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JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1972





BARTD cars ride Western Pacific

The first of several maintenance of way hopper cars arrived at BARTD's maintenance shop in Hayward during January after riding WP on standard-gauge trucks. Since BARTD's track gauge is 6 inches wider an extra set of wide-gauge trucks rode inside the hopper car body, a unique method to effect easy changeover at Hayward.

Jerry O'Fallon, Maxson Corp., St. Paul (kneeling) explains features of the hopper car manufactured by his firm for BARTD Senior Sales Representative Bill Ginter (left), who has had BARTD account since construction began, and Joe Hamer, sales manager, were impressed with car.

Right: Inside BARTD's shop crane easily lifts wide-gauge truck from car with standard-gauge trucks and, below, drops truck to floor which has dual standard and wide-gauge tracks running through the shop.



A mockup passenger car, displayed to thousands at BARTD's main Oakland station, was boarded up, split in half and, loaded on flat cars, left by WP in December. Sold by BARTD, the car will be re-painted in a new color scheme at Detroit and then go to Atlanta, Ga. for similar display by Atlanta's rapid transit system.



Bob Hervig, BARTD master mechanic, and Bill Ginter, senior sales representative, watch worker applying plywood panels over glass in windows and doors of BARTD mockup car to prevent any damage during shipment east.

Right: Bill Ginter and Leo Deiventhal, manager marketing field service, were on hand to see that first section of mockup car was properly loaded.

Box on flatcar behind car was used by BARTD as entrance steps while car was on display.

Below: Leo directed the loading of mockup car's second section as it is pushed up ramp onto second flatcar. Securely tied down car reached destination undamaged.





D. H. Copenhagen, director market development, inspects one of a shipment of containers shown above after arrival from Seattle at Oakland for delivery to Pacific Far East Lines at Pier 29 in San Francisco. Built by Hussman Northwest for PFEL's multi-million dollar LASH ship program, this shipment was one of a 1200 container order (300 carloads) begun in December 1971. WP's market development approach was again instrumental in providing assistance for one of WP's customers.



WP's new marketing plan of management by objectives, designed to provide new means and methods for increasing profits by coordinating sales, marketing and operations, was announced at two meetings held for marketing employees, at Chicago on December 28 and at San Francisco on December 30. Attending the San Francisco meeting were (L-R standing): Sheldon Glatt, general sales manager-West; A. M. Allen, office manager; H. J. Bruce, VP-marketing; W. F. McGrath, assistant vice president-sales; F. G. Lindee, sales manager, Modesto; C. K. Faye, assistant to vice president-marketing; J. P. Wilmoth, director

market information; C. P. Blaskowsky, marketing manager-intermodal; C. J. Fischer, sales manager, Salt Lake City; F. E. Bedient, sales manager, Reno; R. L. Runge, sales manager, Sacramento. (L-R seated): J. C. Dullea, sales manager, San Jose; F. E. Schmalenberger, sales manager, Los Angeles; W. E. Blackerby, sales manager, Spokane; C. G. Hartje, director intermodal sales and service; S. E. Dinkel, sales manager, Stockton; K. V. Plummer, director customer services; K. E. Cochran, sales manager, Portland; J. E. Hamer, sales manager, San Francisco. No picture was taken at Chicago meeting.

Three old engines

It might be a different story were it not for Sales Representative Joseph A. Malaspina's invitational tour of the Levin Metals Corp. yard in Stockton. Looking at what might have been 180 tons of heavy-gauge scrap steel, Joe's sharp eye caught the reflection from what turned out to be the top of an engine stack. Confirmed by Langdon George, Levin Metals Corp. manager, Joe was told that the engines were part of the inventory purchased by Levin Metals Corp. four years ago from a previous owner who bought the engines in 1947.

In 1969, Levin Metals Corp. received one of hundreds of letters sent out to scrap dealers by Jay R. Edwards, a railroad buff president of his own railroad museum in Heber City, Utah, seeking abandoned locomotives. Levin donated the three engines to Edwards' museum as a public service but it was not until last December that he could take possession.

Edwards will restore the engines to



Assisting with the loading were Master Mechanic Gordon Wheeler, Wasatch Railway Museum; Sales Manager S. E. Dinkel; Manager Langdon George, Levins Metal Corp.; Sales Representative Joe Malaspina; President Jay R. Edwards, Wasatch Railway Museum. All pictures taken by Claim Agent John Sterner.

operating condition and lease them to the Wasatch Mountain Railroad, a Heber City tourist steam run known as the Heber Creeper.

To arrange the move by WP from Stockton to Utah, Joe got help from Jack Hyland, retired assistant freight pricing manager, in establishing a special rate and the engines were enroute.



Above: A 50-ton industrial engine once owned by Sacramento Valley & Eastern Railroad.

Left: Built in 1913 this Prairie Baldwin was used by Southern Pacific as a switcher to shuttle military cargo between Rough and Ready and what is now Tracy Defense Depot.



Left: With a unique gearing system this 65-ton Shay, built in Ohio in 1920, once pulled Yosemite Lumber Co. logging trains up grades as steep as 14 per cent.

Safety Awards

Man of the Month

From nominations made by department heads, the first Man of the Month safety award winners were announced by Lou Fischer, superintendent-safety.

Winner for the month of December was Frank J. Pelzman, carman at Sacramento. Frank has never had an on duty injury since his employment with WP on June 16, 1928. He has been a loyal Safety Committee member for many years, and he has a clear discipline record with the Company.

The January award went to Kenneth W. Craig, conductor at Stockton, whose WP employment began on June 12, 1941. Ken has been formally commended three times for alertness and safety—on March 8, 1960 for detecting a broken rail at Milepost 102; on September 28, 1958 for extinguishing a fire on Bridge 190.84; and on February 15, 1954 for handling of a derailment at Trevarno. Ken has never had an injury, and his discipline record is outstanding.

