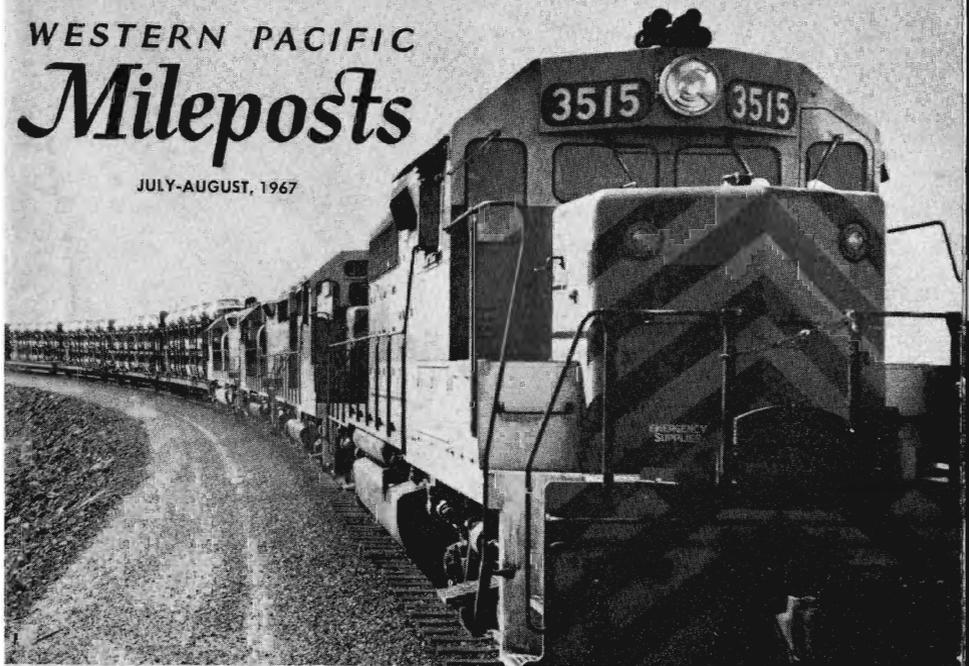


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## "WILD HORSES" FOR THE HIGH COUNTRY

ABOUT one-half of the 27 triple-decked auto rack cars, each loaded with 15 Ford Mustangs for Ford dealers in the Denver intermountain area, are shown on this month's cover and in the picture at the top of this page.

The popular Mustangs left Ford's assembly plant in Milpitas on July 7 for a big Ford publicity and sales pro-

motion campaign in Denver, Colorado.

Behind these 27 cars were another 12 triple-decked auto rack cars loaded with Mustangs and Ford trucks for miscellaneous destinations other than Denver.

Four of Western Pacific's powerful "horses" are shown on the head end of Western Pacific's 1st GGM-7 shortly after leaving Oroville.

# Diesel locomotive maintenance building planned for Stockton

WESTERN PACIFIC'S directors on June 7 approved an expenditure of about \$2,200,000 for a new, modern diesel locomotive maintenance building to be completed about January 1, 1970 at Stockton, including relocation of car repair facilities at that point. The railroad's main general shops will remain at Sacramento. The new structure will be manned by employees now working for the railroad on maintenance of locomotives at Oroville, Sacramento, and Stockton. Prior to any announcement to the public, employees in the locomotive department presently working at these points were informed of the plans by a group of Company officers led by Chief Mechanical Officer E. T. Cuyler.

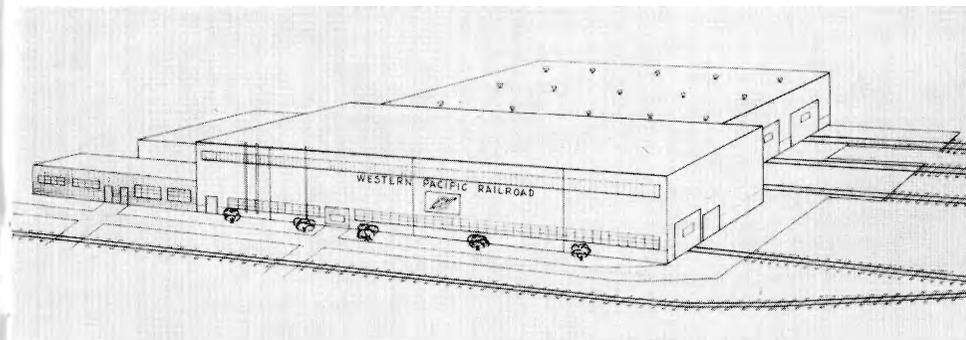
The necessity for the transfer of operations was explained this way by President M. M. Christy following the action taken by the directors:

"Western Pacific must maintain and improve its competitive position and meet present and future increased service requirements, and to do this requires a modern diesel locomotive maintenance building properly located to assure maximum efficiency of operations. The two principal existing locomotive maintenance points—Oro-

ville and Sacramento—are separated geographically, and neither is well located to minimize locomotive movements to and from the shops. This separation of operations results in an inefficient allocation of men and material, as well as preventing maximum locomotive utilization. In addition, the structure at Oroville was designed for repair and maintenance of steam locomotives and is old and completely outmoded.

"The problem associated with the present arrangements will be solved by transferring the locomotive work now being done at Oroville and Sacramento to a new, modern diesel locomotive maintenance building at Stockton. This is the location of Western Pacific's principal classification yard. It is the point of origin or termination of the runs of most scheduled trains, which will provide more time to work on locomotives while they lay over between runs. This will reduce delays now occurring at Oroville when units now must be cut in or out of through trains."

MILEPOSTS will keep employees informed of further developments as they occur during the next two and one-half years.



## PROPOSED BUILDING DESIGN

ACCORDING to plans designed by the railroad's engineering department, the proposed new building will cover about 42,500 gross square feet. It will be used for service and maintenance of diesel road engines. The building will be erected immediately east of and adjacent to the present diesel house at Stockton in the area of the present rip tracks.

The present rip tracks will be relocated and completely modernized.

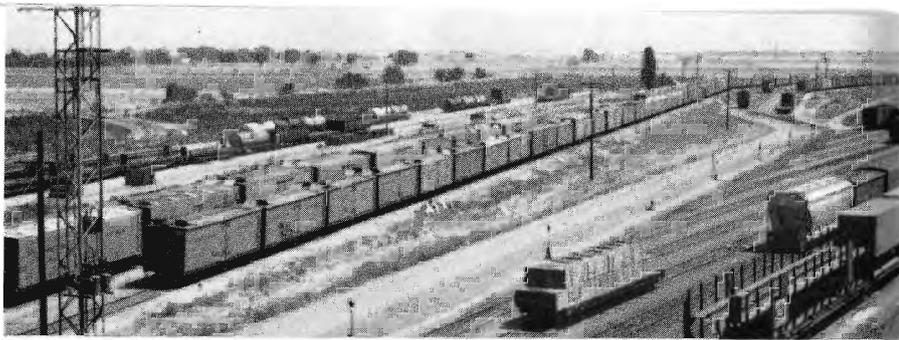
The present diesel house, after a general rehabilitation and a few minor changes, will be used for servicing and maintaining diesel switch engines.

The ventilated and heated diesel shop will have a structural steel frame, sidewalls of protected metal, and a concrete floor.

The building will have two bays. Each bay will be equipped with an overhead crane. The service bay, 75' x 288', will have three tracks running through the building. The repair bay (foreground in the drawing above) will have a single track entering one end of the 60' x 242' building.

A spray-type engine washer will be erected outside the engine servicing area.

Construction schedule calls for the completion of the new Rip Track facilities, Westerly of the Yard Office, in the Fall of 1967.



