issue that Winnebago Industries, Inc. is planning a major new manufacturing facility in Reno, Nev. is good news to Western Pacific. The new plant, expected to be in operation early in 1974, will be one of the largest industries to be served by our railroad.

The official announcement of Winnebago's plans was jointly made public in September by Nevada's Governor Mike O'Callaghan and Winnebago's Board Chairman John K. Hanson, of Forest City, Iowa, Winnebago's headquarters.

Welcoming the new Nevada industry, Governor O'Callaghan said: "Winnebago Industries' decision to expand to Nevada will create more jobs for Nevadans and boost our economy, while not polluting the environment—necessary criteria for our State's planned program to insure the proper growth and coordination necessary to Nevada's economic development."

Hanson, head of the nation's largest builder of recreational vehicles, said that the one million square foot plant would be located in Reno on 340 acres now owned by William Lear. Winnebago also has taken an option on an adjoining 251 acres for possible future development.

Commenting on the location, Hanson said: "Reno was clearly the best choice for Winnebago's first major plant location other than its Forest City headquarters, and we did not choose lightly. Many months of study have gone into the selection of this lo-



John K. Hanson

cation. We are delighted to have the privilege of becoming a corporate citizen of Nevada, and we pledge to be a good one. We're glad to be here."

Other reasons for selecting Reno, said Hanson, were because of the moderate climate, excellent labor supply, ample supplies of water, natural gas and electric power, and the fact that it is the most centrally located transportation, labor and cultural center from which to serve the seven-state western market.

To provide rail service to the plant a four-mile long drill track will be built from Martin, on WP's Reno Branch, from which spurs will lead into the property.

Cost of constructing and equipping the plant will be about \$20 million over a three year period. When initial production begins in about 16 months, the plant will employ about 100 persons. When the plant is producing about 500 motor homes per week at full planned capacity in about three years, employment is expected to reach about 2,400 workers.

The plant will start as an assembly operation. As capacity is increased and employees are trained for more complex sub-assembly work, the plant will attain a much higher level of vertical integration (manufacture of components, rather than buying them externally). Winnebago's Forest City, Iowa plant has the highest level of vertical integration in the recreational vehicle industry.

Although production will start with the assembly of self-propelled motor homes, current planning calls for phasing-in of travel trailer and pickup



camper coach manufacture about two years after initial start-up. The Winnebago line also includes pickup truck covers (Kaps) and camper coaches.

Robert E. Goodman, director of the Nevada Department of Economic Development, said: "The Winnebago Industries people have stressed that they are going to hire as many qualified Nevadans as there are available, and if the workers aren't qualified Winnebago will, in cooperation with the Nevada State Employment Department and our department, send them through a training program."

Winnebago is a true American success story. It was founded in 1958 to help save the town of Forest City, Iowa which, like many small Iowa towns, had an economy dependent on agriculture. To attract industry the Forest City Development Commission arranged for a California travel trailer firm to operate a manufacturing plant. The firm lost money after only a few months and withdrew. Rather than see the sizeable local in-

Forest City, Iowa plant. Foreground, chassis preparation center. Large building, main motor home production plant. Small building, research and development. Top, warehouse.

vestment go down the drain, John K. Hanson, a local businessman who grew up in Forest City working for his father's store, agreed to operate the plant for one year.

Modernistic Industries of Iowa, as it was then known, survived the year. In 1959 it had 17 employees. In 1961 the company name was changed to Winnebago Industries, Inc., adopted from the county in which the Company is located, once the home of the Winnebago Indian Tribe. The firm outgrew its tiny plant and moved into a larger facility which was destroyed by fire in 1964. Production in a larger and more modern plant began five months later, which Winnebago again outgrew two years ago and then built what today is by far the largest facility of its kind in the world. As recently as 1966, sales were under \$4½ million. In the last complete fiscal year ended February 16, 1972, sales were over \$133 million. Net income, exceeding

are maintained, there will be no individual payoffs.

At the start of the program each sales manager provided a breakdown of his total quota by salesman's territory (including his own) to a Sales Incentive Committee at General Office. This committee is composed of Harry J. Bruce, vice president-marketing; William F. McGrath, assistant vice president-sales; John L. Marches, director, sales administration; and Arthur M. Allen, assistant to vice president-marketing. Each sales manager then posted these quotas on an office wall chart (shown at the top of Page 5) on which performance results will be added. Once each month, the sales manager sends to the Committee an actual performance-to-quota summary by individual salesman, which will be followed by a total three-month summary at the conclusion of the program.

Details of the program rules were presented to all participants which will not be elaborated here. However, the Sales Incentive Committee will

New sales manager appointed

It was announced by Harry J. Bruce, vice president-marketing, that David C. Rightmire has been appointed sales manager for Western Pacific's Chicago sales office, effective October 30.

Our new employee, age 45, was born in Chicago. He received a Bachelor's degree in business administration at Loyola University, Chicago.