Rule of the Week

WEEK OF DECEMBER 6

Mechanical Department

Carman H. Huntoon
Electrician E. N. Marler
Machinist A. F. Schwarzenberger

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13

Mechanical Department

Carman P. R. Bechtel
Machinist C. G. Hague
Carman Painter H. V. Meyer
Carman R. N. Ramos

Transportation Department

Clerk W. V. Blecher
Engineman H. M. Brown
Agent J. A. Forst



F. J. Pelzman



K. W. Craig

Switchman A. M. Martelli
Trainman J. M. Roney

WEEK OF DECEMBER 20

Mechanical Department

Carman J. L. Brown
Machinist L. A. Cetta
Sheet Metal Worker G. M. Nevous
Carman C. E. Vice
Machinist R. J. Ward

Transportation Department

Clerk L. J. Godwin
Trainman W. A. Gray
Trainman W. K. Mulleneaux
Engineman L. G. Womack

WEEK OF DECEMBER 27

Mechanical Department

Carman A. L. Berthold
Carman C. W. Repass
Boilermaker J. H. Smith, Jr.
Electrician W. F. White

Transportation Department

Switchman D. E. Atkinson

Injury Reduction Contest

Competing in December to show a 50 per cent or better total injury reduction over December 1970, the Sacramento Shop-Stockton Rip team made their goal to win over the Stockton Diesel House team. Employees on the winning team held a drawing for two TV sets and their foremen each received a portable radio. Winners are shown on the next page. The Oakland-San Francisco vs. Stockton-Sacramento switchmen's contest results were delayed and will be reported in the next issue.



Sheldon Glatt
drawing at Stockton.



R. G. Meldahl

CONGRATULATIONS!

Western Pacific employees had 57 per cent fewer reportable injuries in the first 10 months 1971 compared to same 1970 period.



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Foreman
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Shop Laborer Ignacio Marino (center) was winner of a TV set at Sacramento, presented by Car Foreman Chuck Lynch (left) and Hy O'Rullivan, manager costs and budgets.

In The News



Above: President Alfred E. Perlman (left) was named "Railroading's Railroader" for 1972 by Progressive Railroading magazine in Chicago on December 8. "This annual award plaque," said Publisher Frank Richter, "is in testimony of your exceptional accomplishments in all phases of railroading, and for your outstanding contributions to the progress of the railroad industry." * * *

Right: In Sacramento on November 18 Sales Manager Robert L. Runge (right) received from Missouri Pacific Lines General Agent Ray Kozlow a plaque inscribed: "R. L. Runge, Railroad Man of the Year, for Outstanding Service, presented by The Sacramento Valley Transportation Club, Railroad Night, 1971."



Sales Manager Ken Cochran, Portland, was elected regional vice president, Pacific North Coast Region, Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Fraternity in Seattle October 21. Ken is former president of Lewis & Clark, Portland Chapter; Vancouver Transportation Club; Portland General Agents Assn.



PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

This is only a partial report on a number of personnel changes recently announced by management. Except for those employees not previously reported in MILEPOSTS, biographies were necessarily shortened because of space limitations. Other changes will appear in the March-April issue.

Marketing-Sales

WP directors on November 22 elected Harry J. Bruce vice president-marketing. He brings to WP varied education and experience in the transportation and distribution field.

He began railroading as a locomotive fireman for the Delaware Lackawanna & Western, and was later associated with the Southern and the Missouri Pacific railroads.

Harry is a Kent State University graduate with a major in transportation management, and received his Masters degree in transport economics from the University of Tennessee. Following graduation he joined U.S. Steel as a transportation research assistant. He then served as vice president-marketing for Spector Freight System, Inc. in Chicago, responsible for market development functions and management information system. In 1969 he joined the Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co. as director of distribution.

Harry is the author of over 25 articles published internationally in professional journals, and two books—*"How to Apply Statistics to Physical Distribution"* (1967) and *"Distribution and Transportation Handbook"* (1971). He is the inventor of Vari-Deck, a double deck system for highway trailers, box cars and containers. He is listed in *Who's Who—American*



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Trainman J. M. Roney

Men of Science, is a member of the National Council of Physical Distribution, a certified member of the American Society of Traffic and Transportation, the American Economic Association, the Transportation Association of American Research committee, and the Transportation Research Forum.

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William F. McGrath was appointed assistant vice president-sales on January 1. He will have overall responsibility for sales activities by our nation-wide sales offices.

Bill joined WP's Chicago sales office in September 1941 and subsequently held various positions in both sales and pricing in both Chicago and San Francisco. He was appointed general freight pricing manager in October 1967, and since November 1968 was assistant vice president-pricing.

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Sheldon Glatt was promoted to position of general manager sales-West on January 1. He will have direct supervision over all WP sales offices in western U.S.

Sheldon first worked for WP at Oakland in 1940 before serving four years in the Navy. He returned to WP as a clerk in January 1946 and became sales representative at Oakland in June 1947. He next served three years as assistant industrial agent at San



Sheldon Glatt



R. G. Meldahl



J. P. Wilmoth



J. N. Baker

Francisco, then returned to sales in 1958 as sales representative at Seattle, where he became district sales manager in May 1962, which title he has held at Oakland since April 1966.

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Roger G. Meldahl was appointed general sales manager-East on January 1. He will have direct supervision over WP midwest, southern and east-west sales offices from Chicago.

Roger is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce. Graduate studies include combustion engineering Ohio State, transportation management at Columbia, and Harvard Business School's advance management program.

He joined New York Central's freight sales department at Chicago in June 1956, became district freight salesman two years later, and a half year later was made district coal salesman. He was appointed assistant coal sales manager and then went to St. Louis with promotion as coal sales manager. He next became freight sales manager at Chicago in August 1963 before being appointed assistant vice president-freight sales and service at St. Louis. After merger of the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads in 1968 he served as director freight sales-staff, and regional sales manager, first at New York, and from May 1971 at Philadelphia.

J. Paul Wilmoth was promoted to a newly created position, director of market information, on January 1.

Paul joined WP as a clerk in February 1956. After working in the Fresno sales office for two years, he was promoted to chief clerk at Sacramento in October 1958, then became sales representative in 1959, first at Sacramento and then at Los Angeles. He has been marketing staff analyst since November 1965.

Effective January 1, all former district sales managers will have the title of sales manager.

Marketing-Pricing

James N. Baker was promoted to position of general manager-pricing services, on December 16.