## FRUIT GROWERS EXPRESS SERVICE BEGINS

ON June 29, Western Pacific introduced to perishable shippers in the Stockton area the latest type of mechanical refrigerator car offered by Fruit Growers Express Company to its owning lines. On display was a car just off the assembly line, equipped with load dividers and cushion underframe. The car has an inside length between load dividers of 51 feet, and a capacity of 4,251 cubic feet.

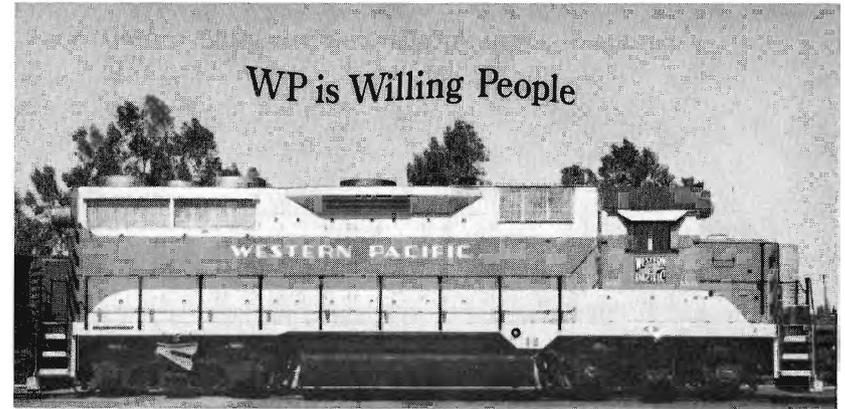
At the same time an adequate supply of various type FGE refrigerator cars were on hand in Western Pacific's Stockton yard for immediate shippers' requirements. They are shown in the picture above, taken by John Sterner, district special agent for the railroad in Stockton.

In the picture at the right are, with Kenneth V. Plummer, Jr., superintendent of transportation for Western Pacific (right), Carl E. Bullard, assistant manager, FGE's Northeast District and Robert M. Ballard, assistant to manager. Well known as FGE's two

"BB Boys," Carl was temporarily assigned to San Francisco from Philadelphia to inaugurate FGE's new Pacific Coast Division. Robert was appointed assistant manager of the new division.



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IF there is one individual among Western Pacific employees especially deserving of recognition and praise, MILEPOSTS without hesitation pays tribute this issue to John F. Quinn, assistant chief clerk, engineering department.

John devotes just about 100 percent of his spare time to Scouting. This alone is commendable, but what this friendly, smiling individual accomplishes, in spite of a physical disadvantage, is nothing less than remarkable.

Born in San Francisco on September 21, 1908, John contracted poliomyelitis at the age of two. At the age of five, after spending one year in San Francisco's Children's Hospital, his family moved to Honolulu with the hopes that there their young son might overcome his handicap. For two years he received orthopedic surgery in Shriners' Hospital in Honolulu, but the results his parents had hoped for did not prevail.

But John grew stronger, became an excellent swimmer, graduated from

Ialani High School and furthered his education at Dietz Commercial School in Honolulu.

He became a Scout in 1923 and received his Eagle Badge in November, 1928. He later became assistant scoutmaster, then scoutmaster of Troop 9 for seven years. During this time he worked as secretary for Fred L. Waldron, Ltd. and in January 1940 became project engineer assistant working on Ford Island. He left the Islands in November 1943 for San Francisco and has been with Western Pacific's engineering department since that time.

John became active in Scouting again in 1962 as scoutmaster, Troop 94, El Cerrito, Calif. It's a real, live, active group of boys and they wouldn't have anyone else for a leader. Just about any weekend you'll find them on hikes, overnight camps, swimming and canoeing, and guess who is right in the middle of the activities? John wouldn't have it any other way.

Because he believes that help in

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John and his troop took time out during one of their overnight camping 50-mile "bike" hikes.

## WP is Willing People

community projects is vital in training boys to become responsible adults and good citizens, his boys are a service troop. Their annual "Christmas Tree Pick Up"—an idea of John's—is a prime example. The event has been enthusiastically endorsed by the Fire Department and citizens of the community since its inception two years

ago. A date in January is set, circulars are distributed, trees are collected by the Scouts and adult drivers, taken to Tilden Park in Berkeley for a conservation project or burned under the direction of firemen.

A yearly event is their "Blind Hike," with the children from Berkeley's California School for the Blind as guests.

Another yearly event, which is much discussed and competed for, is a weekend on the Sacramento River in a boat owned and operated by another Western Pacific "Willing Person" (July-August 1966 MILEPOSTS), John Gavey, project engineer, signal department. This privilege is awarded to the patrol having the best record during the year, and "don't think the competition isn't keen," said John.

Yearly, John uses part of his vacation to be with his troop at Camp Wolfboro.

In 1966, under John's training, one



John, right, and Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Bernhard present Eagle Scout Award to Scout Don Rose, a member of John's Troop 94.

Scout from each of several troops presented the flag ceremony for the opening of the Parent Teachers' Association convention in San Francisco. This ceremony was repeated that year for the annual Scout dinner in Richmond Auditorium.

This year, all Scout troops in the area participated in another event planned by John and police officers and the Rotary Club members of El Cerrito. Booklets on "Rules for Youth" were distributed to every family in the El Cerrito area and the idea was warmly received.

Among several awards received by John for his outstanding service to Scouting are "Scouter of the Year,

1965" by Troop 94. On May 17, 1967, John was presented with the "Hink Award," a trophy inscribed "For Exceptional Service," at a dinner meeting of Mt. Diablo Council of Boy Scouts of America, attended by about 400 people. His most cherished award is a large flag and pole for his home and a leather photo album presented to him in June, this year, by his 36 boys.

John married the former Mary Gardner of San Francisco on March 14, 1953, and they live at 7501 Eureka Avenue in El Cerrito. Somehow, John finds time on occasion to pursue his hobby of water color painting, and excels in a game of chess.

John is also constantly continuing his education and presently is studying Latin. In 1945 he began a primary course in accounting at the Golden Gate College in San Francisco, followed two years later by the school's course in advance accounting.

In 1947 he enrolled in a Dale Carnegie study course held in San Francisco, and from 1949 to 1951 enrolled with International Accountant's Society, Inc. for a series of accounting courses leading up to controller.

John also passed with flying colors the Baden Powell course for Scoutmaster, of which title he is particularly proud and with which he is turning in an exceptional and sterling performance.

You will find only one quotation made by John in this article as his prime concern is contributing without reward to the betterment of today's youth. His record speaks for itself. Without the assistance of John's proud wife, MILEPOSTS may never have had this story about—as Mary prefers to call him—Jack. Quite a person!



Last May before 400 people, John received the BSA Hink Award from the Mt. Diablo Council for outstanding achievement for the year 1966-67. With John are his wife, Mary, and Harold Johnson, Scoutmaster of Troop 106.

JULY-AUGUST, 1967



John M. Starr



Robert R. Beebe

## PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

**J**OHAN M. STARR was appointed assistant manager-personnel at San Francisco on June 16.

Jack was born on December 6, 1936 at Stockton. After completing high school in 1954 he worked for two years as an apprentice meat cutter before being employed by the Western Pacific as a brakeman at Stockton in 1956. He began a two-year duty with the U. S. Army in 1957 and returned to WP in 1959 as brakeman. In 1964 he became assistant transportation supervisor for the California Public Utilities Commission, his last position prior to his recent appointment.

