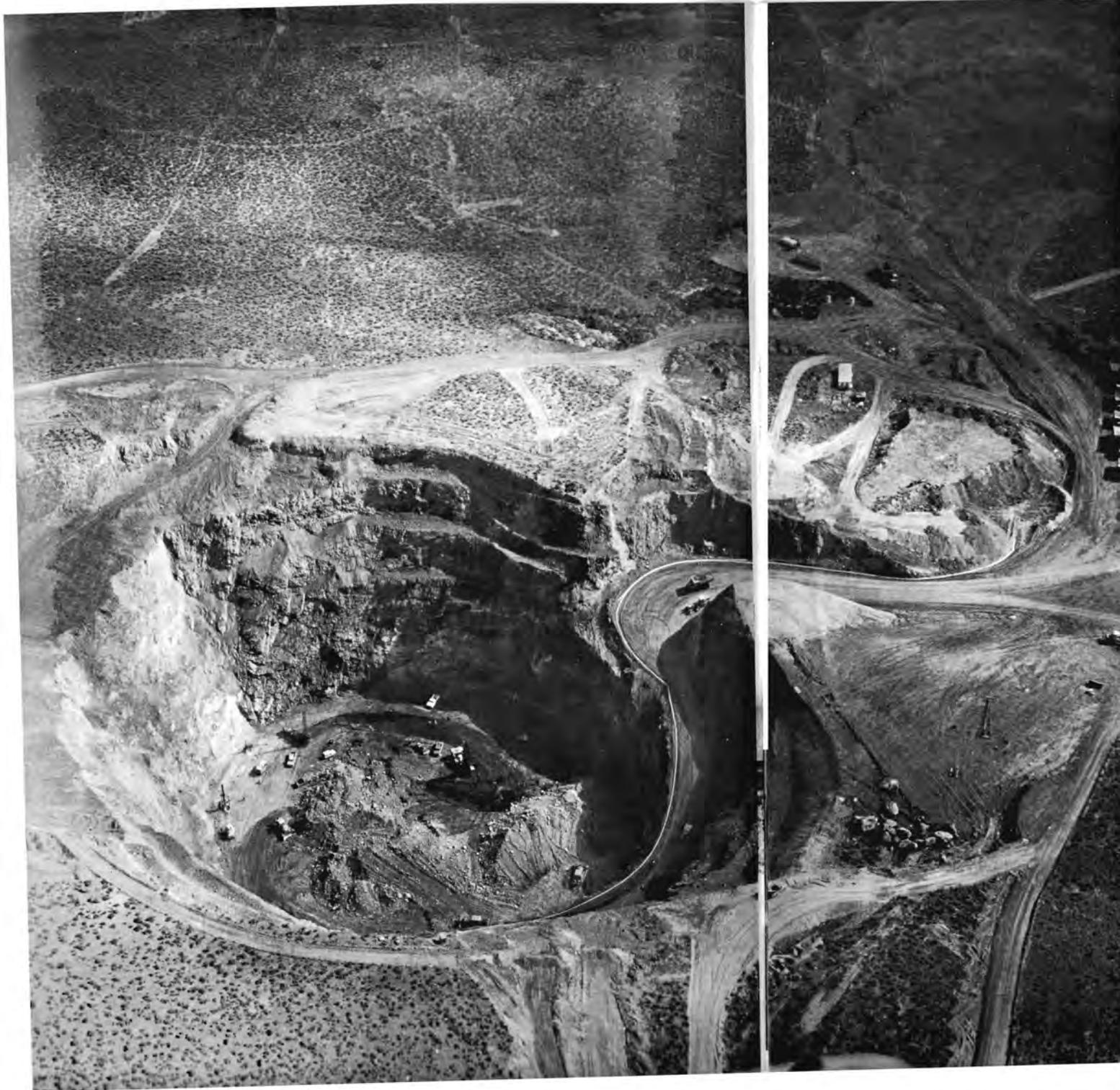


WESTERN PACIFIC  
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DECEMBER 1970



*Holiday Creations*



## BIG MIKE

One of the bright spots for Western Pacific in 1970 was the movement between May and September of 100,000 tons of copper ore from Winnemucca, Nev. to the Port of Stockton for export to European countries.