Rightmire has more than 20 years' experience in transportation, sales, and sales management during his employment with Consolidated Freightways, Eastern Express, Inc., Star International Freight Forwarders, and

have final authority for interpreting all provisions of the program where any variances may occur, and their judgment will be final and binding on the Company and all concerned.

Calculations will be made at general office of quota attainments for each month, but awards will be based only on total three-month period accomplishments.

Participants will receive periodic mailers for merchandising support, as well as sales status reports as information during the course of the program.

"Quotas are reasonable," said Bill McGrath, "however, extra effort is required—as in any good incentive program designed to accomplish an objective. All members of our sales force have an opportunity to win, and individual sales effort will be rewarded. But, since this is a TOTAL TEAM effort, total quotas must be attained. One weak link—an individual not carrying his share of the load—could result in unnecessarily failing to achieve quota."

Motor Freight Corp., all in the Chicago and mid-west states.

Prior to joining Western Pacific his most recent position was regional sales manager-midwest region, for REA Express, headquartered in Chicago.

A Navy veteran, David and his wife, Rita, live in Orland Park, Ill. They have six children, Donna 19, Carol 18, Mary 16, Lynn 15, Tom 9, and Joanne 8 years.



Left to right:
A. E. Perlman
R. G. Flannery
R. C. Marquis

Three officers given new titles

Western Pacific's board of directors elected, effective January 1, 1973, Alfred E. Perlman chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and Robert G. Flannery, president. Howard A. Newman, presently chairman of the board for Western Pacific Railroad, will continue as chairman of the executive committee. He is chairman of the board of Western Pacific Industries, Inc., of which Western Pacific Railroad is a wholly-owned subsidiary.

Perlman, president and a director since December 1, 1970, began his railroad career in 1923 as a field construction draftsman for the Northern Pacific. He was formerly executive vice president of the Denver & Rio Grande Western, president and director of the New York Central System, and president of the merged Penn Central.

Flannery, executive vice president since January 1, 1971, and a director since June 28, 1972, spent his entire career, before joining Western Pacific, with the New York Central System, first in its engineering department in 1948, and with the Penn Central Transportation Company where he was executive vice president and vice president-operation.

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On October 4, the board of directors elected Robert C. Marquis vice president-operation, effective October 1.

He began his railroad career as a telegrapher for the New York Central after his service in the Army Air Corps in 1946, and was director of freight car utilization, which title he took with him to the Penn Central Transportation Co. in 1948. He joined Western Pacific in March 1972 as general superintendent of transportation, Sacramento, and was promoted to chief transportation officer at San Francisco in July 1972.

New titles for these employees

Transportation

R. E. Artusy, director-transportation, with jurisdiction over system freight car utilization, freight claim activities, Chicago service and equipment office, system staff responsibility for station operation.

R. B. Redus, director-operating administration, responsible for administering all operating department objectives and policies, general supervision for records and files, operating rules and safety, operating cost control, joint facility contracts.

D. J. Irwin, manager-freight claims.
J. E. Baker, manager-car planning.
S. E. McVean, Jr., manager-car utilization.

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Dr. Ruth Fleming honored

Dr. Ruth Fleming, chief surgeon of Western Pacific Employee's Medical Department, was sworn in as president of the American Medical Women's Association during its 57th Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, November 11-14.

A diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Fleming is also in private practice in general surgery in San Francisco. She is on the staffs of the Children's Hospital for men, women and children, St. Joseph's Hospital, and Harkness Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Fleming also served the AMWA as secretary, member of the National Officer nominating committee, chairwoman of the finance committee, and was president-elect during the past year. She is a past vice president of the San Francisco County Medical So-

ciety, and is a member of both the Western Association of the Railroad Surgeons and the American Association of Railroad Surgeons.

Born in Poteau, Okla. Dr. Fleming received her M.D. degree in 1939 from Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo. She took her internship and a residency in General Surgery at Children's Hospital from 1940 to 1942. She became senior resident in surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital in 1942 and completed her Board requirements with a preceptorship under Dr. A. R. Kilgore, a former WP chief surgeon, in 1948.

Dr. Fleming enjoys salmon fishing, swimming, scuba diving, and underwater and land photography.



New Titles . . .

H. E. Baldwin, general supervisor-car utilization.

H. E. Sallee, manager-special equipment.

L. W. Ledger, supervisor - special equipment.

J. K. Brennan, manager-joint facilities.

C. E. Shipman, manager-operating records.

D. L. Seely, manager - costs and budgets.

V. O. Davison, staff analyst.

K. G. Williams, chief timekeeper.

W. A. Thorpe, assistant chief timekeeper.

W. L. Pracht, chief clerk-transportation (night).

R. R. Ahearn, terminal superintendent, Oakland-San Francisco.

R. D. Cox, terminal superintendent,

Stockton.

