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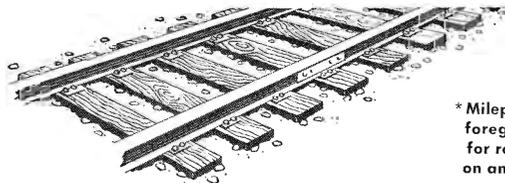
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*Milepost No. 129: In foreground is set-out for rolling motorcars on and off the tracks.

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More freight cars to improve service

WP also testing new-type loading system

IN keeping with Western Pacific's policy to provide shippers with the most modern and best railroad equipment, the railroad last month placed orders with four manufacturers for 264 more new freight cars. Total cost is about \$3,700,000. Many of the cars will be equipped with special loading devices to protect fragile loadings, roller bearings, and other special features. Ten of the cars are for Sacramento Northern.

Western Pacific's allotment, to be delivered in the third and fourth quarters of 1960, includes:

One hundred fifty 70-ton, 50-foot, insulated box cars equipped with roller bearings and special "CAR-PAC" loader equipment, featuring lightweight aluminum crossmembers to provide increased protection for loadings;

Fifty 70-ton, 50-foot, insulated box cars, featuring for the first time in any such equipment, a plug door opening with 14-foot-wide doors;

Fifty 70-ton, 56-foot, standard flat cars equipped with roller bearings;

Four 70-ton "Airslide" covered hopper cars.

The 200 insulated box cars will be supplied by Pacific Car and Foundry, Renton, Washington; Thrall Car Manufacturing Company of Chicago will supply the 50 flat cars; and the four covered hoppers will be delivered by General American Car Co., Chicago.

The ten cars to be delivered to Sacramento Northern are 70-ton covered hopper cars with roller bearings. Each car will have a 3,500-cubic foot capacity. Delivery will be made in the second quarter of 1960 by American Car & Foundry Industries, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

When the 254 cars have been delivered to Western Pacific, 14 per cent of its freight car fleet will be equipped with roller bearings. When Sacramento Northern receives its ten new cars, that railroad's freight car fleet will be nine per cent roller bearing equipped. Tidewater Southern's percentage of roller bearing equipped cars is 10.7 per cent.

Western Pacific also has one of the lowest percentage of bad order cars in the nation, amounting to only 1.8 per cent at the end of February, 1960. The percentage for WP, SN, and TS combined is slightly better at 1.7 per cent.

WP runs tests

Five 50-foot box cars (Series 3071-3075), equipped with a new freight car loading system, are now in test service on the Western Pacific. These cars have never before been in service on any Western railroad. The tests are being closely studied by the railroad's marketing, marketing-research, and mechanical departments, to evaluate

Interior view of car with SEL system showing mixed load. The system features built-in flexibility, safety and ease of operation.



Below: WP's G. H. Kneiss and L. F. Delventhal, Jr., inspect a lightweight aluminum SEL crossmember with John Smith, President, Sparton Corp.



any advantages the system may provide for shippers.

Known as SEL (Sparton Easy Loader), the system incorporates many special features which make it a one-man loading system, according to the manufacturer, Sparton Corporation's Railway Equipment Division.

After previewing the system at a Detroit exhibit in January, Leo F. Delventhal, Jr., WP senior transportation engineer, said:

"The system provides another experience in simplicity, safety, and ease of operation. The new light-weight aluminum crossmember design features an easy-to-snap, spring-loaded latch. One man can install or remove doorway members—from inside or out—with minimum effort. The system should help to reduce loading and unloading costs."

How We're Doing

	February 1960	February 1959
RECEIPTS:		
From our customers.....	\$4,093,280	\$3,945,729
Other income	74,279	73,413
EXPENSES:		
Wages, payroll taxes, fringe benefits.....	2,234,036	2,094,492
Materials, fuels, other operating expenses.....	1,384,826	1,090,906
Other taxes	184,292	257,210
Net rentals for equipment and joint facilities.....	26,679	48,036
Interest and fixed charges.....	181,359	178,917
Miscellaneous	42,582	37,572
LEAVING:		
For improvements to property, purchase of new equipment, payments on debts, dividends, etc.....	\$ 113,785	\$ 312,009

WP and other lines authorized by PUC to increase California intrastate coach fares by 5%, effective March 14.

strike production level and return of business to WP.

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Average California Zephyr load was 52.1% of train's capacity in February, compared with a 49.9% ratio a year ago that month.

Western Pacific yearly standing in operating performance averages

Rank among 57 largest U. S. railroads
1959 1958 1957 1956 1955

FREIGHT SERVICES

Gross ton miles per train hour.....	11th	11th	11th	5th	9th
Gross tons per train (see footnote).....	49th	42nd	32nd	31st	29th
Net ton miles per car day.....	4th	3rd	2nd	3rd	2nd
Car miles per car day.....	4th	3rd	2nd	5th	4th
Train miles per train hour.....	1st	1st	2nd	2nd	2nd
Miles per locomotive day.....	4th	8th	7th	8th	3rd

PASSENGER SERVICE:

Train miles per train hour.....	2nd	4th	3rd	3rd	2nd
Miles per locomotive day.....	5th	8th	14th	6th	6th

(Footnote: In order to provide faster schedules, Western Pacific is running shorter and more frequent freight trains. As a result, gross tons per train have dropped 10.9% (from 3,003 in 1955 to 2,675 in 1959) for a steady decline in rank from 29th to 49th position during the past five years.)

Money at work means men at work

BACK around the turn of the century there often appeared in the public prints a cartoon of a big, over-fed, individual wearing a high silk hat and spats, with an oversized diamond stickpin in his cravat. He usually was shown carrying a satchel brimming over with currency which, it was assumed, was snatched from the pockets of the "little guys," and his suit was a tasty pattern of dollar signs.