After Jack's return to WP in 1959 he began a continuation of his education, completing an I.C.S. course in railroad administration in 1960. He then enrolled in Stockton Junior College and in 1962 received an A.A. degree in business administration, with honors. Two years later he received a B.A. degree in economics, again with honors, at University of the Pacific on tuition received from a Crown Zellerbach scholastic scholarship. He enrolled in Golden Gate College of Law in 1965 and is working toward his LL.B.

While at Stockton Junior College

and College of the Pacific he became a member of two honor societies, Alpha Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi.

Jack married the former Diana Jacobs of Stockton on August 11, 1957 and they have two daughters, Linda, 7 years, and Karen, 4 years.

His father, John N. Starr, retired from Western Pacific as a conductor in 1963 with nearly 28 years of service.

The Starrs live at 4342 Satinwood Drive, Concord, and enjoy taking short trips and swimming.

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**R**OBERT R. BEEBE was appointed assistant freight claims agent on June 1.

Bob was born in Denver, Colorado on July 13, 1904 and received his high school education at North Denver High School.

He became a Western Pacific employee on October 1, 1926, and his entire career with the railroad has been in the freight claim department. Beginning as a file clerk he advanced through several clerical positions which experience earned Bob the title of freight claim investigator. He later became freight claim inspector and

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## SHAREHOLDERS RE-ELECT DIRECTORS

Western Pacific directors were re-elected by the shareholders at the annual meeting held in San Francisco on June 28.

Members of the board for the ensuing year are:

Benjamin C. Carter, director and vice chairman of board, FMC Corporation.

M. M. Christy, president, Western Pacific.

Lindsey W. Cochran, president, Cochran Co., Inc.

Peter Cook, Jr., farmer.

Boyd N. Everett, senior financial vice president of Continental Casualty Co., Continental Assurance Co., and National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford.

J. A. Folger, former chairman of board, The Folger Coffee Co.

W. P. Fuller III, director, Western Glass Sales, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

R. V. Hansberger, president and director, Boise Cascade Corp.

Paul J. Kern, lawyer and railroad director.

Alfred B. Layton, consultant and director, Crown Zellerbach Corp.

H. C. Munson, retired vice president and general manager, Western Pacific.

Edwin V. Parker, management of personal investments.

Joseph Rosenblatt, honorary chairman of board, The Eimco Corp.

Theodore Weisman, partner in law firm of Weisman & Dreisen.

F. B. Whitman, consultant to Western Pacific and former president.

A. W. Whittlesey, senior vice president, The First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Co.

In a meeting following that of the shareholders', the directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of 55 cents a share, payable August 15, 1967, to shareholders of record, August 1.

### People on the move . . .

then chief clerk for the department, and prior to being appointed assistant freight claim agent was a freight claim adjuster.

Bob furthered his railroad education by enrolling in a course of traffic at Golden Gate College in San Francisco.

On August 28, 1930 Bob married the former Golda Sparks of Salt Lake City. They have two children, Mrs. Brenda Cordone of Sacramento, and Robert T. Beebe of Rohnert Park, California.

Bob and his wife live at 66 Dorham Road, San Anselmo. He is adept with a rod and reel, and obtains fine results in his garden. "Any success I have in the garden," admits Bob, "is not the result of having a green thumb, but is entirely due to having my radio tuned in to the baseball games, but don't ask me why!"



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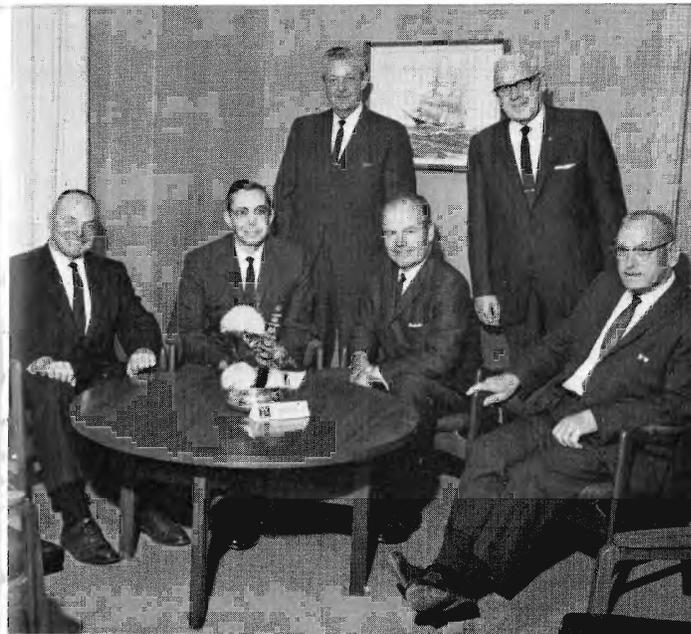
Dear Mr. Brunberg:

I am pleased to extend my congratulations to you and your associates for the praiseworthy achievement of earning a Public Health Service Grade A placard on each of your dining cars in 1966. The fact that this is the fifth year that the Western Pacific Railroad Company has earned such recognition attests to your earnest desire to protect the health of your passengers and crews.

Surgeon General Stewart and all my associates join me in acknowledging the fine spirit of cooperation you have extended the Public Health Service.

Sincerely yours,

Albert H. Stevenson  
Assistant Surgeon General  
Chief Sanitary Engineering Officer



Present for presentation of letter shown on opposite page were (seated) Richard D. Moore and Clyde B. Eller, U.S.P.H.S.; Walter C. Brunberg, vice president-marketing; David Laird, district car foreman. Standing are William J. Powell, manager dining car services; Russell J. Cleland, director of W P's passenger sales.

## A FIVE TIME WINNER!

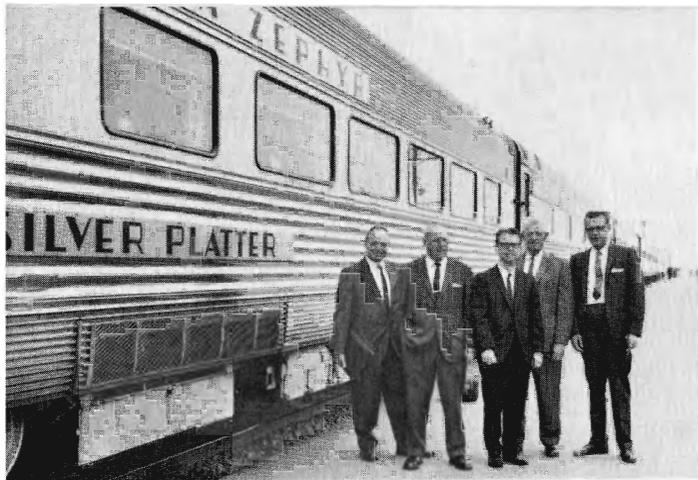
FOR the fifth consecutive time in as many years the six men pictured above met together in the office of Walter C. Brunberg, vice president-marketing. Purpose of the meeting was the letter reproduced on the opposite page.

"This means just as much to us as it does to you," Clyde B. Eller, regional program chief, U. S. Public Health

Service, told Walter. "Agreed," said Richard D. Moore, public health advisor. "It's not often that we have this pleasure so consistently."

In accepting the letter, Vice President Brunberg told the group that "this really is a tribute to the mechanical and dining car people for the fine job they have done in being recognized by the Public Health Service for the fifth year. I am asking the supervisors to express my appreciation to the employees who took part in this fine endeavor."

It isn't easy to be a GRADE A placard winner for even one year, let alone five years running, as MILEPOSTS learned while observing Advisor Richard Moore during an unannounced, rigid inspection of *California Zephyr* dining car facilities. Pictures of Moore in action begin on the next page.



