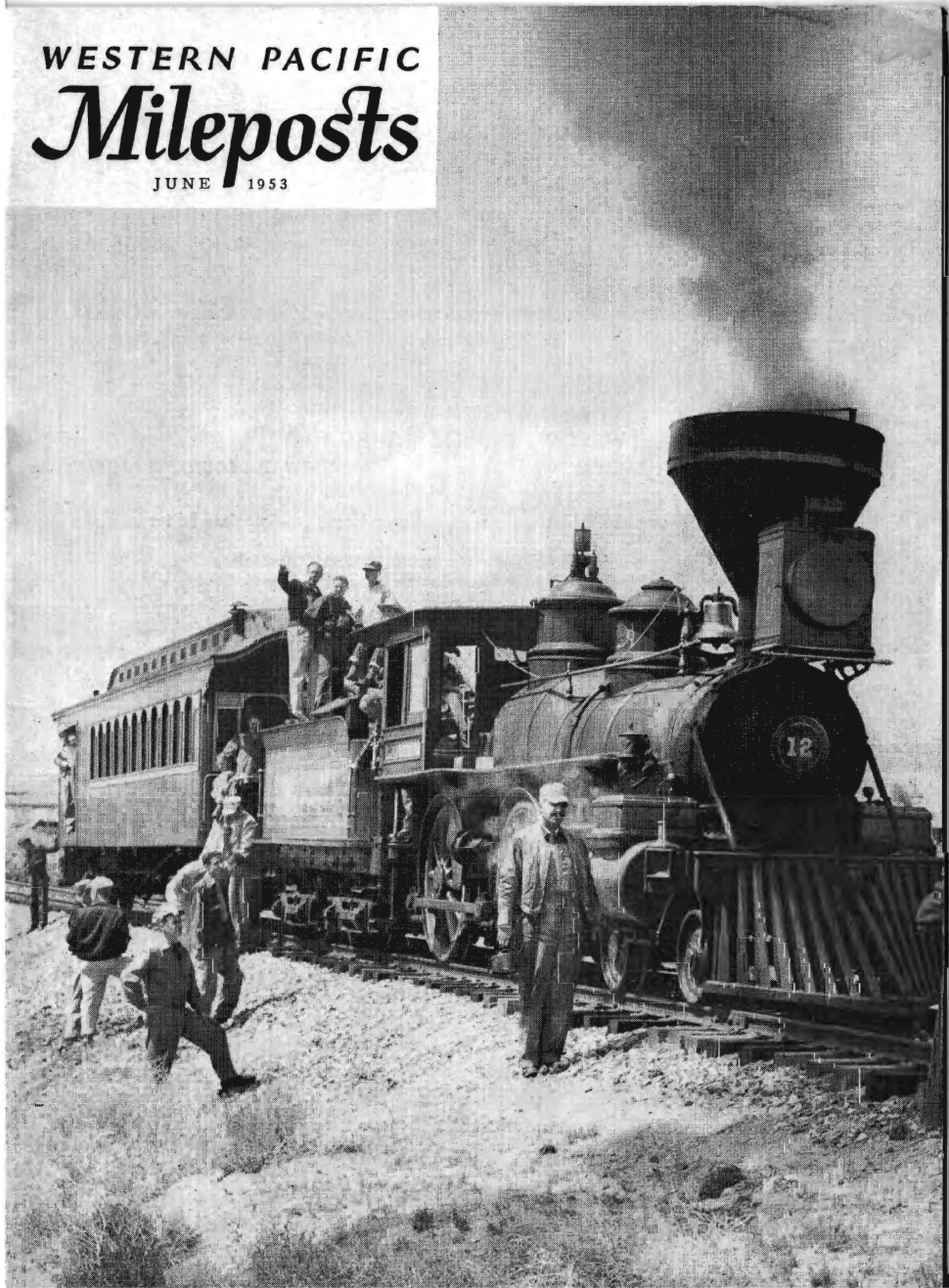
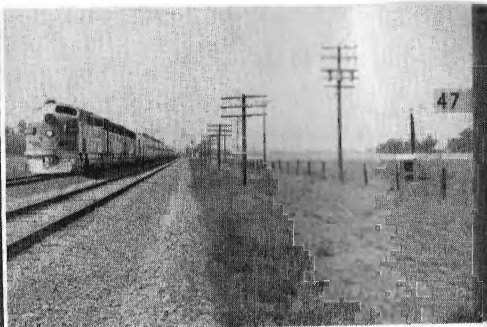


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\* Milepost No. 47: An eastbound California Zephyr approaches Livermore just two-tenths of a mile beyond Milepost No. 47.



## "Chefs" . . . Kids . . . and Fans

Some sort of a record must have been established on the Western Pacific during the four days April 23-26, when three special trains operated over its line, each to a different destination, on a different day, and each with passengers as unrelated as is diesel engine to a steam locomotive. Age was no criterion, nor was sex nor size. A good time was had by everyone and Western Pacific made some wonderful friends.



The first of the three specials left Oakland station April 23 with 200 East Bay members of the Societe des Gentilhommes Chefs de Cuisine, an organization with members in every leading city.

Donning professional white chef's hats, these Gentlemen "Chefs" (who claim they are all poor cooks) boarded an eight-car train including five diners, loosened their belts and relaxed for a leisurely round trip to San Jose for the special purpose of washing down a huge lunch with the aid of liquid refreshments. Eating in a diner has always been one of the highlights of railroad travel, but this marked the first time a WP train has been operated just for the purpose of serving a meal.

Good fellows seldom get together with as much appreciation for fine culinary products as this organization and they were well primed for the piece de resistance—Feather River lamb-fed Bear Tenderloin, Regal—when the one o'clock dinner bell rang shortly after arrival at San Jose. Since

a huge bear steak would be hardly more than a snack for these gourmets who will go any distance for a good meal, they satisfied themselves with Anguille en Aspic, Oeufs de Chapon, and Canape de Crotale, which to any beaney would mean jellied eel, capon eggs, and smoked rattlesnake cutlets. A generous portion of bortsch and Yankee salad with Gloucester dressing, Berney potatoes, peas Bonne Femme, hot Cinnamon rolls, beverage, and Strawberries Romanoff, a concoction of ice cream, fresh strawberries and several imported liqueurs pushed them away from their tables.

This was the first time the chefs have taken to the railroad, their last trip having been to Las Vegas last month aboard a DC6-B airplane. "We took 74 fellows down and 72 came back," said one of the chefs with a smile, "we're still looking for the other two!"

All businessmen of varied occupations their protocol consists of no rules, no obligations and two dollars a year dues. Headed by businessman Roy C.



Assembled in the rear of Lucius Beebe's "Gold Coast" leaving Oakland with the "Chefs Special" are, from left, Budd Billett, Lucius Beebe, Roy Burns, Chuck Clegg, Ray Badwin and Gil Kneiss.

Burns, chief potato peeler, other members of the East Bay Society are recognized as "keeper of the lettuce," "chief catsup shaker," "chief bologna slicer," and other delectable titles.

Honored guests for the occasion, with their private car "Gold Coast," were Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg, both gourmets, authors and travelers, who most recently revived publication of the *Territorial Enterprise* in Virginia City, Nevada, the paper made famous by Mark Twain.



"Thanks for a swell trip," said this group of "Gentlemen Chefs" upon arriving at Oakland on return from San Jose. The reason for the smiles was that WP got them home just before dinner.

Capably handled by two Western Pacific hosts, Harold Wyman and Gil Kneiss, who were billed for the occasion as "executive chef de cuisine" and "chief public relations hasher," and aided by a contingent of dining car employees, passenger escort, trainmaster and assistant, road foreman of engines, and train and engine crews, the trainload of happy gourmets jubilantly arrived back in Oakland at 4:30 p. m., just in time to wend their way home for—of all things—dinner!

## THE KIDS WERE NEXT....

Six hundred and fifty high pitched, squeaky voices more than drowned out the throbbing motors of the huge diesel locomotive at the head end of the *California Zephyr* as it approached Western Pacific's station at Third & Broadway, Oakland, on April 24. Those same voices which originated from

excited boys and girls were soon to board the famous streamliner for a special trip to Carbona and return—the same train which had just been turned following arrival from Chicago on its regular transcontinental run.

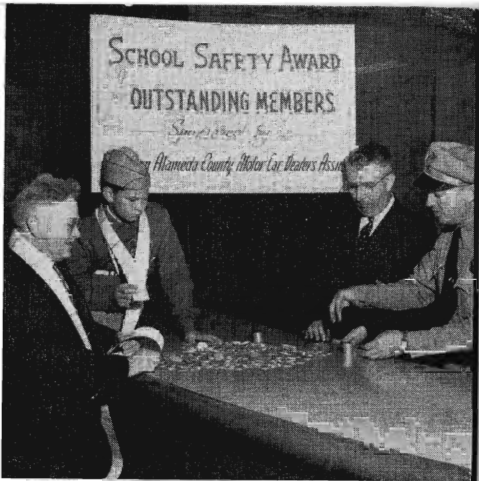
As members of Safety Patrol units from 27 Southern Alameda County and

two Emeryville elementary schools, these Junior Traffic Patrolmen were to be guests of the Southern Alameda County Motor Car Dealers' Association through the cooperation of its manager, John H. Janusch. The trip this year was organized by Patrolman Edison Ayres, Alameda County school detail officer for the California Highway Patrol, who successfully originated the idea with a similar trip last year.

Believe it or not—youngsters can be orderly, and there was a minimum of delay while they filed aboard the twelve cars according to prearranged instructions. For many it was their first train ride. Others had been on the ride last year and, evidenced by the excitement that prevailed, all were prepared for a four-hour thrilling experience.

Arrangements had been made for each group in turn to explore the fascination of the train's interior and spend part of the ride getting a bird's-eye view from the vista domes atop the silver colored cars. It was a wonderful opportunity for, and a fitting tribute to,

No matter what the occasion, teen-agers always find time to eat and enjoy a few hearty laughs.



Tal Kelly and Patrolman Ayres, right, count out 650 silver dollars exchanged for 650 tickets by John Janusch and Jerry Miller, captain, Alameda County School Safety Patrol, David D. Bohannon School, San Lorenzo. For Jerry, the trip was especially exciting, it being his first train ride.

these safety-minded youngsters who guard the cross-walks over which pass thousands of children during school semesters, and they made the most of every minute.

Not unlike the Gentlemen "Chefs," these youngsters had enormous appetites and to take care of the situation each came equipped with a bulging box lunch, not a few of which disappeared quicker than the passing telegraph poles. Those who were unable to consume a pint or two of milk on the outbound trip, furnished by Western Pacific, remedied that situation en route home, and no record was kept of the demand for "seconds." As a memento for the occasion, Western Pacific also provided each patroller with a miniature steam engine equipped with a balloon which when blown up provided necessary propulsion to move the engine, showing a reference to WP's Fiftieth Anniversary being celebrated this year, and took the appearance of smoke pouring from the stack.

In addition to the teachers who accompanied them, their safety and welfare were watched over carefully by Tal Kelly and Henry Hobbie, of WP's Oakland city ticket office, Henry Donnelly, Bill Bergman and Bill Foote of the special agent's office, Les Henry and Bob Madsen, trainmaster and trainee assistant, Tom Hunter, road foreman of engines, and the train and engine crews.