The cartoon was to convey the idea that a capitalist was somebody who "made millions in Wall Street." There may have been some justice in the picture then, but today most of us are capitalists.

A capitalist, actually, is anyone who owns life insurance, U. S. government bonds, a savings account, or has one or more shares of some publicly-held stock.

In fact, in 1959 there were some 12,490,000 shareholders in this country, nearly double the 1952 total, and 45 per cent more than the 1956 count of 8,630,000. According to a recent census, the average shareholder has a median household income of \$7,000 (comparable figure for new shareowners is \$6,900). Almost half of all shareowners are in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 income range. This is shown graphically on the opposite page.

The median age of new shareowners (since 1956) is 35, compared to 49 for all shareholders. Women shareowners outnumber men 52.5 to 47.5 per cent. The largest single group of

owners is four million housewives. One out of eight adults is now a shareowner, and they are almost equally divided among those who attended college and those who did not.

As of March 31 (after the 3 for 1 stock split) there were 1,825,140 shares of Western Pacific's common stock outstanding. A survey would probably show that at least one Western Pacific shareholder lives in each of our 50 states, and in some foreign countries, too. One of them might be your next door neighbor, your butcher, the cop on the beat, a co-railroad worker, housewife, wrestler, or a baby sitter. He or she might be sitting next to you at the ball game or pass you on the street. A shareowner could occupy a seat in a Vista-dome car or on a park bench. For certain, today's shareowner is not just "one of the idle rich."

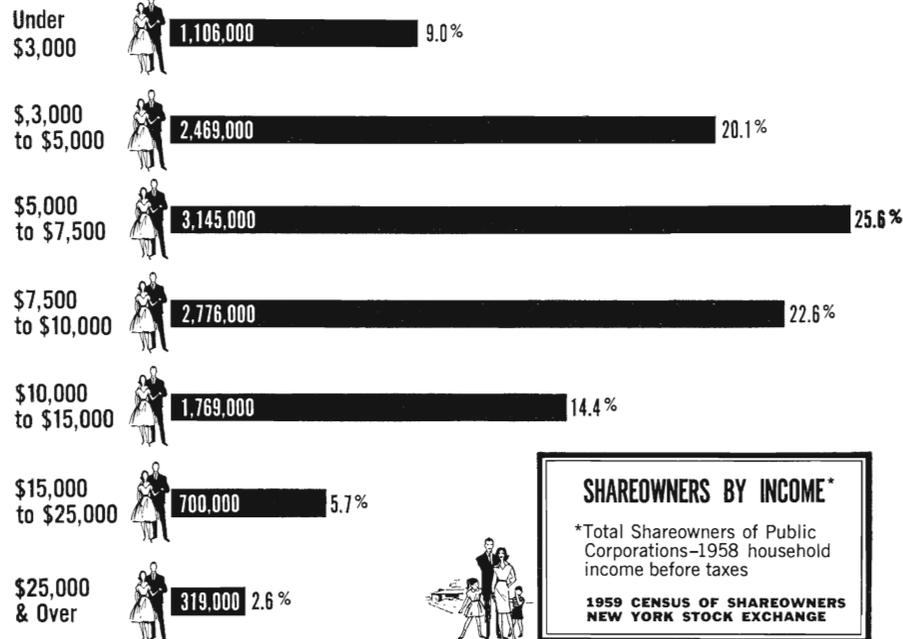
Many are indirect shareowners—those whose savings in life insurance companies, pension funds, mutual savings, banks, and other financial institutions are invested in part in stock investments.

Whatever investments these shareholders make they are serving a double duty.

They mean additional security for the investor in the form of dividends paid out of net profit earned by the company in which he invests.

They also mean additional money for the company in which the investments are made—used to buy new

INDIVIDUAL SHAREOWNERS —12,490,000



Excludes 206,000 shareowners not classified by income



SHAREOWNERS BY INCOME*

*Total Shareowners of Public Corporations—1958 household income before taxes

1959 CENSUS OF SHAREOWNERS
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

tools, equipment, and supplies, needed to keep the company in business and men on the job.

Throughout the nation during the week of April 24 to April 30 Invest-in-America Week will be recognized. The significance of this annual event is perhaps summed up by President Eisenhower's statement:

"Invest-in-America observance is a good time to reaffirm our beliefs in the power of work, savings, and investment, to create new business and better job opportunities for all our citizens.

"Invest-in-America emphasizes the importance of thrift and savings to the

continuing growth of our nation. As our people freely invest their savings in productive enterprise, our economy is strengthened through research and construction of new plants and equipment, through new jobs and living standards.

"Each bank account, each insurance policy, each bond or share of stock contributes capital to advance the security of the nation and of each citizen."

Every time American industry comes up with something new, the Russians invent it a week later, and the Japanese make it cheaper.

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Safety on the job pays dividends, too!

High-load—high praise

Just received a letter from one of our shipper friends complimenting us on our handling of a rush shipment urgently needed at destination, the last paragraph of which reads:

"Never was a high-wide load accorded such fast service on any railroad. You may be sure that we appreciate the handling given this particular load. You may also be assured that we know this type service cannot be rendered on each and every high-wide load, but we are still grateful and will continue to favor you wherever and whenever possible. Thanks again."

A. H. Lund
Sales Manager—Central Region
Chicago

Professional approval

Please extend my thanks to whoever it was who placed my name on the mailing list of that excellent publication, MILEPOSTS. I have enjoyed the two (back) issues which I received today.

W. H. Depperman
Publisher and Editor
PRACTICAL Public Relations
Wilmette, Illinois

Dollars put to work

Employees of Western Pacific contributed last year a total of \$15,791 to the United Bay Area Crusade.