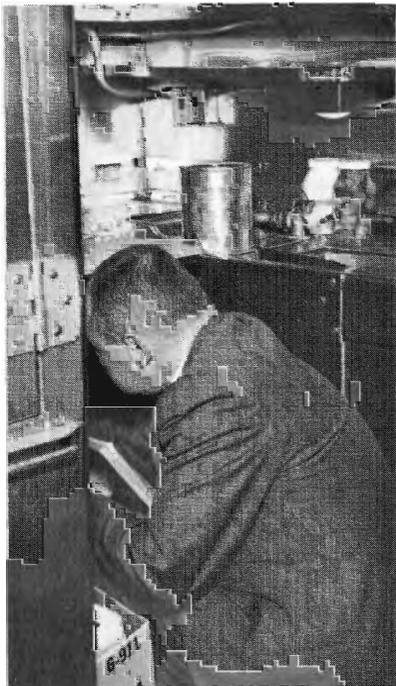
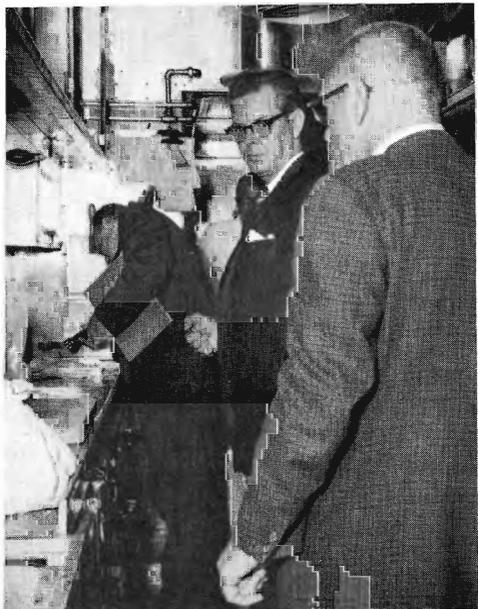
Inspection completed just prior to train's departure, the group posed alongside the diner. L-R are Richard D. Moore, David Laird, Mason Gordon, crew dispatcher, William J. Powell and Manuel L. Norman, passenger service supervisor.



In the immaculate dining car just before departure from Oakland, Moore goes over a check list with Mason Gordon to insure that nothing has been overlooked during rigid inspection. Dining car employees are Waiter Willie Williams, Steward Peter Bellamy, Waiter Robert Tillman.

Below: With flashlight in hand, Moore scrutinizes frozen fish locker as Norman and Laird express seriousness of Moore's inspection.

Below: Just because it's difficult to get to doesn't mean that Moore overlooks making a thorough inspection of buffet car pantry.



Below: Moore offers suggestion from vast experience during inspection of many forms of transportation dining facilities, a service greatly appreciated by Manager Bill Powell.

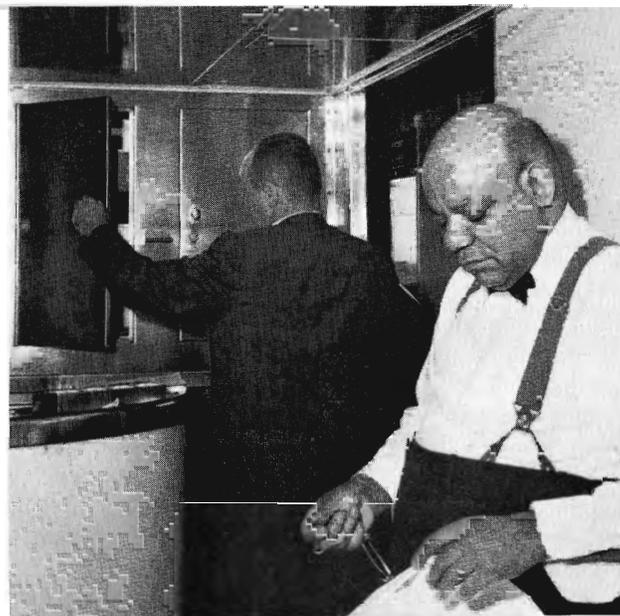


Below: Whatever it was that reflected Moore's smile in the sparkling-clean mirror wasn't revealed, but whatever he found must have registered in his mind a "how about that!" as he found something he evidently liked.

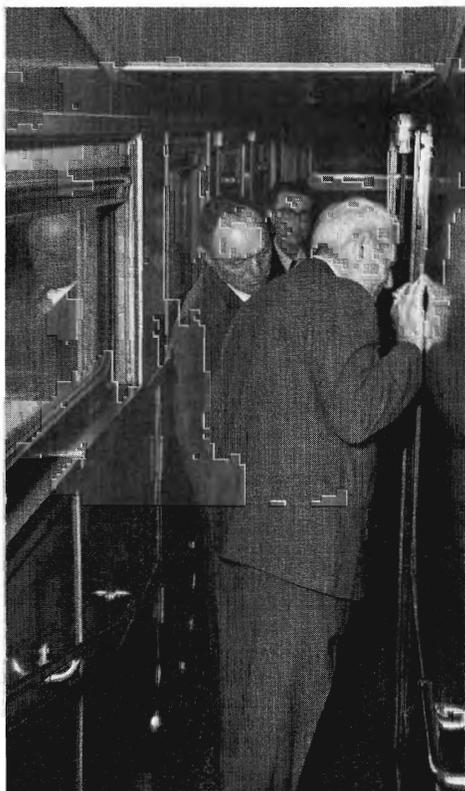




Moore gestures to make a point clear as he offers some friendly advice to Manuel Norman who listens intently to helpful suggestion.



Gleaming stainless steel refrigerator in cocktail lounge of rear Dome-Observation car met with Moore's approval. Pullman Attendant Earl Anderson prepares linen prior to train's departure.



Moore and Powell check cleanliness of carpeting and areas beneath tables and chairs before entering cocktail lounge in buffet car for further inspection. Gordon, rear, confidently awaits report of "no imperfections."

Inspection completed, Moore signs report which Gordon and Laird learned later included the "OK" which earned for Western Pacific's California Zephyr a fifth consecutive Public Health Service "GRADE A" for each of the cars inspected. Waiter Tillman completes table settings to have diner ready for the passengers.



# MILEPOSTS



# IN GOLD

MILEPOSTS congratulates the following railroaders who are eligible for Service Pin Awards during the months of July and August, 1967:

<b>45-YEAR PIN</b>		
Ernest S. Moyes.....	Switching-Transit Clerk	Stockton

<b>40-YEAR PINS</b>		
Arthur Burnip.....	Machinist	Sacramento
Lawrence Contri.....	Power Coordinator	San Francisco
R. H. Erickson.....	Conductor	Division
Rancola Granados.....	Hostler Helper	Elko
J. D. Hardy.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
Clyde E. Hart.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division

<b>35-YEAR PINS</b>		
David H. Copenhagen.....	Director, Marketing Development	San Francisco
Oliver Evans.....	Telegrapher	Division
Frank M. Leyva.....	Track Foreman	Division

<b>30-YEAR PINS</b>		
Kenneth H. Beard.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
Herbert C. Bentz.....	Industry Clerk	Sacramento
Harry M. Brown.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
Marvin L. Columbia.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
Edgar F. DeMotte.....	Supervisor of Disbursements	San Francisco
Harvey Gantt.....	Waiter	Dining Car Department
E. M. Hale.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
B. B. Harding.....	Claim and Industry Clerk	Stockton
John Jessiman.....	Section Foreman	Division
Charles H. Mathews.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
Milton E. McCann.....	Conductor	Division
George McDearmid.....	Asst. Freight Pricing Mgr.	San Francisco
Frederick D. Messenger.....	Switchman	Division
C. Nicler.....	Hostler Helper	Stockton
Joseph C. Parker.....	Conductor	Division
Leo Redant.....	Machinist	Elko
Leonard J. Tadson.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
Robert W. Turner.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
William A. Tussey.....	Manager of Personnel	San Francisco