J. A. Dixon, assistant trainmaster, Stockton.

R. A. McCutcheon, assistant trainmaster, Sacramento.

Walden Valentine, assistant trainmaster, Oakland.

Mechanical

H. A. O'Rullian, manager-budgets & administration.

W. B. Wolverton, mechanical engineer.

International Sales

John B. Gore, manager - international sales.

Marketing

R. J. McKelly, sales manager, Cincinnati, Ohio.

L. E. Moe, sales manager, Portland, Ore.

J. B. Hansen, resident sales representative, Memphis, Tenn.

In Appreciation

Would you please include in your next issue a few remarks for Jeannette and me, thanking all our friends at Western Pacific for the lovely retirement party, and for the beautiful floral plant that now adorns our family room. We appreciate everything that was done for us and we certainly appreciate your making mention of our sincere gratitude. Thank you, also, for many past favors.

Peter Citron
831 36th Avenue
San Francisco, CA. 94121

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WP Tugboat in State Park

There was a picture and story in the Oakland Tribune by Jim Douthit, staff writer, about WP's tugboat Hercules being berthed at the San Francisco Maritime State Historic Park at the foot of Hyde street. There she will join the three masted schooner C. A. Thayer, steam schooner Wapama, side wheel ferry Eureka, and scow schooner Alma. Quite an honor for the Hercules. Maybe you could run a picture?

Sidney Henricksen
2941 Fernside Boulevard
Alameda, CA. 94501

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Hercules at 25th street, San Francisco, 1960.

Letters Received

Personal Thanks

There was an untimely interruption in my travel plans on August 7, the first day of my vacation. An unexpected heart attack confined me to Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla,



Fay Collins as he left the LaJolla hospital.

Calif. for three weeks. After return home, complications confined me to San Leandro Memorial Hospital for seven days, and I'm now recuperating at home. I very much appreciate the concern of fellow employees and well-wishers who signed the "huge" card I received.

Fay H. P. Collins
1002 Donovan Drive
San Leandro, CA. 94577

Most Grateful

My husband, Pat, and I deeply appreciate the many, many letters, cards and calls received, and especially the donations of blood given in my behalf during my recent illness. It is wonderful to be home again after being hospitalized at the Sacramento Medical Center for several months since

They Have Retired

Harry C. Allen, Tidewater Southern conductor, Stockton, 20 years.

Miguel F. Alvarado, section man, San Jose, 35 years 8 months.

John R. Bancroft, locomotive engineer, Stockton, 42 years.

Harry Baumgardner, carman, Elko, 27 years 7 months.

Wilburn J. Booth, machinist, Sacramento, 39 years 2 months.

William R. DuBois, locomotive engineer, Stockton, 37 years.

Clarence B. Edmonson, freight carman, Oroville, 19 years 10 months.

Ronald O. Gelsvik, Oakland Terminal switchman, Berkeley, 29 years 1 month.

Aubrey A. Herrick, machinist helper, Stockton, 43 years 1 month.

Reginald C. Hoskin, sheet metal

worker, Sacramento, 35 years 9 months.

Bert Jaskala, switchman, Sacramento, 26 years 9 months.

Charles Klakow, Oakland Terminal switchman, Hayward, 13 years 1 month.

Joseph R. LaMalfa, mechanical engineer, Sacramento, 25 years 11 months.

Archie R. Martin, carman, Oakland, 27 years 7 months.

Pedro G. Melchor, Sacramento Northern section man, Sacramento, 34 years 1 month.

James Procarione, machinist helper, Oakland, 44 years 2 months.

Rolland R. Rickman, carman, Oakland, 43 years 4 months.

Jesse C. Shoemaker, brakeman, Stockton, 28 years 9 months.

Lorenzo D. Wakefield, locomotive engineer, Stockton, 29 years 7 months.

Norman A. Whittier, switchman, Oroville, 28 years.

E. L. Wuelfing, chief clerk, Oakland, 36 years 2 months.

Letters Received . . .

July 6. If anything will help to speed my recovery, it is knowing that so many friends along the railroad are helping to make that possible.

Phyllis Sullivan
6870 Buena Terra Way
Sacramento, CA. 95831

Thank You!

May I take this opportunity to thank all my wonderful friends on the WP for remembering me on my retirement. Also, would like to thank all for making my 36 years of service so pleasant. Believe me, it was a pleasure working with such nice people. Will miss all of you, but am going to enjoy my time with my wonderful wife, four children, and seven grandchildren.

Ed Wuelfing
1576 - 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA. 94601

October Man of the Month



Switchman Roy O. Langston was on vacation and not available for a picture when his excellent record was reported in the last Mileposts as Man of the Month for October.

You could be a winner!

Several new Safety Award programs will be made effective during the year 1973 to replace former Safety Award programs in effect during the year 1972.