Jim joined WP in March 1960 as a marketing trainee after serving for three years in the Army Transportation Corps, and four years with Southern Pacific. He was admitted to practice before the I.C.C. in 1960, and his activities in proceedings before the Commission included the WP control case. He became assistant director of pricing on trans-continental rates in 1962, became assistant freight pricing manager for terminal and transit subjects in 1964, and was appointed assistant to vice president marketing-pricing in January 1966.

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P. R. McElheney



R. M. Tofanelli



T. C. Olsen



W. C. Brunberg

P. R. McElheney was promoted to position as manager-pricing services-trans-continental on December 16.

Dick first worked for WP as chief clerk at Cincinnati in December 1959. He was sales representative for three years at Oakland and Seattle, and entered the pricing section as chief-rate bureau in 1964. He was appointed assistant to freight pricing manager in November 1966, became assistant freight pricing manager a year later, and was freight pricing manager since February 1970.

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Ronald M. Tofanelli was promoted to position as manager-pricing services-west of trans-continental, December 16.

Ron joined WP as an accounting clerk in September 1955. After a short time in the passenger department he entered the pricing section as docket clerk, advancing to rate clerk before going to Oakland in May 1961 as sales representative. Ron returned to San Francisco in December 1965 as chief-rate bureau, became assistant to freight pricing manager in October 1967, and was freight pricing manager since last September.

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On December 16, T. C. Olsen was promoted to position as assistant manager-pricing services-west of trans-continental.

Thor received a Bachelor degree in business administration at the University of Minnesota, where he minored in traffic and transportation. He became a registered I.C.C. practitioner in 1964. Thor first worked for WP as head clerk in the foreign freight department in 1962. He next entered the pricing section and, after advancing through several positions, was chief-rate bureau at the time of his latest promotion.

Industrial

The board of directors on November 22 elected Walter C. Brunberg vice president-industrial development.

Walter first worked in WP's dining car department in 1937 before transferring to the passenger department for a short time, then returned to Oakland as assistant superintendent of dining car service. After his return to WP in 1951 from duty as captain in the Army Transportation Corps in Alaska, he was appointed coordinator of safety and training. He next became administrative assistant to the president and, in June 1953, entered the purchases and stores department as manager prior to being appointed director of purchases and stores in April 1959. Walter entered the marketing division in January 1960 as assistant vice president-administration, which led to the position of vice president-marketing in June 1960.



W. G. Treanor



J. C. Miller



E. H. Carleton



R. F. Stenovich

Executive

On December 1 the board of directors elected Walter G. Treanor corporate secretary. He will, in addition, continue his duties as general counsel, to which position he was promoted in January 1970.

Walter joined WP in October 1958, specializing in the railroad's commerce activities, and became general attorney in 1960. He earned his A.B. degree at Principia College and his LL.B. from Washington University in St. Louis. Admitted to practice before the Supreme Court in October 1964, he succeeded in obtaining a land mark decision in 1965 involving a new rule of law on the right of carriers to obtain non-discriminatory treatment from connecting railroads.

Engineering

John C. Miller was appointed assistant chief engineer effective January 1.

John, a registered civil engineer with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering, first worked in New York Central's engineering department in 1942. After four years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve, he became an assistant engineer for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, Oakland, in 1947. He joined WP in 1948 as office engineer at Sacramento, and came to San Francisco a year later as a draftsman. He advanced through several positions and

was appointed assistant chief engineer and manager of contracts and joint facilities in April 1970. He had been executive assistant, executive department, since mid-1971.

General Claim Agent

Elmer H. Carleton, formerly chief special agent and general claim agent, was appointed general claim agent on January 1. He will report to vice president-law. Appointed to positions as claim agent the same date were: J. P. Cook, San Francisco-Oakland; J. C. Sterner, Stockton; C. C. Cox, Sacramento; and L. E. Hibbs, Portola.

Elmer's entire career has been in WP's special agent's department, first as a patrolman at Oakland in January 1940. He was a train rider during WWII, and in April 1943 was promoted to assistant special agent at Oakland in April 1943. In September 1947 he went to Elko as district special agent-claim agent, and was appointed assistant chief special agent-claim agent in September 1952.

Chief Special Agent

Robert F. Stenovich, formerly assistant chief special agent-claim agent, was appointed chief special agent on January 1. He will report to manager-freight claims. Appointed to positions as district special agent the same date were: San Francisco-

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They Have Retired

Anibal N. August, mechanical department laborer, Sacramento, 18 years 4 months.

Eldridge Barnett, locomotive engineer, Stockton, 27 years 7 months.

Edward T. Cuyler, consultant mechanical department, Sacramento, 30 years 1 month.

Wayne Dakan, signalman, Keddie, 25 years 6 months.

Andres C. Decierto, Sacramento Northern section foreman, Port Chicago, 25 years 2 months.

Charles R. Griffin, telegrapher, division, 34 years 4 months.

Robert L. Harrigan, clerk, Oakland, 28 years 7 months.

Myron J. McDonald, yardmaster, San Jose, 34 years.

George R. Moody, locomotive engineer, Oakland, 43 years 2 months.

Pearlean Mumphrey, mechanical department laborer, Oakland, 27 years 8 months.

Chris Niceler, hostler helper, Stockton, 34 years 4 months.

Clyde M. Peacock, locomotive engineer, Oakland, 29 years 1 month.

R. F. Stenovich . . .

Oakland and to Stockton, W. A. Bergman and E. P. Broderon, Oakland; Stockton to Portola, J. E. Ford, Sacramento; and Portola to Salt Lake City, D. R. Greenwell, Elko.

Bob first worked for WP as a carman helper at Elko in June 1943. He was promoted to district special agent-claim agent at Elko in November 1946, and then left the railroad in April 1959 to become superintendent of state police for the State of Nevada. Bob returned to WP in July 1966 as district special agent-claim agent at Elko, and was appointed assistant chief special agent-claim agent in March 1971.

Pedro Perez, track laborer, Gerlach, 40 years 8 months.

Clifton A. Shea, electrician, Oakland, 24 years 6 months.