Here are some examples of how far these dollars will stretch, how well spent they are, and how very necessary they are to someone. Your employees' contributions could cover the cost of such services as these:

5,264 nursing care visits to patients in their homes, or;



Dear Editor:

3,158 days of care for children whose mothers are ill, or where there are other family problems, or;

211 cases of legal aid for people unable to afford private counsel, or;
282 weeks of hospital care for unwed mothers and their babies.

Because your employees gave, United Crusade agencies are meeting human needs—of children, youth, troubled families, the sick and the handicapped, and countless other ways.

Barbara Armas
United Bay Area Crusade
Oakland, California

Likes WP and employees

This will acknowledge receipt of your January, 1960, issue of MILEPOSTS, and thank you for placing my name on your mailing list as requested by Engineer J. J. Brown.

It's always nice and interesting to read about what goes on on the Western Pacific; a fine railroad, and a fine bunch of employees.

Again, my many thanks to you for your kindness.

Joe T. Ryan
1545 West 9th North
Salt Lake City, Utah

Television Newscaster: "And now for the news that happened during the commercial."

Aid to Crusade drive

The following letter which I received from J. A. "Gus" Simpson, 1959-60 General Campaign Chairman, United Crusade of Greater Stockton, may be of interest:

"Since the 1959-60 United Crusade campaign reached its successful conclusion, I have had the opportunity of sitting back and reflecting upon the wonderful deeds of the many cooperative citizens whose timely and unselfish assistance were responsible factors for Stockton's first success in 23 years.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for the wonderful display of civic responsibility in permitting us, for the second consecutive year, the pleasant opportunity of using Western Pacific's equipment for our Linden train ride.

"We all look forward to continuing this affair as an annual special event highlighting the kick-off of Stockton's United Crusade drive. May I once again express the deep-felt thanks of all United Crusade volunteers and staff for your wonderful cooperation and I know I speak for all when I say we look forward to enjoying this event again in the fall of 1960."

As you will recall, Mr. Kneiss authorized and made arrangements for the use of four WP coaches by the United Crusade of Greater Stockton

to inaugurate their kick-off campaign with a train ride on the ST&E from Stockton to Linden and return on Friday, October 9.

Robert R. Taylor
District Sales Mgr.
Stockton

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Enjoyed Budd car trip

I had a very enjoyable trip on the *Zephyrette*, Train No. 1, between Salt Lake City, Utah, and Portola, California, on January 6.

Just thought the trainmen might like



to have the enclosed picture taken somewhere along the route.

I am already looking forward to my next trip aboard the *California Zephyr*.

William F. Baltz
1501 Elm Hill Road
Nashville 10, Tennessee

Mr. Baltz' picture (reproduced above from a Kodacolor original) is of Trainman B. Q. Perkins. The picture will be sent to him. Trainman Perkins has been with WP since June 11, 1937.

MILEPOSTS



IN GOLD

MILEPOSTS congratulates the following railroaders who will be eligible for Service Pin Awards during the month of April, 1960:

40-YEAR PINS		
Frank P. Ferguson.....	Asst. Auditor of Disbursements.....	San Francisco
Leo J. Smith.....	Freight Claim Inspector.....	San Francisco
35-YEAR PINS		
Hubert Daverkosen.....	Clerk, Western Division.....	San Francisco
Paul B. Harris.....	Sales Representative.....	San Francisco
John J. O'Sullivan.....	Machinist.....	Oakland
30-YEAR PINS		
Wilmer R. Andersen.....	Clerk, Western Division.....	San Francisco
Henry J. Fitzpatrick.....	Marine Captain.....	San Francisco
William E. Perkins.....	Section Foreman.....	Chilcoot
Brenton L. Peterson.....	Section Foreman.....	Delle, Utah
Claude E. Reavis.....	Conductor.....	Portola
Craig N. Vetter.....	Communications Maintainer.....	Sacramento
Kenway R. Stoney.....	Asst. Freight Pricing Manager.....	San Francisco
25-YEAR PINS		
Clifford C. Bennett.....	Blacksmith.....	Sacramento Shops
Frank H. Cutright.....	Section Foreman.....	Crescent Mills
Earl Dufour.....	Carpenter Helper.....	B&B Gang No. 6
Theodore J. Porria.....	Clerk, Western Division.....	San Jose
George Roehl.....	Pile Driver Foreman.....	Gang No. 1
20-YEAR PINS		
August J. Ackerman.....	Extra Gang Foreman.....	Extra Gang No. 5
Willie Charley.....	Laborer.....	Reno, Nevada
Cecil H. King.....	Section Laborer.....	Bidwell
John M. Webb.....	Conductor.....	Stockton
Richard V. Wolf.....	Store Department Check Clerk.....	Sacramento
15-YEAR PINS		
Salvatore T. Crocco.....	Carman.....	Sacramento Shops
Leslie Davis.....	Chair Car Porter.....	Oakland
Frank R. DeLaney.....	Clerk, Western Division.....	Oroville
Walter P. DeWitt.....	Carman.....	Sacramento Shops
Irvine J. Dinkel.....	Clerk, Western Division.....	Stockton
Jacob H. Ephraim.....	Sales Representative.....	Chicago, Ill.
Kermit M. Grimes.....	Carman.....	Sacramento Shops
Florence L. Hughes.....	Steno-Clerk, Ice Department.....	Portola
Myrton H. Hull.....	Painter.....	Oroville
Walter D. Klabo.....	Assistant Engineer.....	San Francisco
Albert E. Miller.....	Section Foreman.....	Berry Creek
Hattie M. McMullen.....	Laborer.....	Oroville
Charles H. Myers.....	Sales Representative.....	San Jose
Clarence R. Phillips.....	Clerk, Western Division.....	Oakland
John G. Rose.....	Clerk, Western Division.....	Stockton
William L. Stanley.....	Machinist.....	Oroville
10-YEAR PINS		
Gabriel Castro.....	Section Laborer.....	Golconda, Nevada
George B. Helbush.....	Bridge and Bldg. Carpenter Helper.....	B&B Gang No. 1
Oliver Ike.....	Section Laborer.....	Eiko, Nevada
Everett T. Ingram.....	Section Laborer.....	Carlin, Nevada
Ray D. Lara.....	Section Laborer.....	Gerlach, Nevada
Samdran M. Maestas.....	Section Laborer.....	Burmester, Utah
Claire H. Postell.....	Ticket Clerk-Cashier-Typist.....	San Francisco
Demetrio F. Carranca.....	Section Laborer.....	Quigley
James A. Waddell.....	Bridge and Bldg. Carpenter.....	B&B Gang No. 6



In behalf of all employees of Western Pacific and its affiliated companies, MILEPOSTS extends sincerest sympathy to the loved ones of the following employees whose deaths have been reported:

Frederick Albertson, retired marine captain, February 19.