The first program to be announced is for Safety Slogans to be used on paycheck stubs. There will be two winners each month, and each winner will receive a \$25 U.S. Government Bond. The winner's name will appear on the paycheck stub with his slogan.

The first slogan selected will appear on the paycheck for the **first pay period** in the month of January 1973. Five additional slogans will also be selected from those slogans received, one each for the five following paycheck periods.

The deadline date for receiving slogans for the first six selections is January 8. Any slogans received after January 8, and any slogans received by that date and not selected, will be held over for the following three-month paycheck period, to compete with other slogans received for the second quarter period. A deadline date for receiving slogans for the second

period will be announced in the next issue of MILEPOSTS.

Only one slogan may be submitted for each three-month period. The slogan must be limited to 15 words or less. Use the form below for submitting your slogan and mail in a first-class mail envelope to

Mr. L. J. Fischer, Jr.
Superintendent Safety
Western Pacific Railroad Co.
526 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA. 94105

Slogans may be submitted by all employees.

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The second Safety Award program to be announced at this time will be only for operating and store department employees. These awards will be for outstanding safety performances. Details for this program were not fully determined as this issue went to press, but will be announced in the next issue of MILEPOSTS. Winners, however, will receive attractive yellow wind breaker jackets of excellent quality and good visibility when worn.

(Cut here)

Please Print

My slogan is: _____

(15 words or less)

Name _____

Social Security No. _____

My job is _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Have a Safe and

Merry Christmas!



Safety Minded Railroaders

Man of the Month

For the month of November the selection committee chose from nominations received Locomotive Engineer Ralph Petersen of Stockton.

Ralph has been employed as an engineman since September 30, 1936 and



was promoted to engineer on September 17, 1942. He is from a railroad family of three generations, and originally hired out with the North Western Pacific working on the track and as a clerk.

As well as having a near perfect record as an engineer for Western Pacific, he is considered to be one of the most careful, conscientious, skillful and safe "hogheads" we have. Not too long ago the superintendent of safety and a member of WP's insurance company were riding the engine Ralph was operating. He was asked if the speed recorder was accurate on the locomotive he was operating and he replied that it was one-third of a mile an hour off. What Ralph failed to tell them was that he had checked the speed for three miles and in that distance he had lost one mile per hour according to his stop watch.

Engineer Petersen has been loyal and helpful on the job, and has offered many suggestions for safety and operating improvements. He is prompt and always asks sincere questions about anything that is not entirely clear to him.

Safety Rule of the Week

Winners Week of September 4

Mechanical Department

Fireman-Oiler F. J. Nave, Stockton

Transportation Department

Clerk C. F. Lear, Oroville

Winners Week of September 25

Mechanical Department

Machinist J. R. Reed, Stockton

Transportation Department

Clerk R. L. Meyers, Jr., Stockton
Engineer W. T. Sheahan's wife, Portola
Brakeman R. O. Borjas' wife, Elko

Winners Week of October 2

Mechanical Department

Carman J. L. Gibson, Sacramento
Clerk J. M. Smith, Sacramento

Transportation Department

Engineer R. J. Coyle, Oroville

Winners Week of October 9

Mechanical Department

Machinist S. J. Rettalic's wife, Sacramento
Electrician W. J. Wilkinson, Stockton
Car Helper G. C. Gerlach, Stockton
Laborer G. C. Phillips' wife, Oroville
Painter J. D. O'Neill, Sacramento

Transportation Department

Crew Clerk Mrs. E. L. Rossiter, Stockton

Winners Week of October 16

Mechanical Department

Machinist D. J. Reynolds, Sacramento
Steno-Clerk Karen Fortmiller, S.F.
Electrician C. R. Lightle's wife, Stockton

Transportation Department

Switchman J. F. Ward, Sunnyvale

Winners Week of October 23

Mechanical Department

Carman R. D. Kirkham, Elko
Carman A. W. Bower, Elko
Carman W. E. Lutz, Oroville

Winners Week of October 30

Mechanical Department

Machinist S. R. Garcia, Stockton
Clerk F. J. Martinez, Stockton
Machinist J. W. Reed, Stockton



Service Pin Anniversaries

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35-YEAR PINS

Arthur W. Carlson	Chief Engineer	San Francisco
Charles L. Servia	Conductor	Eastern Division
Matthew G. Willoughby	Claim Clerk	San Jose

30-YEAR PINS

Albert C. Jones	Conductor	Eastern Division
Paul A. Penman	Locomotive Engineer	Eastern Division
Melvin L. Pierner	Electrician	Oakland
Jack A. Smith	Switchman	Western Division
Maurice Story	Locomotive Engineer	Western Division