On the return trip stops were made at Livermore, Pleasanton, Niles, Hayward, and San Leandro, where parents or school buses awaited arrival of the train, which continued on to Oakland with those remaining on the train who were safely delivered to the buses which originally brought all the Junior Traffic Patrolmen to Third and Broadway.

 **AND THE RAIL FANS WENT ON SUNDAY** 

Saved from the scrap pile to become an active relic as Western Pacific's first passenger locomotive, Engine 94 (44 years old come next September) again burst forth in all her glory by taking the nod over her more modern diesel brethren for a special run on April 26.

Suffering none the least from her age, she proudly pulled away from Oakland Pier with six coaches, a vista dome coach, lunch car, lounge car, business car 105, and a trainload of 499

rail fan members of the Railway & Locomotive Historical and California-Nevada Railroad Historical societies, including other railroad enthusiasts. She pulled into Carbona right on time and easily ran the four-mile round trip over the Carbona branch, a part of the old Alameda and San Joaquin Railroad which once ran from Stockton to the Tesla coal mines. During this short haul she posed for pictures and became acquainted with passenger Marvin Tesla Maynard, of Castro Valley, christened after the name of the little town by his father who was one of Tesla's first residents. She was a little impatient while having to wait for the passing of No. 18, the diesel-powered *California Zephyr* and seemed little concerned as the modern streamliner streaked by on her eastbound run.

On to Terminous Junction for a trip over the Terminous Branch which 15½ mile jaunt pleased her no less than it did her admirers aboard the train who made the most of a short stop while 94 pertly posed for their ever present cameras.

Flattered by all this attention, she put forth her best effort, but lost a little time handling the big train and being turned on the wye, before making her way to Stockton yard. Once there, she ambled off for fuel and water, leaving her fans to photograph an array of remaining steam power purposely displayed to their best advantage.

Bucking heavy winds, the gallant little engine lost a few minutes homeward bound, and because of a stop at Niles for water and time to regain her speed after stopping at Hayward, San Leandro and Fruitvale for the convenience of departing passengers, she pulled into Oakland Pier just before seven where, a little tired, a little late, but ready again for another run, she never-the-less received the praise of



Eldon Lucy, vice-president, California-Nevada Railroad Historical Society, and Fred Stindt, chairman of the Pacific Coast Chapter, Railway & Locomotive Railway Historical Society.

## Tomorrow's Businessmen Today

A group of ten San Francisco high school teen-agers successfully put together their combined knowledge and skill one night a week over a period of seven months beginning last October, and with the aid of four Western Pacific advisors learned the rudiments in the operation of a modern business, as members of Junior Achievement, Inc.

The California Wood Products Company, sponsored by Western Pacific, first elected as their officers, Dianne Devlin, president; Jane Hurwitz, secretary-treasurer; and Allen Offenham and Ted Gold, respectively as production and sales managers. Western Pacific advisors were J. Y. Murray (auditor of disbursement), chief advisor; Frank W. Ahlert (assistant to general

auditor-insurance), sales advisor; and Wilbur Hansen (savings bond clerk) and Ken Browning (training coordinator), as production advisors. The company elected to manufacture redwood planter boxes, 10" x 10" x 10" in size, stained on the outside, with a water seal applied to the interior. They set a schedule to manufacture six boxes at each two-hour Thursday evening session, to sell for \$3.89 each, which price was later reduced to \$3.50. Since some sessions were devoted to business or board of directors' meetings, only 54 boxes were manufactured.

To secure funds required for rent on workspace and machinery, purchase of tools and materials, payment of salaries, postage, advertising and other expenses, they sold 207 shares of stock

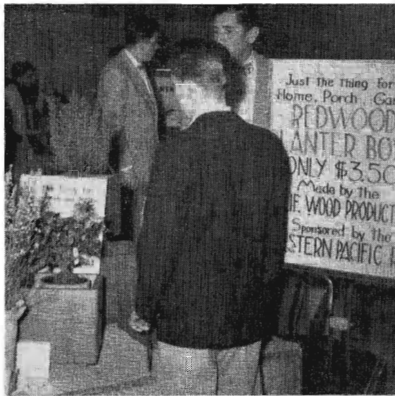




Jane Hurwitz, Allen Offenham, and Ted Gold sold 17 of their products at general office, assisted by Wilbur Hansen, John Murray and Frank Ahlert.

to the public at fifty cents per share. When the company liquidated last month, under rules of Junior Achievement, Inc., they were able to pay the maximum 20 per cent dividend to each shareholder.

They first developed their sales ability after school hours in a house to house selling campaign, but sales were slow. They then began a concentrated sales drive, which included an exhibit in the lobby of WP's general office, and resulted in the sale of 17 boxes. Other orders resulted from a display of their product, along with the products of several other companies, in the Pacific Gas and Electric Company building during February. On the night of March 30, Al Offenham and Ted Gold appeared on "Red" Blanchard's KNBC radio show which resulted in additional advertisement for their product and for their sponsor, Western Pacific. The boxes were later displayed at Hallowell's Nursery, and at a Junior Achievement exhibit at the Stonestown Emporium, won a prize as the



James Zydonis, taking his turn as exhibit manager, looks over California Wood Products display which won best exhibit prize at Stonestown Emporium.

best of many exhibits in the display.

L. J. Gosney, WP comptroller and general auditor accepted a plaque from Miss Devlin on behalf of Junior Achievement for their second year of sponsorship. Gosney, who has also been active in the program, was elected to the board of directors of Junior Achievement, Inc., of San Francisco at their annual meeting in June, last year.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE VOCABULARY

- UNDER CONSIDERATION—never heard of it.
- RELIABLE SOURCE—the guy you just met.
- WE'RE MAKING A SURVEY—we need more time to think of an answer.
- GIVE US THE BENEFIT OF YOUR PRESENT THINKING—we will listen to what you have to say as long as it doesn't interfere with what we have already decided to do.
- EXPEDITE—to combine confusion with commotion.
- CHANNELS—the trail left by interoffice memo.
- COORDINATOR—the guy who has a desk between two expeditors.
- IT IS IN PROCESS—so wrapped up in red tape that the situation is almost hopeless.
- TO ACTIVATE—to make carbons and add more names to memo.
- A PROGRAM—any assignment that cannot be completed by one telephone call.
- CONSULTANT (OR EXPERT)—any ordinary guy more than 50 miles from home.



On behalf of all employees of Western Pacific and its affiliated companies, MILEPOSTS extends sincerest sympathy to the loved ones of the following employees and annuitants whose death has been reported:

Warren S. Broughton, retired switchman, died recently. Mr. Broughton entered service in September, 1942, and last worked for the company in December, 1943.

Willis R. Brown, car inspector, died on March 15, 1953. Mr. Brown entered company service on June 8, 1944, and last worked for WP on February 4, 1952.

Frederic O. Harvey, division line-man, died on March 31, 1953. Mr. Harvey entered Western Pacific on May 22, 1939. He is survived by his stepmother, Mrs. P. D. Harvey, of Richmond, Kentucky.

Edward J. Heisch, retired blacksmith, died on April 21, 1953. Mr. Heisch last worked for the company on September 15, 1937.

Mrs. J. C. Hoover, wife of deceased retired assistant to general manager, and one time head nurse at Portola Hospital, died at Oroville on May 9, 1953.

Emerson Ivie, blacksmith helper, died on May 5, 1953. Mr. Ivie entered company service on July 23, 1945. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elsie Ivie, of Sacramento.

Rudolph C. Kaufman, retired marine captain, died on April 11, 1953. Mr. Kaufman entered company service on March 1, 1920, and retired on February 18, 1947.

Henry O. Noffsinger, cashier, died on February 28, 1953. Mr. Noffsinger entered Western Pacific October 2, 1922, and last worked for the company on May 29, 1937.

Hans H. Penner, carman helper, died on May 7, 1953. Mr. Penner began working for Western Pacific on September 25, 1942. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frieda Penner, of Elk Grove, California.

Junius A. Roberts, who last worked for the company on June 12, 1952, as a dining car steward, died on April 12, 1953. Mr. Roberts is survived by his widow, Mrs. Clara Roberts, of Oakland.

Robert C. Rybicki, warehouse foreman, died on May 4, 1953. He was a Western Pacific employee since March 3, 1928, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Rybicki, of San Francisco.

William J. Wrede, retired brakeman, died on April 10, 1953. Mr. Wrede last worked for Western Pacific on June 24, 1937. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Wrede, of San Bernardino, one son and two daughters. Mr. Wrede was the father-in-law of Conductor B. F. Rosa, who worked for Western Pacific from September 5, 1912, until retirement on April 28, 1949, and who advised us of Mr. Wrede's death in a recent letter from his home at 4966 Sierra Vista Street, Arlington, California.

Harrison M. Yoe, retired trainmaster, died on April 21, 1953. Mr. Yoe retired on December 31, 1952, after spending 40 of his 49 years of railroading with Western Pacific. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Yoe, who lives in Elko.

# Don't Be HALF Safe!

By Paul H. Jenner

Certificates of Merit in Accident Prevention, signed by Vice President and General Manager H. C. Munson, have been presented to the following Western Pacific foremen and supervisors whose men under their immediate jurisdiction suffered no personal injuries reportable to the Interstate Commerce Commission during the past six years. Many of these men hold continuous no-accident records for periods longer than six years; however, the issuance of Certificates of Merit has been in effect on the Western Pacific only since 1947.

These men are to be congratulated for their fine records, which were achieved only through the wonderful support of the employees working under their supervision.

The fact that these men performed their jobs safely, avoiding serious injury or possible death, and loss of earnings because of time lost from their jobs, is even more important than their fine records and the certificates they received.

It is also an indication that all work may be performed safely, provided each individual takes it upon himself to so conduct his daily work.