According to the manager of the Port's bulk materials department, it was the first such copper ore movement from any West Coast port. Most ore is refined near where it is mined because the copper content is so low that shipping is prohibitive. This ore, however, shipped from Winnemucca by Ranchers Exploration and Development Corp. of Albuquerque, N. M., runs much higher in copper content.

The source for the copper ore was "Big Mike," an open pit 620 feet in diameter and about 300 feet deep, which resulted from one of the most quickly executed mining ventures of 1970. Ranchers first learned of the property in early August 1969, reached an agreement in principle with the owner, Big Mike Corporation, to purchase the property in late September, and concluded the acquisition in December.

After moving the first overburden in January 1970, the top of the sulphide deposit was reached on May 5. By June 15 some 18,000 tons of crushed ore had been shipped by W P to Stockton and was en route by boat to Rotterdam with a stop in Spain. This was followed by a second vessel on June 27. Regular shipments continued until September 5 when the final 17,000 tons departed from the Port of Stockton, to wind up the European contract of approximately 100,000 tons involving movement of 1,032 carloads. Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation still

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Maxie L. Anderson, Ranchers' President



Stockpiling crushed ore at Big Mike

have a stockpile in excess of 600,000 tons of low-grade oxide ore which they are endeavoring to market.

While the mining operation was being processed, Ranchers was negotiating a freight rate with Vice-President - Marketing Walter Brunberg's staff that would permit them to sell their high-grade copper ore in the European markets. "By" Larson, general freight pricing manager, spearheaded not only the rate negotiations, but also arranged meetings with executive, industrial, engineering, operating, and accounting departments to put the necessary "package" together to secure the entire prospective tonnage for Western Pacific.

With "Big Mike" located some 35 miles from Winnemucca in the Sonoma Range of Nevada's Pershing County, it was also necessary to arrange with the Nevada Highway Department for permission to move trucks across the city to the loading ramp near W P's station. The cost of

this trucking, together with rail, port and ocean costs were extremely important to Ranchers in their sales negotiations in Europe. Due to the high value of the copper ore, tight, solid-bottom gondola cars were necessary for the movement. Rate established from Winnemucca to the Port of Stockton for export required multiples of 15 cars or more on one day, and on arrival at the Port the cars went through a revolving car dumper and from there into stockpiles.

The purchase of the "Big Mike" property proved to be a very profitable venture for Ranchers Exploration and Development Corp. and, revenue-wise, this 1970 movement produced in excess of \$500,000 gross revenues for W P.

The entire project was an outstanding example of how coordinated efforts by many of W P's "Willing People" can produce benefits for the railroad and its employees, and provide a reliable service for its customers.

### Front Cover Picture

With green flags flapping in the chill air above Greenville, four GE U30B's led by #758, with four additional GE's 33 cars back in the 91 car train, head up the 2.6% grade to Tunnel 6 and Hollenbeck loop on the High Line. The train is running as First #54, the SWG, with

4922 tons bound for Bieber and the Burlington Northern north on December 6, 1970. This early winter scene for our Christmas cover was captured by young Ted Benson, good WP and MILEPOSTS friend, on 35mm film with Pentax Spotmatic.



## Robert Gene Flannery executive vice president

Howard A. Newman, WP's chairman of the board, announced on December 1 that Robert Gene "Mike" Flannery was elected executive vice president effective January 1, 1971.

In making the announcement, Chairman Newman had this to say about the 46-year-old executive: "Mr. Flannery brings to Western Pacific a wealth of experience as a seasoned railroad executive which was achieved under the tutelage of Alfred E. Perlman who reported for duty as Western Pacific's 10th president on December 1. I am entirely confident that Al Perlman and Mike Flannery will strengthen Western Pacific's fine management team."

Robert Gene Flannery was born at Washington, Indiana on September 14, 1924, the son of Allen H. Flannery and Nellie Jane (White) Flannery. He married Barbara Ann Angell on December 23, 1952, and their children are Julia Ann, Jennifer Ann, and Amy Lynn.

Mike's education includes a BSCE degree from Purdue University, 1948; an advance management course at Harvard Business School, 1965; and a systems management course at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1967. He served as a radar technician in the U. S. Navy from 1943 to 1945.