25-YEAR PINS

Andrew J. Casazza	Lease Clerk	San Francisco
Bernadine J. Coleman	Waybill Clerk	San Francisco
W. D. Dakan	Signalman-Maintainer	Sacramento
Robert G. Hobbs	Section Foreman	Deeth, Nev.
John A. Kaffun	Senior Sales Representative	Oakland
Dennis L. Palmer	Statistician-Stenographer	San Francisco
Don T. Woods, Jr.	Brakeman	Eastern Division
Thomas Yrene	Section Foreman	San Francisco

20-YEAR PINS

K. J. Archer	Conductor	Western Division
G. R. Bicknell	Switchman	Western Division
C. B. Cortez	Section Foreman	Gerlach
H. N. Dellinger	Conductor	Western Division
Edgar A. Dobbins	Industrial Engineer	San Francisco
Frank M. Gabbert	Mail & File Clerk	San Francisco
George O. Gordon	Rate Analyst	San Francisco
John W. Hoppenjans	Sales Manager-Government Sales	Washington, D.C.
P. P. Neri	Conductor	Western Division
G. C. Warner	Clerk	Stockton
Frank D. Webb	Yardmaster	Oakland
W. I. Zimmerman	Conductor	Western Division

15-YEAR PINS

Alan Bateman	Carman	Oakland
Michael B. Church	Brakeman	Eastern Division
Stanley J. Daniels	Brakeman	Western Division
Filipe N. Gonzales	Sectionman	Stockton
Victor P. Gray	Tunnel Gang Foreman	Indian Creek
Morris C. McManus	Superintendent of Transportation	San Francisco
Jose Nunez	Carman	Stockton

10-YEAR PINS

Douglas C. Brown	Electrician	Stockton
D. B. Dayton	Clerk	Portola
Wayne C. Kyle	Electrician	Stockton
A. M. Martelli	Switchman	Western Division
John R. Martin	Carman Helper	Oakland
Jewel Petsas	Chief Clerk, Station Accounting Center	San Francisco
C. L. Phillips	Switchman	Western Division



Caboosing

The Editor is pleased to pay tribute to the Correspondents who report the personals appearing in this section each issue, which helped to make possible the Award reproduced here.

MILEPOSTS' selection for this Award was made by Dr. James L. C. Ford, Professor of Journalism, Southern Illinois University, from entries in the 1972 Distinguished Achievement Awards Competition by members of the Association of Railroad Editors. The announcement was made during the ARE annual meeting held in October this year in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Other category winners were Southern Railway's "Ties," Canadian Pacific's "CP Rail News," Canadian National's "Keeping Track," Chessie System's "Chessie News," Pullman-Standard's "Carbuilder," and Bangor and Aroostook's "Main Line."

Association of Railroad Editors

Presents to the

Western Pacific's

"Mileposts"

this

Distinguished Achievement Award

For excellence in the

use of company

personals.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 5, 1972



A Merry Christmas to all from your Correspondents!

KEDDIE-QUINCY

Jimmy and Betty Boynton

Congratulations to Brakeman and Mrs. GARY METZDORF on the birth of their first child, a 7 lb. 2 oz. son, Jefry Dean, born August 26. Proud grandparents are Transportation Superintendent and Mrs. GLENN METZDORF, SR. Mrs. Metzdorf had been secretary to Superintendent JAMES BROWN when he was at Keddie. A speedy recovery is wished for Gary, recuperating for some time from back surgery.

Conductor and Mrs. MEL STRANG attended graduation ceremonies for their daughter, Melvina, from nursing school in Reno on August 31. Melvina is now working in the office of Dr. Althouse in Quincy. Her sister, Mrs. Pat Moore, of Alameda, is also a nurse.

Avid baseball fans, Engineer and Mrs. WILLIAM HECKALA were in the stands at the World Series in Oakland.

Engineer and Mrs. DANNY TURNER and family have moved into a new home on Oak Street in Quincy. Mrs. Turner is to be commended for many hours devoted to the Girl Scouts as adult leader and Quincy troop consultant.

Retired Engineer IVAN FINLEY was a recent visitor and reports that he

and retired Engineers FRANK LEMON, HENRY BARNETT, and retired Conductor N. G. PENDERGRAFT are busy operating parking lots owned by the City of Stockton and leased to downtown merchants.

Sympathy is expressed to retired Engineer "SUGAR CANE" SMITH, whose wife passed away in July.

When Engineer HARRY ALT retired he turned in his diesel for a four-wheel drive and went to work for Viking Delivery Service in March 1971. He makes a 170-mile round trip to Truckee six days a week to deliver telephone company material, trucked from there to Sacramento. Heavy snows, deer, and normal highway hazards on Highways 70 and 89 cause many car trade-ins. Harry figures he racked up more miles on the road than he did on the rails.