George Anargyros, Sacramento Northern section foreman, February 4.

Milton B. Bayer, retired dispatcher, December 11.

William H. Brooks, retired locomotive engineer, January 9.

Abelard S. Brown, retired telegrapher, December, 1959.

James E. Bryan, retired telegrapher, December 7.

George J. Conrad, retired crew caller-yard clerk, December 3.

Charles E. Cutting, retired electrician, March 7.

Walter G. Dahl, retired section laborer, December 6.

William R. Durm, retired brakeman, January 10.

William H. Hoobler, retired shop laborer, date unknown.

Canova G. Howell, locomotive engineer, March 18.

William F. Ivey, retired Sacramento Northern brakeman, December 15.

Raymond M. Jackson, retired patrolman, February 15.

Joseph Lopez, retired laborer, January 11.

Arthur B. McNabb, retired car foreman, March 10.

William Mithen, retired agent-telegrapher, January 24.

Leonard L. Noel, retired boilermaker helper, December 5.

Harry C. Owens, retired yard clerk, December 11.

George L. Putnam, retired assistant foreman, December 19.

Roscoe Starks, retired Sacramento Northern brakeman, date unknown.

Ingwald Tollefson, retired team track clerk, March 7.

Venturo Yalas, retired Sacramento Northern track laborer, January 11.

Nick L. Ziggich, retired B&B carpenter, December 29.

14th ROBA Reunion

The 745th Railway Operating Battalion Association is to have its 14th Reunion on June 30, July 1 and 2, in Boston, Massachusetts. A fine program is in the planning for this historic visit, with headquarters at the Madison Hotel.

Any members of the 745th who have not been notified but are interested, should contact the president, Vernon C. MacPhee, for details. His address is 69 Elm Street, North Woburn, Mass.

Some new cars are so long it takes five minutes to go through a "one-minute" car wash.

Your name can save your life!

Count the letters in your first name. Subtract four if the number of letters is six or more. Add three if the number of letters is less than six. The result is your key number. Look up the letters appearing under your key number and you will get an important message that applies to your work.

3 6 2 7 8 4 6 7 5 9 8 6 5 7 6 8 2 9 4
T B P T L A E H T S O S A I T N L A L

7 3 8 6 9 5 9 8 6 2 5 7 9 5 8 9 6
N H G W F K E C A A E K T C H Y Y

8 4 9 7 5 7 3 4 6 7 5 8 2 3 6 7 5
A W A T A W I A I I R N Y N S C E

8 5 8 7 9 4 2 6 3 8 5 6 7 6 5 8 9 3
C N E E L Y I T K S O H Y E T S W S

9 4 4 6 7 9 8 9 7 8 6 7 7 4 2 5 3 8
A S B S O Y H S U O A O N E T C A R

7 3 6 7 8 2 7 9 4 8 6 5 9 7 4 8 3 6
L F F Y T S L A A E E H L I L N E W

7 8 5 2 9 4 9 3 7 8 5 7 6 4 9 7 5 8
V L A A L E W T E I N O A R A N C V

6 9 7 4 2 8 3 5 2 9 8 5 7
Y Y C T F E Y E E S S S E

—Courtesy C.F.&I. Blast

So you're a taxpayer!

Just be thankful you don't make as much as you think you're worth. And, be thankful you don't get all the government you pay for!

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There is nothing more destructive to a company's operations than new and better methods—in the hands of a competitor!

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Fight Cancer with a checkup and a check.

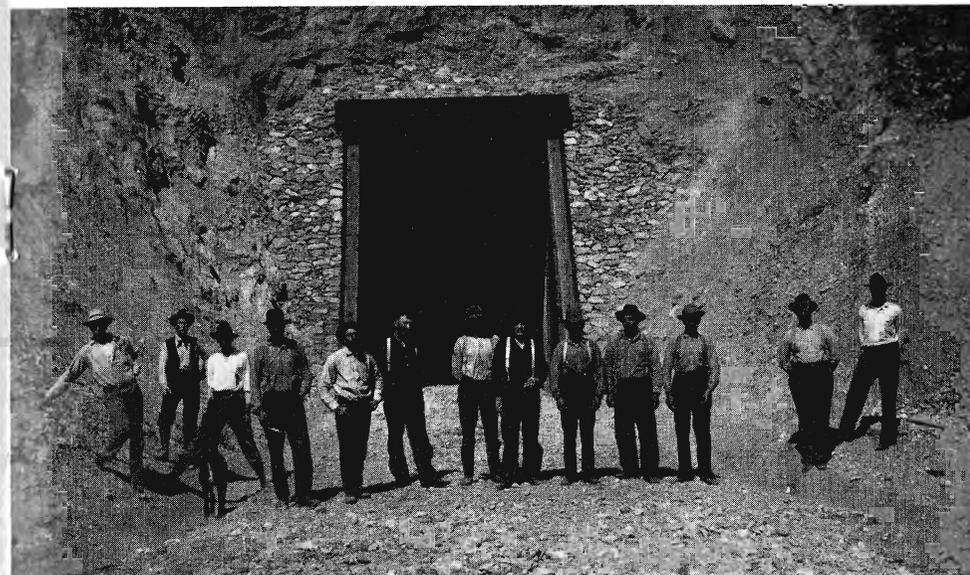
When asked how it felt to attend the dedication of his own statue, the honored man said, "Well, you feel different about pigeons."