## SIX-YEAR AWARDS

### EASTERN DIVISION

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| C. L. Ashley.....    | Section Foreman, Doyle     |
| E. B. Aughe.....     | Section Foreman, Sand Pass |
| T. L. Barrera.....   | Section Foreman, Sulphur   |
| C. I. Beason.....    | Section Foreman, Hogan     |
| T. Bingham.....      | Section Foreman, Marshall  |
| W. J. Brockman.....  | Section Foreman, Scotts    |
| C. G. Clontz.....    | Section Foreman, Wendover  |
| M. D. Cobian.....    | Section Foreman, Rennox    |
| J. L. Cook.....      | Section Foreman, Burmester |
| S. A. Davenport..... | Section Foreman, Delle     |

|                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| C. L. Elliott.....    | Section Foreman, Carlin       |
| F. Espinosa.....      | Section Foreman, Salduro      |
| A. Gonzalez.....      | Section Foreman, Ryndon       |
| G. Hallam.....        | Foreman, Extra Gang 32        |
| E. Herrera.....       | Section Foreman, Halleck      |
| C. L. Higley.....     | Section Foreman, Ellison      |
| M. C. Higley.....     | Section Foreman, Garfield     |
| J. J. Hodson.....     | Section Foreman, Red Rock     |
| H. A. Hutchinson..... | Section Foreman, Red House    |
| E. Jaramillo.....     | Section Foreman, Russell Spur |
| J. M. Jenista.....    | Section Foreman, Krum         |
| K. W. Johnson.....    | Section Foreman, Timple       |
| F. M. Leyva.....      | Section Foreman, Flanigan     |
| J. E. Lord.....       | Section Foreman, Golconda     |
| J. B. Morris.....     | Section Foreman, Boaz         |
| M. Nannini.....       | Section Foreman, Wells        |
| J. A. Nusse.....      | Section Foreman, Ola          |
| D. O'Lin.....         | Foreman, various sections     |
| J. W. Paddock.....    | Section Foreman, Reno         |
| C. Pappas.....        | Section Foreman, Lago         |
| J. Pappas.....        | Section Foreman, Clive        |
| E. F. Rhodes.....     | Section Foreman, Venado       |
| V. Richins.....       | Section Foreman, Plumas       |
| V. C. Robyler.....    | Section Foreman, Deeth        |
| R. Salaz.....         | Section Foreman, Ventosa      |
| A. Sei.....           | Section Foreman, Loyalton     |
| L. W. Sperry.....     | Section Foreman, Palisade     |

### WESTERN DIVISION

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| D. L. Bellows.....    | Section Foreman, Spring Garden    |
| M. E. Bowman.....     | Section Foreman, Milpitas         |
| J. F. Christie.....   | Section Foreman, Robbers Creek    |
| F. H. Cutright.....   | Section Foreman, Clear Creek Jct. |
| H. Dailey.....        | Section Foreman, Carbona          |
| R. J. Hall.....       | Section Foreman, Craig            |
| W. L. Hersch.....     | Section Foreman, East Arboga      |
| J. Jessiman.....      | Section Foreman, Halls Flat       |
| D. W. Jones.....      | Section Foreman, Thornton         |
| M. Korojohn.....      | Section Foreman, Oroville Yard    |
| J. A. Laughlin.....   | Section Foreman, Sunol            |
| G. W. McCauley.....   | Warehouse Foreman, Stockton       |
| B. J. McConnell.....  | Section Foreman, Clio             |
| P. A. McLaughlin..... | Section Foreman, Kingdon          |
| H. L. Nash.....       | Section Foreman, Quigley          |
| C. Sandstrom.....     | Section Foreman, Pit River        |
| F. J. Saunders.....   | Warehouse Foreman, Oakland        |

### MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| W. J. Bradley.....     | Car & Derrick Foreman, Elko       |
| R. Colvin.....         | Mechanical Foreman, Wendover      |
| F. L. Crissey.....     | Diesel Foreman, Elko              |
| R. W. Crumpacker.....  | Diesel Foreman, Portola           |
| G. H. Heintz.....      | Mechanical Foreman, San Jose      |
| C. B. Kirkpatrick..... | Roundhouse Foreman, Stockton      |
| H. H. Loyd.....        | Electrical Foreman, Oakland       |
| J. J. McGraw.....      | Roundhouse Foreman, Stockton      |
| W. C. Ratzler.....     | Diesel Foreman, Elko              |
| R. T. Ronan.....       | Terminal Diesel Foreman, Oroville |
| W. W. Walters.....     | Car Foreman, Westwood             |

### DINING CAR DEPARTMENT

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| James H. Duhig..... | Buyer, Oakland |
|---------------------|----------------|

### MILEPOSTS

While space permits listing only the names of those who received Six-Year Certificates, the highest award presented, equal recognition is extended

to the foremen and supervisors who received five, four, three, two and one-year certificates and to those employees who made the awards possible.

### FIVE-YEAR AWARDS

|                            |    |                       |   |
|----------------------------|----|-----------------------|---|
| Eastern Division.....      | 12 | Western Division..... | 1 |
| Mechanical Department..... | 1  |                       |   |

### FOUR-YEAR AWARDS

|                            |   |                       |   |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Eastern Division.....      | 4 | Western Division..... | 1 |
| Mechanical Department..... | 1 |                       |   |

### THREE-YEAR AWARDS

|                            |   |                       |   |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Eastern Division.....      | 1 | Western Division..... | 3 |
| Mechanical Department..... | 3 |                       |   |

### TWO-YEAR AWARDS

|                            |   |                       |   |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Eastern Division.....      | 4 | Western Division..... | 7 |
| Mechanical Department..... | 7 |                       |   |

### ONE-YEAR AWARDS

|                       |   |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Eastern Division..... | 9 | Western Division..... | 3 |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|

## WP WILL REMEMBER

*"When a man devotes his life to an industry he has truly paid that industry the greatest compliment possible."*

*\*Yoheiji Okamura, section laborer, Salt Lake City.*

*\* Employee left service prior to retirement.*

On behalf of all employees of Western Pacific and its affiliated companies, MILEPOSTS extends sincerest best wishes for employee happiness to the following employees who recently retired:

*Elmer F. Boice, fireman, Wendover, Utah.*

*\*Elwin L. Curtis, carman, Oroville.*

*John H. Dewhirst, Sacramento Northern, machinist, Chico.*

*John B. Hall, machinist, Sacramento.*

*Bruce Hinton, conductor, Oakland.*

*Tom K. Kocotis, carman, Oroville.*

*Jesus M. Leyva, section laborer, Wendover.*

*Fred W. Meier, carman, Sacramento.*

*\*Harry De Mellow, Sacramento Northern, car oiler, Oakland.*

While in the general manager's office recently, A. G. "Cy" Perkins, former WP conductor and now senior transportation operations supervisor for the Public Utilities Commission, told Dick Beltz, office manager, that Ed Flood, one of WP's oldest conductors, now retired, is recovering at St. Joseph's Hospital from an operation to remove a cataract from one eye.

Did you hear about the new perfume that drives women mad? It smells like money.

*A Texan walked into a bar of a New York night club, saw a customer lying helpless on the floor, and pointing to him, said: "Give me a shot of that."*

## GROUP INSURANCE TIPS

During the first eight months the Employee Group Dependent Hospital-Medical-Surgical Insurance Plan has been in effect, 293 employee claims were paid amounting to \$50,065.67.

sible, without increase in present premium costs.

If you are not now participating in the Plan, this eight-month report may convince you of its success and desire

PERIOD AUGUST 1, 1952—MARCH 31, 1953

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Total premiums collected from participating employees and paid Travelers Insurance Co.....     | \$69,912.25 |
| Total reimbursement to employees for claims paid by the Plan.....                              | 50,065.67   |
| Ratio of total claims reimbursed to total premiums collected from participating employees..... | 71.61%      |

The completeness of the Plan can be measured by the following figures:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Gross amount billed to employees in 293 claims by hospitals and attending physicians..... | \$61,387.74 |
| Total reimbursement for employees' claims paid by Plan.....                               | 50,065.67   |
| Total amount not covered by Plan.....   | \$11,322.07 |
| Percentage of hospital-physician bills paid by Plan.....                                  | 81.50%      |

Typical of some of the claims paid is one wherein an employee received \$1,357 to cover hospital and medical costs for three dependent children affected with a mild case of polio. The Plan would have allowed \$15,000 had these cases been severe enough to warrant that much hospital expense. Another employee was reimbursed \$627 against an \$817 hospital and medical fee, and a third whose medical bill ran to \$658 was reimbursed \$561 by the Plan.

Participating employees who find it necessary to hospitalize a dependent find that their identification card, together with forms which may be secured from their local supervisor, permit entry to the hospital without monetary transaction at the time of entry.

Prior to the close of the contract year on July 31, 1953, a general chairman-management committee will review the initial contract year with the Insurance Company and discuss methods to improve the Plan, if pos-

to become a member. Monthly cost for each of the three dependent classes is as follows:

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>CLASS I</b>             | <b>CLASS II</b> |
| Child or Children          | Wife Only       |
| \$3.40                     | \$3.50          |
| <b>CLASS III</b>           |                 |
| Wife and Child or Children |                 |
| \$6.90                     |                 |

### "YOUTH IN BUSINESS DAY"

Western Pacific played host to a group of nineteen senior high school students who visited the company's facilities on April 20 as part of a "Youth in Business Day" program sponsored by the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The group assembled at general office and then were escorted to Oakland by I. M. Ferguson, assistant to president-personnel, and A. L. Lloyd, public relations representative. There, they were conducted through the coach yard and commissary department by W. E. Moss, district car foreman; W. D. Good, general roundhouse foreman;

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

### POPULAR WITH CARMEN

The Mechanical Department has moved another step forward in its endeavor to achieve the highest possible degree of efficiency through an educational program for employees and supervisors of its car repair ranks.

Inaugurated by Gordon M. Middleton, general car foreman, and approved by Elbert E. Gleason, chief mechanical officer, the program was originally planned for car department supervisors. Before long shopcraft chairmen and the employees themselves became so interested the program expanded by leaps and bounds. Already nearly 150 employees have voluntarily requested participation in the program.

The program consists of a questionnaire issued at intervals of about thirty days. It contains about thirty questions dealing with general Association of American Railroads' rules, Safety Appliance Rules and Regulations, and A.A.R. Lubrication Rules, as well as various questions pertaining to Freight Claim and other rules. An employee not familiar with the rules listed may readily find the answers in the rule reference book. Questions are occa-



Gordon M. Middleton, general car foreman.

sionally repeated as a recheck to insure that employees are thoroughly familiar with the subjects. After completion, the questionnaires are returned to the office of the chief mechanical officer and each paper is carefully checked by Middleton.

Increased interest is being shown in the program at all terminals, and it is expected that the number of participants will double within the next few months.

Cecil Staley, dining car inspector, and J. H. Duhig, buyer. Following luncheon served aboard a Western Pacific diner, where the students received souvenir menus especially printed for the occasion, the group returned to general office for a showing of "Destination, America," WP's latest color movie.

They then met H. C. Munson, vice president and general manager; G. H.

Kneiss, assistant to president-public relations; R. E. Larson, treasurer; L. J. Gosney, comptroller, and F. R. Woolford, chief engineer, who told them of their particular functions in the organization.

"Youth in Business Day" originated last year when more than 2,000 students visited 160 San Francisco firms, participated in by Western Pacific.

## PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS

Ian M. Ferguson is appointed assistant to president-personnel, effective May 1, 1953. The position as special assistant to vice president and general manager, which Ferguson held from the time he joined Western Pacific in June 1949, is abolished.

Prior to coming to Western Pacific, Ferguson's entire experience was in personnel and related fields, with the exception of three years spent as a

Y. M. C. A., in addition to active participation in the Naval Reserve.

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Karl L. Wragg is appointed assistant manager of labor relations, effective May 16, 1953.

Karl was born at Waukee, Iowa, on August 17, 1894. He first worked for Western Pacific as a call boy while attending school in Elko, August 1910 to the spring of 1911. After working as a



I. M. Ferguson



K. L. Wragg



A. C. Evans

lieutenant in the U. S. Navy. During his Navy service he served on the staffs of Admirals Radford and Ginder, as an aide and flag lieutenant.

A native of San Francisco, Ian attended public schools in that city and received his B. S. from the University of California in 1938.

Ferguson is married to the former Jenesta Coury, and with their two sons, Craig, 5, and Scott, 1, they make their home in Richmond.

He is an enthusiastic gardener and serves as a member of the board of directors of the San Francisco Businessmen's Garden Club, and is also active on the board of the Embarcadero

line rider on the Delle Branch in 1917, he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps in October of that year and remained in that service until June 1919. He returned to Western Pacific as roundhouse clerk at Elko in May 1921 and after one year went to work in the superintendent's office, where he held a variety of clerical positions. Karl was promoted to position as traveling accountant on December 20, 1940, working out of San Francisco, and held that position at the time of his new appointment.