Timothy N. Sullivan, assistant timekeeper, Sacramento, 41 years 2 months.

Walter E. Vaughan, Sacramento Northern brakeman, Sacramento, 25 years 6 months.

Limited space made it necessary to hold for the March-April issue, retirement reports on several key, long-service employees.

Railroad Retirement Program being studied

Changes in the railroad retirement program—designed to provide “adequate levels of benefits on an actuarially sound basis”—will be recommended to Congress this year. The study was authorized by Congress in August 1970 under an act which also increased railroad retirement benefits by 15 percent. The study group includes representatives of management, labor, and the general public.

“Establishment of this special Pension Study Commission resulted from a recognition by Congress that there is need for an evaluation of the railroad retirement system to assure that it is financially sound and able to meet future requirements under conditions which have changed considerably in recent years and will probably change drastically in the future,” said John P. Hiltz, Jr., chairman of the National Railway Labor Conference and a member of the Commission.

“The Commission will file its report with Congress on or before June 30 of this year, and Congress, after studying the Commission’s recommendations, will make the final decisions about what’s to be done,” said Hiltz.

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D. F. Segur

Arthur M. Allen
Leonard W. Bond
Clarence C. Cox
Myron E. Gibson
Frank U. Gilliam
Reginald C. Hoskin
Stanley O. Kister
Glenn M. Metzdorf
John R. Rossi
Woodrow L. Spillman
Edward W. Steuben

Herbert F. Austin
Alonzo J. Beatty
George E. Bowers
James H. Brown
Norman F. Brown
Harold J. DuFour
Ernie E. Evans
John B. Gore
Burnell L. Green
Harlan G. Henneman
Robert L. Holt
Howard C. Huffman
Vernon E. Johnsen
Horace F. Latona
Eleanor C. Madsen
Jerry B. Miller
William F. Royal
James L. Rush
Leslie H. Stoltzman
Lars B. Tang
Peter J. Thill
Adin A. Thomsen
Russell M. Thorpe
Raymond W. Tidd
John W. Weddell
Raymond V. Wright

Ralph Brusco
Daniel J. Curran
Elmo W. Epps
Ernest P. Howell
Della C. Kessler
Elaine M. Obenshain
Roy M. Peterson
Carl L. Rowe
Ruel R. Sims

Service Pin Anniversaries

January-February 1972

45-YEAR PIN

Conductor Western Division

35-YEAR PINS

Office Manager-Marketing San Francisco
Painter Sacramento
District Special Agent-Claim Agent Sacramento
Locomotive Engineer Western Division
Locomotive Engineer Western Division
Sheet Metal Worker Sacramento
Carman Oroville
Transportation Superintendent Western Division
Office Manager-President's Office San Francisco
Locomotive Engineer Western Division
Electrician Foreman Sacramento

30-YEAR PINS

Chief Clerk-Freight Claims San Francisco
Conductor Western Division
Internal Auditor San Francisco
Division Superintendent Sacramento
Locomotive Engineer Eastern Division
Locomotive Engineer Western Division
Chief Clerk-Industrial San Francisco
Assistant Manager-International Sales San Francisco
Diesel Storekeeper Stockton
Clerk Western Division
Locomotive Engineer Western Division
Staff Assistant-Marketing San Francisco
Sheet Metal Worker Sacramento
Purchase Requisition Clerk Sacramento Store
Government Accounts Clerk San Francisco
Yardmaster Oroville
System Analyst-Management Services San Francisco
Conductor Western Division
District Sales Manager Pittsburgh, Pa.
Conductor Eastern Division
Locomotive Engineer Western Division
Locomotive Engineer Western Division
Conductor Eastern Division
Conductor Western Division
Crew Caller Portola
Brakeman Western Division

25-YEAR PINS

Carman Sacramento
Carman Oakland
Switchman Western Division
Conductor Eastern Division
Interline Clerk San Francisco
Trainmaster's Clerk (MILEPOSTS' Correspndnt) Stockton
B&B Carpenter Marysville
Dispatcher Sacramento
Switchman Western Division

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Letters Received

Enjoying Oroville

I'm enclosing a correction for my address and expect that it will be permanent until next spring when we hope to find something other than an apartment. We arrived here in September from Mesa, Ariz. and can say that it has been a lot better than the 365 days of sunshine a year down there. Also, just a lot better than that heat and desert, which can become boring when one doesn't have much to do and no where to do it.

N. L. Smith
82 Grand Ave., Apt. 2
Oroville, CA. 95965

Many Letters Received

We were pleased and thrilled with the picture and write-up in the November - December MILEPOSTS about our 60th Wedding Anniversary. It is wonderful to be remembered by the many cards and letters we received. One came from a woman in Turlock whose late husband and I were buddies with the Bill Cody show. He was a rider and performer and came from Wyoming near where my parents lived, and were friends. I truly enjoyed my time on the Tidewater Southern and never worked with nicer people, and I will never forget the respect and courtesy I received from the officials I met. I'm healthy and happy at 83 except have had a little trouble with my snout again.

William St. Jeor
4143 Yosemite Blvd., D-16
Modesto, CA. 95351

"Hello, My Friends!"

Very often my thoughts go back to the lovely time when I lived and worked in "everybody's favorite city."

The reason it also became my favorite city was the friendliness I enjoyed with you and so many other WP people to whom I send my regards. It is also nice to follow how the company is doing. Unfortunately, you had some losses, but it seems as if the new president knows what he is doing. I really enjoy MILEPOSTS, especially the personal news about "my friends." All the best wishes to you and yours.

Niels Bjorn-Andersen
Langkargardavej 13
3460 Birkerød, Denmark

Can You Help?

The enclosed picture was taken at a spot some 150 yards south and about the same distance east of the east



switch at Trego, Nev. As can be seen there are only two ties upright, but it appears that at some time in the past there were more and that it was all enclosed with wire fencing. According to sandhouse tales, this is a grave site, but there are different versions as to who is buried there. Maybe one of your old timers can supply the details?