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Writer Bill Vaughan: "It wasn't too long ago that you could finance a pretty good war for what six months of peace costs today."

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Wonder if scientists will ever find a way to protect man against a hydrogen blonde attack?



IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

This picture, taken during construction days, was sent to MILEPOSTS some time ago by an unidentified person. The only information we have about the occasion was the message written on the back of the picture:

"Lest we be forgotten.

James L. Drum. December, 1908.

To E. J. Morser, from Tonka, Nevada, via Carlin.

W.P.R.R. Company tunnel No. 42, east end."

The editor would appreciate hearing from anyone who can furnish any additional information, or identification of the men and dog in the picture.



CHICAGO

Gene Hamilton

We're particularly happy to announce the engagement of SHIRLEY MICHALEK, our popular PBX and teletype operator, to Paul Stiglic, employed with Victor Adding Machine Co. No date has been definitely set for their marriage.

GEORGE SCHROEDER, sales representative, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the "Heel's Club." For the uninitiated, members of this organization of railroad salesmen are those who have, through diligent hard work in pounding the pavements, obtained rounded heels!

RAYMOND A. KLEBBA is our new assistant export clerk. Ray is a native of Chicago, attended DePaul High School and has taken evening courses at Loyola University. He is also a student of speedwriting. Ray comes to WP with seven years of railroad experience with the Association of Western Railroads and one-half year with the Southern Pacific. He is a golfer, a bowler, and a fisherman, holding membership in the Lincoln Park Casting Club. If the name sounds familiar, you're right. His father is Ray Klebba, chief clerk of the Trans-Continental Freight Bureau.

A great success once again was the Transportation Club of Chicago's annual dinner, held at the Palmer House on February 12.

OROVILLE

Helen R. Small
Clayton D'Arcy

A new addition to Laborer MIKE CHURCH's family is Palela, born February 17.

RALPH SHEPARD, machinist, has transferred to Keddie as mechanical foreman. LOUIE WRIGHT, JR., machinist, is now working at Oakland.

First sign of Spring—DICK BACON, HARRY BASHAM, BILL CONANT, CLAYTON D'ARCY, STEWARD McVEAN, GILBERT PATTERSON, BILL RANDOLPH, NORMAN ROBERTS, and ROBERT SHEPARD, chasing par on our local links; CLIFF GARVIS, piloting a 220-h.p. inboard motor boat.



"He has back trouble—can't get off it."

MILEPOSTS

Retired Assistant Superintendent and Mrs. JOHN J. McNALLY celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on February 25.

Switchman and Mrs. W. B. HANSELL announced the arrival of a daughter on February 19, their sixth child.

Conductor G. F. YARRINGTON's wife is reported to be improving at Oroville Community Hospital.

Switchman F. E. RIST has been hospitalized for surgery.

Clayton Heineman, carman, rolled a 239 game recently to top individual play in the Twilight League while bowling for the Williams TV team.

ELKO

John Murphy

Welcome to Assistant Division Engineer MYRON K. ANDERSON, who is filling the position formerly held by the late ART SCHMITT in Division Engineer H. H. ELLIOTT's office. Myron is from the Western Division, and at one time was field engineer on the Eastern Division.

After a short period spent in Elko County General Hospital, Assistant Superintendent WILLIAM G. HOWELL is again back on the job looking none the worse from his experience.

SACRAMENTO NORTHERN

Milton Ziehn

FRED ALBERTSON, former captain in our marine department, and the first employee to receive a Sacramento Northern pension, died in Carmel, California, on February 19.

Captain Albertson was born in Denmark on April 17, 1880. He was educated in public schools in that country. Before entering SN service on July 1,

1913, as captain of the *Ramon*, he worked as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd officers for the Gualala Steamship Company, Standard Oil Company, and Santa Fe Railroad between 1907 and 1913. He terminated his service on the Sacramento Northern August 15, 1945, and has lived with his wife in Carmel for a number of years.

STOCKTON

Elaine Obenshain

Congratulations to ANDY E. STENE and JESSE C. CURRIER, JR. Andy, former conductor, has been promoted to position as assistant trainmaster at San Francisco. Jesse, former engineer, has been promoted to position as special operating assistant, assigned to the superintendent's office for a period of training.

Section Foreman AAGE JOHN STENDER retired February 29. John arrived in this country from Denmark in 1920. He became employed with Western Pacific on July 16, 1928, as a rodman-



"If my wife comes snoopin' around, don't tell her how much I make."

chainman in the engineering department. Since August 17, 1933, he has been section foreman. The Stenders, who have a son and daughter and two grandchildren, plan to spend their retirement at their home in Guerneville, California.

Our deepest sympathy to Brakeman D. A. MILLER, whose father passed away; and to Clerk MARY A. LEACH, whose infant granddaughter, Deanna Bristow, passed away.

KEDDIE

Elsie Hagen

OLAF ERICKSON, who had been working on a WP gang, died during February from a heart attack. He was a native of Sweden where he was born on March 13, 1897. He is survived by his wife, Katherine.

RALPH SHEPPARD, from Oroville, has taken the night job as roundhouse foreman, vacated by "CHUCK" HICKOCK, who has gone to Stockton.

Water Service Maintainer and Mrs. R. S. MARTIN spent a week in Arizona the first of March.

Our Heart Fund Drive was most successful this year because of the fine cooperation by our people. As Captain of the drive, I learned that many of our own people have been helped with new medicines which have been developed through just such contributions.