He is married to the former Mary Stening, has two children, Bob and Marilyn, and by the time this is off the

press his fourth grandchild should have arrived.

Karl is a member of F&AM, Elko Lodge No. 15; Royal Arch Masons, Elko Chapter No. 11; Elko Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; and Kerak Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., of Reno.

His hobbies are hunting and fishing, but he is somewhat curtailed in pursuing these since he broke a leg in a fall, complications of which necessitated amputation of a foot.

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Albert C. Evans has been appointed student traveling accountant, effective May 16, and will be assigned to work at division offices and on subsidiary lines.

Al was born at Omaha, Nebraska, on October 26, 1918. He attended public schools and business college at Stockton, and worked temporarily as a pitman and spreader operator during school vacations.

He first entered Western Pacific in February 1938 as a call boy at Keddie. While working on the extra board in 1939 he served as bookkeeper, section laborer, pitman, on the ditcher gang and as a clerk until assigned as trainmaster's clerk at Stockton under now retired Superintendent J. J. Duggan. From 1940 Al held various positions and worked at every station on the Western Division except San Jose and Terminous, until February 1949, when he returned to Stockton as claim clerk in the freight office and crew clerk.

He was appointed secretary to assistant to general manager in March 1952, his last previous position.

Al married the former Patricia Richards, once part-time WP employee, whose father is Dave Richards, a WP ditcher engineer. They have three daughters, Kathleen, six-year-old redhead; Deborah, three-year-old blonde,

and Celia, one-year-old brunette. Al's father is Grant H. Evans, trainmaster at Oakland; his sister Althea is in the service bureau at general office, and his cousin, John O. Evans, a WP brakeman, is married to Gladys Evans, PBX-typist-clerk at Stockton yard—a rather active WP representation.

Al is a member of the B.P.O.E., the F.&A.M., Plumas Lodge No. 60, and Royal Arch Masons, Plumas Chapter No. 107. He bowls with the Freight Agent team at Oakland, is a member of the employees' choral group, and likes to fish in a certain spot in Genesee Valley, shown him by Don Segur, retired conductor.

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Other transfers and appointments recently announced include: E. A. Thompson, signal supervisor, eastern division, with headquarters at Elko; A. Moldenhauer, foreman, signal shop, Sacramento Shops; Sam Reay, assistant signal supervisor, Livermore; J. O. Van Benthusen, assistant signal supervisor, Winnemucca; all effective May 16, 1953; C. E. Brown, Sacramento Northern acting agent, Marysville-Yuba City; and L. R. Ramsey, Sacramento Northern agent at Chico, effective May 1, 1953.

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L. D. Michelson, trainmaster, Keddie, is appointed terminal trainmaster at Stockton, with jurisdiction over Stockton terminal, including the main track at Ortega to the North Channel line junction and the North Channel line.

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LeRoy Foster, terminal trainmaster, Stockton, is appointed trainmaster, Keddie, with jurisdiction between Keddie and Bieber, including Keddie yard.



## Meet Your General Chairmen

(This is the ninth of a series of articles about representatives of the various railroad labor organizations serving Western Pacific employees. Personalities of other representatives will appear in future issues of MILEPOSTS.)

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Albert F. Tunsen has been made general chairman of the Switchmen's Union of North America on the Western Pacific, Oakland Terminal and Alameda Belt Line, succeeding George Clark, who was elected International Vice President of the SUNA, effective May 1, 1953.

Al was born at Modesto on February 5, 1921, where he completed schooling including two years of college. While at school he received his first railroad experience as a temporary switchman for the Santa Fe. He joined Western Pacific as a switchman at Stockton in August, 1942.

Before receiving his present assignment, he served SUNA as safety representative from 1947, local chairman in 1950 and vice-general chairman in 1951.

During World War II, Al served nearly five years as a paratrooper with the 101st Division in Europe. While in the service he met his wife, Ethel Doris, a Michigan girl, and they have two daughters, Charlotte, 4, and Violet, 2.

Al is a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Ripon, California, and one of the few Honorary Life Members of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., an honor bestowed upon him for his out-

standing achievements in PTA work, which included the organization of the Montezuma May Day Festival to raise funds to curb juvenile delinquency by means of summer recreational programs, of which he was general chairman for three years, and other fund raising activities for district PTA units.

He particularly likes to fish for mountain trout, hunt, and stay at his cabin in the Calaveras big tree country.

Upon receiving his appointment, Al said: "I very much appreciate the confidence the men have placed in me, and I will try to fulfill the requirements of my position as

set forth for general chairmen to the very best of my ability."

George Clark was elected International Vice President of the SUNA after having served as general chairman on the Western Pacific since 1947 and before that for one year each as acting general chairman and local chairman.

George joined Western Pacific in January, 1941, as a switchman working at Portola and later transferring to Sacramento. He first bucked freight cars for the Southern Pacific at Dunsuir in 1936 following education received at Roseville and Sacramento Junior College.

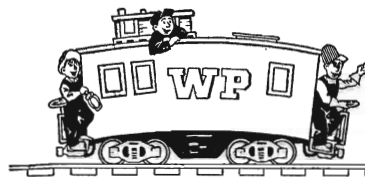
He was born on July 4, 1911, at Pendleton, Oregon, is married, and has one son, Michael.



A. F. Tunsen



George Clark



## Caboosing

### KEDDIE

Elsie Hagan

Snow flurries and spring fever both hit this little railroad town during May and Vacation Time is here.

Brakeman and Mrs. L. C. ADAMS scurried off to Chicago; Yardmaster and Mrs. CHARLEY SELF spent a week in Los Angeles; Engineer W. C. FILBECK made a quick trip to Colorado to visit his folks and on return drove up the Redwood Highway into Oregon with his wife. Engineer and Mrs. C. M. BANCROFT left for Las Vegas; Roadmasters Clerk Mrs. GLADYS FLIPPEN and her two daughters spent several days in Sacramento; Conductor M. E. BAUST left for Connecticut to visit his daughter and family and play a little golf; Brakeman A. G. DUNCAN spent about a month down in Alabama and in the East; and Conductor and Mrs. VIRGIL SIMPSON visited the METZDORFS at Stockton.

Roundhouse Foreman and Mrs. F. N. BENNYHOFF leave June 3 to attend the wedding of his youngest son, Jim, and Cherie Gregoire, both graduate students of UC's department of anthropology. Older son, Bob, is United Press manager in Reno and has been covering the atomic tests at Yucca Flat. He was recently guest speaker at the Dallas Press Club's National Forum, in Texas.

Fireman and Mrs. CHARLEY MAX-

WELL, of Oakland, stopped off here to visit old friends, as did Fireman and Mrs. BILL LEWIS, of Winnemucca, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Tod Nelms and family.

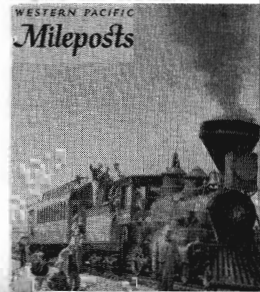
Brakeman and Mrs. JOHN MILLER came here from Oroville to wish their many friends good-bye. Retired because of poor health, John and his wife will soon move to Georgia.

Conductor J. L. WILKINSON is now here working on the Westwood local. Also saw Engineer VAL DYCUS here one day.

Private Nyal Ausmus, son of Brake-man HUGH AUSMUS, was home on a five-day leave from Fort Ord. He's trying to put on weight to make a Paratroop division. His brother, Sgt. Charles Ausmus, wife and baby son also spent a few days here before leaving for Panama as a member of the Army's dog patrol, in which Charles is a trainer.

### JUNE COVER

An unusual sight occurred on Western Pacific's Reno Branch last month. Virginia and Truckee's old locomotive "Genoa" and an old V&T coach were brought to Reno from the Portola roundhouse and placed under steam to provide rides for members of the National Model Railroad Association attending the Pacific Coast Region Spring convention held there on May 8, 9, 10.



Third Trick Operator CHARLEY FORD has gone to Mason (California) and B. R. KELLY has succeeded him at Keddie. Operator S. S. TIGHE is here on No. 18 relief position and brought Mrs. Tighe with him.

J. C. VANBENTHUSEN has been promoted to assistant signal supervisor at Winnemucca and will move his family there as soon as school is out. PAUL DUFFY, from Pulga, is taking his place as signal maintainer.

A lot of Utah Construction Company employees are moving their families to Keddie. They are completing work on Tunnel 6 and the company is bidding on the cementing of Tunnel 1.

Due to a spurt in business, the Oroville - Portola local will be two locals again — Oroville - Keddie and Portola-Keddie.

Foreman J. C. CAUGHEY, JR., proudly passed out cigars May 2 announcing the arrival of a daughter, Carol Mae. Machinist J. C. CAUGHEY, SR., Oroville, is the baby's grandfather.

From the roundhouse, Foreman F. N. BENNYHOFF reports that Foreman JIM EDWARDS has retired, having been disabled since January. His place has been taken by ROBERT KEITH of Sacramento Shops. Bob returned to Sacramento May 8 for the marriage of his daughter, Kathleen, and JAMES LYKINS, a sheet metal worker at Sacramento Shops.

While the B&B gang were making wind damage repairs recently, they cut a door from the roundhouse office directly to the outside walk, saving everyone a walk through the building.

Horrible thought: Maybe present generation will some day look back on THESE as the good old days!

Statistics show that 1,000 women have taken up the law. The rest are laying it down.

## TIDEWATER SOUTHERN

Dora Monroe

Welcome to HAROLD CASSEL, bill clerk, who joined Tidewater Southern forces at Modesto replacing JESS L. RASON, who resigned.

We extend sincere sympathy to Section Foreman JESUS AGUILAR in the death of his father in Southern California.

Received a call from Retired Conductor JOE LEMONS who was visiting in Stockton. Reports are that life is at its best in the Northern California country where he is residing.

The envy of all the avid fishermen here is Superintendent JACK KENADY, who won a dandy glass fishing rod at a recent Annual Mulligan given by the Old Fishermen's Club of Modesto.

Making her first appearance as pianist on a local radio broadcast was Nancy Lyon, talented six-year-old daughter of Modesto Agent GEORGE LYON.

A real treat for Roadmaster BILL ST. JEOR was the appearance of his daughter as soloist in an Eastern Cantata, broadcast from an Albuquerque radio station and clearly received in this area.

## ELKO

Rosalie Enke

Doris and LIDO LIBRO became the parents of an 8-pound 9-ounce boy, Dennis Wayne, on May 5. Lido is an electrician at Elko shops.

BETH HACHQUET is on indefinite sick leave from her duties as timekeeper.

Assistant Chief Dispatcher JIMMY CALKINS has been off battling with bronchial pneumonia. He spent a few days recuperating in Alameda where

he and Mrs. Calkins visited with their son, Jimmy, and family.

Accountant JOHN MURPHY and wife, Sue, recently returned to Elko after Johnny attended a System Board Meeting in Sacramento. They returned via Reno, spending some time there with their daughter.

Division Accountant FRANK OLDHAM spent his vacation right in Elko painting and remodeling his home.

CLAUDE VAN HORN and wife, Lillian, combined business and pleasure when he had to go back to Buffalo for the Switchmen's meeting. He reports they had a fine time but were glad to be home again.