The Quincy Senior League Baseball All Stars won the district championship and went to the Divisional Tournament in Sacramento in August. They were the only team to play six consecutive games, winning four. Pitchers were Mike Littlefield, son of Engineer and Mrs. JIM LITTLEFIELD, and Bill Wood, brother of Brakeman EDDIE WOOD. Also on the team were Joey Azevedo, son of Conductor and



Arthur Curtiss James drives gold spike at Bieber, November 10, 1931. WP and GN presidents Harry Adams and Ralph Budd reached out to shake hands to open the Inside Gateway as WP's 204 (2-6-6-2 Mallet compound) and GN's 3351 (2-8-2 Mikado) drew together then left as WP's Gold Spike Special had a meet at Red River Jct. with Red River Lumber's Special with 5 engines, 171 cars, and a \$200,000 lumber shipment. From Jimmy Boynton collection.

Mrs. DEL AZEVEDO, and Tim Kurpjuweit, cousin of Conductors RON and DENNIS BARKER. Mrs. Littlefield wrote publicity for the team. She has been installed as president of the Boosters Club, which supports athletic programs at Quincy Jr.-Sr. High School. Football is now in full swing and Joey Azevedo is on the freshman team, and Mike Littlefield is sidelined with a broken arm received in a game. John Holt, son of Engineer ROBERT HOLT and Train Desk Clerk MARGARET HOLT, has been a varsity star this year.

Engineer and Mrs. MAURICE STORY and two of their 11 children went to Sweethome, Ore. in August for a second annual reunion of the Story family on a cousin's ranch. Attending from Oregon and California were 71 family members, the oldest member being a 91-year-old aunt.

SALT LAKE CITY

Carol Suchan

Much happiness is wished to Bart Wood Perkins, son of Conductor and Mrs. BARTY Q. PERKINS, and Miss Leslie Dowdle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. "Bud" Dowdle, on their marriage on September 28. The wedding was performed in the Heritage House Chapel, Salt Lake City, with a following reception. A wedding supper was



HOLIDAY DRIVING DEMANDS IT EVEN MORE! DRIVE DEFENSIVELY.



given by the groom's parents. The newlyweds are living in Salt Lake City after returning from a honeymoon trip to Southern California and Mexico.

Congratulations to Conductor-Brakeman and Mrs. R. G. SORENSEN who announced the arrival of a son on September 5. He joins two brothers and a sister.

Sympathy is extended to Conductor-Brakeman M. O. THOMAS whose father, retired Conductor OWEN S. "SPENCE" THOMAS died on August 31 at the age of 70 at his Salt Lake City home. Graveside services were held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. "Spence" was a conductor for 43 years.

Condolences to the family of retired Engineer JAMES G. ALBERTSON who died at the age of 74 in a Salt Lake City hospital on September 18. He is survived by his widow, son William, and daughter Mrs. Carl H. Bird, Sr.

Burial was at Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Congratulations to retired Engineer FRANK SMITH and his wife, Vera, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 19 with an openhouse at the home of their daughter.

Best wishes for a long, happy retirement for HARVEY NAYLOR who retired on August 31 as chief clerk at Burmester where he first worked as station clerk in April 1924. Since that time Harvey worked at 22 stations and places from Burmester to the San Francisco waterfront and back again. Harvey is one of a large family who worked for WP, including his mother and father, brothers and a sister, and children, several of whom were at Harvey's retirement party at the Skyline Cafe in Grantsville in addition to a host of co-workers and friends from many, many points along the WP system.

OROVILLE

A. I. Reichenbach, Jr.

Recent transfers of personnel sent Roadmaster JOHN A. DIXSON to Stockton as trainmaster, and in his place we greet J. A. "JACK" JONES, here from Keddie.

An old friend relieved Diesel Foreman P. M. "PHIL" BURCH, off on vacation, and it was good to see J. A. "JIM" MCINTOSH again.

We sadly regret the passing of several former WP "rails" during the past month—L. D. GARRICK, retired diesel foreman; O. G. MEAD, retired conductor; and L. C. CANNON, retired engineer. Their many Oroville friends extend their deepest sympathies to the relatives of these men.

V. E. "VERN" SPROWL, carman, suffered a severe fall and at present is in fair condition in a local hospital. We all wish Vern an early and successful recovery.

Conductor DAVID L. SPEEGLE is back on the job after undergoing some surgery and we're happy to have him with us again.

SACRAMENTO SHOPS

Herman F. Schultze

Good luck and a long retirement to Sheet Metal Worker H. C. HOSKINS, retiring with over 35 years service,



Hoskins and Booth congratulate each other on their combined 75 years of service.

and to Machinist WILLIAM J. BOOTH, with 40 years railroading.

Machinist MARION VELASICH had a very enjoyable trip to Europe visiting four countries. For his next vacation, he is now planning a trip to Alaska.

Congratulations to Blacksmith DARREL D. DAVIES on being re-elected as Patron to Worthy Matron Mrs. Hazel McGrow of Delta Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Darrell was Master of Elk Grove Lodge No. 173, F&AM in 1960, and Patron of Elk Grove Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, in 1962 and 1967.