Mrs. Marjorie Dunn, wife of Trainman Ed DUNN, is recovering very well following surgery in Plumas District Hospital in February.

Army Private Thomas M. Shannon, son of Engineer and Mrs. JOHN F. SHANNON, was one of the paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to test the Army's

new rifle, the M-14. The weapon has increased firepower, is lighter in weight and is easier maintained without sacrificing the wallop of the present M-1. It was designed to replace the M-1, the carbine, the .45 caliber submachine gun and the automatic rifle. Tom says it fires 7.62 mm ammunition which is the standard cartridge for all NATO troops.

SALT LAKE CITY

J. B. Price

RAYMOND A. SARGENT and Olive D. Williams were married in Salt Lake City on January 5. Ray has charge of employing WP personnel and has had his headquarters changed from Elko to the Utah city.

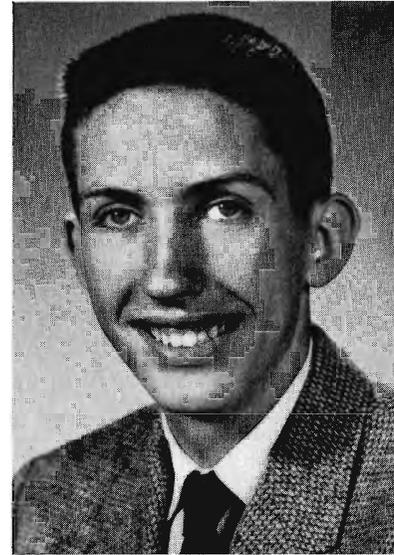
Conductor ALVIN W. POWELL has made a satisfactory recovery from major surgery and we hope to have Alvin back with us soon in good health.

Engineer HARVEY E. SAXTON's home was saddened for the second time within three months. This time by the death of his wife, Beverly Jane, who passed away suddenly on March 4 en route to a Salt Lake City hospital.

Condolences to Conductor JACK E. MURPHY, whose wife passed away in Salt Lake City.

A descriptive paragraph about the Feather River Canyon won for Calder Hammond the highest grade in his class. Calder is the 16-year-old son of Trainmaster and Mrs. MAURICE W. HAMMOND. The boy is a junior in Highland High School which has an enrollment of about 2,500 students. The class was asked by their teacher to write about any subject of their choice, and Calder's read as follows:

"The Feather River Canyon, situated in the High Sierra of California,



Calder Hammond—WP booster

was blessed with all of Nature's beauty to make it one of the most scenic canyons in America. The deep, rugged gorge cut by the 'Feather' has always entranced visitors with its rugged, unspoiled beauty. The green-forested sides of the canyon are often reflected in the deep, blue-green pools of the river. The seasons add materially to the splendor of the canyon. In the fall the red and gold of the aspens and cottonwoods combine with the constant green of the pines to make up one of the most beautiful sights imaginable. When winter comes, everything in sight, except the river, is covered with a white mantle of sparkling snow, giving the visitors the impression of being in a scenic fairyland. When spring finally arrives, Nature begins again her never-ending cycle of continuing

and supporting life in the Feather River Canyon."

Calder is a loyal Western Pacific fan, and has induced any number of people to use our railroad. WP equipment is his pride and joy, and much of his spare time is spent in keeping up on the latest improvements. Two or three nights each week, the young man may be seen along the platform at Union Depot looking over the west-bound *California Zephyr* with all the interest of a first-time observer. His electric railroad features as much WP equipment as he has been able to obtain.

SACRAMENTO SHOPS

Marcella G. Schultze

February 1 was a special meeting for both the Western Pacific Athletic Club and A. TONY SANTOS, for on that date Tony was presented with his gold membership card, and Mrs. Santos treated the club to a complete Portuguese-style dinner. The members wish



Mr. and Mrs. A. Tony Santos

to thank Mrs. Santos for her wonderful dinner, and hope that Tony will still remain active in the club, although he is retired from WP service.

Celebrating the birth of their second son, David Brian, on February 9 were Machinist Apprentice and Mrs. GEORGE H. LANE.

Rejoicing upon the safe arrival February 27 of their first, Mark Patrick, were Electrician Apprentice and Mrs. CARL H. HICKS.

A happy retirement is wished two old-timers, J. H. SMITH, boilermaker, and M. E. DOCKENDORF, carman. Both men retired in February after lengthy illnesses.

Our sympathies are extended to the family of RAYMOND JACKSON, 73, retired special agent, who passed away on February 15. Ray was born and raised in Florin, and was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge there.

A very happy occasion was the 50th Wedding Anniversary of retired Painter Foreman and Mrs. JOE MARTY. A reception was held at the Marty residence on February 21, and many of their WP friends were there to honor the hosts.

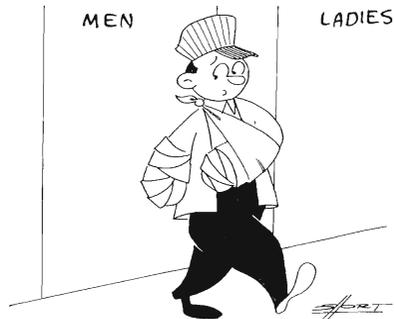
SACRAMENTO STORE

Irene Burton

In a recent Capitol Bowls high 16 rolloff, CHARLES B. REDD, stock control clerk, rolled a 1,394-240-1,634, good for third. One night recently, four teams in the WP Bowling League won three games and the other four lost three games.

JASPER J. GUARENO, JR., received the bid on the purchase requisition desk vacated by BRUCE STILLWELL. BRUCE decided he would rather have his old job of storekeeper's clerk.

Our only unfortunate victim of the



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"flu" recently was EVELYN RICHARDSON, steno-clerk, and she had quite a siege with the illness.