Iva Stoner, wife of Brakeman H. R. STONER, underwent a major operation early in May and we're glad to report she is getting along nicely.

Switchman FRED WALL took an early vacation during the first half of May.

LEONARD LELEVICH has joined the engineering department. He drove out from Pennsylvania with his bride.

Dianne Miller, daughter of Operator BLANCHE MILLER, was married in Reno April 16, to Keith Odle.

EDNA PHILLIPS, PBX operator, spent her vacation in Fresno and Oakland, visiting her daughter and grandson and numerous friends. Relieving on the switchboard in her absence was MILEPOSTS' Winnemucca correspondent, DORIS CAVANAGH. Doris lived here some years ago and said it was enjoyable to be here and renew old acquaintances.

NORMAN BODE, night ticket clerk, has transferred to San Francisco and GARY MONGER, relief clerk, has gone back to his old job as a Fuller brushman. Filling these vacancies are JOHN WAAGE, an Elko boy, and J. L. DYCKHOFF, who moved here recently. His

wife, Doris, made a big hit in the Lion's Minstrel Show recently with her tap dancing and accordion playing.

We certainly miss seeing ADOLPH "MOLDY" MOLDENHAUER's cheery grin since he moved to Sacramento in May. E. A. "CURLY" THOMPSON has taken over as signal supervisor here. Other signal department changes are: SAM REAY, transferred to Curly's old job at Livermore; and J. O. "VAN" VANBENTHUSEN, now filling Sam's job as assistant signal supervisor at Winnemucca.

Wanda Charlebois, wife of Roadmaster DAVE CHARLEBOIS, was confined to Elko Hospital recently but has been released to her home.

Retired Section Foreman CECIL BORJAS is now enjoying a vacation in Old Mexico.

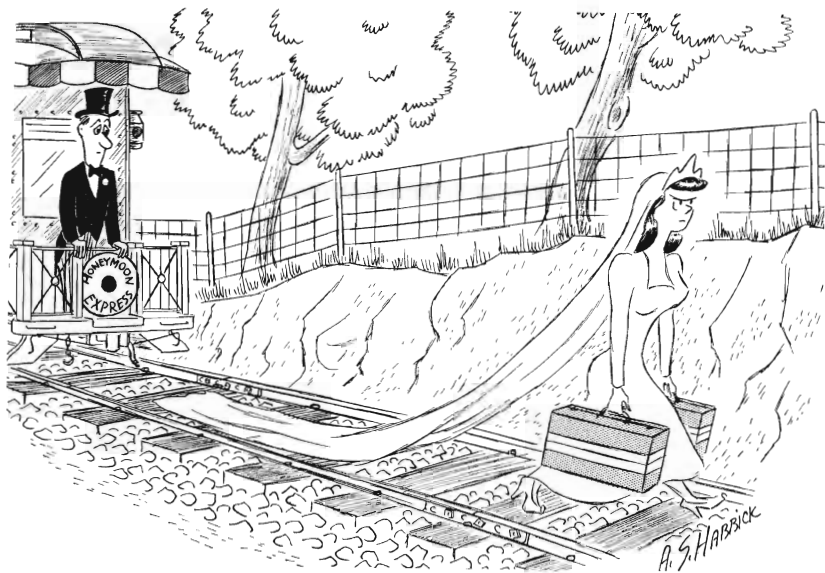
Signal Maintainer CHARLEY RHINES and Chief Dispatcher's Secretary JACKIE REDANT both made trips to San Francisco for medical treatments and are now back on their jobs.

Ronnie Nielson, 4-year-old son of Dispatcher EVAN NIELSEN, outfished his Dad on opening day. Ronnie caught two nice ones—Pop got nary a nibble!

Mrs. Lee Harbin, mother of BILL, FRANK, MORGAN and ERNIE HOWELL, underwent an emergency appendectomy on May 5 and at latest report is improving quite rapidly.

Elko Car Foreman W. J. "BRAD" BRADLEY and wife are making a trip to South Bend, Indiana, to pick up a new Studebaker. They will test-drive it through Texas and California, visiting relatives en route.

A pat on the back develops character—if administered young enough, often enough, and low enough.—N. C. & ST. L. RY. BULLETIN.



## WINNEMUCCA

Doris Cavanagh

For the month of brides there is not even a whiff of orange blossoms or the Juneful ringing of a rail wedding bell to satin up this column.

But birthdays continue to roll down the main line. The twin sons, Danny and Jimmy, of Roadmaster and Mrs. DAN LAUGHLIN, noted their twelfth anniversary with chocolate angel cake, a special treat for the occasion.

Even a redtop grandson, born April 17, in Salt Lake City, could not stir Section Foreman ROY BINGHAM. He was hoping for a granddaughter.

Roadmaster Clerk ETHEL OWEN had planned to see both California and Oregon while away from the station for a week. The flu bedded her down in Sacramento.

Visiting recently in the Los Angeles area, LANZO LADISON, track laborer, tightened family ties.

Telegrapher FLORENCE McCLURE, long time operator here, has moved to a similar position in Reno. OLLIE EVANS bid in the second trick. Not too long ago he brought veteran housing units from the city, then discovered that he owned no real estate on which to place them.

Impacted wisdom teeth of Telegrapher BILL STEPHENSON required specialist treatment in Salt Lake City. His mouth confounded even the woman x-ray technician in Elko.

Signalman SAMMY REAY has been transferred to Livermore, California.

One sunny afternoon Conductor MARION "PIKE" MINOR cursed his fishing luck when almost the entire board

had been called. He was first out to go bouncing along in a caboose when he preferred casting from a boat skimming across Rye Patch Lake.

A May term of duty in Korea has been assigned S/Sgt. ALBERT COOPER of the U. S. Marines, who visited briefly from Camp Pendleton with Switchman and Mrs. DON WATTS.

Mrs. GEORGE STONESTREET said she and the conductor got very much wrapped up in their work, both self-wise and otherwise—while wallpapering their home!

Foreman F. L. MERRILL and Grading Gang 2 are working out of Winnemucca. His brother, R. W. MERRILL and gang have moved to Elko, while the welders, foremaned by F. E. ROBINSON, are back in this district from Portola.

There is a wide difference between a bridge and an old wooden river trestle according to PAUL ELIESON, veteran of the Elko bridge department. Some rails contend that trestles span dry gulches and bridges only take to the water.

Commonly called "sugar-daddy," Brakeman LARRY ROBERTS has won a cavalier rating in this column—for such he has proved himself.

In an April issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*, left at the station by DAVE CHARLEBOIS, appeared an article entitled "The Daredevils of the Nautilus," giving a brief description of Lt. JOHN NICHOLSON, former Winnemuccan, who is one of the Navy men connected with installations in the world's first atomic-powered submarine.

Switchman TROY "RAINBOW" THOMPSON has been seeing vari-colored bows across the MOON again, whence came his nickname.

Louie's lair in Gerlach is fast becoming a home since LOUIE MCGARRAH's baby bobcat, born during April, has opened its eyes and stopped spitting and striking at its foster parent, a WP water-and-milk serviceman. The god-father should be Roundhouse Foreman TOM SNOW, who bought the nursing nipples for Louie's baby when suddenly orphaned by a hunter. The little lynx has been named "Mamie" because she has bangs.

## SACRAMENTO SHOPS

Marcella Kahl

"The Mail Must Go Through"—a slogan of the U. S. Post Office and Western Pacific. Anyhow, we're trying to do our share! While working on the lining of an old mail car on the rip, carmen found a letter dated July, 1948, and turned it over to postal authorities. Now we're all wondering whether the addressee can be located—and whether or not the letter will finally reach its intended destination!

ANDY JOHNSON, machinist foreman, is justly proud of his new granddaughter, but he still has a long way to catch up to Write-Up Man FAY TOMLINSON, who became a grandfather for the THIRTEENTH time—also a girl.

The best fish STORIES are told by CUNHA, DRUMMOND, STADLER, NAPOLI and LATONA. Fish derby PRIZES were won by HIGGINBOTHAM, MITCHELL and PAULE—without saying another word!

The WPAC night softball team is getting into shape under the new athletic director, Timekeeper R. L. KIMBALL. You can just see those POUNDS rolling off Machinist DICKIE STADLER—but it's hard work isn't it, Dickie?

Machinist BOB KEITH has transferred

to Keddie as working foreman. We wish Bob the best of luck but we're going to miss his presence on the Credit Committee of the WP Sacramento Employees Credit Union. Bob's been one of our staunchest supporters. Machinist A. R. JORGENSEN has replaced Bob on the committee.

Because Machinist MARION VELASICH has such young ideas — last week he caught the measles!

Our condolences to Machinist C. H. HUGHES, whose wife recently passed away. Also, to the family of Blacksmith E. IVIE.

Machinist J. B. HALL retired April 30 after 30 years in the service of WP. He was presented with a wallet (with some of that green stuff in it) by his co-workers at a short noon-time ceremony in the Shops.

We miss the cheery face of Machinist F. DRAKE who underwent surgery and is now recuperating at home. Isn't it time you were returning, "Drakey"?

Looking back on this article, most of the items seem to be about machinists. C'mon, let's keep me posted on the other crafts. You give me the news, fellas, I'll send it in!

ED CUYLER, HY O'RULLIAN, JENNIE SIMMONS, and your correspondent attended the annual RBWA "Bosses' Night" in San Francisco, April 28. We wish to thank President Elsie Pettersen for inviting us and for a grand time. Left May 12 for the National RBWA Convention in St. Louis and am very pleased to be one of those representing the Sacramento Chapter — and also looking forward to a very good time! (EDITOR'S NOTE: Marcella is president of the newly formed Sacramento Chapter, RBWA.)

## WENDOVER

Shirley Lee

Latest on CAP activities in this area: Section Foreman R. G. HOBBS' son, Curtis, was in Wells on a furlough from Fort Ord. With two other local men they were driving between Elko and Wells early Sunday morning, April 26, when they collided with a truck, seriously injuring Curtis and one other boy. Curtis, most seriously injured, has a crushed elbow and other cuts and bruises. The Army was notified and the doctor at Wells was instructed to get them to the nearest Military Post as soon as possible. Account their injuries the CAP was asked to fly them to Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, rather than hold them for an ambulance. Lt. A. K. Supp and Lt. C. J. MILLER, adjutant, Wells Squadron (also WP Roadmaster, Wells) did the job with no trouble other than bad weather conditions. They were weathered in at Wendover on the return trip and returned to Wells the next day. Last report — thanks to the CAP again for another job well done — they will be able to save Curtis' arm which was for a while doubtful.

Switchman GEORGE BLANCHARD is en route home from Louisiana where he visited his mother, who is seriously ill. We hope her condition has improved.

Switchman H. D. WORTHY has been vacationing and should be back on the job complete with a new set of "true bites," or choppers, as you will.

New switchmen welcomed to Wendover yard are MERLIN C. HORROCKS and JOHN C. MARTIN; new yard clerks, JIM COX and VIC LOPEZ.

Notice a new TV aerial over Lineman TOM SHEA's house. Those of us who work second trick kind of lose out

on the TV programs. The main reason I would like a set would be to ask Switchman BARNEY LAVELLE and his wife, Verna, over to watch the wrestling matches. Rumor has it that it's lots more fun to watch Barney than the wrestlers!