He was first employed in the New

York Central Railroad's engineering department in February 1948. He progressed through various engineering positions and in October 1955 was promoted to assistant trainmaster. Mike next became terminal trainmaster at Bellefontaine, Ohio in September 1956; transportation superintendent at Buffalo, N. Y., November 1957; division superintendent at Buffalo in March 1959; district transportation superintendent, Indianapolis, Ind., October 1959; general manager, northern district, Detroit, January 1961; general manager, western district, Cleveland, January 1963; general manager, eastern district, Syracuse, May 1965; assistant vice president-transportation, New York, November 1965; and vice president-systems development, New York, September 1967. All of this service was with the New York Central.

On February 1, 1968, Mike became vice president - systems development for the Penn Central Transportation Company. His next office was vice president-operation in February 1969, leading to the executive vice presidency in March 1970. He became vice president-operation in October 1970.

He is a member of the National Defense Executive Reserve; F. & A. M.; Pi Kappa Alpha; and the Philadelphia Country Club.



## New employee heads purchases-materials

William G. Luebke was appointed director of purchases and materials effective October 1.

Born in Naperville, Ill. on September 25, 1913, Bill received his education at University of Wisconsin's extension school in 1932 and 1933, and at Northwestern University's business management school in 1956.

He first worked in the roadway department for the Chicago & North Western in 1955 as a track welder. He later became work equipment mechanic, then scale inspector, and was

assistant superintendent of scales and work equipment when he left the CN&W in 1948. After joining the Denver & Rio Grande Western in 1948 as superintendent of work equipment & welding, he moved ahead to roadmaster, trainmaster, assistant superintendent, purchasing agent, and became assistant to vice president-traffic and director of TOFC and perishables. Since 1969 he has been regional manager, Continental Transportation Systems.

Bill is a member of the Lutheran Church, the Kiwanis, Optimist and Rotary service clubs, Elks and Masonic orders, and the A.A.R. and A.R.E.A. His hobbies are golf, fishing, and antique autos.

Bill and his wife, Anita, have three children, Robert, 33, Gail 28, and Richard 22.

University. Earlier this year Ray completed a semester as a part time faculty member at Golden Gate College's graduate school of business and public administration in San Francisco.

Ray joined Western Pacific in 1966 after having spent four years on the staff of the county executive, Santa Clara County, where part of his duties were similar to those he assumed at WP as an economics analyst. Last May he was appointed budget administrator with the responsibility for coordinating and assisting various departments in improving their financial controls.

Ray and his wife, Eden, live in San Jose where Eden is a junior high school teacher. They have one son, Karl, age 8.



R. L. Walters



J. M. Vlasak



R. L. Rademacher



N. D. Neathamer

### Management Services

Jon M. Vlasak was appointed manager, computer operations, effective October 26. He replaces Robert L. Rademacher who, on that date, assumed a new post as manager, systems development and applications.

Jon was born in Fremont, Neb. on August 16, 1935. He became a Western Pacific employee in December 1952 after completing his high school education in Columbus, Neb., entering the signal department on the then eastern division. Jon resigned in October 1954, but returned to WP in February 1955 as relief yard clerk, after which he held various clerical positions on the eastern division. He came to San Francisco in June 1960 as a programmer after completing an aptitude test with the result that he was one of only three applicants accepted. He then received further knowledge in computer operations by attending technical courses offered by the manufacturer, which led to his assignment as assistant manager, computer operations in 1962. He has been programmer analyst since 1966.

As a member of the Presbyterian Church, San Leandro, Jon served one year as treasurer and was a member of the church's official board. Jon enjoys golf, has two daughters, Stephanie 14 and Jacqueline 11, and now lives in San Francisco.

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Robert L. Rademacher was born on

June 10, 1931 in Grand Island, Neb. After completing high school in Willisville, Ark., Bob entered the Army Signal Corps in 1949 assigned to electronics and later paratroop training. He later served in Korea with the Signal Corps radio repair station.

After joining the IBM Corp. in Boston, Mass. and Burlington, Vt. in 1956 as customer engineer, Bob began a series of specialized computer courses, which were continued from 1964 while employed as specialist, computerized communications for General Electric in both Chicago and Phoenix. He came to WP in 1967 as a programmer analyst, and since that time has been message switching supervisor and project supervisor.

Between 1954 and 1963 Bob was a director, local vice president, state parliamentarian and state vice president for the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Vermont. He also received the Vermont "Jaycee" outstanding local president award in 1963, and was Civil Defense chairman.