<b>25-YEAR PINS</b>		
Pete Alberio.....	Carman	Elko
Patsy Alimonti.....	Laborer	Stockton
Eugene M. Brockett.....	Carman	Sacramento
Harold R. Cables.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
Charles Debiolles.....	Switchman	Division
John S. Ede.....	Conductor	Division
Fred B. Elwell.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
Lawrence M. Hays.....	Conductor	Division
Robert A. Keck.....	Baggageman	Sacramento
Joseph J. Mariante.....	Train Desk Clerk	Sacramento
John L. Murphy.....	Manager, Payroll Accounting	San Francisco
Evan L. Nielson.....	Dispatcher	Division
Daniel C. Pitts.....	Carman	Portola
Edward F. Reynolds.....	Conductor	Division
Dennis B. Rickman.....	Assistant Agent	Oakland
Albert F. Tunsee.....	Switchman	Division
Doris L. West.....	Clerk, Marketing	Los Angeles
Robert L. Wirthlin.....	Conductor	Division

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## 20-YEAR PINS

Milton J. Aydlotte.....	Carman	Oakland
Thomas M. Baldwin.....	Rate Clerk, Marketing	San Francisco
Walter A. Bastelo.....	Chief Clerk, Auditor of Revenues Dept.	San Francisco
C. S. Coen.....	Chief Clerk, Marketing	San Jose
Katherine Fiscoe.....	Abstract Code & Refrigeration Clerk	San Francisco
John L. Geist.....	Dispatcher	Division
Charles K. Gordon.....	Signal Foreman	Gerlach
John H. Harper.....	Hostler Helper	Oakland
Albert D. Hughes.....	Signal Maintainer	James
Matt Hull.....	Section Laborer	Division
Elwood T. Knarr.....	Section Stockman	Oroville
William H. Langston.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
Eugene T. Lavelle.....	Switchman	Division
Florencio L. Maestas.....	Carman	Stockton
George M. Nevius.....	Sheet Metal Worker Helper Apprentice	Oroville
Willard J. Phelps.....	Carman	Oakland
David Thomson, Jr.....	Signal Supervisor	Fremont

## 15-YEAR PINS

Alva L. Allen.....	Conductor	Division
W. S. Bross, Jr., Dr.....	Asst. Division Surgeon	Portola
C. W. Brown, Dr.....	Division Surgeon	Portola
Harold L. Contois.....	Right of Way Engineer	San Francisco
D. A. Cook.....	Switchman	Division
Dewey E. Holton.....	Communications Maintainer	San Francisco
T. D. Kangas.....	Switchman	Division
Gilbert S. Landell.....	Conductor	Division
W. F. Mart.....	Switchman	Division
Jack S. Papazian.....	Revising Clerk, Sr.	San Francisco
R. N. San Miguel.....	Switchman	Division
H. A. Siler.....	Conductor	Division
Ronald F. Thorpe.....	Brakeman	Division
James L. White.....	Conductor	Division
C. C. Wimberly.....	Switchman	Division

## 10-YEAR PINS

A. E. Alinanzi.....	Laborer	Division
J. L. Banning.....	Switchman	Division
L. A. Barnes.....	Switchman	Division
E. E. Baer.....	Clerk	Sacramento
C. M. Callan.....	Assistant Export Clerk, Marketing	Chicago
Richard J. Field.....	Machinist	Oroville
Maissie Gervais.....	Nurses' Aide	Portola
R. P. Guzman.....	Laborer	Division
Harry J. Irowsky.....	Painter	Oakland
James U. Jones.....	Carman	Oakland
J. P. Lord.....	Switchman	Division
A. R. Norris.....	Telegrapher	Elko
F. A. Olson.....	Brakeman	Division
Elbert Payne.....	Waiter	Dining Car Dept.
D. R. Sanders.....	Switchman	Division
J. L. Tognini.....	Conductor	Division
C. E. VanAllen.....	Brakeman	Division
S. J. Worthington.....	Locomotive Engineer	Division
Roy H. Wright.....	Machinist	Portola

## NEW NRLC CHAIRMAN

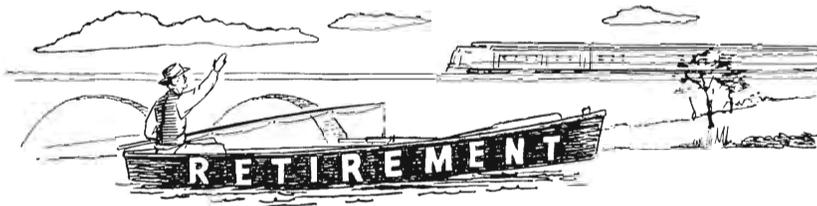
John P. Hiltz, Jr., president and general manager of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, will become chairman of the National Railway Labor Conference on August 1, succeeding J. E. Wolfe who retires that date, but will continue to serve as consultant.

As the railroad industry's chief labor negotiator, Mr. Hiltz also will have responsibility for formulating plans to improve relations between the carriers and their employees. He assumes control in a critical period, as two major disputes remain unsettled—the shop worker dispute

is awaiting Congressional action, while the conductors and brakemen's wage case is before a Presidential Emergency Board.

Mr. Hiltz is a native of Baltimore, Md. and a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology. He entered railroad service in 1934 as an assistant on the engineering corps, Pennsylvania Railroad.

He joined the Delaware and Hudson in 1955 as general manager, became vice president-operation and maintenance in 1956, and was named president in 1962.



In behalf of all employees of Western Pacific and its affiliated companies, MILEPOSTS extends sincerest best wishes for happiness to the following railroaders who have made application for annuity:

*Allen J. Albright*, interline recheck clerk, San Francisco, 21 years 6 months.

*Asa W. Arnall*, conductor, Oroville, 43 years.

*Otto L. Becker*, telegrapher, Sacramento, 24 years 7 months.

*Harold Clifford*, marine chief engineer, San Francisco, 39 years 4 months.

*Robert Colvin*, diesel foreman, Wendo-  
ver, 30 years 3 months.

*Sherman W. Cooper*, switch foreman, Stockton, 25 years 10 months.

*William R. Covert*, switchman, Sacramento, 15 years 9 months.

*Walter F. Damaske*, conductor, Oroville, 30 years 11 months.

*John B. Dolan*, electrical inspector, Sacramento, 23 years 6 months.

*Francisco Gallerdo*, section laborer, Gerlach, 19 years.

*Lorenzo Ghilardi*, blacksmith helper, Sacramento, 26 years 2 months.

*Dominic W. Goodmann*, engine foreman, Oakland, 27 years 9 months.

*Walter A. Jackson*, yard clerk, Sacramento, 31 years.

*Herbert J. Scott*, coach cleaner, Oakland, 20 years.

## Free Medicare kit for railroaders

A VERY useful kit for keeping records of medical expenses, as well as providing other important material, is available from the Railroad Retirement Board for all railroad retirement beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare.

The kit is especially designed for railroad retirement beneficiaries, who should use this kit and not the one distributed by the Social Security Administration.

Those who are already enrolled for Medicare coverage may obtain their

free kit from the nearest Railroad Retirement Board office.

All new Medicare beneficiaries will receive their kits at the time they file their applications.

The kit includes a folder with pockets for use in storing medical bills and other important Medicare papers. Space is also provided for writing in dates and amounts of bills so that the beneficiary can tell immediately when the \$50 deductible under the medical

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## WINNEMUCCA

Henry Mentaberry

Mrs. Thora Nickols, a Winnemucca resident for about 35 years, was fatally injured on June 26 when she walked in front of a car as she was on her way home from work as cashier of the Humboldt Hotel restaurant. She was 77. Her husband, AMOS E. NICKOLS, a retired Western Pacific engineer, preceded his wife in death in January, 1954.