H. D. Atkinson
P. O. Box 1287
Quincy, CA 95971

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20-YEAR PINS

Robert H. Bissell
C. E. Bossen
G. L. Neilson
Leonard C. Ramsey
J. E. Vlasak

Hostler Helper
Signal Supervisor
Signal Inspector
Welder
General TCS Maintainer

Oroville
Winnemucca
Portola
Oakland
Sacramento

15-YEAR PINS

D. L. Acker
Tillman A. Atkins
R. C. Ditmanson
Elizabeth L. Ferguson
L. W. Howard
C. F. Lear
George J. Manikas

Brakeman
Machinist Helper
Dispatcher
Personal Records Clerk-Mechanical
Relay Repairman
Relief Clerk #1
Machinist

Western Division
Stockton
Stockton
Sacramento
Sacramento
Western Division
Sacramento

10-YEAR PINS

M. Bozeman
L. S. Evans
R. D. Reynolds
C. F. Flynn
Gabrielle Schlimminger

Communications Maintainer
Laborer-Mechanical
Draftsman-Signal
Machinist
Government Clerk

Stockton
Stockton
Sacramento
Stockton
San Francisco



Chief Engineer Arthur Carlson holds 45-year Service Pin he presented to John W. Gavey, project and assistant valuation engineer.

Letters Received . . .

Walter Green

Walter Green has passed away. He enjoyed MILEPOSTS very much because he had worked with the men. I am leaving the State, but wished to thank you for sending Walter the magazine.

Mrs. Walter Green
R.F.D. 31
Thomson, Ill. 61285

But Always Kind Words

It took a picture in the last MILEPOSTS to remind me that I have been gone two months and that a note of

appreciation was long over due for the nice luncheon and gift I received. And I wish to add a thank you for your help through the years as you were always very gracious and helpful. Then, too, I told Ruth that you are a very accurate and objective photographer—catching me with my mouth open. This has been a problem since childhood! The pictures are much enjoyed and will remind me of my years with Western Pacific. I don't miss getting up to catch busses, have done a lot of things around the home, and don't think I will lack for activity.

Maxwell Stoughton
632 Paradise Blvd.
Hayward, CA. 94541

Appreciation

I want to express to my fellow workers and friends my deepest gratitude and heart-felt appreciation for your flowers, letters, cards, and the understanding support, which you have given me during my recent bereavement. Your kindness has been of the greatest consolation to me.

Mrs. Nettie Giulio
620 Camino Amigo
Danville, CA. 94526



Caboosing

NEW YORK CITY

Bill Gurgurich, Jr.

Welcome to our new steno-clerk, Mrs. LINDA CURIO. Linda was formerly executive secretary to the president of Milan Schuster, Inc., and lives with her husband, Robert, in nearby Bronx.

Just before Christmas, JOE MASON, retired sales representative, stopped by our office for a visit. Joe and his wife have been doing considerable traveling since his retirement, and they plan to spend the winter in sunny Florida. We'll be glad to see you anytime, Joe!

PORTOLA

C. E. "Gene" Rowe

We had a great party at Mohawk Tavern for Day Diesel Foreman ROBERT W. CRUMPACKER honoring Bob's 49 years of railroading, including 34 years with WP. Attending were many officers and employees of the railroad, and of the American Railway Supervisors' Association, as well as many friends and relatives. Bob's two sisters, Frances Olson of Sheridan, Wyo., and Martha Husted of Unionville, Mo., were also present. Bob's career began as a machinist helper for the CB&Q at Sheridan, Wyo. in August 1922. He next worked for a short time in 1937 as machinist for the Northern Pacific and for the D&RGW, and joined WP as a machinist at Elko in October 1937. From 1943 to 1948

he was night roundhouse foreman at Wendover, Elko and Oakland, and he began his last position as day diesel foreman at Portola in September 1949. Bob joined the ARSA, WP Lodge No. 261, in 1943 and between 1947 and 1970 he served as

its vice president, secretary-treasurer, and president and general chairman. He is a member of Big Horn Mountain Lodge No. 43, A.F.& A.M., Sheridan, Wyo., and Portola Chapter No. 321, Order of the Eastern Star. Bob and his wife, MARION, clerk at Portola, plan to remain in Portola. A first order of business was the selection of a gift with the large bucket of currency given him by his friends and associates, then some future fishing and hunting.

RALPH L. SHEPARD succeeded Bob as day diesel foreman and he has our best wishes for the future.

We regret to report that Yardmaster H. C. PARRISH's wife, Pauline, was hospitalized in Reno for an appendectomy, and we hope she will enjoy good health soon.

Belated congratulations to Brake-man and Mrs. R. L. KENT on the birth



contained contributions for his retirement fund. GEORGE DEMERY presented a large cake in replica of the Feather River Canyon, complete with trees, rocks and a tiny train along the river. Tables were decorated with automated engines whistling signals, and

of a daughter, Danielle Christiene on July 30; and to Brakeman and Mrs. M. G. NALLY, whose son, Christopher Michael arrived on November 3.

Welcome back to Train Desk-Crew Clerk M. E. FRENCH on September 14 following military service. He had worked here before in 1948.

Airman Jim Langston, son of Fireman and Mrs. W. H. LANGSTON, received a Special Achievement Award for outstanding athletic performance in the 3720 Basic Military School field day sports competition at Lackland AFB. He is now receiving special airforce mechanic training at Chanute AFB.

Misfortune came to Telegrapher BLANCHE MILLER during the Thanksgiving holidays when smoke from an oil furnace damaged many of her paintings. Blanche's artistic ability is widely known, and it is hoped that attempts to restore the paintings will be successful.

We had another retirement party at Mohawk Tavern for RAYMOND D. "SHORTY" GROOM, who ended his 44-

year career with WP, all at Portola, as locomotive engineer. Some 60 friends and associates witnessed the presentation of pictures of Shorty's first engine, "hog" 44, and his last diesel, 3507. A ceramic figurine of an old gentleman in a rocking chair con-

a railroad sound effects record greeted guests as they entered the room. Among those attending the dinner were some from as far as Southern California and Salt Lake City.