Bob and his wife, Loretta, have three daughters, Ardith Ann 5, Loretta Bernadette 4, and Ida Suzanne, all living in Alamo, Calif.

### Finance

Norman D. Neathamer was appointed to the position of internal auditor, effective November 16.

Norman was born in San Francisco  
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## PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

### Office of VP-GM

Raymond L. Walters was appointed assistant general manager - administration effective November 15 following the resignation of Ray Adams.

While a part time college student, Ray spent 10 years as a brakeman and conductor for the Southern Pacific at Tracy and Lodi. He holds a BA degree from Sacramento State College, and a MBA degree from Northwestern

# Food for Thought

A hearty breakfast was served at the Stockton Inn on November 11 for WP and TS employees in the Stockton-Modesto-Turlock area, and Jim Brennan, manager Rules & Safety, picked up the check. The get-together was a qualified success, Jim told MILEPOSTS. More are planned.

In addition to good food, the guests were given some down-to-earth safety communications to digest with assistance from union representatives, railroad officers, and a safety film.

Following an opening statement by Ray Adams, representing Vice President & General Manager D. H. MacLeod, short, informative talks were given by Mr. Johnson, representing G. A. Blixt, SMWIA; W. E. Crawford, BRS; A. B. Cuglietta, BRC of US&C; A. Krueger, BMW; Mr. Wilkinson, representing L. R. Long-

hofer, IBBW; Mr. Jones, representing F. G. Luethy, IBBISBBF&H of A; R. M. McCormick, TCB/BRAC; E. P. Miller, BRAC; and G. R. Porterfield, BLE. All were well received.

An 11-minute film "Ten Long Minutes" followed. The National Safety Council off-the-job safety film concerned a factory worker's guilt for neglecting safety conditions that may have contributed to an accident to his family. It was rather suspenseful.

The invited guests next broke up into departmental groups for a direct approach on safety matters with their department heads.

Officers in attendance were K. V. Plummer, Jr., general superintendent transportation; A. E. Stene, superintendent; A. W. Carlson, chief engineer; M. J. Crespo, engineer maintenance way & structures; L. E. Lelevich, district engineer; B. L. McNeill, Jr., engineer signals & communications; D. F. Pilkinton, chief mechanical officer; R. E. Schriefer, superintendent locomotive shop; and W. E. Wolverton, superintendent car department; and the host for WP, Jim Brennan.

## Norman Neathamer . . .

on August 26, 1940. He received his education through high school in Oregon and for the past four years has been attending S.F. State College evenings where he will obtain his bachelors degree in business this year.

He first worked for Western Pacific as a treasury department clerk in 1962. He entered the U.S. Army in 1963 and had an E-4 rating when he was discharged in 1965 to return to WP. He became a traveling accountant in 1967, then returned to the treasury department as chief clerk in 1969.

He recently took up cycling and "bikes" to and from work from his reasonably nearby home when the weather permits, and enjoys both water and snow skiing.

### This Is Important!

If you plan to move, or already have, and wish to continue to receive MILEPOSTS, don't forget to give your OLD ADDRESS as well as your new address.

It is also particularly important that you give the Postal Zip Code Number for BOTH ADDRESSES, since all mailing address plates are filed by Zip Code Number.



Left: Superintendent Andy Stene, left, presents Letter of Appreciation to Engineer Leroy Clark, witnessed by Terminal Trainmaster Frank D. Webb.

Below: Leroy explains to Frank how his suggestion to paint derails will improve visibility.

## Engineer Clark wins Safety Award

A fine suggestion to paint derails with fluorescent paint for better visibility won a monthly Safety Award and one share of WP's common stock for Engineer Leroy T. Clark.

As a result, Chief Engineer A. W. Carlson and Signal & Communica-

tions Engineer B. L. McNeill, Jr. are arranging to have a bright fluorescent orange paint applied to derails adjoining the main line, yards and back tracks. The paint will be applied just as soon as it is available to the toad part of the Hayes derail, the ball of the deflector rail, on six feet of the base and web of switch point derails, and on the deflector rail ball.