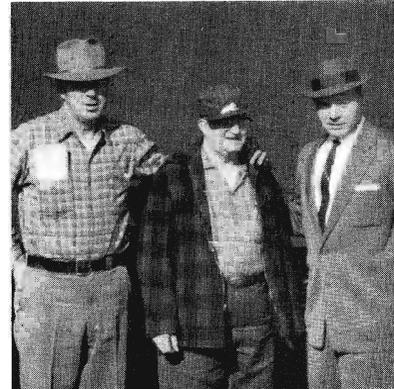
G. M. KAYS, Krane Kar operator, has been absent for a while with a painful foot injury.

PORTOLA

Louise Wilks

Friends of Yardmaster CHARLEY BEEM will be glad to know that he is now considered "out of the woods" after his recent illness. In fact, Charley is warning Relief Yardmaster "TONY" ANTHONY not to get too comfortable in his chair since he expects to be back soon.

Retired Electrician and Mrs. J. E. DACK celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 22. To celebrate the occasion a family reunion and dinner was held at the Anniversary Dinner of the Community Church. Mr. Dack retired in 1950.



Conductor T. J. "Red" Carroll (center) made his last run on January 29 to complete 32 years of service. Welcoming "Red" after his final trip were C. A. Lockwood, ORC&B general chairman, left, and Trainmaster L. E. Thomas. "Red" says he will spend his time fishing and mining.



Clarrise Martin was recently installed as Worthy Advisor, Portola Chapter of Rainbow for Girls, by her father, Roadmaster John J. Martin.

Ralph Van DRIELEN, senior at Portola High School and son of Engineer and Mrs. HARRY S. VAN DRIELEN, was designated as winner of the Bank of America trophy plaque for his excellence in the field of science and mathematics. Certificate winners by other Portola High School seniors were Walter Parks, son of Carman and Mrs. PAUL PARKS; Linda Thill, daughter of Engineman and Mrs. PETER J. THILL; and James Ross, son of Engineer and Mrs. FRANK HANSEN.

Roadmaster and Mrs. JOHN J. MARTIN enjoyed a visit from his brother, Leroy K. Martin, of Norvin, Penn.

DON BROWN, telegrapher, has been appointed to the city council to fill a vacated two-year unexpired term.

SAN FRANCISCO

George Bowers, Doug Bruce, Jean Bruce, Frances Courtney, Elizabeth Fagan, Lawrence Gerring, Carl Rath, Frank Tufo

Lynn James Bergstrom, son of Secretary JAMES BERGSTROM, marketing division, has passed a nationwide aptitude test in mechanical engineering at almost 100 per cent. Lynn is 15 and a student at Lincoln Junior High School in Minneapolis, Minn. He is interested in aeronautical engineering and astronomy.

G. M. BRUERE, director of market research, announced the arrival of a son, G. M. Bruere, Jr., on February 24.

CHARLES BELL, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, is now employed as consist clerk in the marketing division.

President FREDERIC B. WHITMAN was luncheon speaker at the 59th annual convention of the American Railway Engineering Association, held in Chicago during March. The three-day meeting was opened with an address



It's easy to see who B&B Carpenter S. J. Davis has for a pal. His name is "King" and he's reached the age of seven. It was no problem to get "King" to pose for this picture since he had patiently waited for his master to finish his work for the day at WP's 25th street yard.

by the Association's president, FRANK R. WOOLFORD, WP chief engineer.

ALFRED F. ADAMS is now employed as junior engineer at San Francisco. He served with the U.S. Army in Okinawa and in Japan prior to his employment with the railroad.

Assistant Engineer JOHN MILLER was called East during February because of the death of his stepfather, Mr. Bauchmoyer.

Our newest grandfather is Assistant Engineer EDWARD J. DOBBINS. The little fellow, Daniel Lee II, is the son of Daniel Lee and Charlotte Dobbins.

Office Engineer JAMES F. PEARCE gave up his weekend golf over Washington's Birthday to take his wife and

two daughters to the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley.

CLIFF A. GERSTNER, engineer of track and layout, accompanied by his daughter, Denise (5), and ERNEST PERRY, assistant to estimating engineer, and his son, Colin (3), visited Disneyland over Washington's Birthday. They were accompanied by Ernie's two nephews, Curt and Reese, of Fresno, all of whom found the miniature railroad one of the highlights of their visit.

GERTRUDE POHNDORF, purchasing department price clerk, was installed as the 35th president of the Women's Traffic Club of San Francisco on March 26. Gertrude has been with Western Pacific since 1943, and in 1951 was elected founder president of the National Association of Railway Business Women, San Francisco chapter. During this term of office, she organized Sacramento chapter of NARBW, and in 1952 during a trip to Houston made



WTC President Gertrude Pohndorf

all contacts for founding a chapter in that city. Gertrude is active in Eastern Star functions and has held every Star point in this organization. She joined the Women's Traffic Club in 1952 and has served as chairman of entertainment, reception and courtesy, and research committees, as well as director, treasurer, and vice president.

HORACE F. LATONA, promoted to position as head buyer in the purchasing department on January 1, suffered a heart attack in February, and at present is recuperating at home.

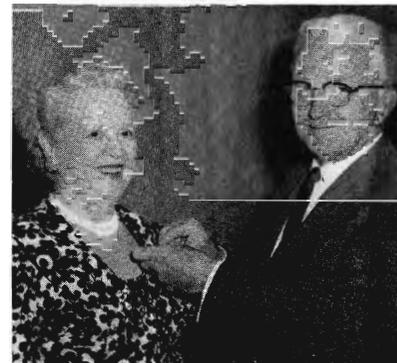
TANYA ANDREWS, secretary to Grant S. Allen, superintendent of transportation, left the company on March 25 to go to Chicago where she became the bride of Harold L. Salzman. After their



Joan E. Schoeplein, daughter of Auditor of Revenues and Mrs. N. A. Schoeplein, has been named a member of Angel Flight, honorary auxiliary to Air Force ROTC at University of California. Selected on basis of appearance, personality, and grades, Joan will serve at ROTC functions.

marriage, they will return to San Francisco to establish their home.