Had a very newsy letter from the "San Gabriel Ghost," otherwise Gus SNOWBERGER, retired conductor. Gus keeps close track of all the retired boys and says he gets more news over his grapevine than we do here. Gus and BILL MEEHAN, retired conductor, attended the funeral of JACK WREDE, April 10, at San Bernardino (reported on Page 9). Gus and Mrs. Snowberger went to Phoenix to visit retired Conductor HARRY BAKER and his wife in March and stopped at San Diego en route home to see the FRANK TAYLORS and MIKE SHERIDAN, former switchman at Portola. From his Salt Lake grapevine Gus hears that McALLISTER and JOE STUART are both perking right along. Retired Engineer POP WEAVER drove down to Texas recently to visit his sister.

## SACRAMENTO STORE

Irene Burton

RALPH LANDROVE had bad luck recently when thieves broke into his room and he is now minus a suit case, a suit, his Masonic ring and other small items.

JOSE CHAVES would like to thank everyone through this column for the many kindnesses extended to him, and for the cards he received while in the hospital during his long convalescence.

KENNY WILCOX and GEORGIA CHINDAHL are on vacation, Georgia spending hers in Chicago. AGNES ASH and her sister, RITA, are planning a trip to

Yosemite the first week in June, and ED HAWKINS spent a week, as he says, everywhere, and abalone fishing over at Tomales Bay with friends.

NORMAN VIZINA returned to work after a long siege of illness and looks real pert. He hopes he never has a recurrence.

We no sooner get one up on his feet when another is taken down and we're sorry to report that THURMAN MOZINGA is down with pneumonia; R. GONZALES' wife is in the hospital; RENO PICCHI has been away sick for a week; and BRUCE STILWELL and GEORGE HOOVER have both suffered with flu.

In a recent letter to HENRY MADISON, former employee MARION LEAVENS told of how interesting she finds MILEPOSTS and reading of the different ones mentioned. She should take a trip down to Sacramento and see all the activities going around the yard, particularly the new store building. Things are really buzzin'!

Recent donors to the Blood Bank were NINO PONCIONI, HORACE LATONA, ERIC BORG, CHARLES REID, EDGAR ENSELE, DALE ROBINSON, JIM LEE and R. GONZALES. CHARLES MARCHAND received a bronze plaque for his eighth donation.

JIM BAKER, Chicago, says we don't have spring fever in California. We disagree; spring fever is spring fever everywhere and we certainly have our share. With these bright sunshiny days we all think of the wide open spaces.

Imagine this news item: After working for railroads for 47 years, James J. Crowley, of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, has retired. Says he's glad to quit because "I never really liked railroad-ing."



Jim Richards—Ellen Regnier

## CHICAGO

Jim Baker

Wedding Bells again — On April 25 ELLEN REGNIER, teletype operator, and JIM RICHARDS, export department, exchanged vows in a lovely ceremony at St. Mary's Church, Wenona, Illinois. Following a reception at the Stanton Hotel the happy couple left for a 15-day honeymoon trip through the Ozarks (they couldn't resist after so often hearing that FREDDIE ROBBINS chant "Beautiful Ozarks"). They will make their home in Chicago and we wish them a lifetime of happiness.

We noticed GERRY COFFEY recently thumbing through *Home and Garden* encyclopedia in a local book store, probably because he and wife, Jenney, are counting the carpenters' hammer strokes on that new home under construction in beautiful Lombard, 21 miles west of Chicago. Shouldn't be too long before they join the Country Gentlemen class.

Chicago viewers recently had an opportunity to see "Western Pacific Agent," a just-run on a local channel.

Our picnic committee is busy making plans for our annual picnic, from early morn till (?), August 15, again at Bemis Woods Forest Preserve. We trust any of you "on-liners" who may be in this area will mark your calendars and join us. All WP'ers are welcome!

Just finished our Sales Development Program Meetings, ably conducted by JOHN NOLAN from San Francisco. We all agree with the saying "You Never Get Too Old to Learn." We all feel that with the 387 years of railroad experience distributed among the Chicago Agency personnel, plus that which we have been able to absorb from Mr. Nolan's presentation, we're better equipped to present Western Pacific to the shipping and traveling public. We were honored in having two distinguished guests present at the dinner concluding the meetings in Messrs. Rhode C. Berrey, GTM, U. S. Gypsum Company, and Thos. C. Hope, GTM, Montgomery Ward, who presented outstanding informal talks on what they expect from a railroad traffic salesman and how we can improve our selling service to them.

This deadline finds both our Cubs and Sox not performing as expected—but—it's still early in the season!

## SACRAMENTO NORTHERN

Milton Ziehm

Mrs. W. C. ("Dynamite" to her friends) Butterfield, wife of CONDUCTOR BUTTERFIELD, is rapidly recovering from an operation at Sutter Hospital.

For at least one time of the year when they are acknowledged as such, the bosses were feted at "Bosses'

Night" by the San Francisco Railway Business Women's Association, at the St. Francis Hotel on April 28. BOSS KEARNEY was "took" by PEARL COOK, our division accountant.

Our deepest sympathy to SHIRLEY BICE, T&E Timekeeper, and Sacramento RBWA treasurer, in the passing of her husband, and our friend, Merle.

HOWARD WAIGHT, retired chief clerk, writes from Atlanta, Georgia (en route to Florida), that the trip through the South is like going through a continuous estate of green fields and trees.

JOE FIELDS, general clerk, proudly shows the newly used notches in his belt, after coming down from a rotund 36 to a perfect 26—and still slipping!

## OROVILLE

Helen Small

Congratulations to Brakeman and Mrs. H. J. "HERKIE" BERG, on the arrival of a baby girl born at Reno, April 28. Like father—like daughter, the little one weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 23 inches long at birth. Father is only six feet nine. Might add that Grandpa, Engineer "SNOOSE" BERG, is mighty proud, too.

ARDEN L. CARPENTER has left the clerks to join the forces of the brakemen and we wish him the best of luck.

Clerk H. D. WATSON's daughter, Diane, spent several days in the hospital after a fall in which she seriously bruised her hip. She had not been home for more than a week when she was rushed back to the hospital for an appendectomy.

Clerk V. H. NELSON's wife, Holly, is recuperating from an emergency operation for appendicitis, and Switchman ROY PETERSON spent some time in Oroville-Curran Hospital but is now back to work.

On April 15 Pullman Conductor "FATHER" COUGHLAN and wife passed through Oroville on Train 18 en route to New York and on to Europe on the *Mauritania*. They plan to spend some time in Ireland and attend the Coronation in England, then travel for six months.

A group of 40 children from the Feather Falls School, ranging from six to nine in age, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. LOLA SELF, and seven other adults, made a trip to Marysville on Train 17, boarding at Oroville. It was the first train ride for many of these youngsters.

Blood donors to the WP family fund on April 20 and 21 were: JOHN R. JONES, DELMER WILLIAMSON, WALTER A. CURRY, Mrs. W. H. WALD, C. J. ORR, DELBERT R. NUSS, JOSEPH P. MAY, CLIFFORD G. GARVIS, WILLIAM B. GRAY, W. F. LORS, PAUL H. HUSTON, ARTHUR F. PARKER, ALVIN FOWLER, E. D. ROBERTS and MANUEL W. WOMACK. Donations given for transfer to WP Hospital Association, San Francisco, included: W. R. MARTINSON, GILFORD RICE, WILBER V. RANDOLPH, ALVIE SANDERS, RICHARD PATTISON, H. E. RUSH, RALPH DROWN and W. H. WALD. Many others donated to the Armed Forces and to replacements for their families or friends. We do not have a complete list of all WP donors, and there were also a number of rejections because of colds or minor ills, who may likely qualify at the next bank.

Clerk W. E. GINTER and family of Hayward spent several days in Oroville visiting relatives and friends. Bill is working as traindesk clerk in Oakland. Nice to see them in town.

Carman NEIL HAGEN's son, Robert G., has enlisted in the U. S. Air Force

and will take basic training at Parks AFB, near Pleasanton.

A Coca-Cola dispensing machine has been installed in the Oroville Depot for the benefit of all working in and around the depot and for passengers awaiting trains. Should be popular this summer.

W. J. McDONALD, retired Water service man from Quincy is visiting his son, James, and family and calling on his WP friends.

Retired Boilermaker LOUIE TORASSO has arrived in Italy and is visiting his childhood haunts. Louie left Oroville April 11 and flew from San Francisco to Rome via New York. His card was dated Milan, April 16.

The following shop craft representatives attended the System Federated Shop Crafts meeting held in Sacramento on May 4: T. E. CLIFTON, carmen; A. C. LEQUELLEC, boilermakers; Mrs. ALMA MILLER, laborers; R. L. SHEPARD, machinists; and D. A. DAVIS, electricians.

Carmen V. W. BURGE and his father, W. W. BURGE, have been vacationing in Omaha, Nebraska. Brakeman JOHN M. MILLER departed for a business trip to Georgia, and Telegrapher M. M. ARRUDA is vacationing, we didn't learn where, and Mrs. LOLA HENSLEY is handling her assignment.

Miss Joan Flynn, daughter of Diesel Supervisor J. F. FLYNN and wife, was initiated into Alpha Omicron Pi at San Jose State College recently. Joan is a Junior majoring in education.

A professional pickpocket married a female who was tops in the same racket. Their minds were set on their offspring becoming the greatest pickpocket in the world. When the child was born it had one defect—its right hand was curled up in a chubby fist and couldn't be opened. After an hour's work, the nurses finally opened the tiny hand. Inside, they found the doctor's watch!

## SACRAMENTO

Don Richmond

We wish to extend our sympathy to SHIRLEY BICE, SN T&E timekeeper, whose husband, Merle, passed away recently. Also to all concerned on the passing of WALTER S. GRAHAM, night chief dispatcher, on May 10.

Last month we reported Assistant Chief Clerk MEL GRAHAM and Report Clerk BOB KECK moving to new homes in North Sacramento with their wives. However, they did not abandon their sons in the move, as the Grahams took along Edward (10) and Melvern (7), and the Kecks took along Randy (8) and David (6).

For Sale: One house with lot and garden to match. See Discharge Check Clerk JOE ANDERSON. Joe reports times are getting rough and he and his family are thinking of pitching a tent in one of the local parks.

ICC Clerk JET TAYLOR surprised everyone here upon returning from his vacation the latter part of April—sporting a new 4-door Metallic Green Pontiac. He went via *California Zephyr* to St. Louis where he picked up the car and then drove to Minneapolis where he gathered up wife, Margaret, and son, Steven, for the return trip.

Just before Telegrapher C. O. LAWSON retired May 1 he was the guest of honor at a dinner held at the Chucker Restaurant where 20 telegraphers and their wives helped him celebrate. Telegrapher DICK GRIFFIN was master of ceremonies and everyone took turns wishing Clyde well and presented him with a gift from his many friends.

We will all miss LAVERNE WILLIAMS, file clerk, who begins a year's leave of absence July 6. We hope she enjoys a life of leisure.

MAXINE NAISBITT, accident clerk, ELSIE GONSALVES, steno-clerk, MILDRED WINGATE, assistant accountant, and PEARL COOK, SN accountant, "Zephyred" down to San Francisco April 28 where they were guests of the San Francisco RBWA Chapter at the "Bosses' Night" dinner at the St. Francis Hotel. They were squired by "Bosses" REX KEARNEY, SN President and General Manager, and HENRY STAPP, assistant superintendent.