Mrs. Nickols was actively affiliated with Eastern Star, was its secretary for four years, and held the office of Martha at the time of her death. She was a past president of the Nile Club; president of the Mother's Club for the DeMolay, and an eight-year member of the Advisory Board of Rainbow Girls. She held the Grand Cross. Mrs. Nickols was also a member of the Sonoma Lodge, ladies society of the

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Our deepest sympathy to surviving relatives, a daughter, Mrs. Al (Ellen) Lumpkin; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Walsh and Mrs. Christine Kipper, all of Winnemucca; a brother Paul Sorensen of Oroville, two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

## SACRAMENTO

W. J. HALLAM retired July 1 as signal supervisor after a sterling service of 42 years with Western Pacific. A dinner party in his honor was held at The Wayside in Sacramento on July 15, attended by many of his associates, fellow employees and friends to personally extend their best wishes for many years of happiness following his long years of service.

ELAINE ROUSE, furloughed clerk from

## Free Medicare kit . . .

insurance plan is met. A booklet in the kit explains what medical expenses count toward the \$50 deductible.

A medical insurance claim form is also included, along with a booklet explaining the methods which may be used to obtain payment for medical bills. The kit contains several other simple booklets, each explaining one of the important protections provided by the Medicare program.

The Travelers Insurance Company is the only agent for handling all medical insurance claims of railroad retirement beneficiaries. A list of the addresses of the Travelers offices is included in the Medicare kit.

Anyone who needs help in filling out a claim for medical insurance benefits under Medicare is urged to contact the nearest Board office. A claim that is not filled out correctly may delay payment.

the store department, worked recently in the district sales office while EILEEN FROST was recovering from surgery. Elaine was so pleased with her temporary association with that office that she wrote a "thank you" note that included names of the staff. It read: "Last Monday it was my good luck to BOB (Runge, district sales manager) in and DON (Naylor, sales representative) the position of clerk. Everyone was like a RAY (Rowley, sales representative) of sunshine and treated me with such GRAYCE (Josserand, steno-clerk) that I felt as if I should receive a BILL (Sherrill, chief clerk) instead of being paid. Even if RED (Brandes, senior sales representative) in the face from my mistakes I was forgiven. So, thank you all so very much!"

## NEW YORK CITY

Richard J. Tracy

WILLARD M. WORKMAN, sales manager and a proud father, attended Penn State exercises upon graduation of his daughter, Doris. She received 4.0 in education courses and practice teaching, and will begin teaching in the Pittsburgh suburbs next September.

Proud fathers to be are Clerk MIKE RZEZNIK, Chief Clerk JOHN CASSIDY, and BILL GURGURICH, sales representative-special equipment.

Welcome to DON SCHROEN, district sales manager, recently assigned to this office. He is working hard at becoming a Connecticut Yankee as was his predecessor, HAROLD KLEIN, now back in San Francisco.

Welcome also to LEO KAMINSKY, sales representative at Buffalo, N.Y., who reports to this office. Leo is back working for a familiar boss, having

been chief clerk to W. M. Workman when they both were at Pittsburgh.

JIM HANSEN, sales representative, Shreveport, La., dropped out of the sky recently to visit old friends and neighbors. Jim, a "flying bug," piloted his own plane on a vacation tour of the eastern states.

JOE MASON, retired senior sales representative, and world traveler, recently completed another trip with his wife, Marge. This time it was the Mediterranean area—bull fights in Spain, belly dancers in Tangiers, and many other interesting sights and experiences. The Masons next trip may well be from Cape Kennedy since they have pretty well covered this old world and the only way left is up!

## PORTOLA

Mary Alice Phelan became the bride of Airman 2/C Paul Edward Morrison in a double ring ceremony in Portola



Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Morrison

Methodist Community Church on June 10. A reception followed in Memorial Hall. The bride is the daughter of Engineer and Mrs. ERNEST PHELAN of Portola. The newlyweds plan to make their home in Japan.

Lance Corporal Stanley Hull visited with his father Track Laborer MATT HULL and family while on furlough from the U. S. Marine Corps. He returned to Quantico, Virginia for reassignment.

Our new depot is about finished and we should be moved in about the end of July. The City of Portola and the Portola Booster Club are planning for a dedication ceremony upon its completion.

## ELKO

Henry Wallock

Billy Thompson, son of retired Engineer BILL "FLATWHEEL" THOMPSON



Warrant Officer Thompson

and Telegraph Operator MARGARET THOMPSON, is a warrant officer in the 191st Helicopter group now stationed in Vietnam. Bill graduated from the flying school at Fort Rucker in February, and was stationed at Fort Bragg before going overseas.

Car Inspector WALT ELBERT won a two-week all expense paid trip to Hawaii, sponsored by the Stockman's Motor Hotel in Elko. Congratulations, Walt, and we hope you have a great time!

Wire Chief GEORGE GLAZIER and his family spent two weeks in June visiting with Mrs. Glazier's parents in British Columbia, and found the country really beautiful at that time of the year.

We understand that BOB COLVIN, mechanical foreman, is recovering from his illness which is good news. Bob is presently living with his niece at 412 Eleventh Street, Pacific Grove, Calif. 93950, and would no doubt appreciate hearing from his friends.

## STOCKTON

Elaine Obenshain

Fred J. Nave, Jr., son of Carman and Mrs. FRED NAVE, graduated from Humboldt State College with a B.A. in psychology. He was president of his graduating class, member of TAU Kappa Epsilon and twice elected president of that fraternity, and was nominated as Top TEKE of year 1966-67. He also was awarded the Green Key, the highest honor given for academic achievement and participation in student affairs. In addition, he was a reporter on the *Lumberjack*, school paper, and during the summer of 1965 he represented his fraternity at their Conclave at Ontario, Canada.



Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Barber

Our delayed congratulations and warm wishes to Deborah Kay Gage, daughter of Clerk and Mrs. B. N. GAGE, and Lonnie James Barber, who were married in Colonial Neighborhood Foursquare Church in Lodi on January 28.

St. Anne's Catholic Church, Lodi, was the scene on May 26 of the wedding of Eva Louise Blubaugh and Russell Paul Bright, son of Engineer and Mrs. DENNIS R. BRIGHT. They will live in Sacramento where the bride is employed, and the groom will graduate next year from Sacramento State College with a degree in business administration.

Switchman SHERMAN W. COOPER retired on June 5 with 26 years' service with WP. He started his railroad career on the UP in April 1919 as a switchman and also worked on the CNW before coming to WP in 1941. The Coopers have two sons, one daughter, and five grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathy to Engineer R. W. RANDALL and children, whose wife and mother passed away on June 6 following an illness of several months. Dorthea was one of Tracy's most active clubwomen and a favorite of all who knew her.

Our sympathy also to the families of retired Engineer HUGH W. VAN HOOREBEKE who passed away on April 7; retired Carman CHRISTIAN V. THOMPSON who died on April 14; retired Car Foreman CLARENCE LEE DOANE, who died on June 18; and retired Clerk RUSSELL E. TIMBERMAN.

Your Correspondent and husband, Willis, had a wonderful trailer-tour visiting Grand Canyon, Arizona's Meteor Crater, relatives at Sapulpa, Okla., and in the vicinity of Rogers, Ark. Stopped at Eureka Springs, Ark., known as the Little Switzerland of America, crossed the Mississippi on a ferry—and THAT was an experience! Also visited Royal Gorge, Colorado National Monument, Capitol Reef National Monument and had a family reunion—first in many years—with my family in Ely, Nevada. Confirmed trailerists, we covered 6,587 miles in 24 days, but do recommend a self-contained unit as had some difficulty finding over-night accommodations in some mid-western states.