On November 18, J. K. Brennan, manager Rules & Safety, wrote the winner: "Your idea has resulted in establishing a System Standard which should make the entire property a safer place to work. Your share of common stock will be mailed to you as soon as ownership transfer has been registered, and a copy of this letter will be placed on your personal record by Superintendent A. E. Stene. Thank you for participating in the program and I hope we will hear from you again. By winning a monthly award you will be eligible to compete for the annual award of 10 shares of our railroad's common stock.





A series of slides depicting Al's life since childhood provided laughter for the audience and chuckles for the Kasper family. L-R are son, Bud, his wife, Pat, Al, and Judy.



Left: Al and Judy listen to a remark from the audience as Master of Ceremonies Walter Brunberg turns over a telegram Al received from "old friends" of his at Winnemucca.



Right: President Christy presents Al's Retirement Certificate with best wishes for many happy years.

## A great party for Al Kasper

Railroaders and railroad suppliers turned out in force on October 20 to honor the retirement of A. S. Kasper, manager of purchases since January 1960. He will close out the last three months of his 47-year career on December 31 as a consultant.

Al, born in Plymouth, Calif. in 1907 spent his entire career since July 1923 in the store department, first at Sacramento, followed by many promotions which took him as far east as Wendover.

Singing (?) by the Choiping Boids of Joisey, By Larson, Duey Kerper, Wendell Anderson, John Standish, Frank Brogdon, Mickey Plummer, led by Impresario Peter Citron (front) ended suddenly to avoid their being run out of town by the hostile audience.



The audience, in a jovial mood, was not disappointed. It was a gala affair, guided by the extemporaneous anecdotes of an old crony of Al's, Walter C. Brunberg, vice president-marketing, as master of ceremonies. The evening's only casualty was when Ken Plummer and Dan Irwin clumsily dropped Al's TV set gift to the floor with disastrous results. Fortunately, Ken and Dan were able to obtain another TV before the party ended.



# Service Pin Anniversaries

November-December 1970

### 40-YEAR PIN

Frank Goncalves, Jr. Machinist Sacramento

### 35-YEAR PINS

Kenneth D. Lewis Secretary-Clerk, President's Office San Francisco  
 Bill J. Lindley Locomotive Engineer Transportation  
 Bernard C. O'Keefe Agent San Jose

### 30-YEAR PIN

Ernest I. Phelan Locomotive Engineer Transportation

### 25-YEAR PINS

Harold M. Barry	Carman	Elko
Percy R. Bechtel	Carman	Sacramento
Walter V. Blecher	Asst. Head Port Clerk	Stockton
George Caldwell	Asst. Supvr. Car Service	Transportation
Demaso G. Cartagna	Car & Train Desk Clerk	Oakland
Monica E. Chambers	Ticket Accounts Clerk	San Francisco
Jack W. Corbin	Machinist	Stockton
John G. Edwards	Sales Representative	New York City
John G. Echebehere	Supvr. Intermodal Accounting	San Francisco
Marvin W. Fields	Signalman-Maintainer	Golconda
June Fleishman	Junior File Clerk	San Francisco
Jefferson L. Gibson	Carman	Sacramento
William E. Ginter	Senior Sales Representative	San Francisco
Calvin F. House	Interchange-Yard Clerk	Oakland
Joseph J. Jiral	Carman	Sacramento
John W. Kendall	Gen'l. Supvr. of Lines	Sacramento
Harold Klein	Asst. to Director of Industrial Development	San Francisco
Ernest Maes	Carman	Sacramento
Robert F. Murray	Cashier	Portola
Irene A. Olsen	Stenographer-Clerk	San Francisco
Luster Peters	Carman	Oroville
Coleman Pettit	Switchman	Transportation
George Pollock	Locomotive Engineer	Transportation
Arthur I. Reichenbach, Jr.	Agent (Mileposts' Correspondent)	Oroville
Maclobic C. Salaz	Yard-Diesel Clerk	Elko
Freeman J. Stephens	Brakeman	Elko
Marvin E. Venable	Locomotive Engineer	Winnemucca
Harvey A. Wiltsey	Painter	Sacramento
Catherine Wong	Overcharge Claim Investigator, Jr.	San Francisco

### 20-YEAR PINS

Pedro Aguilar	Section Laborer	Roadway
Robert Canchola	Mechanical Department Laborer	Stockton
Wilson Glasses	Machine Operator	Elko
Robert F. Golden	Secretary-Clerk, President's Office	San Francisco
John W. Hardy	Brakeman	Transportation
Guy P. Lewis	Signal Foreman	Hayward
Eugene N. Marler	Electrician	Stockton
Glenn E. Sayne	Carman	Oakland

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# Letters Received

## Oversight Corrected

For some reason our MILEPOSTS has not been received recently. My husband worked for Western Pacific for 32 years, and I was an employee for eight years. Could you please put us back on the mailing list? We are losing contact with so many of the dear folks we knew while we were with Western Pacific.