Half of 1953 is gone, and back after enjoying all or half of their vacations are: ALICE MARR, secretary; MIKE FISHER, head M of W clerk; JIM WHERLAND and MILT BAYER, dispatchers; CHARLIE BRANDT, head timekeeper; BETTY LANDERMAN, assistant T&E timekeeper; MEL GRAHAM, assistant chief clerk; TED SULLIVAN, assistant accountant; and MARIE KISTLE, Social Security clerk.

Members of the Sacramento Chapter RBWA are looking forward to their dinner June 10 (pay day of all days) at Johnson's Del Prado Restaurant—many thanks to Secretary AGNES WELCH and Steno - Clerk CLARISSE DOHERTY for recommending this very beautiful restaurant on Stockton Boulevard, where many believe the cuisine is comparable to some of the finest in the country.

The WP Sacramento Family Blood Reserve Fund which was started January 30 this year with 13 pints and since reduced to nine pints (four pints were withdrawn for the wife of one of our employees), not only reached their goal of 50 pints on May 8, but exceeded it and a good supply was donated to the WPHospital Association for the benefit of other employees. The Sacramento



This picture of Jimmie Williams, car distributor, was not available last month when news of his recent retirement was announced in this column.

Family Reserve will be used for all WP—transportation and mechanical employees' wives (or husbands of female employees) and their children or step-children.

Happy Birthday to:

REX KEARNEY, SN president and general manager, June 1.

FLOYD COPELAND, car distributor, June 3.

ELWYN SCOTT, ticket seller, June 6.

MILTON ZIEHN, SN secretary, June 7.

CLARISSE DOHERTY, stenographer-clerk, June 8.

BILL YEAW, division accountant, June 9.

CHARLIE BRANDT, head timekeeper, June 10.

"NICK" CHURICH, SN roadmaster, June 14.

JACK CHAPMAN, SN chief dispatcher, June 19.

PEARL COOK, SN accountant, June 21.

JEAN SMITH, voucher clerk, June 28.

Thought for the Day: "The college yell of the school of experience is silence."

## LOS ANGELES

Frank Sell

DORIS WEST is doing the writing this month and the latest is that we expect FRANK SELL back in time to write next month's copy.

We are very fortunate to have ROLLIN CLEVELAND with us until Frank returns. Some of the people in the passenger department up North will remember Rollie. Also, San Francisco is Rollie's home and he is having a little difficulty getting acclimated to 90 degree weather in May, but we're sure if he could stay a few months he wouldn't want to leave us.

Another addition to our office—this is permanent, WE HOPE—is Stenographer ALICE SHEPARD who until recently was in Washington State working for the Erie in Seattle.

Noted in the Chicago column they were having SPRING FEVER and doubted if we in Los Angeles know what it is. Well, they are so wrong. Our SPRING FEVER started in January!

Fishing season opened in California on May 2 and WILBUR WEST and the writer started with it. Wilbur had good luck having caught eleven of the elusive trout, and the writer had one on the line but it got away. It wasn't a big one but would probably have measured nine inches, which for down here isn't considered bad. In the fishing column of last month's MILEPOSTS, there was a statement that the big one that got away last season would be there this season. Guess the streams

I've fished have some mighty big ones in them by now!

For those who know ED MILLFELT, they will be glad to know that his disposition is improving. Just the other day he agreed 100 per cent with everybody. Must be the Spring Fever!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We thank DORIS WEST for the newsy items received in Frank's absence, and wish to apologize to her for inadvertently omitting her name from the list of those who received 10-year service pins way last August. Sorry and congratulations, Doris!)

## MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

Norma Joseph

We extend our sympathies to BOB CUNHA, draftsman, and family, in the loss of his mother.

NORENE JOHNSON, steno-clerk to Master Mechanic, is back on the job again after spending a quiet (or was it) week at home taking care of her son "Porky," who had his tonsils removed.

We are all happy to hear Chief Time-keeper BUD KIMBALL's son, Steven, is well on the road to recovery from a basal skull fracture received in an accident.

W. H. MITCHELL, passenger car accountant, celebrated his (?) birthday by boarding the *California Zephyr* for Chicago to attend a CZ meeting. His going away outfit consisted of a midnight blue suit, grey top coat and hat, beautiful red tie—a very distinguished looking executive!

Quite a few changes have been made between and among the A.A.R. and accounting room with the resignation

of KEITH WILCOX, former accountant, which was filled by DON CARMAN, assistant accountant, whose position was filled by MARRION EBERT, from the A.A.R. room.

The timekeeping boys, BUD KIMBALL and ART DELALATA are extremely busy during lunch time and after hours with the handling of matters of the Credit Union, contributing greatly to the tremendous success of the wonderful organization. We were hopeful for a good turnout which is now beyond all expectations, for which all the thanks goes to the members who so unselfishly give their spare time to its success.

SCOOP! HY O'RULLIAN, chief clerk, is looking forward to a new addition to his family!

Best wishes for a happy birthday are extended to:

JOHN BINGHAM, AFE accountant.

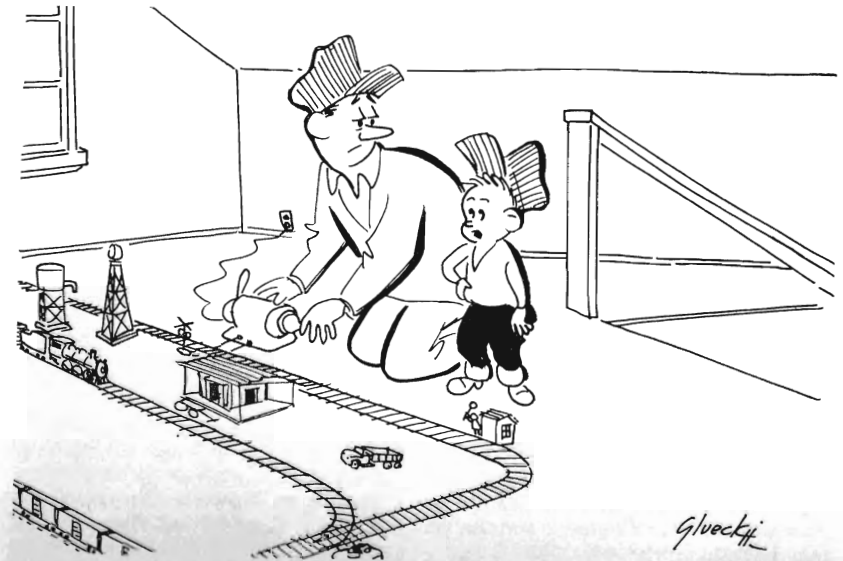
M. W. BROWN, chief draftsman.

## PORTOLA

Phyllis Laughlin

Merry Christmas from Portola—'though it's May 8, it's snowing like everything this morning!

We who live up here in the mountains are very proud these days as three major projects are going on almost at the same time. As soon as the equipment can be moved to Portola work will begin on the overpass, according to E. M. Stanley, engineer for the Walsh Construction Co. of San Francisco, low bidder for the job, in



"Pop, I don't quite know how to break this to you gently, but I wanna be a draftsman!"

a long distance interview with the *Portola Reporter*.

Excavation for the community's long awaited swimming pool is expected to get under way this week, weather permitting. A. J. Callaghan of the Tarter, Webster & Johnson Lumber Co. Delleker, stated equipment for the work is available any time. Approximately 40 representatives of civic, fraternal and labor organizations and others attended a meeting called by the new Mayor, IRA C. BALDWIN, who replaced Engineer GEORGE SAXTON, to move away soon. The pool will be located at the Housing Project facing Gulling Street.

Major improvements at the Ball Park began last month when PAT SULLIVAN, B&B supervisor, and secretary-treasurer for the Portola Ball Club, announced receipt of word from President WHITMAN that WP was donating \$700 to help defray expenses. The WP Employees Club sponsors the team which won its opening game with American Valley, 23 to 0.

The U. S. Patent Office granted a patent on March 17 to IRA C. BALDWIN, supervising icing agent, and CHARLES K. FAYE, assistant to traffic manager, San Francisco, for an icing machine designed and constructed by Ira, tested for two years at Portola and which for the past four years has been giving very excellent service at Yuba City where approximately 1,100 cars of perishables are iced annually.

It was nice to see J. J. MCGRAW, roundhouse foreman at Stockton, here visiting JIMMIE TAYLOR, Stockton engineer, confined to the hospital. We hope Jimmie will soon be home. Also glad to hear that Engineer FULLER is now back to work.

Sorry that Conductor ART TAYLOR

is still in St. Joseph's Hospital. Also absent these days are Clerks HAROLD YOUNT and JOE REED, and Brakeman GEORGE SHARP. Back to work from Oroville-Curran Hospital is Brakeman C. E. REAVIS.

AMON HAYES, lead carpenter on B&B 3, is getting around these days as he is relieving as foreman at vacation time. Almost like a vacation for Amon, he just returned from relieving the B&B 4 foreman at Timpie, Utah, and now plans to go to Elko.

Arrangements were made by Assemblywoman PAULINE DAVIS for Portola Troop 5, Girl Scouts of America, to attend Senate sessions at Sacramento. For many it was their first trip on the *California Zephyr* and they were really excited, exclaimed Mrs. JACK MILLER, wife of the Portola storekeeper and Mrs. C. M. DUSTIN, wife of Conductor Dustin, who accompanied the children, many of whom are from railroad families.

Congratulations to three railroad families on the arrival of one baby girl and two boys. Johna Biddette, 7 lbs. 9 oz. arrived at the home of Brakeman and Mrs. H. J. "HERKIE" BERG, April 21, and delighted, too, his grandpa, Engineer H. A. BERG. William Randol, 7 lbs. 4 oz. arrived at the home of Electrician and Mrs. BARNEY IRWIN, April 22, and the next day Ronald Eugene arrived at the home of Clerk and Mrs. J. C. DARLINGTON. Grandpa is C. W. STROUD, retired carman.

Belated birthday greetings to Clerk EVERT HUMPHREYS, which occurred on April 28.

Thanks to HOWARD SPELLMAN and his helper, "Doc," from Reno, for installing the new PBX board at Portola. With a new straight line to Sacramento

and one to Elko, calls will be completed in a much shorter length of time. Much nicer to operate and it gives the Agent's office a better appearance as well.

HAROLD ECKENROAD, Eastern Division brakeman, and his wife left May 15 for Lansing, Michigan, to pick up a new Olds "98" hardtop coupe.

## SALT LAKE CITY

Lee Marshall  
Chas. W. Owen

LANNY GLASCOCK would like to thank all of his many friends for their congratulatory letters and phone calls. His title, however, is still traffic clerk, and not that of traffic representative, as shown under the picture of the Salt Lake City agency staff in the April issue. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Sorry we couldn't authorize a raise in pay for you, too, Lanny, but we did our best in our oversight.)

CHARLIE COIN, retired conductor, who along with HARRY GIBSON and TOM FOX, attended one of the more important Shrine Ceremonials in Salt Lake City with BILL SILFVAST last month.

EARL BENTZ, traveling auditor, dropped in to see our new offices and gave his approval.