Brakeman CHRIS W. SKOW entered the Army in June 1970 and reports that after basic training at Fort

Ord he was sent to Fort Monmouth, N. J. for the signal corps' photographic laboratory operator school. Chris was honor graduate in his class and was hand picked to be a color laboratory printer at the

Army Exhibit Unit, Cameron Station, Alexandria, Va., who prepare Army exhibits for world tours. Chris drives 200 miles on week-ends to become a fireman on an old 2-6-4 light Pacific steam engine on a Black River & Western tourist passenger run—no pay but lots of fun. Chris just learned in mid-December that he will be discharged 12 months early and will return to Portola and the WP in July, but will have to join the Reno National Guard unit.

SACRAMENTO SHOPS

Herman F. Schultze

If anyone thinks he can play horse-shoes, stay away from Painter MONTY LATINO! In the past year Monty has thrown 5,000 shoes, with 3,250 of them being ringers. He is a member of the Sacramento Horseshoe Club and is rated No. 2 in Northern California, and ranks No. 36 in the nation. In one match Monty threw 30 consecutive ringers, and that's great pitching.

My many thanks to Carman R. KINZEL for his help in gathering news for this column this past year!



Congratulations to Carman and Mrs. CARL SINDERMAN on the recent arrival of a 6 lb. 9½ oz. daughter.

Our best wishes went with Blacksmith G. W. ROLLER for a long, happy and healthy retirement on August 31 after nearly 31 years service.

Good to see Carman HAROLD HUNTOON back at work after illness, and we hope to see Storekeeper BRUCE STILWELL back soon. Incidentally, Harold, and Machinist AL SCHWARZENBERGER were the lucky winners in the first calling for the Safety Rule of the Week.

We'll miss all the mechanical department employees "from upstairs" after their move to San Francisco.

Best wishes to all for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

OROVILLE

Arthur I. Reichenbach, Jr.

Sadness was experienced when we learned of the passing of CORNELIUS Y. ORR on November 4. A retired carman, he will be very much missed by his many friends.

Congratulations to Switchman FRANK L. MOHATT, JR. and his wife, Ann, on the birth of a son, Francis Anthony on October 3. We're sure grandpa, FRANK, SR., master mechanic at Portola, is a happy individual.

Some of our personnel have had a rough time recently. T&T Operator L. R. BREWER suffered back illness; Train Desk Clerk JOHN FOLKNER had the flu; Demurrage Clerk ALBERT TEDD was in the hospital with pneumonia; Train Desk Clerks JOHN RILEY and JACK BURNS were absent with illnesses; and General Clerk MARVIN McLAIN required sick leave. They're now back on the job and we hope that 1972 will be a much better, happier and more productive year for all.

We have a few location changes in

case you're looking for some of us. The agent's office and freight office have been moved to the newly refurbished yard office. Presently, the signal and engineering offices, and the special agent's office are in the former freight office uptown.

KEDDIE

Elsie Hagen

(Editor's note: Correspondent Elsie Hagen retired on December 31 after 17½ years employment with the County of Plumas, and we wish her much happiness. Elsie also became a great grandmother on December 3 when her granddaughter Pam, and her husband Dan Kidder, announced the arrival of Mark Daniel. ART REICHENBACH, SR., retired WP agent, is a great grandfather to Mark.)

Our congratulations to Master Mechanic FRANK L. MOHATT, SR., Portola, on becoming a grandfather when his son, Orovile Switchman FRANK L. MOHATT, JR., and his wife, Ann, presented him with a grandson, Francis Anthony, on October 3.

EDWARD GROW, retired brakeman, passed away in Plumas District Hospital on November 28 at the age of 72. He lived in Quincy for 32 years and was a member of the B.P.O.E. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite, two daughters, and grandchildren. Services were held in Quincy by the Elks Lodge and interment was in Henley Hornbrook Cemetery in Siskiyou county.

Much happiness is wished for GLENN M. METZDORF and Linda L. Conner of Quincy, who were married in Reno the first part of December. Glenn is now working out of Keddie for WP.

Birth defects are forever . . . unless you Support the March of Dimes!

OAKLAND

Mary Hodghead

We have a little additional information on Engineer GEORGE MOODY's retirement October 30, reported briefly in the last issue. He first worked on the ice dock at Portola in 1923, later transferred to the mechanical department there, and established his date as a fireman in 1930 and became engineer in 1941. George and his wife, Della, plan to live on Willow Lake Road between Butte Falls and beautiful Mt. McLaughlin in Oregon where the hunting and fishing is great. They also plan to travel in their new ¾ ton pickup with a telescopic camper. George says he was sorry to depart from his many WP friends, but hopes they will stop by when in their area. Address: Pitt Route Box 70, Butte Falls, Ore. 97522.

Best wishes to Clerk JOHNATHAN PERALES, S.F. 25th street yard, and Ruby Christine Moreno, who were married October 16 at Hope Lutheran Church in Daly City. John and Ruby enjoyed a sunny, wonderful two weeks honeymoon in Hawaii.

Congratulations to Terminal Trainmaster JOHN LORDA and his wife, Loretta, who are the proud parents of a 7 lb. 6½ oz. son, John Victor, born on November 22. Among the happy ones are John's two sisters.

November 20 was the wedding date at Sunrise Chapel, in Reno, for Switching Desk Clerk ALTHEA EVANS, and CHARLES McNEAL, customer service representative-intermodal department, S.F. On their return, Althea was honored at a party given by her associates with a delicious cake and a lovely eight place setting of stainless flatware. Our happy congratulations!

Our deepest sympathy to PBX Operator ANASTASIA "NETTIE" DERHAK, whose husband, retired Stationmaster ANGELO J. GIULIO passed away

Chief Yard Clerk Ed Wuefling, on right, received congratulations and a 35-year Service Pin from Terminal Agent Bob Mead at Oakland.



on October 26. Nettie and Angelo were married on September 12, 1968.

One of the railroad's first locomotive engineers, CHARLES L. ELLIS, passed away on October 22 at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lucille Hough. He was 86. Charley ended his career on November 29, 1949 directing the California Zephyr into Oakland with his wife, Anna, who died in 1964, beside him in the cab. He joined WP in 1908 during construction days as a fireman, and was on the first passenger train out of Oakland in August 1910. He became engineer in 1911 and on March 22, 1941 pulled the first westbound Zephyr into Oakland. Besides his daughter, Mr. Ellis is survived by three grandchildren.