We heard that retired Blacksmith CLIFF BENNETT got a "four pointer" on his recent deer hunting trip.

Best wishes, too, to JOE LAMALFA, mechanical engineer. Joe was honored



Joe LaMalfa, Hy O'Rullian, James Terhorst exchange wishes in front of Joe's portrait.

by many of his friends at a retirement party held at the Dante Club on September 29. Joe's gift was an enlarged picture of himself wearing a tie made of money and a boutonniere.

My thanks to all who have helped me gather news this past year. Now, by the time you read this, Marcella and I will be on the beaches of Hawaii. Aloha! to you.

STOCKTON

Elaine Obenshain, Velma Prentiss

This is the season for retiring, and to the following go our best wishes for a long and enjoyable life:

Brakeman DARL A. MILLER, JR., retired August 31 with 29 years 5 months service.

Engineer LORENZO D. WAKEFIELD, retired September 5 with 29 years 8 months service.

Engineer JOHN R. "BOB" BANCROFT, retired September 29 with 42 years service. Bob says he's going to take a couple of years to paint his house!

Engineer WILLIAM R. DUBOIS, retired October 31 with 37 years service.

Michele Terese is the name of the first daughter of Clerk and Mrs. DANIEL H. BRITT, born in May.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of retired Conductor PARDON W. JORDAN, who passed away on September 11, and to retired Engineer A. F. "SUGAR CANE" SMITH, whose wife passed away on August 30.

On Friday, October 13, the San Joaquin Lodge of BRAC hosted a retirement dinner honoring Clerks RAY D. REESE, who retired on physical disability September 29; PETER J. CALCATERRA, who retired April 1; BERNICE E. PARK, retired July 5; and HARVEY L. ROSS, retired August 12. They were each presented with a plaque bearing their name, years of service, and a gold spike; also a wallet with their name imprinted which con-



Holding plaques are Bernice Park, Harvey Ross, Ray Reese, and Peter Calcaterra.

tained a money gift. Among the 82 clerks and guests attending were retired Clerks LEONARD E. HENSLEY, ERNEST S. DAVIS, LAWRENCE DANIEL, JOHN G. ROSE, ERNEST S. MOYES, and their wives; AIELEEN LEE and husband; JOHN and VIRGINIA RUSTAN; WILLIAM J. COCHRAN; MARY L. ELLIOTT; and Telegrapher P. D. PHELPS and wife—representing roughly a total of 473 years in service to Western Pacific.

The WP Mudhops, our super baseball team, won the final playoffs in the



WP MUDHOPS

Standing: L. Barrett, M. E. McCann, M. R. Whittaker, D. E. Camp, P. E. Ricketts, R. Carson. Middle center: B. G. Sinor. Front row: R. R. Ahearn, E. L. Rader, T. T. Spetter, D. E. Davis, D. H. Britt. Not present were R. E. Harrington and D. A. Rader.

Stockton Senior Recreation Department tournament and were awarded an attractive trophy.

David LeBouf, 18 year old son of BRAC General Chairman and Mrs. W. L. LEBEOUF, JR., made All City football team during his junior and senior years at St. Mary's High School, where he was also student body president during his senior year. He played in the All Stars Optimist game at Hughes Stadium, Sacramento, where the San Joaquin Valley team beat Sacramento Valley for the first time in three years. A defensive tackle, David won a 4-year football scholarship to University of California-Berkeley, where the 6' 5", 235 lb. star plans to major in law.

OAKLAND

Lu Wheeler

Very best wishes to JIM PROCARIONE who retired as machinist helper in the Oakland motor car shop on August 14, with 44 years and two months service. The accompanying picture was taken

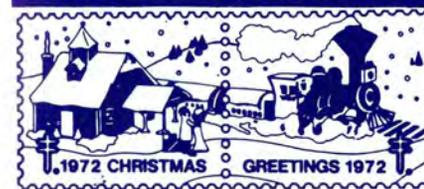


Jim, seated, receives his gift from "Doc" Canfield. Behind "Doc" are W. H. Holt, Clerk Betty Hill, Welder Helper Steve Riddle in back corner. At right foreground are Clerks Gertrude Ulisse, Netty Giulio.

at lunch time in the motor car shop where they honored Jim's last day with fried chicken, cake, punch and coffee and a money gift donated by his friends and co-workers.

Our condolences to Trainmaster M. C. JACOBS whose wife passed away in Fremont on October 21. Funeral serv-

It's a matter of Life and Breath!



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Christmas Seals

ices were held at MacGarland and Lough Chapel in Concord.

We were all saddened to learn of the death of Engineer JOHN H. HAEBERLE in O'Connor Hospital in San Jose on October 25. John entered service in June 1945 and was promoted in September 1959. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Best wishes to ED WUELFING, chief clerk, who retired on November 1 after a service with Western Pacific of 36 years and two months. We know Ed will enjoy the extra time now to spend with his family.