Congratulations to WALLY LOGAN, sales representative, who was installed as president of the Stockton Traffic Club in June!

Gary Rossiter, son of Clerk ETHEL ROSSITER, left for Peru June 24 under the American Field Service Program. He was selected as one of two candidates for the Americans Abroad program from Linden High School where

the 16-year-old Gary is a junior. He will return for the Fall semester. On August 5 Yoshiteru Uramoto, 17, of Japan will arrive in Stockton under the AFS program and will stay with the Rossiters.

Mrs. Charleen R. Wilson, widow of a Stockton Navy pilot, has received 11 decorations posthumously awarded her husband, Lt. Cmdr. Claude D. Wilson, Jr., who was killed December 14, 1966 when his plane was hit by a North Vietnamese missile. The Navy hero was the son of retired Carman and Mrs. CLAUDE D. WILSON. He had only 18 more days of duty to complete his tour of duty in Southeast Asia when he began his final mission. He also leaves as survivors, four small children.

## MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

Clara R. Nichols

The Western Pacific Amusement Club's annual party, honoring retired employees who are honorary members of the Club, was a great success again this year. Everyone had an opportunity to become re-acquainted and tell each other of their experiences since the preceding annual party. A ham dinner with all the trimmings was served, and movies on interesting subjects were shown for entertainment.

WPAC dinner guests were, left-right, front row: J. Depanger, W. Spann, C. C. Bennett, B. W. Jones. 2nd row: J. Fouche, J. Jelasich, F. Omnes, A. J. Santos, F. Bieser. 3rd row: H. Weathersby, J. Strawn, W. J. Nicholas, G. Napoli, F. Nosler, J. Roderick, F. Keil. Back row: F. Grimes, F. Rohrer, Otto Zimmell, M. Cacic, H. Brinson, Jack Stratton, Jess Fippin. Shop Engineer R. E. Shideler photo.



## OROVILLE

Helen R. Small

Agent ARTHUR I. REICHENBACH, JR., was elected secretary of the Oroville Rotary Club. He succeeds Charles Wanson who held that office for 17 years.

On July 1 Agent REICHENBACH, Clerk DAVID H. McLAIN and Switchman DON R. DRENNAN left for Camp Roberts for two weeks training with their National Guard unit.

Congratulations to CIRILO M. NORIEGA and his wife, who became parents of a daughter on May 5. Cirilo is employed on Section #105 at James.

Clerk JOE M. REED transferred to the train desk clerk's position at San Jose after working as general clerk-warehouseman at Oroville for many years.

Miss Cheryle Burris, daughter of Switchman and Mrs. B. L. BURRIS, was chosen "Miss Butte County" at the Silver Dollar Fair at Chico in May. Cheryle was "Miss Oroville" last year and "Queen" of the Feather River Regatta Days.

Conductor A. W. "ACE" ARNALL made his last trip on Train No. 17 on June 30 before retiring after 43 years of service with Western Pacific.

Airman 1/C Stuart McVean, Jr., son of Train Desk Clerk and Mrs. STUART McVEAN, and Theresa Jan Wishart were married this Spring. He had been stationed at Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix, Ariz. He completed his enlistment on June 20 and Stuart and his bride returned to Oroville. He intends to attend college this Fall.

Newly installed officers of the local Soroptimist Club include, as vice president, Mrs. Robert E. Sherwood, wife of Switchman-Yardmaster ROBERT E. SHERWOOD.

Engineers JOE POLK, G. C. BURK, and R. V. MCGINNIS have been absent because of illness and we hope they will soon be able to return to work.



Conductor Damaske makes last trip.

Conductor WALTER F. DAMASKE retired on June 24 after a railroad service which began in 1918. He had been with Western Pacific since July 27, 1936.

## KEDDIE

Elsie Hagen

It's so good to see two of our retired employees, RAY CHAPMAN and BILL FOSDICK back in Keddie again after having been hospitalized. They both say they are feeling fine.

Congratulations to Joan Chapman who was recently married in Reno to Richard Thurman of Greenville. Joan is the daughter of BETH CHAPMAN, now living in Quincy. Her father, WILMER

CHAPMAN, JR., passed away several years ago.

Our traveling yardmaster, JOE CLINTON, spent a couple of weeks visiting again in Council Bluffs, Iowa with relatives and friends. His last trip there was during the last Christmas holidays.

Quincy is now on the dial system, with the newest equipment permitting us to dial long distance direct from our homes. The new system went into effect July 1 with appropriate ceremonies. Quincy is one of the last towns in this area to go on direct dial.

## WENDOVER-SALT LAKE CITY

Esther Witt, J. B. Price

(Editor's note: Our apologies to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilde for having incorrectly captioned their wedding picture as Mr. and Mrs. Clayton F. Rankin. The Rankins are the bride's parents.)

Spotting Gang Foreman and Mrs. WALTER J. SMITH were injured in a head-on collision while returning home from Tooele and a wedding reception. We hope they soon recover from their severe cuts and bruises.

We are sorry to report that retired Engineer and Mrs. LEWIS W. WOOD, who had gone on a Mission to the Southwestern states for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, had to return to Salt Lake due to ill health. Both are progressing slowly to good health.

Deepest sympathy to retired Engineer JAMES G. ALBERTSON and family, and Mrs. Lewis Wood and family, whose brother, Clarence Leroy Albertson, passed away in Salt Lake on June 24.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Sagendorf

Julie Ann Mechling, daughter of Engineer and Mrs. VERN L. MECHLING, became the bride of Jerold F. Sagendorf, the son of Mrs. Frank L. Sagendorf of Murray. The ceremony was performed in the Salt Lake Latter Day Saints temple. Julie attended University of Utah for two years and was a member of Spurs and Alpha Lambda Delta. She is now employed as secretary to the Mayor of Murray. Jerry graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in meteorology and is doing graduate work in atmospheric diffusion and radiation. He fulfilled a Mission to the Northern State for the Church.

Wendover made history on May 26 when six young ladies and three young gentlemen were graduated from Wendover High School. This is the first year that Wendover has had a high school and we are all so very proud of our graduates, some of whom were awarded scholarships for college and beauty schools to name a few.

Sincerest sympathy to the family of retired Section Laborer BERT WASHINGTON, Burmester, who passed away in Tooele Hospital on June 8.

Retired Section Foreman CHARLES G. CLONTZ was a visitor recently. He is slowly regaining his health after his long siege in the hospital. After reading so much about our new depot he had to make an inspection. We were glad to see Charles and hope he will visit again.

We think retired General Car Foreman GORDON MIDDLETON is really enjoying his retirement, as we have never seen him looking so well as the day he stopped by for a visit. Gordon and Mrs. Middleton were returning home from a visit to Kansas and Missouri.

A big welcome to Roadmaster and Mrs. TED A. MERRITT. We hope that they will enjoy their stay in Wendover. Even though it is different from a busy, bustling city life, we are coming up in the world and have some wonderful advantages.

We also welcome Track Supervisor KENNETH T. ROSENGARTEN, whose headquarters are at Elko although he spends most of his time on the east end of our railroad. He should be at home, having once been section foreman at Arinosa.

Deepest sympathy to former "beanery" waitress, Mrs. HAROLD (BETTY) LANGE and family, in the death of her father, Wade P. Calloway, who died on May 30 after a long illness.