STOCKTON

Elaine Obenshain, Valma Prentiss

Our deepest sympathy to the families of retired Clerk ALTON E. HEALEY who passed away on November 24, and retired Conductor GEORGE H. WILLIAMS who passed away on December 8.

Storekeeper GAWN D. REED retired on September 29 with 24 years service, and Electrician WILLIAM I. ROBERTSON retired on August 31 with 33 years 9 months service. We wish both men a long and happy retirement.

Hostler Helper CHRIS NICELER retired December 31 after 34 years and four months service. Chris was born

in Ft. Collins, Colo. on March 4, 1907 and came to California in 1931. A widower, he has two married sons and two daughters at home. Two deceased brothers both worked for WP at Stockton. We wish him a long and enjoyable retirement at his home in Stockton, from where he plans some future traveling.

Belated congratulations to Brake-man ERNST A. VON IBSCH III and CATHERINE LOUISE MORAN who were married at Davis last September and honeymooned in Hawaii. The groom is now working with one of the Fremont road switchers and the bride, a former Zephyrette, is a parochial school teacher near their Fremont home. Both are members of the Bay Area Electric Railway Association museum at Rio Vista.

Congratulations to Clerk and Mrs. RUDY LOPSTAIN who became parents of Laura Reene on October 25 to join two brothers and three sisters. Section Laborer and Mrs. ROOSEVELT GEORGE added a second son to their family and also have a daughter. Clerk and Mrs. B. G. SINOR welcomed their second son, Michael Troy on December 2, to join Todd, 21 months. Roundhouse Laborer and Mrs. WILLIAM H. LANE are parents of Kimberley Ruth, born December 7. She has a sister, Brenda, age two, and their grandfather is Carman VIRGIL A. BURCH, Oroville.

Conductor and Mrs. G. T. CLARK spent a month visiting Mrs. Clark's brothers and sisters in Ksiushou, Germany, whom they had not seen for 24 years, and also visited other cities there. Conductor Clerk met Mrs. Clark when he was stationed in Germany during WWII. They also became grandparents for the second time when Michael arrived at the San Jose home of their son, Klaus and his wife on September 25, to join Christopher, 22 months.

Our deepest sympathy to Clerk D.

L. GREGSON and Engineer E. A. TIBBE-DEAUX, whose mothers both passed away on November 4, and to Clerk ELAINE OBENSHAIN, whose father passed away on November 1.

Retired yardmaster LESTER P. HAMILTON passed away on December 9 after a lengthy illness. Les began his WP service as a clerk at Portola on February 1, 1925, became a switchman on July 20, 1928 and then yardmaster on June 2, 1937. He also was a trainmaster during WWII. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

SAN FRANCISCO

Tina Figlia, Ruth Stone

Our ex-secretary to the manager of revenue accounting, MARGE BROWNE, and her husband, Gerald, are the proud parents of a daughter, Kerry Elizabeth, born September 26, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 21 inches.

International Jet Set of revenue accounting are PETER ROBINS and VIVIAN FLETCHER, visiting "home" in England for the Holidays. "Pete" traded his dollars before devaluation!

TINA FIGLIA, returning from Europe, succeeded MARGE as secretary to manager revenue accounting and his two associates. Their welcome: "Gads! Another secretary to break in."

BECKY BUNDY, bill clerk, now Mrs. Kaltenback, was married in Golden Gate Park October 10. Our best wishes for much happiness.

CHRIS MORALES, bill clerk tells us she is expecting her first baby on February 12. We'll enjoy the happy day with you, Chris.

If you think GEORGE WELCH, our boss in revenue accounting, is getting more grey hair, it's because he can't keep up with his little granddaughter, Kristen, who visited with him over the holiday season. Proud father is BOB WELCH, former accounting department employee.



It doesn't show in this reproduction, but in the original photo there's a faint tear on one cheek of this delightful little miss. Lynora is the daughter of Marketing Clerk and Mrs. Eddie Chew. "Our only problem," said Eddie, "is that she has picked up a few swear words from one of her uncles."

Belated condolences to HAROLD F. HAMILTON, assistant freight pricing manager, whose father, retired Winnemucca Yardmaster JOHN A. HAMILTON, passed away in Winnemucca on October 22 at the age of 80. He retired on June 30, 1966 with 35 of his 47 years of railroading with WP.

GORDON INGLE, tax analyst, played Santa Claus to about 1,000 children in various day care centers and orphanages in the Oakland area, giving each child a Christmas stocking and a toy. The Senior Citizens Center also received a visit from our Santa Claus, and after gifts they enjoyed a turkey and trimmings luncheon, the "birds" being donated by Governor Ronald Reagan. Gordon's visit was sponsored by the Good Samaritan Home and all donations were from private sources. Joan Sparks, executive director, is a cousin of Gordon's.

We regret to report the passing of MAY DENNING's husband on December 2 after a long illness. May works in general accounting and her husband was a Post Office Department employee.

BOB GOLDEN, secretary-clerk, president's office, made his ninth trip to Europe last Fall. Bob said that after having seen the high spots of all European countries previously, it was

gratifying to spend his entire three weeks just in France. He also enjoyed a short visit to Jamaica, St. Thomas and Puerto Rico during Thanksgiving week with some of his traveling friends.

JOHN ROSSI, office manager, president's office, and his wife, CATHY, general manager's office, spent their vacation this year in Puerto Vallarta, Mex. which they recommend highly.

Another vacationer to Mexico in December was FRANCES COURTNEY, marketing department, who with her husband enjoyed an *Oriana* ship cruise down the coast and docking at Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and Acapulco, for a delightful voyage.

The Orient was the selection for a vacation tour for ROSALIE RINALDI, secretary - industrial department in November, who found Japan to be her favorite land.

FRANK W. WHITING, who retired as traffic representative in October 1951 died in Sun City, Calif. on January 5 at the age of 86. Born in Ashland, Ohio on October 14, 1886, Frank first worked for U.S. Express in Chicago in 1901. He joined WP as cashier at Oakland in August 1911. From export clerk at San Francisco in 1917 he later became freight traffic agent in 1929 and traffic representative in October 1951. He is survived by his wife, Irma.