SPENCER S. GILMAN, assistant transportation engineer-research department, has been promoted to major in the Air Force Reserve. He is based at Palo Alto.



In March, Jean E. McCulloch, assistant chief clerk, manifest department, received her 35-year service pin, presented by H. C. Munson.



This is Daniel Lee Dobbins II, grandson of Assistant Engineer and Mrs. Edward J. Dobbins, and son of Daniel Lee and Charlotte Dobbins.



WP kegler rolls 300!

Switchman George Guthrie bowled a perfect game during league play on Oroville's Central Lanes on February 12. Asked by an Oroville *Mercury* reporter how he felt after his feat, something the professionals seldom do, George replied: "It doesn't seem real. I was so excited near the end of the line I don't remember rolling the last two balls!"

For getting his 12 strikes in a row, the 22-year-old switchman will receive close to \$1,500 in prizes, including a \$500 color television set, 1,000 free games at Central Lanes worth \$500, a \$250 diamond ring, and two \$25 merchandise orders from local merchants. He will also receive awards from national bowling concerns, and will have a choice of five trophy or jewelry awards from the American Bowling Congress. The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and various bowling equipment companies also will send prizes to Guthrie for the high score.

It was the first 300 score bowled in league play since the alley opened three years ago. An employee of the bowling establishment rolled a perfect score a year and a half ago but it was

in a practice session and was not official.

About 100 spectators and players watched George accomplish the strike-

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Switchman Guthrie shows his "300" form in this Oroville *Mercury* photo.

Elko Tournament

Secretary Earl McKellips reports the following results of the 9th Annual Western Pacific Bowling Tournament, held at Elko February 20-21:

TEAM EVENT:	Scratch	Handicap	Total	Prize
Yardmen, Salt Lake City.....	2750	300	3050	\$35.00
Elko No. 2, Elko.....	2596	312	2908	25.00
Silver Feather, San Francisco.....	2269	620	2889	17.00
Elko No. 1, Elko.....	2470	394	2864	10.50
Prospectors, Salt Lake City.....	2399	372	2771	
Marketeers, San Francisco.....	2172	516	2688	
Bruno's, Winnemucca.....	2217	452	2669	
Wig-Wags, Sacramento.....	2197	456	2653	
WPAC Zephyrs, Sacramento.....	2310	332	2642	
Coalburners, Sacramento.....	2065	560	2625	

LADIES' TEAMS:	Scratch	Handicap	Total	Prize
Elko.....	2087	612	2699	\$17.50
Salt Lake No. 1, Salt Lake City.....	1942	708	2650	15.00
San Francisco.....	1779	816	2595	11.25
Salt Lake No. 2, Salt Lake City.....	1855	738	2593	
Sacramento.....	1681	780	2461	

DOUBLES EVENT:	Scratch	Handicap	Total	Prize
Hastings-Arano, Elko.....	641-502	64	1207	\$21.50 (\$25)
Lemons-Neuman, San Francisco.....	430-539	238	1207	21.50 (\$18)
Hobbs-Rotzler, Elko.....	487-519	194	1200	12.00
Savage-Brown, Salt Lake City.....	564-521	110	1195	10.00
Anderson-Mantle, Salt Lake City.....	489-576	124	1189	8.50

SINGLES EVENT:	Scratch	Handicap	Total	Prize
Hobbs, Elko.....	566	120	686	\$20.00
Milton, Winnemucca.....	593	86	679	15.00
O'Rullian, Sacramento.....	576	70	646	9.50 (\$11)
McCorkle, Sacramento.....	518	128	646	9.50 (\$8)
Mantle, Salt Lake City.....	573	68	641	7.00
Moldenhauer, Sacramento.....	526	88	614	5.50

ALL EVENTS:	Team	Doubles	Singles	Handicap	Total	Prize
Hobbs, Elko.....	478	487	566	360	1891	\$15
Hastings, Elko.....	623	641	535	54	1853	10
Bailey, Salt Lake City.....	642	540	537	108	1827	7
Milton, Winnemucca.....	483	481	593	258	1815	5
Rotzler, Elko.....	541	519	519	222	1801	3

George Guthrie . . .

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out. Near the end of the line, absolute silence prevailed throughout the alley. Other bowlers stopped play to watch Guthrie in the final frames.

This is Guthrie's third year of play-

ing the game. He finished his three-game series with high individual score for the night of 648. His team, Gilbert's Men's Store, had high team game score of 1,087. George's average in the City League is 183 for the year. In another league earlier in the week he finished with a three-game score of 655.

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RAILROAD LINES



Burlington planning ceremonies when "Pioneer Zephyr" is placed at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry May 26—26th anniversary of the streamliner's dawn-to-dusk run from Denver to Chicago.

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Newest Trailer Train member is Chesapeake & Ohio; other recent joiners are Kansas City Southern, Milwaukee, Texas & Pacific, Union Pacific.

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Reduced fares, budget meals, reduced round-trip parlor car rates on North Western's Chicago-Twin Cities streamliners extended to June 30.

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A Pullman-Standard tri-level automobile car (12 standard autos) tested by Frisco.

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Norfolk & Western has final unit of 192-locomotive order placed in June, 1958; has acquired 529 diesel locomotives since switch from steam four and a half years ago.

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A completely equipped Texaco station (with plumbing and wiring intact) made 344-mile trek from Montreal to Long Branch, Ont., on two Canadian National flat cars.

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If Illinois Commerce Commission approves Wabash's request to drop night train which lost \$325,567 out-of-pocket last year, Gulf, Mobile & Ohio will have only remaining overnight passenger service between Chicago and St. Louis.