Mrs. Brenton L. Peterson  
Box 595  
Grantsville, UT. 84029

## Thank You!

I would like to express my appreciation to all the fine people who sent me cards and expressed concern during my recent hospitalization.

Mary McCullough  
1715 N Street #2  
Sacramento, CA. 95814

## Misses W P

Received my latest MILEPOSTS and am always pleased to read them. I enjoy reading about old friends, I miss them and the good old Western Pacific. It was good to me and I enjoy working as ditcher engineer under a real able group of officers.

I envy the two relatives still with

WP, my brother, M. M. Richards, Sacramento yard, and son-in-law Albert C. Evans, Sacramento. My best wishes to all, and I would like to hear from some of my old friends.

David W. Richards  
P. O. Box 53  
Coos Bay, OR.

## Walter Green

This is to let you know that Walter Green, retired switchman at Stockton yard, who had been living in Thomson, Ill., passed away on November 17, 1970.

Mrs. Walter Green  
R.R. 1  
Thomson, ILL. 61285

## Interesting Experiment

We have finally landed and are in the process of fitting our worldly goods into an area about one-third of what they formerly occupied. It is an interesting experiment, but will no doubt work out as it has for some 3,000 other families. Please change my mailing address for MILEPOSTS, and extend my best wishes to all our Western Pacific family.

Wellesley T. Richards  
1411 Rockledge Lane, Apt. 1  
Walnut Creek, CA. 94595

## Service Pin Anniversaries . . .

### 15-YEAR PINS

D. V. Blagg  
Frank P. Brogdon  
C. M. Deck  
J. J. Del Valle  
Donald E. Harding  
Albert A. Mezzanares  
Lester N. Peterson  
William L. Rankin  
Gerald D. Shephard

Brakeman  
Asst. Mgr. Material  
Brakeman  
Section Laborer  
Diesel Foreman  
Machinist  
Brakeman  
Brakeman  
Switchman

Transportation  
Sacramento  
Transportation  
Roadway  
Elko  
Stockton  
Transportation  
Transportation  
Transportation

### 10-YEAR PINS

Hertha M. Simpson  
Raymond Smalley

Clerk  
Clerk

Keddie  
Fremont



## OAKLAND

Mary E. Hodghead

(Editor's Note: Trainmaster's Clerk JOHN LELAND is on a year's leave of absence. He had been Correspondent for this column since September 1959. Trainmaster's Clerk MARY E. HODGHEAD succeeds John, and she will appreciate receiving news from our Oakland employees.)

Stenographer IRMA PIVER reports that retired Carman LEROY CURTISS and his wife, Emma, celebrated their



Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Curtiss

Golden Wedding Anniversary in Niles on September 1. Prior to his retirement in January 1965, Leroy worked whole-heartedly for WP and the Oakland City Council to obtain mutual benefits for the railroad and the citizens. Our congratulations!

*Our best wishes to all for Happy Holidays!*

## WENDOVER-SALT LAKE CITY

Carol Suchan

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Clayton F. Rankin, wife of the late Conductor CLAYTON F. RANKIN, who passed away on October 11.

Our Salt Lake City marketing department is located in a new office at 150 South 6th East, Suite A-5. Sales Manager CHARLES J. FISCHER and his staff extends an invitation to all to visit the new facilities.

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Brakeman D. L. RICHINS and L. K. Lythgoe on their recent marriage.

We also extend congratulations to Wendover Agent and Mrs. A. R. NORRIS on the arrival of 8-lb. 14-oz. Curtis Lynn, born on November 11 in Salt Lake City. Curtis joins two brothers, Craig and Timmy. Mother and baby are reported to be doing just fine.

Our sympathy goes to Assistant District Superintendent and Mrs. M. W. HAMMOND on the death of Mrs. Hammond's mother, Mrs. Mary Olsson, in Salt Lake City on October 30.