SAN FRANCISCO

Tina Phillips, Ruth Stone

Revenue accounting personnel were on the move this summer. GABRIELLE SCHLEMMINGER visited her parents in Ireland, LILLIAN McDONALD spent three weeks in Europe, and KATHY WONG visited Mexico.

TED TRAVINS and his family visited their married daughter and son-in-law stationed in West Germany. Ted's chest was sticking out a few more inches when he returned, as the real purpose of the trip was to see their new grandson for the first time!

JOHN MILLS and his wife, Jean, celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary during a second honeymoon trip to Hawaii. To keep dad and mom out of trouble, their children went along, too.

Not so happy news is reported for GLADYS VARGAS who broke an ankle in a motorcycle accident, and for BOB ALLGEO who fractured a shoulder bone in another accident.

From general accounting, vacationers were MARGE BISCHOFF to Mexico, DONNA FLEET to Canada, MILDRED COX to Hawaii, FLORENCE HO to China, LOUISE ZATARIAN to Spain and Portugal, TONY QUILL to Mexico, and LENORE STUDDT to Nebraska and North Dakota.

Congratulations to these previously unreported proud parents:

JAN CALLAGHAN, medical department, and her husband, Bob, a daughter, Kerry Lynn on March 28.

JUDY RAUSCHMIER, medical department, and husband, RICHARD, engineering, a son, Richard Lawrence on June 20.

A daughter, Valerie Deanna, on September 29 for MARIA JENNINGS, general accounting, and her husband, DARRELL, purchase and stores department.

Our deepest sympathy to HELEN SELLS, retired marketing statistician, whose husband, BOYD C. SELLS, retired marketing secretary, passed away suddenly on September 23.

Deepest sympathy, too, to Mary Potter, whose husband, MAX POTTER, retired from marketing rate department, passed away on October 26 after many years of illness. Funeral services were held in Springfield, Mo., his birthplace. Survivors also include a son, Garry, two brothers, Steve and Bud, and a granddaughter.

A farewell luncheon was given by engineering employees on October 30 for S. F. "BUD" BURMEISTER, principal assistant engineer, who resigned to work for BARTD. He had been with WP since 1945. An enlarged photo of the California Zephyr was given as a gift from his co-workers.

Front Cover Picture

"Icicles may not be any great shakes to a mountaineer but to this frozen-footed flat-lander they are a fine barometer of weather conditions involved in shooting an icy documentary of the Feather River country in winter," said Photographer Ted Benson.



James G. Albertson, retired locomotive engineer, Salt Lake City, September 18.

Fred M. Allred, retired conductor, Sheridan, Wyo., August 1972.

Charles H. Avery, locomotive engineer, Elko, July 13.

Glazier H. Baker, retired chief clerk, San Francisco, September 9.

Robert Bell-Booth, retired Sacramento Northern electrician, Sacramento, June 1972.

Lemuel C. Cannon, retired locomotive engineer, Chico, October 8.

Ralph E. Christy, retired chief clerk, Campbell, September 24.

Albert L. Coady, retired Alameda Belt Line chief clerk, Citrus Heights, August 1972.

Lawrence E. Conway, retired Alameda Belt Line switchman, San Leandro, July 1972.

Fred L. Farlow, retired switchman, Lathrop, July 1972.

Lawrence D. Garrick, retired diesel engine foreman, Oroville, September 10.

Jessie Griffin, section man, San Francisco, October 16.

John H. Haerberle, locomotive engineer, San Jose, October 25.

Leonard P. Madsen, retired Sacramento Northern B&B carpenter, Yuba City, August 1972.

George P. McMullen, retired locomotive engineer, Elko, June 1972.

Arthur M. Nuzman, retired signal foreman, Hayward, October 26.

L. H. Olmstead, retired yardmaster, San Jose, July 1972.

Walter H. Parks, retired dining car steward, Fresno, August 1972.

Max A. Potter, retired rate clerk, Fairfax, October 26.

James B. Rice, retired carman helper, Oroville, July 1972.

Ray W. Rich, retired yardmaster, Oakland, October 2.

Joseph W. Rogers, retired switchman, Stockton, July 1972.

Boyd C. Sells, retired secretary, San Carlos, September 23.

John Sypher, Sr., retired locomotive engineer, Portola, October 3.

Louis Wilson, retired Central California Traction Co. bridge foreman, Santa Cruz, July 1972.

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Milepost 228: Maury Crespo, engineer MW&S when picture was taken and now engineer administration, checks track alignment near 2,922.5 foot tunnel No. 5 shown in distance.

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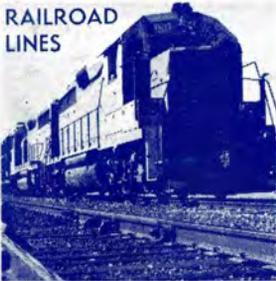
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