Corren Anderson, daughter of retired Water Service Maintainer and Mrs. VARIAN ANDERSON, became the bride of RONALD B. GARNER in the L.D.S. Temple in Salt Lake on June 9. Corren met Ron in Germany while on



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Garner

a tour of Europe where he was stationed with the U.S. Army. She is a graduate of Brigham Young University and was affiliated with International Folk Dancers and, until her marriage, was employed with the State Health Department. Ron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Garner of Nampa, Idaho, is temporarily working as laborer-hostler helper while JOE HERNANDEZ is undergoing an eye operation. The couple will later live in Salt Lake where Ron Plans to further his education.

## SAN FRANCISCO

George Bowers, Jean Bruce, Elizabeth Fagan  
Lawrence Gerring, Betty Opperman, Carl Rath

Cashier CARL H. FLAIG, treasury department, is recuperating at home following a chest operation for an illness that has kept him away from the office for about three months. His many

friends on the railroad are anxiously awaiting Carl's return to work and send to him their very best wishes that that day will be soon.

Congratulations to Marketing Trainee JAMES THAM and his wife, Marilyn, who announced the birth of their first child, Laura, on July 5. She tipped the scales to 7 lbs. 1 oz.



Marketing Division Secretary Jane Casella, center, resigned in July to make a tour of several European countries. After a going-away luncheon, Jane posed with marketing employees, from left, Linda Pinana, Judy Holt, Frances Courtney, and Mary McCullough.

MARJE MOORE returned to the industrial department in July following a year's leave of absence, during part of which time Marje and her husband made a tour of the United States and part of Canada.

FORTUNA BENGHIAT, who replaced Marje Moore during her absence, is now working in the marketing department.

Best wishes for a long and happy retirement to A. J. ALBRIGHT, interline clerk, auditor of revenues department, who completed 21 years and 6 months service on May 31, his last day of WP service.

RICHARD P. RUEHLMANN, chief clerk-marketing, Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected treasurer of the Cincinnati Cogs for the 1967-68 membership year. The organization was formed to foster closer relations among freight traffic personnel in the Cincinnati area.

Sincere best wishes for a long and happy retirement to FERRIS V. HENDERSON which began on July 14. Ferris had a combined railroad service of over 51 years, of which 22 years and one month were given to W P. As chief of the retirement and unemployment

Cliff Emerson, freight claim department, caught this picture of Parker Swain accepting gifts at his retirement dinner on May 31. His retirement was reported in the May-June issue.



bureau, Ferris was well known by many of our railroaders for his helpful advice and patient understanding when they came to him for retirement advice. Your Editor is grateful to Ferris, too, for providing information about our retired and deceased employees so promptly over a period of many years. A dinner for Ferris and his wife, Louise, was held on July 12 at Marines Memorial Building, San Francisco.

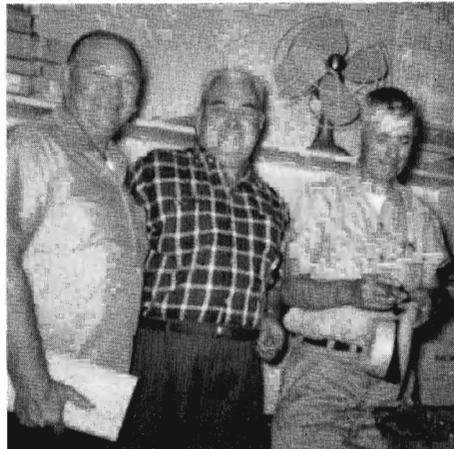
## OAKLAND

John V. Leland

Switchman LEO HAMLIN reports that The Rails, Oakland yard's best bowling team, celebrated the end of a successful season in May when team members and their wives had dinner at the Play Boy Club in San Francisco. Those present included DICK SELLERS, BERNIE STACEY, TOM KYLE, ERNIE SZEKELEY and Team Captain LEO HAMLIN. FRANK CARUCCI was unable to attend, so the group are planning a repeat when he can. Later at Bimbo's 365 Club, Ernie and Shirley Szekeley introduced a friend from Air Force days, Jimmie Rodgers, starring at the 365. He dedicated a song to Shirley. The group also met Ken Venturi, and hope that some of Ken's golf prowess rubs off on their own games.

Presentation of a 40-year Service Pin by Agent RAY SMALLEY was the occasion for coffee and a huge cake in the yard office recently. Honored was Claim and Industry Clerk HANS A. JORGENSEN, who hired out on the WP in 1927.

Retired Switchman EARL W. NOLDIN was in the terminal trainmaster's office on July 7 and had some interesting stories to tell. Now, instead of return-



Sharing the spotlight with Hans Jorgensen, right, are Chief Yard Clerk Ed Wuelfing and Claim & Industry Clerk Birger Westman, representing a combined 100 years of WP seniority.

ing to Mexico for the umpteenth time, he plans to take off in the opposite direction in late August to travel to Sitka, Alaska.

Former Oakland Clerk DeRoose

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Mr. and Mrs. DeRoose Raymond



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

*Ernest B. Cross*, retired sheet metal worker, May 12.

*Lambert Davis*, engine watchman, June 1967.

*George H. Dearmon*, retired porter, Oakland, April 1967.

*Clarence L. Doane*, retired car foreman, June 18.

*Charles B. German*, retired carman, Waynoka, Oklahoma, May 1967.

*Clarence C. Gladden*, retired Oakland Terminal switchman, Vallejo, June 20.

*Shelby K. Griffith*, retired Sacramento Northern locomotive engineer, St. Albans, West Virginia, date unknown.

*Herbert L. Grimm*, retired switchman, Santa Cruz, date unknown.

## Caboosing . . .

RAYMOND, now interchange clerk at 25th Street yard in San Francisco, was married on June 3. A reception at Admiral Nimitz Officers' Club on Treasure Island followed the wedding ceremonies, after which they left for a honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nevada.

*Ray Kelly*, tamper operator, Portola, May 4.

*William S. Lamont*, retired Sacramento Northern bridge tender, Broderick, Calif., April 1967.

*William D. Mackay*, bridge and building carpenter, April 29.

*Mecom Morris*, retired agent, Houston, Texas, June 1967.

*Harold E. Munger*, retired locomotive engineer, Sacramento, March '67.

*Ella J. Newlin*, retired janitress, Oakland, April 1967.

*Burnie J. Newport*, retired fireman, Ava, Missouri, April 1967.

*John L. Nichols*, retired switchman, Omaha, Nebraska, date unknown.

*Langdon E. O'Harra*, retired Alameda Belt Line locomotive engineer, June 1.

*Albert M. Olin*, retired machinist, Elko, May 5.

*Nicolas Santillan*, retired track laborer, Stockton, November 1966.

*Charles A. Snider*, retired conductor, Portola, June 25.

*Chester W. Sutherland*, retired conductor, Stockton, April 1967.

*Vennie C. White*, retired Sacramento Northern carman, Grand Saline, Texas, May 1967.

*Thomas M. Whitlow*, retired bridge and building carpenter, Sacramento, date unknown.

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## RAILROAD LINES



Pennsylvania Railroad shipped from Albany, Ind., to New York for overseas shipment to Belgium, 24 two-story apartment buildings broken down into 192 units packed in 40-foot metal containers, for families of NATO's new military headquarters.

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Central of Georgia received Presidential "E" award of excellence for encouraging and aiding export expansion from Southeastern U.S. and for efforts promoting port of Savannah.

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Construction began July 1 at 20th and L Streets, Washington, D.C., on eight-story American Railroads Building, one-half to be occupied by Association of American Railroads.

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Beginning July 1 Great Northern replacing traffic department with new marketing department, and increasing operating efficiency on north-south line between Northwest points and California.

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Association of American Railroad's mechanical division begins second century of service.