According to Oakland Sales Representative HORACE LOHMEYER, his friend MARTIN MURRAY, pricing department, returned home from the hospital Christmas Eve day and is reported to be regaining his health which we hope will enable him to return to work soon.

After her long absence because of illness, it is good to see FLORENCE LIBBY, secretary to VP - Marketing, back at her desk again recently and it is hoped that good health will be hers for the future.



In Memoriam

William Z. Blake, retired Central California Traction Co. dispatcher, Hemet, Calif., September 1971.

Albert P. Bolin, retired car inspector, Palermo, October 1971.

Valcour Chapman, retired waiter, Berkeley, November 1971.

Sam Deitz, retired B&B carpenter, Stockton, August 1971.

Louis Elsholz, retired carman, Grantsville, Utah, December 3.

Theodore E. Fister, retired carman, Bryte, October 1971.

Angelo J. Giulio, retired stationmaster, Danville, October 1971.

Gladys M. Good, retired roundhouse clerk, Mt. View, October 1971.

Raymond E. Gregg, retired mechanical employee, Overland Park, Kans., September 1971.

Edgar W. Grow, retired brakeman, Quincy, November 1971.

Michael G. Hamara, retired roadway employee, Sacramento, September 1971.

John A. Hamilton, retired yardmaster, Winnemucca, October 1971.

Charles Hansen, retired B&B carpenter, San Francisco, November 1971.

William G. Harvey, retired section foreman, Marysville, October 1971.

Alton E. Healey, retired clerk, Tracy, November 1971.

Ray A. Hendricks, retired freight agent, San Diego, September 1971.

Marvin E. Huff, retired locomotive engineer, Oakland, October 1971.

Gunnar Johnson, retired deckhand, Daly City, November 1971.

William Lewis, retired locomotive

engineer, Elko, December 1971.

William W. McDonald, retired water service foreman, Quincy, August 1971.

John F. McKenzie, retired district sales manager, Twin Lakes, Wisc. September 1971.

Millard A. Parks, conductor, Nubieber, November 1971.

Filippo Peralta, retired Sacramento Northern marine employee, Pittsburg, September 1971.

James C. Raney, retired section foreman, Klamath Falls, October 1971.

Carl A. Sandstorm, retired section foreman, Clatskanie, Ore., November 1971.

Albert E. Sanford, retired locomotive engineer, Oroville, November 1971.

Alvin M. Shuman, retired machinist inspector, Stockton, November 1971.

Frank Smith, retired switchman, Reno, November 1971.

Henry M. Smith, retired blacksmith helper, Sacramento, November 1971.

Leonard D. Stockdale, retired switchman, Campbell, September 1971.

Claude V. Van Horn, switchman, Stockton, June 1971.

James H. Wheelock, retired Sacramento Northern carman, Chico, September 1971.

William K. Whitehurst, retired brakeman, Encinitas, Calif., September 1971.

Frank R. Whiting, retired traffic representative, Sun City, January 5.

George H. Williams, retired conductor, Stockton, December 1971.

Retirement Program . . .

In the act creating it, Congress suggested a number of factors for the Commission to consider in arriving at any changes it might recommend in the retirement system, such as:

- The need for providing benefit increases . . . in line with past and future increases provided for in the Social Security Act.

- The need for revising benefits to meet increases in the cost of living.

- The adequacy of benefit levels.

- Changes necessary to continue the 15 percent increase in the level of benefits provided for by Congress last year.

- The possibility of changes in the financing system used to pay railroad retirement benefits, including adjustment of the tax rate and tax base, the use of general revenue financing and revision of the investment policy of the railroad retirement fund.

- And the relationship between Social Security and railroad retirement

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Milepost 223: Not far from Cherokee, once site of extensive hydraulic gold mining in 1870's, and where it has been reported that diamonds were first found in the U.S.

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in the areas of benefits, tax rates and tax base, and the desirability and feasibility of merging the systems.

Railway pension payments now average \$229.41 a month for retired workers, with \$406 a month as the maximum. In addition, a pensioner's wife averages \$102.32 monthly pension, with \$152 as the maximum. A pensioner's widow, with three dependent children, collects a family pension of \$444 a month.

Disability pensions for retirees average \$220 a month, with a \$406 maximum. Widows average \$139.06, with a \$199 maximum, and disabled widows average \$157.91, plus \$109.22 for each child.

The railroad also provides a supplemental pension ranging from \$45 to \$70 a month for workers who have retired since June 1966 if they retired directly from railroad service after at least 25 years of employment. A 25-year man gets an extra \$45 and a 30-year man gets an extra \$70.

Last year for the first time in its history, the Railroad Retirement Fund's payout exceeded income. The fund paid \$1.942 billion to 980,000 beneficiaries while taking in \$1.850 billion in payments from 650,000 active employees and their employers, plus interest on \$4.718 billion reserves invested in Government securities.

Starting January 1, 1972 the railroads and each employee will pay into the fund an amount equal to 9.95 per cent of the first \$750 a month of a worker's earnings, or \$74.63 from the carrier and the same from the employee. Next January 1 payments will increase to 10.40 per cent of the first \$750 monthly earnings.

Front Cover Picture

Nick Pavloff's picture of a diesel engine breaking out of early morning fog and sunshine to begin a day's work at Oakland.

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Missouri Pacific will invest more than \$92 million in capital improvements in 1972—a new record—and a \$19 million increase over 1971.

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Gate arm crossings at railroad-highway grade crossings will be marked with red and white reflectorized strips to replace black and white stripes under Federal Highway Administration's new rules on traffic control devices.

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To pave about a half-mile of crossings Long Island Railroad ordered 25 rubber crossing pavements from Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. who claim a life of about 20 years, and reduction in jolting and noise for auto traffic.

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Two new railroad industry commercials were previewed by NBC-TV on Dean Martin's Tucson Open Golf Championship in January, will reappear on Friday Night at the Movies, March 10; The Bold Ones, March 26; Ironside, March 2; and Saturday Night at the Movies, March 18.