It has been reported that Mrs. Cannon, wife of Conductor-Brakeman G. R. CANNON, can outshoot her husband. Gary wouldn't reveal all the details to me, but ask him if you wish more information!

Conductor G. H. PATTERSON retired on October 24 after 46 years of serv-

ice with Western Pacific. George began his employment with the railroad on November 3, 1924 and was promoted to conductor on September 29, 1929. Our very best wishes, George, for a long and happy retirement!

It was with very much sadness that your Correspondent had to go home to Idaho for the funeral of her grandmother. She had a very nice funeral with many floral arrangements, which were a wonderful tribute to an extraordinary person who had reached the age of 90.

*May I extend very best wishes from all our railroaders that our Western Pacific friends have a most Joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness!*

#### SACRAMENTO NORTHERN

Ruth Crane

Six Sacramento Northern employees, each with 45 years or more service, got together at Yuba City on October 15 to recount experiences during a lifetime of service, and to honor Agent LARRY RAMSEY's retirement which was reported in MILEPOSTS' November issue. Larry and his wife, Margie, are busier than ever entertaining as clowns during the Holiday Season, and we wish them many more happy years!



L-R are G. E. Sylva, 45 years, Milt Ziehn, Larry Ramsey and Jim Davis, all 46 years, W. A. Blue and Harold Mulford, 45 years.

*We hope that you, too, will have a real Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

#### KEDDIE

Elsie Hagan

Congratulations to former Conductor GLENN METZDORF on his appointment as trainmaster on the Keddie-Bieber line. Glenn entered service in February 1937 and was promoted to conductor in September 1942.

Our congratulations, too, to CAROL Hobbs, daughter of District Engineer and Mrs. RAY F. HOBBS, whose engagement to GARY METZDORF, son of Trainmaster and Mrs. GLENN METZDORF, was announced recently, and who were to be married on December 12. Carol is a graduate of Elko High School, a past worthy advisor of Rainbow for Girls, a past grand representative, and a graduate of MTI Business College in Sacramento. Gary is a graduate of Quincy High School, attended Sierra College, and served two years in the Navy. Both are now employed by Western Pacific at Keddie.

Daniel Kidder, husband of your Correspondent's granddaughter, Pam, has completed his Navy service and they are living in Quincy.

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## In Memoriam



*Rex W. Brooks*, retired dispatcher, Elko, August 1970.

*Elmer J. Campbell*, retired conductor, Clearfield, Utah, date unknown.

*Philip R. Davidson*, retired section laborer, Berry Creek, September 1970.

*George DiMaggio*, retired carman, Sacramento, September 1970.

*Fremont M. Gollither*, retired locomotive engineer, Winnemucca, October 1970.

*John B. Jolly*, retired telegrapher, Niles tower, September 1970.

*Andreas G. Landeros*, retired Sacramento Northern section laborer, October 23.

*Albert R. Lester*, retired section foreman, Elko, October 1970.

*G. A. Marshall*, machinist, Portola, November 4.

*William C. May*, retired Central California Traction Co. switchman, Stockton, October 1970.

*Doss H. McNinch*, retired brakeman, Winnemucca, July 1970.

*Lee R. Prasley*, retired carman, Stockton, August 1970.

*Howard W. Ross*, retired telegrapher, Sacramento, October 1970.

*James Smith*, retired machinist, Portola, August 1970

*Daniel J. Sullivan*, retired machinist, San Leandro, November 9.

*E. G. Villarreal*, retired section laborer, Milpitas, October 1970.

*Karl W. Weibel*, retired carman, Sacramento, October 1970.

*William E. Yeager*, retired extra gang foreman, Sacramento, September 1970.

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Milepost No. 216: Rimrose in the distance, as line sweeps around Table Mountain.

#### Caboosing . . .

So many people have asked your Correspondent the age of our Court House in Quincy, I thought they might be interested in an article of 50 years ago which ran in our local paper. The article states that they were just completing the building in 1920 which makes our Court House 50 years old.

We now have a beautiful, modern convalescent hospital with a 58-bed facility and physical therapy room located in Claremont Village subdivision. The owners are Mr. and Mrs. Evison Dent.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!*

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many Railroad Lines  
to report in 1971!