Other pleased visitors included LEO DELVENTHAL, FRANK STEEL and T. P. WADSWORTH, all of San Francisco.

## STOCKTON

Virginia Rustan

The HARRIGANS, ROBERT L., ticket clerk, and ELEANOR, TD clerk, that is, have a most interesting vacation planned. They will entrain for St. Louis to attend the graduation of their oldest son, Robert, Jr., who will receive his B.S. degree in Commerce at St. Louis University. They will then pick up a new Buick at Flint, Michigan, and



Two hundred fifteen years of combined service are represented by these Stockton freight office employees: A. Montanelli, 25 years; Jerry McCauley, 33 years; Aliene Meyers, 30 years; Ernie Davis, 31 years; Bill Moore, 35 years; and seated, Agent A. D. Prato, 35 years. Pete Calcaterra, with 27 years, was absent when this picture was taken.

proceed on to Boston to attend the wedding of their second son, Louis, Navy Radarman, 3/C. Following the festivities, the Harrigans will bring the entire family back to California where the newlyweds will spend their honeymoon. Bob, Jr., and younger brother, James, who will enter the Army, will spend two weeks at San Diego for summer training.

L. B. McNAMARA, chief clerk at Lathrop Joint Agency, is convalescing in the SP Hospital, San Francisco, following a heart attack last month. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## SAN FRANCISCO

Rita Connolly, William Ditcher, Molly Fagan, Lawrence Gerring, Howard Jaeger, Mary Nichols, Maurice Notter, Carl Rath, Bill Royal, Dudley Thickens, Frank Tufo.

Appointed March 28 at the officers' installation meeting at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, GERTRUDE SHOUT, purchasing, and GERTRUDE VERBARG, foreign



freight office, are reportedly doing a bang-up job respectively as entertainment chairman and welfare chairman under past president's council for the Women's Traffic Club of San Francisco.

"Smilin'" ED GALLAGHER, retired superintendent transportation, dropped in the other day to say hello and discuss his rugged life as a rancher. Looks fit as a fiddle and says country life is wonderful.

RITA CONNOLLY has replaced Mrs. C. L. NEUBOURG, who resigned, as car distributor in the transportation department; her old job as steno-clerk being taken over by RUTH CHAN.

A run of bad luck is reported from the local freight office, with FRED W. CARBINE, retired revising clerk, at St. Joseph's recuperating from surgery. He now lives at 15601 Quito Road, Los Gatos, and would like to hear from the gang.

JOHN J. SUSOEFF, assistant accountant, returned to St. Joseph's for the third time trying to get his injured ankle to heal.

MERRILL J. BUTLER, claim clerk, underwent surgery recently and we hope he is back at his desk soon.

ROBERT C. RYBICKI, assistant warehouse foreman, passed away at St. Joseph's on May 4. It was a great shock to all of us at 8th and Brannan.

ERNEST WONG, yard clerk, is now back at his position again, after an absence of several weeks because of illness.

Recently joining our telegraph department are JOE WINTERS and NILE BUHLER. Welcome to Western Pacific!

BILL MANNING, telegraph, is expecting his son, Captain Wm. V. Manning of the Air Force, home from the Orient any day.

GEORGE GORDON and JOHNNY COVINO have purchased a '49 Cadillac which will no doubt extend their field of operations beyond the telegraph department.

BOB ROY has resigned his position with WP so he can devote more time in service to the Baptist Church at Concord.

AL HOCTOR, passenger traffic, was initiated into the Royal Order of Rinky Dinks (strictly social) recently and claims he can now look forward to numerous headaches!

On checking with the girls in the Service Bureau as to what was new and exciting—they replied in unison: "RAY PEMBER is the most exciting thing back here."

CLIFF NORDEN, assistant engineer, has been named president of the Alameda Stamp Club. Cliff's collection of railroad stamps is really something to see.

GARDINER ROGERS, estimating engineer, made a recent trip to Chicago, returning by way of Lake Louise and Banff. He had the pleasure of riding in the cab with the division engineer of the Canadian Pacific through the spiral tunnels of the Canadian Rockies.

The engineering department welcomes the following draftsmen: HAROLD GRIER, his wife, Tose, and two children, Charles, 3, and Lucinda, seven months. They arrived from Chicago and have purchased a home in Mountain View; ARTHUR SCHMITT, formerly of Nashville, Tennessee, married and the father of two children, a married daughter and a son with the Air Force in Miami; MAURICE J. CRESPO, his wife, Barbara, and two children, David, 2½, and Catharine, three months, from Sacramento. He replaces JIMMIE PEARCE, who was transferred to Sacramento.

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Western Pacific's passenger and freight headquarters in San Jose, now known as the "Service and Sales Office," moved to this new location at 790 The Alameda on April 21, 1953.

Headed by Carl Nipper, agent, third from left, others in the staff, from left, are W. V. Hanson, Ralph Medley, Charles Myers, Mrs. Jane Wade, and John Carroll, a mighty fine staff.



# SPORTS

## BOWLING

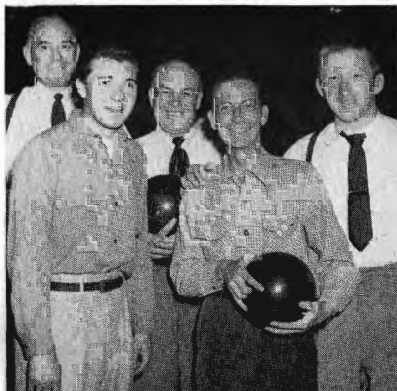
The Traffickers had to sneak in the back door to snare the 1952 San Francisco WP Bowling Tournament championship when they dropped all three games to the last-place Auditors on the final night of competition. A three-game sweep by Freight Claims over second-place Feather River prevented the latter from picking up the two wins necessary to tie for first place.

Indicating the closeness of the competition, the Traffickers' final standing of 50 wins and 40 losses represents one

### FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

|                          | WON | LOST |
|--------------------------|-----|------|
| Traffickers .....        | 50  | 40   |
| Feather River .....      | 48  | 42   |
| Freight Claim .....      | 47  | 43   |
| California Zephyrs ..... | 46  | 44   |
| Freight Accounts .....   | 43  | 47   |
| Auditors .....           | 36  | 54   |

Members of the Traffickers bowling team which won the championship of the San Francisco WP Bowling Tournament are, from left, Ed Jaegels, Norman Jackson, Leo Pope, Jack Hyland and Reg Dunkley.



of the lowest percentages ever carried by a winner in this league. They are to be congratulated on a well-earned championship.

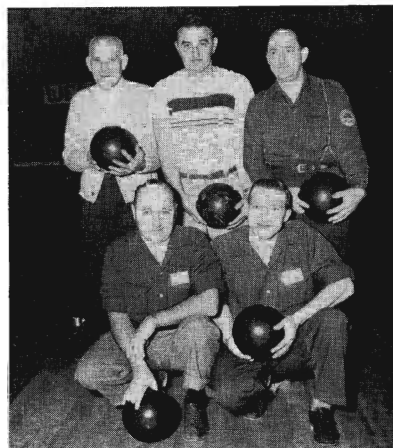
High series for the year were Harry Munson's 661 and Don Johnson's 636, and their respective 278 and 243 took high game honors.

Other highlights of the season were the Zephyrs winning the SP Tournament at Reno and the Freight Accounts victory in the WP Annual Tournament at San Francisco.

### FINAL INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

|                  | AVGE. | HIGH GAME | SERIES |
|------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| H. Munson .....  | 173   | 278       | 661    |
| D. Johnson ..... | 171   | 243       | 636    |
| L. Pope .....    | 168   | 218       | 586    |
| P. Casey .....   | 167   | 209       | 589    |
| A. Potter .....  | 166   | 231       | 558    |

The Feather River team copped second place in the San Francisco WP Bowling Tournament. Members of team: back row, Bob Hanson, Tom Doud, Tony Jakenovich; front, Horace Lohmeyer, Ray Miller.



Back row, Pete Casey, Leo Sillineri, and Frank Thompson; front row, Hank Donnelly and Don Johnson—the California Zephyr bowling team which won first place in SP Bowling Tournament at Reno recently. Casey's 259 was high single game.

Accountant Bill Smales took second place in the singles with a 648, and second place in all-events with an 1862 series, in the Nevada State Bowling Tournament held in Elko.

In Elko City Tournament play, the Western Pacific team of Jimmy Lynch, Bill Howell, Cliff Fields, Adolph Moldenhauer and Loren Ames came in third with a 2634 series. Bill Smales and his partner took first place in the doubles with 1251. Frank Oldham was second in the singles with 640, and Bill Howell finished third in all-events with 1789.

For the season's bowling, the WP Men's Team finished second in the Men's City League, with 18 teams competing. The Western Pacific was also represented by a Women's Team, consisting of Hanna Etchebehere, Jean Baldwin, Adelita Viscarret, Ann Jayo and Rosalie Enke. Scores were not available.

## CABOOSING . . .

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NANCY INGLE, general agent's office, has taken a maternity leave and we wish her and husband, GORDON, chief clerk to tax commissioner, much happiness in their new "profession." Nancy was hosted at a luncheon by the office gang and presented with some "necessities."

As the result of the retirement of Mrs. GRACE PHILLIPS, secretary to general agent, on February 27 after 27 years with Western Pacific, we have some new faces here: Mrs. FLORENCE M. LIBBEY was promoted to fill Grace's place, and Mrs. MELBA DAVIS and Mrs. JUNE NORGARD transferred from general office to fill the vacancies. We hope their stay will be a pleasant one.

General Agent JOHN H. COUPIN was guest speaker at the Modesto Sales Clinic, sponsored by the San Francisco Sales Executives Association, at Modesto Junior College recently. His subject, "The Salesman's Business Integrity," was well received.

PETE CITRON, our genial foreign freight agent, is out hunting business for WP on an extended trip through the East.

DUDLEY THICKENS, traffic department, deserted the bachelor's ranks on May 9, and exchanged wedding vows with Louise Odell, of Lafayette.

FLORAINE LOVITT, one of the lovelies who Zephyrettes her way between Oakland and Chicago on the California Zephyr trains, went beyond the scope of her duties on May 12 when she addressed the senior class at Campbell High School, San Jose, telling of her duties and experiences as a Zephyrette. Her well received talk was concluded with a showing of WP's film "California Zephyr."

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## *Railroad Lines*

Southern Pacific to spend \$6 million to build a 96-track push-button hump yard at Houston, Texas.

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California-Nevada and Railway & Locomotive Historical Societies plan rail trip via SP and McCloud River railroads to Dunsmuir (Annual Railroad Days), Mt. Shasta, McCloud and Pondosa, June 19, 20 and 21.

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Union Pacific testing 25 livestock cars equipped, instead of wood, with metal slatting, insulated to prevent adhesion of animal flesh in cold weather.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation has appealed to citizens to assist railroad and law enforcement officers in preventing children from tampering with railroad equipment.

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Bangor and Aroostook's entire 616-mile main line will be radio equipped with completion of its 1953 project.

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Australia's Victorian Railways used 1,500-hp. diesel units to break all records in moving 20 million bushels of wheat during the recent season.

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St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad is converting 600 wood box cars built in 1930 to steel at their Springfield, Missouri, shops.

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New York Central's Twentieth Century Limited returned to 16-hour schedule between New York and Chicago with beginning of daylight saving time.